St. Damian’s News

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

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St Patrick’s Day Celebrations at the Cathedral

Year Three Reconciliation
Please note: Supervision of students is between 8.30am to 3.30pm on school days.

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the final week of term. We hope that those parents and families that were able to join us for our Holy Week prayer service held in the Church found it a reflective experience. The students, with their teachers, have spent many hours learning about the significance of the Holy Week events. Their presentation to the community was an adaptation of a particular event. Holy Week and Easter are the most important times in the Church calendar as we reflect on the Passion and celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord.

I hope that all our families will be able to avail themselves of the various liturgies celebrated over the Easter Triduum and that each one of you experiences the joy of the Risen Lord over the Easter period.

P&F Meeting
Last Friday March 18 the P&F Committee met to discuss and make plans for the year. There was a good representation of mums and many things were decided and organized. We look forward to a successful and positive year ahead. I would like to thank all the mums present for their commitment to our school and for their contribution to our community.

Jubilee
The Reunion day is approaching very fast. In fact it will be happening on the Sunday of the first week we return to school next term. We hope to see many of our current families in attendance as well as former priests, teachers, students and parishioners. There is no charge to attend, but we would appreciate families booking via Trybooking so we can cater appropriately.

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

Please note that parking will not be available on the grounds on this day. Families are advised to park across at Coles or in nearby streets.

Prayer for Good Friday

We wish all our families a happy Easter and safe holidays. We look forward to seeing you all again when school resumes on Monday 11th April at 8.45am.

Rosanna
Reconciliation
Congratulations to all of the students who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation or received Special Blessings on Tuesday night. Father Vincent, Father Pat and Father Joseph made everyone welcome and were very complimentary of our students. Thank you to our families and the Year Three/Four teachers who have been busy helping the students to prepare. Well done to our students on singing our opening song beautifully despite some technical glitches – you all sounded magnificent.

St. Patrick’s Day Mass
It was a pleasure to accompany the School Captains to the St. Patrick’s Day Mass in the Cathedral on Thursday March 17. As we are celebrating our Jubilee year we were invited to undertake some special jobs as part of the ceremony. Some of our students took part in the Procession of Banners, read Prayers of the Faithful, took part in the Offertory Procession and welcomed and sat with Colin Brooks, M.P. The students were a credit to our school, Mrs Piccolo and I were proud to see and hear our students engaging in conversation with some of our M.Ps, Catholic Education Melbourne staff and Archbishop Hart.

Holy Week Prayer Service
Today we celebrated our Holy Week Prayer Service. Thank you to all of the students and their teachers for all of their hard work in preparing for the celebration. Our Easter Prayer Service will be celebrated on Wednesday April 13 at 2:45pm.

May God bless you and keep you and your family safe throughout Easter.

Aoife Mc Carthy
Religious education Leader

PRODUCTION AUDITIONS
As you are aware, the school production will be held during Term Three this year (Wednesday July 27 & Thursday July 28). We are looking for select children with special talents in the Performing Arts to showcase their talents. This may be in the area of singing, dancing or playing an instrument (Ms Lorkin is also looking for tap dancers). We will be holding auditions for these positions in Week One of Term Two on Wednesday and Thursday ONLY. A short 30 second performance will need to be performed. If your child is very talented in an area, they will need to bring music if needed or their instrument.

NO COSTUMES PLEASE.
Please be aware, if chosen, they will be required to attend BOTH CONCERTS, however the parents do not need to stay at both concerts. They may also be required to rehearse during lunchtime once a week.
If you have any queries, please contact me at: rlorkin@sdbundooora.catholic.edu.au

Rachael Lorkin
Performing Arts Teacher

PARISH NEWS
Jubilee
The Jubilee Feast Day Sub Committee will meet next Thursday March 31 at 7:30pm in the Dunlop Room. All welcome as more volunteers are needed.
Student of the week

Prep B  Terry  For working hard and trying his best.
Prep C  Chloe  For trying so hard to learn new words in English. Keep up the wonderful effort!
Prep S  Giselle  For continuing to practice the sounds of the alphabet.
1/2DW  Bailey  For his new positive approach to learning.
1/2M  Ava  For always being a friendly, thoughtful and respectful class member!
1/2MM  Alexis  For working hard to sound out her words and never giving up on reading.
1/2MO  Tyler  For having a positive ‘I can do this’ attitude in Mathematics.
1/2T  Ava  For being helpful and responsible in class.
3/4G  Jarrod  For always completing work to the best of his ability.
3/4J  Addison  For doing his best during guided reading sessions by making personal connections and identifying the authors craft.
3/4L  Joanne  For having a positive attitude to learning and doing her best at all times.
3/4SZ  Declan  For his impressive improvements in his listening in class.
5/6C  Luca  For his wonderful effort with all his work and enthusiasm in class.
5/6M  Giulia  For always doing her best in class activities and helping others succeed.
5/6S  Marcus  For demonstrating a positive and mature approach to his role as a school leader.
5/6SC  Kyra  For being a friendly and respectful member of our class. Well done.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL
Monday  11th  Students return for Term 2
Wednesday  13th  Easter Prayer Service, 2:45pm
Sunday  17th  St Damian’s Jubilee Reunion Day
Tuesday  19th  Confirmation Parent/Child Evening, 7:00pm
Monday  25th  ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wednesday  27th  Prep 2017 Information Evening, 7:30pm

MAY
Saturday  14th  Confirmation Presentation Mass, 5:30pm
Sunday  15th  Confirmation Presentation Mass, 10:00am
Tuesday  17th  Education Board meeting, 7:30pm
Sunday  29th  Sacrament of Confirmation, 2:00pm & 4:30pm
St Damian’s Parish 2016 Holy Week Program

Passion (Palm) Sunday, 20th March: Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm
: Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am Masses
(including blessing of palms)

Tuesday, 22nd March & Wednesday 23rd March: 9.15am Mass
(Tuesday 11.00am Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral)

Holy Thursday, 24th March: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
followed by one hour of Silent Prayer
(Please return your Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes)

Good Friday, 25th March: 11.00am Ecumenical Stations
of the Cross at Bundoora Uniting Church
76 Greenwood Drive, Bundoora. The walk will take place entirely on the block. (followed by Morning Tea in Church Hall)

3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Holy Saturday, 26th March: 10.00–11.00am Individual Reconciliation

6.30pm Easter Vigil (NO MASS at 5.30pm)
(Blessing of fire and Paschal Candle ceremony in front of the Church)

Easter Sunday, 27th March:
8.00am & 10.00am Masses
Happy Birthday

to the following students who will celebrate their birthday:

March
25th  Dean  1/2M
26th  Ben  3/4SZ
Candy  1/2T
27th  William  PrepS
29th  Aadi  1/2DW
Holly  5/6KW
30th  Ava  3/4SZ
Deva  5/6M
31st  Francesca  1/2MM
Anastasia  5/6M

April
1st  Jamie  5/6C
Kevin  1/2MM
2nd  Jacob  5/6SC
Sean  1/2MO
3rd  Anniebelle  5/6C
5th  Ben  3/4G
6th  Madeline  5/6M
8th  Amber  5/6M
9th  Lucas  1/2M
10th  Christopher  5/6C
Alexander  3/4L
Marlon  1/2MO
11th  Julian  3/4G
Patrick  5/6S
13th  Zoe  3/4J
Isaac  3/4J
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