



# *St. Damian's Newsletter*

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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional owners of this land.  
We pay respect to their Elders, both past and present.

Thursday December 6, 2018

No. 36- 2018

## **St Damian's Primary School Presents**



## **The Nativity and Christmas Carols Evening**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
7:00pm  
BYO Picnic Supper**

PLEASE NOTE: SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS IS BETWEEN 8.30am TO 3.30pm ON SCHOOL DAYS.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This Sunday marks the second week of Advent. On the Second Sunday of Advent, the first and second candle is lit and this second candle represents **Peace**. It also symbolizes all of the preparations that had to be made in order to receive and take care of the Christ child. On this day, Bible readings that relate to Christ and his manger are read.

#### P&F AGM

Last Thursday we held our Annual General Meeting. I would like to thank the mums who attended the meeting and generously took on the various positions to ensure that the P&F could continue. All our executive positions have now been filled with Dianne Stubbs taking on the President position, Rodoulla Kyriacou taking up the Treasurer position and Angela Parisi taking up the Secretary position. The other mums present filled other roles, however we are still looking for parents to take up the role of co-ordinating raffles (2-3 people), another person to support the Fun-a-thon, 2-4 people to co-ordinate the sausage sizzles, and 2-3 people to co-ordinate the Hot Cross Buns drive. If anyone is willing to take up these roles we would love to hear from you, otherwise these will not happen next year.

#### St Damian's Christmas Carols



We are very much looking forward to a great evening tonight. All the students have put in a great effort preparing for this event and I am sure that all of our families will enjoy participating as well as simply enjoy watching the students. We will begin the evening promptly at 7.00pm and ask that all families please be here and ready to begin. Families are of course, very welcome to bring a basket supper and enjoy this on the oval prior to the commencement of the carols. The Christmas raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the evening.

#### Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea

Next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am we will be hosting a special morning tea to thank and acknowledge all who have volunteered in our school over the year. The morning tea is a small gesture of thanks for all the support received from our wonderful community. We look forward to sharing a cuppa and a chat with you.

#### 2019 Classes

The students will meet their new teacher for 2019 on Wednesday, December 12 and then will have a second session on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>. We believe it is important for students to make positive connections in preparation for the new year and hence we have allowed a couple of orientation session times this year. Parents will find a letter detailing the class and teacher for 2019 included in the school report. Parents need to be re-assured that as a staff we have endeavoured to place each and every student in an ideal learning environment. Hence, please be positive with your child about their 2019 class placement. I am sure you will understand that students **cannot be moved** from classes as many considerations came into play when putting classes together.

#### Whole School End of Year Mass

We extend a warm invitation to all our families to join us for the final school year Mass to be held next Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am.

#### Final School Assembly

As we have done in previous years, we will be formally announce our 2019 School Leaders at the final school assembly on **Monday December 17 at 9.00am**. During the assembly, there will be special presentations acknowledging the efforts of some students, as well as farewells to staff, students and families leaving St Damian's at the end of the year. Parents and families are very warmly welcome to join us as we mark the end of another wonderful year of learning.

#### School Reports

The end of year reports will be sent home next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please look out for these in your children's bags. Parents wishing to discuss any aspect of their child's report are encouraged to make a mutually convenient time with their child's teacher.

#### Staff News

This time of year is both an exciting and sad time as we farewell many in the community as they move on to other adventures. This is also true for our staff. At the end of the year we will farewell two teachers, Mr Stephen Connor and Ms Kelly O'Connell.

**Mr Connor** has been at St Damian's for the past five years teaching mainly in the senior school. He has shown his students kindness and care and helped them to develop into fine young individuals. Next year Mr Connor is taking up a new challenge as he takes up a position with a tutoring company. This new position will open up new directions for Mr Connor and we wish him every success into the future.

**Ms Kelly O'Connell** is also leaving St Damian's and returning to her previous school. We were very fortunate to have Ms O'Connell come to our school in term two last year and teach the Year 5 students, and then this year she has worked with the Year 1 students. In her time here, Ms O'Connell has always shown great interest in the students' learning and has been committed to ensuring that each child achieve his/her best. We thank both teachers for all they have contributed to our school community, for their hard work and dedication and hope that the future brings them much happiness and success. We also welcome some new staff for 2019:

**Miss Amy Starr** will be teaching in the senior classes and **Mr Benjamin Lim** is joining our wonderful team of LSO's next year. **Ms Luisa LaRosa** will be taking up a classroom teaching position next year we therefore welcome **Mrs Anne Boyd** as the Italian teacher Year 3-6.

#### **Update on Construction Works on the Corner**

This Friday morning the builders are pouring a concrete ground slab and will be blocking the footpath for the day. There will be signs up and traffic management in place to redirect pedestrians around the lights. On Monday they will be lifting in pre cast panels and lifting out a piling rig in the afternoon. The foot path will be redirected on Monday as well. There will be other ground works for the rest of the next week and will let us know if they need to redirect the pedestrians.

#### **Newsletter**

Next Thursday's Newsletter will be the final one for the year.

#### **Prayer**

*Let us all continue to pray for peace in our world.*

*We pray that hearts might be transformed, to find the path of peace together. We pray for peace in our own hearts, in our own world, close at home.*

*Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me!*

*Have a great week,*

*Rosanna*



### **Faith News**

#### **End of Year Mass**

Our End of Year Mass will take place on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am. Please join us in celebration of a successful year of learning at St. Damian's.

#### **Giving Tree and Christmas Hampers**

As in previous years, we will be supporting St. Vinnies by collecting food and gift items to donate to those in need at Christmas time. The Giving Tree is now operational and we will continue to collect gift and food items until Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for continuing to support those in need.

#### **The Colours of Advent**

For many centuries, purple was the colour used in Advent. Purple, in our Church, is a colour associated with an attitude of repentance and sorrow and corresponded to how people prepared themselves. In more recent times, however, and in alignment with the Advent Scripture readings, the darker coloured purple has been replaced by a lighter, less sombre violet to better represent the feelings of hope, joy, expectation and anticipation as we wait to prepare to celebrate the memory of Jesus' coming at the first Christmas.

#### **Advent Prayer Services**

Please join us as we celebrate Advent throughout the coming weeks. Dates and times are advised in the 'Dates for your Diary' section of the Newsletter. Everyone is most welcome to join us in the Church as we prepare, hope and wait in joyful anticipation for the birth of Jesus.

#### **St. Damian's Nativity and Christmas Carols Evening**

As a school, we are busy preparing for our Nativity and Christmas Carols Evening. This evening, we will be presenting the Nativity along with some traditional carols commencing at 7:00pm. Please note, that if your child is acting in the Nativity scene, he/she will be wearing costumes organised by the school so you do not need to source any extra items. The students have been preparing in earnest, so please come along and celebrate with our community. Thank you for your support.

Mary-Ann Wright

# SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Francis House (Red Team) for their victory in our annual school sports day (or days as it turned out.) All of the students seemed to enjoy the day and showed great enthusiasm when completing their activities despite the cold and wet conditions.

A huge thank you to the parent helpers and the staff who helped run the activities on the day. I hope you have all thawed out by now. Thank you also to our House Captains for their time and effort in getting things organised in the lead up and for your wonderful assistance on the day.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Sprint Champions for 2018, Zara S (6CW) and Matthew C (6C.)

Congratulations to our Year 6 Distance Champions for 2018, Zara S (6CW) and Julian B (6G.)

Thank you to all of the St Damian's community who helped collect Coles Sport Vouchers earlier this year. We received thousands of dollars worth of sports equipment which will be put to good use. From the equipment we received, next year each classroom will be provided with a bag of sporting goods that will be theirs to use during recess and lunch. Thank you again to anyone who helped in the voucher collection. It is greatly appreciated and the students will be excited to put the new equipment to use.

Tim Watson  
Physical Education Coordinator



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	6th	St Damian's Nativity and Christmas Carols Evening at 7pm
Monday	10th	Advent Prayer Service Week Three at 11.30am, led by Year 1 students School Assembly at 2.30pm, 4C Reports sent home
Thursday	13th	End of Year Mass at 9.15am
Monday	17th	Year 6 Students Last Day of School; Final Assembly at 9am Year 6 Graduation at 7pm
Tuesday	18th	Last Day of School for Prep-Year 5
<b>February</b>		
Friday	1st	Year 1-6 students commence school
Monday	4th	Prep students commence school



# *St Damian's Primary School*

## *Presents*

### *A KING IS BORN*



*Thursday December 6th*

*St Damian's Primary School Oval*

*Children arrive by 6.45*

*(all actors and choir members to arrive at 6.30)*

*Nativity Play and Carols to commence at 7pm sharp*

As you are aware, the students have been busy preparing for the whole school Carols evening. We welcome all family members to join us on this compulsory student evening to celebrate with us. Families are welcome to bring picnic rugs to sit on. If you'd like to bring seats, you will need to sit behind the picnic area.

Children are encouraged to wear Christmas themed T shirts/colours with their sports shorts/skirts along with any hats, colours in their hair.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## 2019 SCHOOL FEES

### FAMILY FEES

School Fees	\$ 1,550
Capital Levy	\$ 550
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	<b>\$ 2,100</b>

### Discount of 5% on Family Fees

*Discount only applies to the total of Family School Fees \$1,550 plus Capital Levy \$550 = \$2,100 x 5% = \$105 discount.*

*To obtain the above discount payment of \$2,100 must be paid **prior to 15th March 2019.***

### STUDENT FEES

#### Curriculum Levy

(includes excursions, student resources, art and IT requirements and library resources)

Year Prep	\$ 360
Years 1 to 3	\$ 420
Years 4 to 6	\$ 450
 Interschool Sports Levy - Year 6 only	 \$ 30

<b><u>TOTAL FEES</u></b>	Years Prep	\$ 2,460
	Years 1 to 3	\$ 2,520
	Years 4 to 5	\$ 2,550
	Year 6	\$ 2,580

### PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

We accept payments **weekly, fortnightly, monthly or by term.**

Payments welcome **by cash, cheque, Credit Card, BPay or Eftpos.**

Direct debits can be arranged. The forms are available from the school office.

### TERM PAYMENT DATES

Term	1	Pay by	15th Mar	2019
Term	2	Pay by	17th May	2019
Term	3	Pay by	16th Aug	2019
Term	4	Pay by	8th Nov	2019



**Happy Birthday** to the following students who will celebrate their birthday:

**December**

7th	Julian	3DW
	Angelina	4C
8th	Jenny	6G
9th	Dean	6C
	Aarchi	4M
10th	Chiara	4M
	Julian	6G
12th	Jasmine	5MZ



**Event Styling by MC**

Event Styling BY MC has these gifts ready packed for you to purchase or to decorate & set up on Christmas Day. Take advantage of our offer before they sell out.

Contact Monica from Event Styling By MC on 0421696604 or email us:

[eventstylingbymc18@gmail.com](mailto:eventstylingbymc18@gmail.com)



# REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Places available in boys & girls teams

Under 8's - Seniors

**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME**

Registration is via our club website:

[www.watsoniawarriors.com.au](http://www.watsoniawarriors.com.au)

Please do not hesitate to contact the club if you have any enquiries:

[watsoniawarriors@hotmail.com](mailto:watsoniawarriors@hotmail.com)

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**2019 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN!!**

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# Parish News

## ADVENT PROGRAM 2018 – YEAR C

ST DAMIAN'S PARISH, BUNDOORA

(2<sup>nd</sup> December - 24<sup>th</sup> December)

### WEEKDAY MASSTIME

Tuesday-Friday: 9.15am in church

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

1<sup>st</sup> Rite (Individual confession) in church:

\*Fridays: 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December:

9.45am–10.45am during the Holy Hour

\*Saturdays: 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December 5.00pm–5.30pm (before Mass)

\*Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 10.00am-11.00am

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

\*Fridays: 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December

9.45am - 10.45am after Mass (10.30am Benediction)

### ADVENT HEALING MASS: (With Sacrament of Anointing)

Tuesday: 4<sup>th</sup> December: 9.15am Mass followed by  
Morning Tea in Dunlop Room

### ADVENT PRAYER MEETINGS:

*Praying the Scriptures in Advent with the Pastorelle Sisters*

\*Tuesdays: 27<sup>th</sup> November; 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm – 8.00pm at 5 Nash Court, Bundoora 3083.

### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROLS SERVICE

\*Thursday: 6<sup>th</sup> December - 7.00pm carols on school Oval

### ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS PRAYER SERVICE

At St Peter's Anglican Church, 12 Alma Rd, Bundoora 3083

\*Sunday: 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm