‘A VIBRANT CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS’

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Wednesday, March 18 2015
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(No appointments necessary)

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
Prep 2016 Information Evening
Wednesday, April 22nd 2015
7.00 pm

Enrolment Closing Date:
31st May, 2015
Enquiries Always Welcome
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Assembly
Unfortunately, due to the very severe weather last week's Assembly had to be cancelled. The heavy downpour of rain and the thunder and lightning made it unsafe for the children and teachers to walk over to the hall. However, on Monday afternoon the whole school was able to gather together for our special Assembly where the SRC reps for 2015 were presented to the community and the new FIRE carriers were commissioned. We were also very grateful to all the parents and families who made the time to come along to support the children. We congratulate all the students who were selected by their classmates to represent them on the SRC. These students received their SRC badges, which I am certain they will wear with pride. The SRC is a forum for students to have a voice and to influence the decision making in the school. I look forward to working with them over the course of the year as they support student led initiatives to help strengthen the great learning that takes place at St Damian's. At the Assembly we also witnessed a very meaningful ceremony where the new FIRE carriers, both staff and students, were commissioned. It was a very symbolic and beautiful ceremony that served to remind us of our commitment to the spirit of Reconciliation. As Sacramental people, having been baptised in faith, we are charged with the responsibility to bring God's love and justice to all people. I would like to thank Mrs Dragonetti, Mrs DiStefano and the past and present FIRE carriers for organising such a rich and moving experience for our community. Thank you!

SRC Representatives
Congratulations to the following students who are the SRC Reps for 2015:

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FIRE Carriers
We also congratulate the FIRE Carriers for 2015. Alysha P, Gabriella F, Jacob A and Dante P. These students will be attending a special day at Amberley where they will join up with all the FIRE carriers from the twenty one schools in the North East Zone.

Congratulations also to our Past Students who attended St Damian's in 2009 and who have been invested as members of the Parade College Prefect Team for 2015.


Information Sessions:
Yesterday we held the Information Sessions for parents of students in Years 3-6. We thank all the parents who attended. We hope that these sessions were both useful and practical and gave you a sense of what happens in your child's classroom. I also had the opportunity to meet with parents at the session immediately following the class level. Tonight we will have the information sessions for the parents of students in Prep – Year 2. We will evaluate the effectiveness of these sessions and will seek your feedback once they have all concluded so that we can continue to work together for the benefit of the students.

Sacramental Evening: March 18th, 2015
A Sacramental evening has been organized for Wednesday, March 18th at 7.30pm in the hall. This evening will be facilitated by Denise Arnei who is a well-known and highly recommended speaker and is part of the Religious Education School Advisor Team in the Northern Zone. We would appreciate at least one parent attending if your child is preparing to celebrate Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation. Just a reminder that the Presentation Masses for students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year is being held on the weekend of 14th and 15th of March. The students are expected to attend either the Saturday evening vigil Mass at 5.30pm or the Sunday Mass at 10.00am as part of their preparation for the reception of this Sacrament.

Open Day: Tuesday March 18th, 2015
There will be an Open Day Wednesday, March 18th. The main purpose of the Open Day is to provide prospective Prep parents with an opportunity to visit our school. However, if you are an existing parent and would like to tour the school, you are welcome to join a tour. Tours will be available at 9.30am, 11.30am, 2.30pm and 6.00pm. Please inform any prospective parents who are unable to attend our "Open Day" they are always welcome to have a school tour. Naturally it is preferable that they make an appointment.
School Education Board
The first meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17th, at 7.30pm in the staffroom. We welcome, Vicki Gargaro (Year 1), Kristy Whelan (Year 2) and Nicole Raso (Year 4) to our Education Board. At this stage we have no nominations for the Year 5 vacant position. I urge parents of students in this year level to consider nominating for a position on the Board and to become involved in the school.

Welcome Domenica Martini
We welcome Domenica (Mimma) Martini to our school. Mimma will be joining us as a Support Teacher. She will be a welcome addition to our team of staff who give additional support to our students.

Class Reps for P&F
After some discussion with members of the P&F Committee it was agreed that we would trial Class Reps for 2015. We are hoping that through this structure we will enable the strengthening of communication across the school. The Class Reps would be nominated from each class and would be the liaison between the class (teacher and families) and the P&F. As we have multi-age classes the ideal would be to have 2 reps from each class – one from each grade level – to act as go between. The class teachers would have a ‘go to’ person who specifically represents the class and the parents within the class would have a point of contact. We hope that this will also help to build a greater sense of belonging and community across the school. Having two class reps would also ensure that the load is shared. If you require further information or are interested in taking up this role please contact either myself or a member of the P&F. At the next P&F meeting we will discuss further the role that the Class Reps will play. Please give this some serious consideration as we need your support to make this work.

After School Supervision
Parents are advised that supervision of students after school is from 3:15—3:30. There are no teachers on duty after this time. Students are not allowed to play games on the oval or equipment. Parent should be supervising their children at all times. Students not picked up by 3:30 will be taken to OHSC (Camp Australia) for pick up by parents. Parents will be charged accordingly.

Community Room
I am very pleased to announce that we have set aside a special area of the school for parents to use. This space is being referred to as the Community Room and is located just outside the Computer Lab. It is easily accessed by everyone, including mothers with prams. The room has a lounge and table and chairs so that parents can make themselves comfortable while waiting to pick up children. It has been a concern for me that parents/grandparents sit or stand outside in all weathers waiting to pick up children. Parents/parishioners are very welcome to use this space either in the morning or the afternoon as we have provided tea & coffee making facilities. It would be lovely to see this space used as a means to build community and reach out to each other in friendship.
We thank Fr Vincent for generously supplying the lounge for this purpose. We are indeed fortunate to have such a pastoral and caring man as our Spiritual guide.

Premier’s Active April
Registrations are now open for parents to register themselves and their children to take part in this initiative which is organised similar to the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Registration and information is available by visiting this website: www.activeapril.vic.gov.au

Newsletter
I wish to advise that beginning from Term 2, the newsletter will be published weekly.

Prayer:

Lord our God,
all truth is from you,
and you alone bring oneness of heart.
Give your people the joy
of hearing your word in every sound
and of longing for your presence
more than life itself.
May all the attractions of a
changing world
serve only to bring us
the peace of your kingdom
which this world does not give.

Adapted from Source: The Depths of God

Rosanna Piccolo
FAITH NEWS

Sacramental Evening
On Wednesday 16th of March we will be holding our Sacramental Evening in the Hall. Denise Arnel is our guest speaker and she is looking forward to joining us. The evening will begin at 7:30pm. A reply slip for the Sacramental Evening was sent home to each family yesterday.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Online bookings have now opened for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The website is: www.schoolinterviews.com.au. The booking code is: DWP4Q. Please send Sacramental Sashes and $6 in a ziplock bag clearly labelled with your child’s name and class before the end of term.

Sacrament of Eucharist
Online bookings have now opened for the Sacrament of Eucharist. The website is: www.schoolinterviews.com.au. The booking code is: 28228. Please note that due to the express wish of Father Vincent, 18 is the maximum number of students participating in each ceremony. Therefore no further bookings are being taken for Saturday 22nd of August. The number of students booked into each date thus far is as follows: Saturday 22nd August: 18, Sunday 23rd August: 9, Saturday 29th August: 17, Sunday 30th August: 15.

Holy Week Prayer Service
This year Easter will be celebrated in the middle of the school holidays. In order to reflect on the events of Holy Week the whole school will gather for a Prayer Service on Friday 27th of March at 12:30pm. This Prayer Service will reflect on the events of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday and will be led by Prep, Year Three/Four and Year Five/Six students. On our return to school in Term Two we will gather once more and we will celebrate the events of Easter Sunday, led by the Year One/Two students. You are most welcome to join us in prayer.

Aoife Mc Carthy
Religious Education Leader

Commissioning of 2015 FIRE Carriers (Friends Igniting Reconciliation in Education)

It was with great excitement that the St. Damian’s Community gathered in our school hall on Monday the 2nd of March to witness the commissioning of our 2015 FIRE Carriers.
Four of our Year Five students along with our new principal Mrs Rosanna Piccolo and teachers, Jade Donohue and Rianne Coldebella were commissioned into their new role as FIRE carriers for St. Damian’s school. It was wonderful to watch as they gathered around the fire, an important symbol of warmth, food, story, ritual and spirituality for Aboriginal people. We were privileged to be joined by Mr. Colin Brooks, our local Member of Parliament and secretary to our Premier, for this special occasion. It was a moving ceremony and one in which the students participated with a sense of reverence.
The new FIRE Carrier students will commence their journey with a cultural immersion day at Amberley on Wednesday March 11th. Our new FIRE Carrier teachers will depart for their cultural immersion to Lake Mungo in NSW on the 16th of March. We hope that their journey in learning more about our First people and their culture fosters a greater awareness and appreciation of Reconciliation.

Mattie Dragonetti
Reconciliation leader
SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to all of the students who represented St Damian's at the recent Bundoora District School Sport Association Swimming Carnival. They all competed to the best of their ability on the day and we had many students finish in the placings in their events. We finished in third place overall and the students all thoroughly enjoyed their day.

A big congratulations to Nathan M, Jaden M, Thanush S, Harrison R, Dante P, Ben N and Elliot M, all from Year 5/6, who qualified to represent the Bundoora District at the Divisional Finals. These students swam on Monday and did themselves and the school proud. We wish Nathan and Harrison all the best as they won their events on Monday and now progress to the Northern Region Finals. A tremendous effort!

Thank you to Mr Connor and Rita De Amicis who helped marshal and supervise our team on the day. It was great to see so many people at the pool in support of the students.

Our next major carnival is Cross Country which is held during Term Two. This is open for all Year 4-6 students to try out for a place on the team. Training and trials will be held towards the end of Term One.

Tim Watson
Sport Co-Ordinator

St Damian's Staff Commissioning and Prep welcome Mass
Visual Arts

The whole school is working on collage in visual art this term. If you have any magazines that are making their way to the recycle bin, we would love to use them in the art room.

With gratitude,
Miss Nolan

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Winter Uniform Orders

Orders for winter uniforms are now being taken. It is important that if you require a tunic for your daughter, that you place your order by Friday March 13. Our tunics are a customer special order (which means the have to especially made for St Damian’s). Therefore there will only be ONE order placed on that date. They will take approximately 3-4 weeks to be received.

Long sleeve gold polo shirts and boys grey trousers are stock items, but to ensure that you receive them in time for the beginning of Term Two, please place your order as soon as possible.

Orders can be made on Friday mornings between 9-10am at the shop, or alternatively can be placed via the classroom message bin.

A new order form, with current prices is available from the Uniform Shop or the office. Hoping to see you soon.

Moira
Uniform Shop Coordinator

PARENT AND FRIENDS CORNER

Parents & Friends Fundraiser Dates

Term 1
Prep BBQ: Friday 20th March
Parent/Guardian helpers will be needed for this day. Forms (seeking helpers) will be sent out closer to the date.

Easter Egg Delivery: Wednesday 25th March
Eggs will be sent home with children.

Easter Raffle: Thursday 26th March

Casual Clothes Day: Friday 27th March (Gold Coin Donation)

Term 2
Silver Cent Drive: Monday 20th April. Concludes Friday 15th May.
Mother’s Day Stall: Friday 8th May
Parent/Guardian helpers from years Prep, 1 & 2 will be needed for this day. Forms (seeking helpers) will be sent out closer to the date.

Silver Cent Drive Winning Class Lunch: Friday 22nd May
A free lunch will be provided for the class that raises the most during the four week drive.

Year 1 / 2 BBQ: Friday 19th June
Parent/Guardian helpers will be needed for this day. Forms (seeking helpers) will be sent out closer to the date.

Casual Clothes Day: Friday 26th June (Gold Coin Donation)

Scholastic Issue 1

Hopefully by now you have all received your Scholastic book orders. Please make sure you check your orders and if there are any problems, please return your order form with a note and contact number to the office immediately.

Pupil Free Day
Friday March 13

Dan Petro, a behavioural analyst, will be working with staff on developing strategies to best meet the individual needs of students. Children are not required at school on this day.
Book of the End

By Danny Nguyen 5/6S

Will all humans die?
Will the world explode?
Will aliens invade?
Or will we all fade away?

The wonderful world
we all use to live in
Turn dark and turn cold
from the beasts living in

The humans they devoured
The secrets of the world
Turned foul and turned rotten
As everyone had forgotten

The beauty of the land
The beauty of the world

When we all worked together
to think of one thing
When all had begun
by the hand of one man

And we all knew nothing
As we never should have
For the future glared down
With a cold deep stare

As the tears rolled down
They read the last line
For the book of our future
And the book of our end
ST DAMIAN'S PARISH

Play Group

Starting Term 2
TUESDAYS 9.00AM TO 11.00AM
Dunlop Room

Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers with children aged 0—5.
Come and enjoy a cuppa, meet others, play and share ideas.

Pick up an application form at the Parish or School Office
For more information call the Parish Office 9467 2797—Tuesday to
Friday 10.00am to 300pm

ST DAMIAN’S CATHOLIC PARISH - 2015 LENTEN TIMETABLE

LENTEN PRAYER MEETINGS: With Pastorelle Sisters

*Wednesday Evenings: 7.30pm – 8.30pm in Dunlop Room,
(25 February; 4, 11, 18 & 25 March) *except 4 March in Briglia Room

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday Evenings: 7.30-8.00pm
(20 & 27 February; 6, 13, 20 & 27 March – with Legion of Mary)

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

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION (2nd Rite):
(Communal preparation and individual confession)
Thursday, 26 March: 7.30pm

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

LENT
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 1
March 2015
Thur 5th  Parent Information Evening. Prep, 7:00pm, Year 1/2, 7:30pm
Fri 6th  Interschool Sport, V's St Francis, 9:00am—11:00am
Mon 9th  Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 11th Amberly Forum for FIRE Carriers North Eastern Zone
Wed 11th Northern Region Swimming Finals
Fri 13th School Closure Day
Sat 14th Reconciliation Presentation Mass, 5:30pm
Sun 15th Reconciliation Presentation Mass, 10:00am
Mon 16th Assembly, Reflection by 5/6SF
Tue 17th Prep Sausage Sizzle 12:00pm —2:00pm
Tue 17th Education Board Meeting, 7:30pm
Wed 18th Open Day
Wed 18th Parent Sacramental Evening, 7:30pm
Wed 25th Reconciliation Ceremony, 7:30pm
Fri 27th End of Term One

St. Damian's Parish Youth Choir

invites the children of St Damian’s Primary School to sing with us.

The St Damian's Youth Choir is a group of local catholic primary, secondary and university students who normally sing at St Damian's Parish masses each 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 5:30pm. We rehearse the Friday evening prior to singing at mass between 7:30pm -8:30pm. Rehearsals are held in the church. Many of our current members are either past or present students of St Damian’s PS and Loyola College and the group is supervised by one of the parents. We also try to have a fun social activity each term. Our next Saturday evening mass will be on Saturday 7th March at 5.30pm with rehearsal on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm.

St Damian’s Parish Youth Choir would love to have some new members. Any young person interested in joining us regularly as a singer or musician, should come and see us after Mass or call Wendy Nagel 0439 317 586.

Year Six Bomber Jacket

My daughter has ordered a size 16S year Six Bomber Jacket which is too big for her. If anyone has a size 14 jacket and would like to exchange it for a size 16, can you please let the office know.
**Happy Birthday List**
The following children will celebrate their birthday in the coming weeks:

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Bundoora Secondary College
We warmly invite you to attend our...
INFORMATION EVENING
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Activities held between 5pm – 7pm

Dance Street

2015 enrolments now open!!
DANCE, HIP HOP, TAP & SINGING
Visit www.dancestreet.com.au for full timetable

*JUNIOR HIP HOP 4.30pm Wed*
(new class)
ALL AGES - Toddlers - Adults

RACHEL DUNNE FUGA (D.F.T.A) –
Principal
Former Australian Champion
25 years of teaching expertise
0432 949 499
Come and join the dStreet Performers in 2015

NORRIS BANK TENNIS CLUB
OPEN DAY

Tennis Programs
VICTORIA

"A program for everyone"

Tennis Programs Victoria has recently been appointed the new coaching provider at the Norris Bank Tennis Club, McLeans Road Bundoora. We would like to invite all people and ages to our open day on Sunday the 22nd of March from 2pm to 4 pm. People will be able to try out our programs for free such as Hot Shots, Cardio Tennis, Fastest Serve, and there will also be free prizes and giveaways on the day. A free sausage sizzle will also be available for everyone.

Free Open Day

Paul Mick
Director of Coaching
(former top 300 ranked teaching professional)
Call 0415 511 150 or email p.amick2013@gmail.com