St. Damian’s News

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. DAMIAN’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, BUNDOORA.

Thursday, March 10, 2016

St. Damian’s News

OPEN DAY

Wednesday, March 16 2016

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

Tours of the school will be conducted at:
9.30am, 11.30am, 2.30pm, 6.00pm
(No appointments necessary)

‘A VIBRANT CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS’

Prep 2017 Information Evening

Come and meet the Principal and members of the Leadership Team

Wednesday, April 27th 2016, 7.30 pm

Enrolment Closing Date:
31st May, 2016, enquiries always welcome

Để biết thêm chi tiết nhập học Lớp Mẫu Giáo. Xin liên lạc với Phòng Trường.
PLEASE NOTE:
SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS IS BETWEEN 8.30am TO 3.30pm ON SCHOOL DAYS.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent/ Teacher/Child Conferences
Thank you to all our families who attended the parent/child/teacher conferences. Despite the terribly oppressive heat, there was a great attendance rate on Tuesday afternoon and evening. We have had some positive feedback in relation to the presence of the students at these conferences. We would love to have input from a wider cross-section of families. If families could please take the time to fill in the feedback form, this will help us to evaluate and hopefully improve the experience for everyone.

School Education Board
I am very pleased to introduce the School Board members for 2016.

Foundation Year (Prep): Mr Andrew McGregor (Valentina PS)
Year 1: Mr Damian Del Medico (Julian 1/2MO)
Year 2: Mrs Genevieve O’Connor (Sean 1/2MO)
Year 3: Mrs Kristy Whelan (Oliver 3/4SZ)
Year 4: Mrs Lina Borg (Julian 3/4G)
Year 5: Mrs Vicky Gargaro (Francesco 5/6SC)
Year 6: Mrs Karen Salisbury (Hanna 5/6S)
P&F Representative: Mrs Nicole Raso
Staff Representative: Mrs Rachael Lorkin
Ex-Officio Members: Father Vincent Le, Mrs Rosanna Piccolo, Mrs Jenny Rubira & Mr Angelo Diez.

I look forward to working with the Board to continue to shape our school for the betterment of the students. The above members on the Board are your representatives and your voice in the school. Please take the time to meet them and find out what is happening in our school.

The first meeting of Board will take place on Tuesday March 15 at 7.30pm.

Open Day, Wednesday March 16, 2016
Next week we will be conducting school tours at 9.30am, 11.30am, 2.30pm and 6.00pm. Enrolments are now being taken for 2017. We urge all our families who have children starting school next year to please take an enrolment pack and lodge this at the office so that we have a clearer idea of how many places we are able to offer in 2017.

Parents’ & Friends Committee
I am delighted to announce that the P&F has been reinstated! My heartfelt thanks to the nineteen wonderful mums who attended the meeting last Friday, and to the two mums who sent messages expressing their willingness to be involved, for their enthusiasm and willingness to volunteer their time and efforts.

The Office Bearers of the P&F are as follows:
 President: Dilani Landers  Vice President: Dannielle Abolencia
 Secretary: Rita De Amicis  Treasurer: Lina Parisot
P&F Representative on the Board: Nicole Raso

Many of the other positions were filled by the mums present and I thank everyone at the meeting for their openness and efforts to ensure that this vital part of school life is not lost. Another meeting has been scheduled for Friday March 18 at 9.00am. Everyone is very warmly welcome to join us. Come along and meet some new parents, this is a great way to develop a feeling of being connected and making a contribution to our school community.

50th JUBILEE
Don’t forget that the first main event of the year, Reunion Day, will take place on Sunday April 17, 2016. Attached to this newsletter is your invitation to the event. Please mark this day in your diaries to ensure that you join in to celebrate this important time in our parish and school community.
To indicate your attendance please use the online booking facility to assist us with catering:

http://www.trybooking.com/KMZR
http://trybooking.com/184539

or contact the Parish Office on: 9467 2797 by Thursday April 7, 2016.
Sponsorship from businesses or from school families is very welcome to help us in meeting some of the costs of the events. If you know of anyone who would be interested in being a sponsor please let us know so we can get in touch. Don’t forget to check out the Facebook link on the school website. Please spread the word to inform others of the events to celebrate our Jubilee.

We forgot…..
Our apologies to Andrew G (PS) whose name was omitted as being present at the Commissioning and Welcome Mass held a couple of weeks ago. Welcome to St Damian’s school and parish Andrew, we wish you a happy year of learning.

Staff News
Mr Bossini will be on long service leave until the end of term. He will return at the commencement of Term Two. We wish him an enjoyable time on his leave.
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN 2016
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2016 for Years Three, Five, Seven and Nine students will be held on Tuesday May 10, Wednesday May 11 and Thursday May 12, 2016. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday May 13, 2016.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school.

Later in the year you will receive your child’s personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child’s participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child’s progress in literacy and numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Jenny Rubira
Deputy Principal
Learning & Teaching Leader

FAITH NEWS

Reconciliation
Our Reconciliation Presentation Masses took place last weekend; it was a delight to see our students being made so welcome by Father Vincent and the parishioners of St Damian’s. A letter was sent home yesterday with some additional details about the Reconciliation ceremony. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me: amccarthy@sdbundooracatholic.edu.au

Holy Week Prayer Service
Our Holy Week Prayer Service will take place at 11:30am on Thursday March 24. The Prep students will reflect on Palm Sunday, the Year 3/4 students will lead the events of Holy Thursday, followed by the Year 5/6 students who will commemorate Good Friday. If you are available please join us for this special Prayer Service. Our Year 1/2 students will celebrate Easter Sunday during the first week of next term, the date and time will be advised in the next newsletter.

Aoife Mc Carthy
Religious Education Leader

Labour Day Public Holiday
Please remember that next Monday, March 14, is a Public Holiday. School is closed on this day. From next week, our Foundation Year (Prep) students will be attending school full time. They are expected to come to school on Wednesdays from now on. Thank you.

Prayer
Gracious God, you are like a loving father to us. Your love is constant and you are always with us, even when we turn our faces from you. Help us to turn to you in times of need and in times of sorrow, confident that you will always listen. We ask this in Jesus’ name.
Amen.

Have a great week,
Rosanna
FIRE Carrier Reflections of Amberley

Opening prayer
St. Bernadette’s led us in prayer at the beginning of our special day at Amberley. The prayer was about North, South, East and west. A fire was always lit and we were lead through acknowledgment of all the native Australian animals. East represents when the sun rises and warmth is given to Earth. South represents where cold winds blow and we recognise the seasons. North represents warm winds spreading around the world and West is where the sun goes down. We concluded with saying Amen.

Gabriel

Talk from Sherry about Uncle Bob Randal
Sherry showed us a video about Uncle Bob Randal. Uncle Bob talked about how the Aboriginal people always moved around; they always stayed in one place for some time and then moved on. Uncle Bob also talked about family, being alive and living in the moment. Sherry talked about family and her story and totems. If your totem was the kangaroo that would mean that if you met a man or woman whose totem was kangaroo, you could not marry that person because you could be related.

Tiara

Dean Stewarts Talk on the river
An aboriginal man named Dean Stewart talked to us about the valleys surrounding the Yarra River and how the indigenous people lived and camped around the valleys and hill tops. We were asked to visualize the smoke from the campfires from all their families and friends in the deep valley beside the Yarra River. The Yarra river’s aboriginal name is Birrarung.

George

The river and final prayer
The FIRE Carrier day at Amberley has been a fun and interesting experience for me. I liked talking to the students from the many different schools that were there and finding out about the many different languages spoken by Aboriginal people. When we were outside we could hear the sound of the Yarra river that was at the bottom of the hill. At the end of our fun day at Amberley all the schools gathered around the Aboriginal flag to pray. St.Clement of Rome students led us through our final prayer as we all placed one hand on the flag. It was a very quiet and reflective time with all the other FIRE carrier schools.

Madeleine
HOW DO WE ACT FOR OTHERS?
In Years Five and Six we have been learning about the many people in our world who act for others, in a range of ways. We have also been thinking of ways we can make a difference - how we can make a difference to the lives of others through our actions. Some of these student actions will be carried out next week on Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtime. Keep an eye out for the posters!
Some of the planned activities are as follows:

- basketball training/skill development activities
- raffles
- jewellery making group
- lucky dips
- ‘Buy a bookmark’ stall

WE ASK FOR A FIFTY CENT DONATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES.
- Donate a picture story book (more information to come)
- Come to a Friendship Group (more information to come)

As mentioned, activities will be held on Tuesday, March 15 and Thursday, March 17 at lunchtime. All money collected will go to Project Compassion and Vinnies.
Thank you for your support!

SPORT NEWS

Swimming
Congratulations to the following students who qualified to swim at the Northern Region Swimming Finals yesterday at Northcote Swimming Pool.

Joshua M (Yr 6) 50m Freestyle.
Ian L (Yr 5) 50m Butterfly
Julian B (Yr 4) 50m Breaststroke
Sophia V (Yr 5) 50m Breaststroke.
Gianluca, Ian, George (Yr 5’s) and Jaden (Yr 6) in the 11 Year old Freestyle Relay
Harry, Dante, Elliot and Joshua (Yr 6’s) swimming in the 12 Year old Freestyle relay.

The winners will swim in the State Finals at MSAC.
Congratulations to Mia O (Yr 4) who swam wonderfully at the Division Finals last week in the Backstroke.

Basketball
This term the school has been lucky enough to have funding for after school basketball lessons. Almost 100 students from Prep through to Year Six have been participating for two weeks and have two more weeks to go. We are fortunate to have some wonderful local coaches come to teach the kids and the sessions have been a success.

Cross Country
Finally, Cross Country trials will be happening later this Term. I will meet with interested students later this week. The Carnival will be held next term.

Term 2 Football
Next Term we will be offering AFL Football programs for both boys and girls on a Monday for Years 3-6 and Thursday for Prep-2’s. There is a limit to the amount of students who can participate so please get your notes back as soon as you can.

Thank you
Tim Watson
Sport Co-Ordinator
Student of the week

Prep B  Orlando  For being a kind and caring classmate and a friend to all!
Prep C  Christiana  For being a focused and enthusiastic learner. Keep up the wonderful work.
Prep S  Gurshaan  For being a friendly and cheerful member of Prep S!
1/2DW  Sienna  For always making an effort to follow the three school expectations. Well done!!
1/2M  Adam  For commencing tasks promptly and remaining focused!
1/2MM  Karen  For consistently doing her best in all areas of her learning.
1/2MO  Mahek  For striving to do her best in all areas of the curriculum.
1/2T  Archer  For having a hardworking attitude towards all tasks.
3/4B  Anabelle  For always doing her best during all learning tasks.
3/4G  Zara  For creating several excellent pieces of writing.
3/4J  Luca  For trying his best to deepen his understanding of Place Value.
3/4L  Jessica  For always doing her best in all areas of the curriculum.
3/4SZ  Alex  For his dedication to becoming a better listener.
5/6C  Nishara  For her outstanding efforts with her story writing.
5/6KW  Drew  For consistent hard work in writing and general perseverance to achieve.
5/6KW  Arpita  For her consistent positive attitude to learning and for being a good friend.
5/6M  Olivia  For being a diligent worker and always helping others succeed.
5/6S  Belle  For persisting and striving to complete all tasks in school.
5/6SC  Joshua  For being a reliable and responsible class I.T. expert.
5/6SC  Ivana  For researching interesting facts to support her arguments, when writing a persuasive text.

Writer of the Week Awards

Ben 3/4G  Lucas PrepC
Ava 3/4SZ  Henry 1/2MO
Luca 5/6C  Aarchi 1/2MM
Madison 5/6C
ST DAMIAN’S CATHOLIC PARISH - 2016 LENTEN TIMETABLE

LENTEN PRAYER MEETINGS: With Pastorelle Sisters

*Wednesday Evenings: 7.30pm – 8.30pm in Dunlop Room,
(16th & 23rd March) *except 3 March in Briglia Room

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
Friday Evenings: 7.30-8.00pm
(11th, 18th, & 25th March – with Legion of Mary)

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION (1st Rite):
Saturday evenings 5.00pm – 5.30pm
(Before Vigil Mass)

WEEKDAY MASS TIME:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.15am

PARISH NEWS

St Damian’s 50th Jubilee—Memorabilia
The memorabilia Committee are wanting class photos from the following years, which we haven’t been able to locate. If you have such photos from 1984, 1987, 1988 and 1989 we would like to borrow them for the reunion in April. Every care will be taken of such photos. Please put your details on the back of each photo and bring them to the Parish Office (Tues-Fri between 10.00am to 3:00pm). Any other photo related to Parish/School groups would also be appreciated.
M. Carter 9216 1734 (on behalf of the Memorabilia Committee).

St Damian’s 50th Jubilee—Sponsorship Opportunities
The Jubilee Committee are seeking support from suppliers, local businesses, parents and friends involved with St Damian’s Parish and School. If you are interested or know anyone who would like to sponsor the Jubilee please pick up a Sponsorship letter in the School or contact the Parish Office.

Join the Jubilee Facebook Page. Search: St Damian’s Golden Jubilee

Missing year Six Bomber Jackets
Dear Year Six Parents and students,
A number of students cannot locate their special Year Six bomber jackets after Photo Day last week.
We expect that they have been picked up by mistake by other students. Can you please check that you have the correct jacket?
The missing jackets are labelled with a name - they all look the same otherwise!
We know you will help us out with this as these jackets are very special items for the students.

Many thanks,
Year 5/6 teachers

Term One school fees due Friday March 11 2016
Parents, a reminder if you wish to take advantage of the 5% ($96) discount for family fees, payment must be made by March 11.
We also welcome payments of the school fee statement, either weekly, fortnightly, month or term.
We also have lots of options for payment, BPAY, Eftpos, Cash, Cheque, Direct Debit (by either Credit Card or Bank account)
Forms are available from the school office.
TERM ONE & TWO, DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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**Staff First Aid Training**

On Friday February 26, all staff were involved in updating their Level 2 First Aid and Anaphylaxis Training.
Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday:

March
10th  Chiara  5/6SC
      Molly  3/4J
11th  Karen  1/2MM
12th  Michael  3/4B
       Alana  3/4G
13th  Dan  3/4G
15th  Kiara  3/4L
16th  Anthy  3/4J

LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Thursday March 24, Students dismissed at 1:30pm
TERM 2 COMMENCES
Monday April 11

Get involved in the School Banking program

School Banking day is "easy!"

We are excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarsmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

* Flying Snake Tail
* Wallet/ Lanyard Set
* Mud Split Handball
* Outback Rat Bag Tag
* Backtrack Eraser Pen
* Jump and Skip Rope
* Bush Fry Fan
* Wriggley Slow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 50¢ on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Get involved in School Banking is easy!

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarsmites deposit wallet.
REUNION DAY

Sunday 17th April 2016

10am : Reunion Mass at St Damian’s Church
5 Settlement Road, Bundoora.

Followed by St Damian’s school tours and memorabilia displays.

Light refreshments at the School/Parish Hall concluding at 3pm.

For catering purposes, please book online at:
http://www.trybooking.com/KMZR
http://www.trybooking.com/184539
or contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797 by 7th April 2016
**ST DAMIAN TUCKSHOP LIST 2015** updated June 2015

### SANDWICHES
- White/Multigrain
  - S/wich/Roll: $1.00 $1.20
  - Buttered: $1.00 $1.20
  - Cheese: $2.00 $2.20
  - Vegemite: $2.00 $2.20
  - Tomato: $2.00 $2.20
  - Cheese & Tomato: $2.20 $2.40
  - Cheese & Vegemite: $2.20 $2.40
  - Ham/Chicken/Stras: $2.40 $2.60
  - Meat & Tomato: $2.60 $2.80
  - Meat & Cheese: $2.60 $2.80
  - Egg (with mayonnaise): $2.40 $2.60
  - Salad: $3.20 $3.40
  - (Beetroot, lettuce, tomato, cheese and carrot)
  - Meat & Salad: $3.80 $4.00
  - Extras: Olives, Cucumber 50 cents
  - Focaccia: Ham, cheese, tomato $5.00

### HOT FOODS
- Chicken nuggets $1.00
- 6 for $4.00
- Fish fingers $1.00
- 6 for $4.00
- Dim Sims (steamed) $1.00
- Hash browns $1.00
- Hot dog in a roll $3.00
- Hot dog in bread $3.00
- Party pie $1.00
- Sausage roll $3.00
- Pizza slab
  - (Hawaiian or Margarita) $4.00
  - Pizza Round (cheese & bacon) $3.50
  - Home-made pasta bake $4.00
  - Lasagna (97% fat free) $4.00
  - Mac & cheese (97% fat free) $4.00
  - Noodles Chicken or beef $3.00
- Tomato sauce $0.20

### WRAPS $5.00
- Salad Wrap:
  - Beetroot, tomato, celery, cucumber, lettuce, Carrot, cheese and olives
- Tuna & veggie Wrap:
  - (Tuna, corn, grated cheese & mayo)
- Roast Chicken Wrap:
  - (Chicken, grated cheese, lettuce & mayo)

### SALAD PLATTERS $5.00
- (Lettuce, carrot, olives, cheese, beetroot, celery, Cucumber, corn and salad dressing)
- Extras Meat and egg each $0.50

### MISCELLANEOUS
- **FRUIT**
  - (Apple, Banana, Orange & pear) $1.20
- Popcorn $1.50
- JJ’s Chick, Salt & Vinegar $1.50
- Jumpys $1.00
- Jelly cup $1.00

### DRINKS $2.00
- **JUICE – Tropical or Apple**
- OAK MILK – Choc & Strawberry
- PLAIN MILK
- WATER

### ICYPOLES – ONLY AVAILABLE AT WINDOW
- Icy Poles Lemonade $1.50
- Sunny boys
- Billabong $2.00
- Zings Yogurt $1.00

*Do not order these items in lunch orders* they will melt before the children can eat them.

### LUNCH ORDERS
Orders are to be written on a clean paper bag & money to be placed within. Do not tape or staple. Bags available for 10 cents.