



St. Damian's Newsletter

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Family Mass

We are looking forward to the first of our School/Parish Masses which will be celebrated this Sunday morning June 2nd. We began this initiative last year and found it to be very successful in bringing together the whole community. As the school is an integral part of the Parish we really value the opportunity to join together as a faith community. I hope to see many of our school families at 10.00 am Mass on Sunday.

Reconciliation Week

As part of Reconciliation Week, some of our senior students attended the ceremonies at Whittlesea Council. As always our senior students represented our school admirably and were real ambassadors for our school. Whilst attending the ceremonies the students also had the opportunity to learn more about the Apology and heard stories from members of the Stolen Generation. We thank Mrs Dragonetti and Miss Smarrelli for supporting the students whilst at Whittlesea Council.

Long Walk

Next Tuesday June 4th, St Damian's school will once again join with St Mary's and Loyola College to undertake the Long Walk from our school to Loyola College. This event has become an annual one for all three schools. The Year 6 students, supported by their class teachers have undertaken work on better understanding the importance of this event which was initiated by Michael Long, an AFL player. Michael felt compelled to highlight the issues facing Aboriginal people and on November 21, 2004 Michael embarked on an historic trek of more than 650 Km walk to Canberra to speak with the then Prime Minister, John Howard. Michael was joined on this walk by many Australians from many walks of life who rallied with him in support. Hence, Michael's Long Walk became a mission of hope. As a FIRE Carrier school, we also stand united with Michael Long's cause and walk in hope of justice and reconciliation.

Foundation Year 2020

Enrolments will soon close for our Foundation Year class of 2020. If there are current families who have not submitted their enrolment forms, we ask you to do so as soon as possible as we are now about to send out offers of places.

Prayer

God of all creation
You have given us this beautiful land we call Australia.
Rich in ancient culture and tradition,
Rich in landscape, plants and animal life;
Offering safety and opportunity.

Teach us to act with justice and compassion.
Help us recognise the richness of all cultures in this sacred land
And to be welcoming of all peoples.

God of all creation
Help us never to take for granted the many gifts you have given.
Give us open hearts and courage,
To walk in solidarity with our neighbours.

Amen

*Have a wonderful week,
Rosanna*

Faith News

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Later this term, our Year Three Students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, 26th June at 7:00pm in the Church. Please pray for them, their families and their teachers as they prepare together for this celebration.

Sacrament of Eucharist

Our Year Four students will celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist on the weekend of 24th / 25th August. In preparation for these ceremonies please send your child's sash in to school, with \$7 as payment, in a ziplock bag, clearly labelled with your child's name and ceremony date. Orders for new sashes can be sent in an envelope with \$28 as payment. Orders for sashes are due back by Friday, 21st June. If you wish to borrow a sash please write to me by Friday, 21st June.

Parish and School Family Mass

This Sunday, all our teachers and students are celebrating the Eucharist at 10:00am. This Mass celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and all students and families are invited to attend the Mass which unites the Parish and School Community. Importantly, St. Damian's Community aims to nurture and support a learning environment deeply embedded within the Catholic culture.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord – 2nd June

The Easter season is almost at an end. For the past six weeks we have been proclaiming, "Jesus is alive, He has conquered death, go and tell everyone!" The Ascension is not about Jesus leaving us. Rather, it is a celebration of the passing of the baton from Jesus to us. The risen Lord is now present in His people and it has now become the mission of the Church, us, to carry on the work of Jesus.

Mary-Ann Wright
Religious Education Leader



As Social Justice Leaders, we ask St. Damian's School Community to help out with our Warm up Winter campaign. As you may have seen/heard of, the Warm up Winter Drive would like everyone to donate any old or new clothing that are appropriate to be sent to St. Vincent De Paul. As we all know, winter is coming up and it will get very cold, especially at night. We are also collecting non-perishable food. For example, pasta, spaghetti etc. Please send any appropriate items to your child's classroom by Friday, 14th June.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Sam, Daniel, Elizabeth and Julian
Social Justice Leaders 2019



LUNCH TIME CLUBS

Lunchtime Clubs have commenced this week at St. Damian's. Lunchtime Clubs gives students across all year levels the opportunity to engage and participate in different activities that they enjoy and are passionate about. Outside play areas are unstructured and unpredictable places where children can sometimes struggle to follow and join in the numerous social interactions that take place. Lunchtime Clubs offer an alternative to outside play. Taking part in the club offers many benefits including: making new friends, gaining self confidence, relieving anxiety and allowing students to share their interests, gifts and talents with others.

Lunchtime Clubs will run in Term 2 and 3. The Clubs are offered on Tuesday only. Some of the activities include Library time, Board Games, Drama and Mindfulness Colouring.



Below is an article by Georgina Manning about the benefits of teaching students to be problem solvers. Children face a variety of problems every day. Problems ranging from academic difficulties, peer issues, problems on the sports fields and difficulty completing a task can benefit from a problem solving process. When children learn problem-solving skills they gain confidence in their ability to make good decisions for themselves. When children lack problem-solving skills they may avoid doing anything to try and resolve the issue.

Tania Micomonaco - Student Wellbeing Leader

TEACHING KIDS TO BE PROBLEM SOLVERS

One important area that is vital to help children become more resilient is to help them become 'problem solvers'. If children can solve their own problems their confidence grows as they realise that they are able to cope with anything that comes their way. If children don't get the opportunity to solve their own problems, they can form a belief that they are not capable of coping with struggles. Once children solve a problem independently they remember this for the rest of their lives and take this learning to new and more difficult situations. Below is a list of suggestions to help your child solve problems.

How can we develop problem solving skills in our children? If your child is faced with a problem, sort through possibilities together by asking questions.

- Ask "what could you do?" "What would happen if you did this?..."
- Let them try out possibilities on their own first – give them the chance to try out their solutions even if you know they may not work!
- Treat difficulties as though you are both trying to solve it together.
- Discuss situations together by using reflective listening ("it sounds as though you had a tough day today")
- Let children discover life through trial and error – this is vital to develop resilience!
- Let children make lots of MISTAKES! We don't want to protect children from difficult emotions as they need to cope with them at some stage of their lives.
- Step back when mistakes are made. (Only step in if you have to!)
- Give children chances to develop independence by allowing them to make small decisions and larger ones as they grow.



Woolworths Earn & Learn 2019

From Wednesday May 1 to Tuesday June 25 or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or for your convenience there are boxes labelled '**St Damian's**' in each of the following Woolworths stores; Polaris, Bundoora Square and Greensborough.

At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for ICT, Science, Maths, English, and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and more. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Jenny Rubira and the SRC (Student Representative Council)

Incursion Reflection: STEM

On the 8th April the year 5 students attended an incursion held in the hall which was presented by AKORN Educational Services.

During this incursion we did a number of activities. In one of the activities a sticker was placed on our forehead and it was either blue, red or yellow, we did not what color the sticker on our forehead was. Blue represented people avoiding you, red represented being popular and being taken selfies with, and yellow represented being normal.

We then walked around the hall, and according to the color on everyone's forehead, we treated them so. If you had a blue dot we would avoid you, if you had a red dot we would talk to you and take pretend selfies with you, and if you had a yellow dot you just said hello. This taught us how excluded people feel.

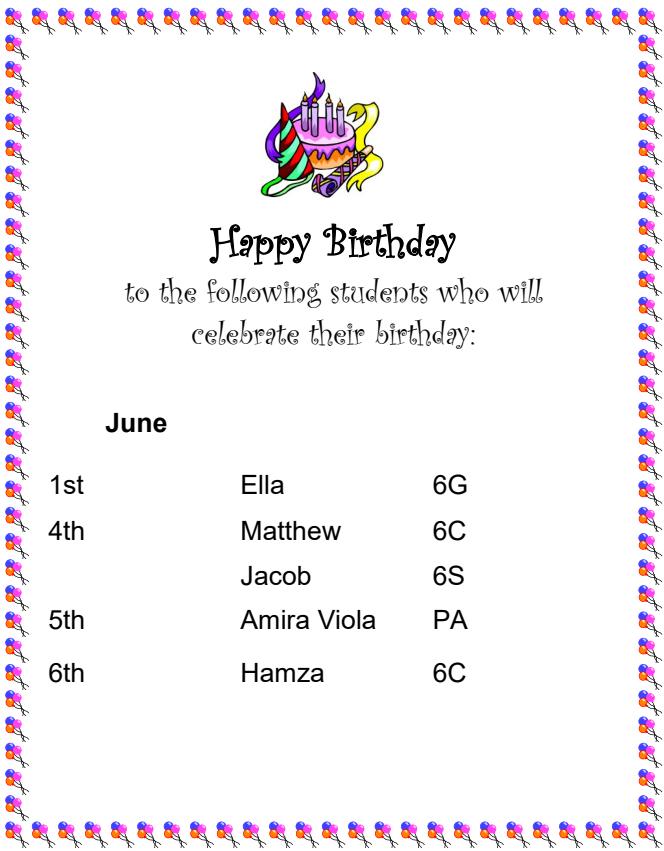
The next activity we made a shelter and my group, Lucas, Jamie, Gia and I did a slanted roof the reason behind it was because snow could fall off the roof easily. Other people did the same thing but in different shapes and sizes. We all had good ideas. Especially the wide and the length.

Another activity was inventing something for people with a disability, like the vision impairment and people in wheelchairs. My group invented a robotic arm that connects to your brain so that you can feel and touch, because when you lose your arm you lose that sense of feeling.

A great day was had by all.

Angelina D—5B.





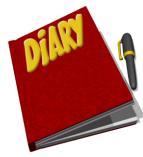
Happy Birthday

to the following students who will celebrate their birthday:

June

1st	Ella	6G
4th	Matthew	6C
	Jacob	6S
5th	Amira Viola	PA
6th	Hamza	6C

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



TERM 2

May		
Friday	31st	Whole School Assembly 3DW
June		
Sunday	2nd	Parish & School Family Mass 10.00am
Monday	10th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday	14th	Whole School Assembly Prep M
Saturday	15th	Sacrament of Reconciliation Presentation Mass 5.30pm
Sunday	16th	Sacrament of Reconciliation Presentation Mass 10.00am
Wednesday	26th	Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.00pm
Friday	28th	Whole School Assembly 3S
Friday	28th	End of Term - 3.15pm

TERM 3

July		
Wednesday	17th	Learning Conversations 8.30 am - 8.00 pm



ST DAMIAN'S PARISH NEWS

St Damian's will be holding a Biggest Morning Tea to support and raise funds for cancer.

Thursday 13th June from 10.00am to 12pm in the Parish/School Hall. Gold coin donation. We look forward to seeing many parishioner at this important fundraiser.

If you would like to donate a cake, slices, etc please bring by 10.00am on the day.
Enquiries: call Lina 9467 2797



PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be moving to the Briglia Room from Wednesday 5th June. To prepare for the move the Parish Office will be closed from Friday 31st May to Tuesday 4th June. Reopening in the Briglia Room on Wednesday 5th June. Until the 31st May the Parish Office will remain in its current location.

PIANO FOR SALE

The parish is selling a piano which is situated in the Briglia Room. If you are interested in purchasing the piano please contact the Parish Office.

HOUSE/OFFICE ITEMS FOR SALE

The Parish Office and House will be selling items such as old furniture, fittings, kitchenware, kitchen appliance, etc. This Sale will be on Saturday 22nd June from 9.00am to 2.00pm.

PLENTY ROAD ENTRANCE/EXIT

As of the 1st July cars and pedestrians will not be able to drive or walk down the hill from Plenty Road entrance. This will be fenced off during construction. All traffic coming to and from the Parish and School must be through Settlement Road. We apologise for the inconvenience however as the Parish Office/House is a construction site the safety of Parishioners and School families is paramount.

Any queries regarding any of the above information please contact Lina Parisot at the Parish Office on 94672797 or Bundoora@cam.org.au.

JOIN THE 2019

ST DAMIAN'S READING

CHALLENGE

Friday 28 June – Friday 16 August

Prep - Year 2

30 books

Picture story books,
take home story books
from school, local
library or home

Year 3 - 6

12 books

Short novels or non-
fiction text from school,
local library or home

Look out for more
information in the school
newsletter!



Explore unlimited possibilities.

Book a tour and visit our Eltham campus
to discover the CLC advantage

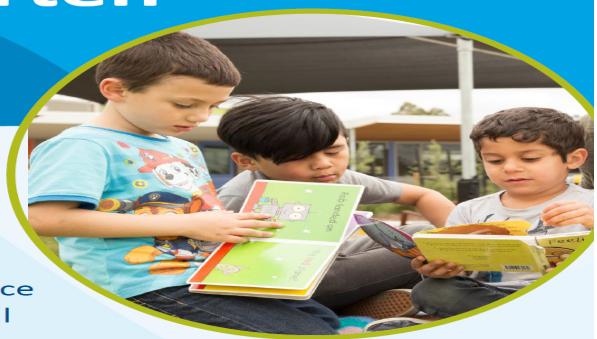
www.clc.vic.edu.au

Have you applied for 4 year old kindergarten in 2020?

**Is your child turning 4 years of age
before 30 April 2020?**

Apply by Sunday 30 June 2019 to be considered in the first round of placement offers for attendance in 2020. Applications submitted after this date will be accepted and processed at a later date.

If your child currently attends a 3 year old kindergarten program, they do not automatically receive a place for 4 year old kindergarten.



Application forms available from:

- Council's website: www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au
- Kindergartens
- Maternal and Child Health Centres
- Whittlesea Community Connections at Pacific Epping
- City of Whittlesea Council Offices:
- 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang
- Westfield: Shop MM9, 1st Floor, 415 McDonalds Rd, Mill Park

For more information contact the City of Whittlesea:

Phone: 9217 2170 **Email:** keo@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

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TTY: 133 677 (ask for 03 9217 2170)
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Second Hand School Uniforms

We have some second hand
uniforms for
purchase.
Get winter uniform NOW!

We are open on
Wednesdays during Term 2
from 8.50am to 10am.

**School Banking volunteers
are needed on Tuesday's.
Contact the Office for more
information .**

Transition to Secondary School forum

Monday 24 June
9.30am-3.30pm
Melbourne CBD
\$49

Preparing autistic students,
their families and teachers
for a smooth transition into
secondary school.

*Covering:
What is a good transition?
Communication between home and school
Preparing for the transition
Developing a transition plan
Strategies to support student independence*



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