



St. Damian's Newsletter

5 Settlement Road, Bundoora 3083. Phone: 9467 8566 Email: info@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au

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 November 29, 2018

No. 35- 2018

St Damian's Primary School Presents



The Nativity and Christmas Carols Evening

**Thursday 6th 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 begins the season of Advent, marking the beginning of a new liturgical year. Advent is also a period of preparation and celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. One of the traditions of Advent is the Wreath. This circular evergreen wreath usually contains 4 candles (sometimes 5), three purple and one pink, each one representing one of the Sundays of Advent. The first purple candle lit this Sunday represents **hope** or expectation of the coming Messiah.

P&F AGM

Tonight is the Annual General Meeting of the P&F. Looking forward to a good meeting and being inundated with nominations. See you at 7.30pm in the Dunlop Room.

Prep Orientation Sessions

This morning we held the final of the three Prep Orientation Sessions for our incoming students. I would like to thank each of the Leaders who supported this program, the current and future prep teachers for all their work and support and all staff who supported in any way. We look forward to our new Preps joining us in December for the whole school orientation and of course next year when they formally start their schooling.

School Sports: Friday November 23

Last Friday's weather was certainly not very pleasant for our school sports day. I congratulate all the students, staff and parents who braved the weather and soldiered on regardless of the climate. The races and sprints were run for the senior students on Monday morning and medals duly presented at the Assembly in the afternoon. Once again congratulations to everyone.

School/Parish Mass

Last Sunday we celebrated final Parish/School Mass. It was wonderful to see many of our students and their families join together as a faith community. We thank Fr Vincent for his support and encouragement and all the families, children and staff for their attendance.

St Damian's Christmas Carols



Next Thursday December 6th is our Carols evening. We invite all our families to join us for this very special event as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas. I am certain the weather will be much brighter and warmer as 29 degrees has been predicted. We look forward to joining in with all our community and share this wonderful occasion. Just a gentle reminder that the Christmas raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the evening. Make sure you have your raffle tickets for the opportunity to win some great prizes.

2019 Captains

As we have done in previous years, we will be formally announce our 2019 School Captains at the final school assembly on Monday December 17 at 9.00am. Parents and families are very warmly welcome to join us as we mark the end of another wonderful year of learning at St Damian's.

School Reports

The end of year reports will be sent home with the students and they will be sent home on Monday 10th December. The teachers have dedicated much time and effort to assessing the students and providing you with the details of their progress, standard reached and achievements. Parents wishing to discuss any aspect of their child's report are encouraged to make a mutually convenient time with their child's teacher.

Whole School Orientation for 2019

The students will meet their new class and teacher for next year on Wednesday, December 12th and then again on Thursday 13th. We believe it is important for students to make positive connections in preparation for the new year and have therefore allowed opportunity for a couple of orientation session times. Please be re-assured that as a staff we have endeavoured to place each and every student in an ideal learning environment. We therefore ask that class placements be discussed in a positive manner with the children.

Prayer

May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Have a great week,

Rosanna

Faith News

Parish and School Family Mass

Thank you to our students and families for making last weekend's Parish and School Family Mass a joyous and Spirit filled celebration. Thank you, also, to our teachers for preparing the students and thank you to Father Vincent for leading us in our celebration.

End of Year Mass

Our End of Year Mass will take place on Thursday, 13th 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, 7th 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. We will be presenting the Nativity along with some traditional carols. The evening will take place on Thursday, 6th December, 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
Religious Education Leader

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



November

Thursday 29th Parents & Friends AGM at 7.30pm

December

Monday 3rd Advent Prayer Service Week Two at 11.30am, led by Year 5 students

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 Foundation-Year 5

February

Friday 1st Year 1-6 students commence school

Monday 4th Foundation students commence school

2019 SCHOOL FEES

FAMILY FEES

School Fees	\$ 1,550
Capital Levy	\$ 550

	\$ 2,100

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

<u>TOTAL FEES</u>	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

SPORTS DAY





What's been happening in Prep B

Prep B visited the Northern Health Aged Care Facility, to spread some Christmas cheer to the elderly residents of our community.

We sang "C'mon Ring Those Bells", "The Little Drummer Boy" and we also sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and "Jingle Bells".

We danced to our songs, and gave them special cards that we made in class. Josh, Jonathan and Maiya also gave a special performance on the piano.

The residents were happy and excited and they cheered us on.

"One lady cried because she was so happy."- Emma

"I saw a lady, she had a big smile and she waved at me. I met a man named Stan too."- Max

"We were nervous when we sang our Christmas Carols"- Jayden

"I met Lester and he gave me a hug and shook my hand"- Lori



St Damian's Primary School

Presents

A KING IS BORN



Thursday November 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.

Student of the week



Prep B	Maiya	For working hard to stay focussed and do her best.
Prep M	Franklin	For working hard to improve his handwriting!
Prep S	Peter	For always working towards following the three school expectations. Well done.
1 O	Alannah	For her recent progress in reading. Well done Alannah!
1 T	Jonas	For working hard to improve the presentation of his work. Keep it up!
2CF	Robbie	For doing his best to improve his reading and for making excellent progress.
2J	Orlando	For being a caring and compassionate member of 2J.
3B	Zoe	For your ability to do your best in all aspects of school life.
5L	Samuel	For always being a co-operative member of our class and doing his best!
5M	Jacinta	For sharing your well researched project about your hero 'Audrey Hepburn'.
5MZ	Celia	For an excellent research project.
	Xavier	For applying his best effort and attitude in all that he does. Bravo!
6CW	Chloe	For demonstrating impressive debating skills– Well done!
	Hollie	For always trying her best and for her friendly personality.
6G	Jessica	For continuing to improve your Mathematics using the Mathletics program.

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

November

30th	Jacinta	5M
	Ruby	2CF
	Minako	6C
	Nathaniel	3B
	Kevin	2CF
2nd	Max	PB
	Talia	4C
3rd	Sarah	1T
4th	Ceejay	4C
5th	Joseph	3B
	Angeline	4M
	Farah	PS



FREE LUNCHTIME SESSION

Tennis in Stages present

Book your school a **FREE SESSION TODAY**

Contact Russell Cornehlis at Tennis in Stages:
0408 365 636
russell@tennisinstages.com.au

EARLY LEARNING & PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUP SESSIONS **HELD IN YOUR SCHOOL**

Lessons consist of different themes and loads of fun games with an emphasis on creating an active, healthy lifestyle for kids.

NOW ACCEPTING Term 1 2019 Bookings
Lunchtime, before and afterschool sessions available
Only \$90 per 7 week term
FREE TENNIS RACQUET with every new enrolment

Event Styling By MC:

Specialising in custom made wooden & acrylic signs and cake toppers Prop hire & event styling;

We will have variety of Christmas gifts as well as Appreciation gifts for Teacher's for family & friends to purchase. Closing date for orders is 7th December.

Email: eventstylingbymc18@gmail.com

Proudly Sponsored by

RayWhite[®]
BUNDOORA

[1344 - 1346 Plenty Road Bundooraph 9468 3000](http://1344-1346PlentyRoadBundooraph94683000)

St Damian's Parents and Friends News



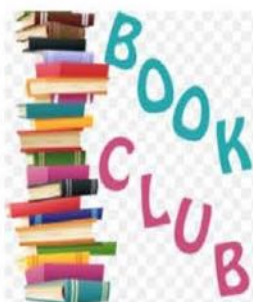
Christmas Raffle 2018

Parents and Friends committee will be holding a Christmas raffle.

Tickets are \$2 each or
3 for \$5

Closing date is 29 Nov
7 Major Prizes to WIN!!

Raffle will be drawn at the school's Christmas carols.



Book Club Issue # 8 Last Issue for 2018!

All orders need to be placed in an envelope with your child's details and correct money by

Thursday 29th November

No late orders will be accepted.

NOTE: you can now order and pay online via LOOP

No need to bring in form in this case. Thanks for your support P&F Committee



Parents and Friends Annual General meeting 29th Nov Dunlop Room 730pm

We need volunteers as they say many hands make light work. 3 years ago, the P&F Committee was very close to being cancelled. Because of many great mums who stepped up we still exist today. Many of these ladies are leaving this year as their children are in grade 6. So now we need some new parents and carers to fill those roles. We need a President, Secretary and Treasurer! Without these roles we have no committee. Without committee there will be no sausage sizzles, raffles, Mothers and Fathers Days stalls.

So I look forward to seeing many new faces at the AGM.

Thanks Dianne Stubbs P&F President
Enquiries at stdpfcommittee@gmail.com

Enjoy the holidays
without their
requirements list
hanging over your head.



Win back your child's requirements list! Simply visit [OfficeMaxschools.com.au](https://www.officemaxschools.com.au), search for your school and you'll find the requirements list ready for you to shop.

Order before free delivery ends **2nd DEC 2018**

Shop now and pay later with Zip Pay.

*Orders placed after December 31 are not guaranteed to arrive before school starts. Full terms & conditions for competition online at [officemaxschools.com.au](https://www.officemaxschools.com.au)

[officemaxschools.com.au](https://www.officemaxschools.com.au)



OfficeMax®

Parish News

ADVENT PROGRAM 2018 – YEAR C

ST DAMIAN'S PARISH, BUNDOORA

(2nd December - 24th December)

WEEKDAY MASSTIME

Tuesday-Friday: 9.15am in church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

1st Rite (Individual confession) in church:

*Fridays: 7th, 14th and 21st December:

9.45am–10.45am during the Holy Hour

*Saturdays: 8th, 15th and 22nd December 5.00pm–5.30pm (before Mass)

*Saturday, 22nd December: 10.00am-11.00am

ADORATION & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Fridays: 7th, 14th and 21st December

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

ADVENT HEALING MASS: (With Sacrament of Anointing)

Tuesday: 4th December: 9.15am Mass followed by
Morning Tea in Dunlop Room

ADVENT PRAYER MEETINGS:

Praying the Scriptures in Advent with the Pastorelle Sisters

*Tuesdays: 27th November; 4th, 11th and 18th December

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

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROLS SERVICE

*Thursday: 6th December - 7.00pm carols on school Oval

ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS PRAYER SERVICE

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

*Sunday: 16th December, 7.00pm