

# NEWSLETTER

15th June 2017

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Dear Parents,

## COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

We met on Tuesday evening this week, and the following issues were highlighted or discussed:

### Fundraising

- Pie drive has raised \$403 so far but there is still time for some late orders
- Plans are being made for a movie night in Term 3

### Social

- Family Footy night planned for **21st September**
- Plans are being made for a Christmas gathering on **12th December**
- We have some volunteers on the list to provide care packages but more are most welcome

### Building & Policy Reference group

- A meeting is scheduled with the architect next week to discuss the plans for the Admin building
- The Duty of Care policy has been redrafted so that it is more readable
- A meeting will be organised with our federal MP to discuss the proposed changes to educational funding

### Environment

- Boulders will be supplied free of charge by Integra to form the basis of some planned landscaping, paths and planting will also be included
- Indigenous plants will be sourced from a local nursery
- A submission has been made for extra funding
- Planned working bee yet to be confirmed, but will take place prior to 28th July when children will be engaged in planting



Also discussed:

- Progress on our next building which is due to arrive late July
- The possibility of selling pavers to fundraise further landscaping in our proposed central courtyard area
- Enrolments for 2018 are still open for all year levels at Siena

Several parents also took the opportunity to complete aspects of the volunteer screening process. More sessions will be scheduled for others to do the same.

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend our meeting on this cold and foggy night. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th August** at 7pm.

**IMPORTANT DATE** - All of Siena's students will perform our first whole school production on **Tuesday 12 September** at the Loreto Performing Arts Centre. Please make a note of the date in your family calendars.

### **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS & SCHOOL REPORTS**

All families received a letter recently with details on how to make a Parent Teacher Interview time online. If anyone is having difficulty doing this or has any questions, please contact Gen in the office. Student Reports will be available via this site after 3pm on **Friday, 16th June**.

### **VOLUNTEERING AT SIENA**

We now have everything in place to process anyone who would like to register as a volunteer at Siena. Volunteers need to complete an application form which can be found on our webpage, attend an induction session at the school, and provide us with a copy of their Working With Children Check. At the induction session you'll also be asked to show some photo ID and complete a short quiz.

**Induction Sessions -      Wednesday 21st June, 5pm**  
**Monday 26th June, 9am & 3pm**

### **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

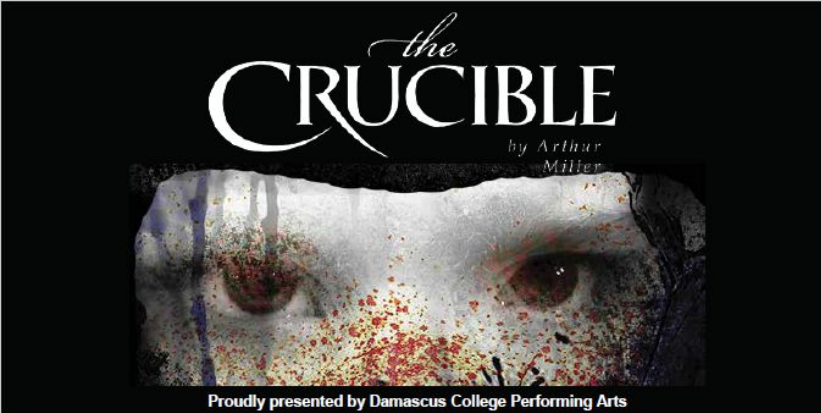
As part of our community and wellbeing program we are looking for volunteers to call on for families in time of need, for example deaths, births or illness. We would like to be able to provide the family with a meal, baked goods or some food to help out in what is often an emotional and busy time. Can you please email or message Nicole Loader ([nicturks@hotmail.com](mailto:nicturks@hotmail.com) or 0427668266), or let Gen know at the office, if you would like your name added to the list which we will rotate so we will not always call on the same family.

## ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL

We are calling on our families to please help support the Winter Appeal of St Vincent de Paul. We ask for your generosity in donating any non perishable items, blankets, toiletries etc that may be hiding in the back of your cupboard. If you are able to donate any items it would be greatly appreciated. Please send any items into Miss Brennan who is collating a hamper for the Winter Appeal. Thanks in advance.

## PYJAMA DAY

On Friday 23rd June we are inviting all staff and students to attend school in their pyjamas and bring something for our Winter Appeal hampers. This could be non perishable food, warm blankets, etc.



Proudly presented by Damascus College Performing Arts

**26 - 29 July, 8pm**  
**29 July, 2pm**

**Valda Ward Auditorium, Damascus College**

*'You're either with us, or against us, there is no road between.'*

Rumours can be deadly and revenge is alive and well in this year's 2017 Damascus College production. The Crucible is a historical, modern tragedy that owes its longevity to its continuing relevance in an imperfect world. The production promises to be a fast-paced drama that will keep audiences on their toes.

Based on the Salem witch trials, Arthur Miller's masterpiece remains one of the most powerful and thrilling plays of our time. The drama arrived on Broadway — in January, 1953 and became acknowledged as a classic. This timeless parable attacks the evils of mindless persecution and the terrifying power of false accusation.

So why this play, this year? One of the chief reasons is its themes – justice, fear and power. Everything is literally life and death in the show and is much more than just witchcraft. It shows the terrible road we can go down when anyone can accuse another with faulty 'evidence' that can bring about their destruction. It tells the story of an organization with power wanting to control people with fear.


Miller's message is clear and resonates in this play. We cannot be driven by fear, as it leads to hysteria, resulting in every human being turning on their neighbours. It's a message that resonates today within our own politics, in our own country. We are always pushed to fear the 'other' in our society. We need to just look at the past to see what we need to do in the present. Miller experienced it in his time, and the question is, what will you do when the hysteria of fear comes for you?

With a large student cast of over 20 performers, inventive design and an original soundtrack, we invite you to come and experience The Crucible a timely re-examining of the dangers of a culture of scapegoating.

*'A fire, a fire is burning! I hear the boot of Lucifer, I see his filthy face. It is my face and yours' Act 2*

Directed by Andrew Seear, Performing Arts Co-ordinator  
By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia PTY LTD, on behalf of Dramatists Play Service, Inc. New York

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