



St. Damian's Newsletter

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



Congratulations 2020 FIRE Carriers



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Enrolment for Foundation Year (Prep) 2021

Enrolments are now open for Prep next year. If you have a child starting school next year, could you please collect an enrolment form and lodge at the office as soon as possible. Thanking you.

School Education Board

A huge thank you to the parents who have nominated for the Board. As there were only single nominations, each of these parents is now officially on the Board. We thank Sally McGregor (Prep) Joanne Stingas (Year 2) Lucia Apicella (Year 5) and Vicki Gargaro (Year 6) for nominating and welcome each of you to the Education Board for 2020. There is still a Year 3 vacancy that needs to be filled for any parent of a Year 3 student.

The first meeting of the Education Board will be next Tuesday evening March 17th at 7.30pm.

Sports Day

This Friday is our whole school sports day. During the course of the day, the students will be participating in various activities representing their house colour. Many trials and try-outs have happened over the week and the students are all ready for the big day. I thank Mr Watson for all the work and co-ordination of the day and the Sports Captains who have supported this day. I also thank all in our community for volunteering or simply coming to enjoy the day. I'm sure it will be a fun day for all.

School Photos

Our school photos will be taken next Thursday 19th March. Students are expected to be in full summer uniform. For those students who are having their P.E. lesson on this day, please bring your runners to school to change into for the lesson. Hair accessories are to be in school colours please. Thank you.

Open Days:

Open Day Tours will be available next week on Tuesday (11.30 – 1.30) Wednesday (9.00 – 11.00) and Thursday evening (5.00pm – 6.30pm). Our student school leaders always look forward to being tour guides during this time. Mrs Rubira has worked with our leaders to help them prepare for the tours. Hopefully, much interest in our school will be shown during this time.

Tic Toc APP

It has come to my attention that some of our students are using this social media APP. This in itself is worrying as most of these APPS are restricted for users who are 13+. However, my concern is not so much with the APP, as this is a parent responsibility, but with the fact that some of our students are wearing our school uniform when posting on the APP. In wearing our uniform, students are representing our school and being ambassadors of our school community. As a school, we do not want to be associated with social media APPS such as these. If parents are permitting their children to use and post on social media, we expect that the children will not be wearing the school uniform. Thank you for your co-operation.

Coronavirus/Overseas Holidays

As COVID 19 is spreading around the world, families taking holidays overseas may need to rethink plans. Any family returning from a country where coronavirus has been reported will be required to self-isolate for the fourteen (14) day incubation period before returning to school. I'm sure everyone understands the importance of maintaining a safe school environment.

Their Care – OHSC program

We have had our new before and after school care provider working with us for almost a term and I would be most interested in receiving some feedback from our families. If families who use this service could find 5 minutes to fill in the form which the children will receive at the service, I would be most appreciative. Thank you.

FoSD (formerly P&F)

The FoSD will be meeting this Friday, March 13 at 9.00am in the hall foyer. All very welcome.

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father, as we enter another week of our Lenten journey, Help us to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment.

Amen.

*Have a great week,
Rosanna*



St. Damian's Primary School

March 12th 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

Our first priority at St Damian's School is the health and safety of our school community.

We are being provided the latest advice from the Australian and Victorian Chief Medical Officers by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd to ensure that our school practices are helping to keep our school community safe from the outbreak.

Any incidents that arise will be addressed in accordance with our Critical Incident and Emergency Management Plan. We will also have access to resources and support from Catholic Education Melbourne and the Department of Health and Human Services.

As parents, you have a critical role in helping the school manage this situation:

- Exercise good judgment by keeping children home if they are feeling unwell for any reason.
- Talk to children about the situation, as they may be feeling anxious or stressed. You have a key role in helping student feel prepared and safe.
- Encourage children to be proactive and committed to their schoolwork, and to stay connected with the school and their teachers.

The Department of Health and Human Services has a number of resources on its website, which explain the virus, detail risk-reduction practices and behaviours, and answer frequently asked questions. These are available at www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

You can also find information about Catholic education's response at <http://www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents>.

This is an evolving situation, but we will keep you updated as things change.

I ask that you continue to work closely with us and to contact me should you have any concerns.

Thank you for your support as we work together to keep our students safe.

Rosanna Piccolo.
Principal.

Faith News

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Later this term, our Year Three students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Wednesday, 25th March at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please join us at one of the Parish Masses this weekend as the Reconciliation candidates will be presented to the Parish Community. We are looking forward to celebrating as a Faith Community.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please pray for our Year Six students and their families as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, 3rd May**. In preparation for this special occasion, the Year Six students will be exploring the gifts and fruits of the Spirit and reflecting on why we are called to renew our baptismal vows at Confirmation. As with all investigations into our faith, the students will explore Scripture stories and Church teachings. The students will also research a particular Saint whom they aspire to live like. We encourage students and parents to discuss the significance of the chosen Saint together.

Please note that **Friday, 13th March** is the closing date for ordering Sacrament of Confirmation sashes through the School. Sponsor information forms are also due back to school by **Friday, 13th March**. If your child is still deciding on a Saint, please simply fill in all the other information and leave that section blank. The Saint's name can be filled in at school when your child is ready.

A photographer has been booked so if your family wishes to order ceremony photographs, please fill in the order form which will be sent out by Strike-a-Pose photography in the coming weeks.

Solemnity of Saint Patrick (c. 415 – c. 493) – 18th March

Saint Patrick's humility and courage guided his life and he became instrumental in winning most of Ireland for Christ. Prior to the fifth century, Ireland's background was predominantly pagan. After being consecrated as a bishop at the age of forty-three, Saint Patrick continued in his lifelong desire to proclaim the Good News. He ordained many priests, divided Ireland into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ.

What distinguishes Saint Patrick is the durability of his efforts. When we consider the state of Ireland when he began his mission work, the vast extent of his labours (most of Ireland) and how the seeds he planted continued to grow and flourish, we can only admire the kind of man Saint Patrick must have been. The holiness of a person is known only by the fruits of his or her work. May we, too, be called into action and commit ourselves to building a fair and just society. May we lead our lives unselfishly and proclaim the Gospel by example.

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 19th March

Saint Joseph lived a life of choosing to trust in a God who understood everything perfectly, especially when nothing made sense. For example, when Mary told him that she was pregnant, the only sensible conclusion that he understood was that the father was another man. However, Saint Joseph's trust in God overrode his sensibilities. He was open to be corrected when his assumptions were wrong.

Saint Joseph lived a practical faith, continually seeking God's will, choosing to follow his guidance even when it didn't make logical sense. It carried him through the difficult journey to Bethlehem and the search for a room when Mary went into labour. It saved the family when Herod sent soldiers to kill the baby. It kept them safe in Egypt until the time was right to return home. It helped him and his wife cope with losing their twelve year old in the crowded city of Jerusalem.

May we follow Saint Joseph's example and remember that we can trust God in everything. Even the most confusing, or the most worrisome, or the most catastrophic events are not fearsome when we realise that God is trustworthy.

Mary-Ann Wright
Religious Education Leader

Wellbeing NEWS

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS AND RESTORATIVE PRACTICES WITH DAVID VINEGRAD

All staff had the opportunity to be part of 2 professional learning workshops with David Vinegrad. David Vinegrad is a well-known presenter with extensive experience in the area of behaviour management both nationally and internationally. He has highly developed skills as a facilitator, trainer, and presenter and is widely recognised as an international expert on restorative justice and behaviour management. He has played a major role in the introduction of restorative practice into schools in Australia and internationally.

As a staff we focused on the generic term 'Positive Behaviour School' and we looked at '10 Key Strategies to Promote Positive Behaviours'.

All staff reviewed our Restorative Practice model and the focus which it has on building and repairing relationships.

HARMONY DAY

On Monday 23rd March, St. Damian's will be highlighting Harmony Week, by having a Harmony Day. On this day children can wear matching or odd socks as a symbol of the fact that we are all the same, despite our cultural differences. A note will be sent home explaining the day in detail.

Kind Regards,
Tania Micomonaco
Student Wellbeing Leader

FIRE Carrier Commissioning

On Friday the 6th of March, we commissioned four new Year Five Students and three teachers as FIRE Carriers (Friends Igniting Reconciliation in Education).

Our school community assembled in our hall for this special ceremony. We welcomed Mr Colin Brooks our local member of Parliament. Mr Brooks is a great supporter of our FIRE Carrier initiative and he spoke about the importance of the work that St Damian's carries out in promoting Reconciliation through our many initiatives.

We would like to congratulate the following students who were commissioned by the Year Six FIRE carrier leaders Savannah, Megan, Alyssa and Ava.

We also congratulate our three teachers Mrs Bruce, Mr Watson, and Mrs Milana, who have stepped forward to support the FIRE Carrier initiative at St Damian's school. We thank them for their passionate support.



ST. DAMIAN'S - HARMONY DAY

Monday 23rd March, 2020

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

The message of Harmony Week is everyone belongs. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. At St. Damian's we are acknowledging Harmony Week by having a Harmony Day.

For this day we are asking students to come to school in the colours of their cultural flag and wearing CRAZY COLOURFUL SOCKS - matching or odd!!

We hope you can join us for an exciting whole school assembly as we celebrate the diversity within our school. We are very keen to hear from either parents or grandparents who would like to share their migration story with the whole school during assembly. If you are interested, please email Tania Micomonaco.tmicomonaco@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au

The day's activities will run as follows.

9:15am Whole School Assembly (This will include a parade/slideshow)

10:15am Class Activity What is the purpose of Harmony Day? Linked to the 3 values of the day Inclusiveness, Respect, Belonging

11:00am-11:30am RECESS

11:30am-1:30pm Level Rotational Activities

Preps - 3 rotations

1/2s - 5 rotations

3/4s - 4 rotations

5/6s - 4 rotations

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE: A dance component, flag making, sport, multicultural games (eg:tombola/bocce)

1:30pm-2:30pm LUNCH

2:30pm- 3:00pm REFLECTION

3:15pm Students dismissed

Tania Micomonaco

STUDENT NEWS

Annabelle in 3T competed at a State Taekwondo Competition on Sunday the 8th of March 2020. She received a Gold medal for winning first place! We are very proud of her and wish her the best in her future competitions.



St Damian's Parent's Association News

Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea Friday March 27

All orders must be received by Friday March 20



Casual Clothes Day Friday March 27

A gold coin donation will be collected on the day.
All proceeds will be donated to Caritas Christi.

Second Hand School Uniforms

We provide a service for parents by selling second hand /good condition uniform. If you are wanting to donate please do so with good condition uniform, with no holes, mended stitching or faded emblems.

Come in and grab a bargain!

Open Term 1 - Mondays and Wednesdays. 8.45 am to 10.00 am

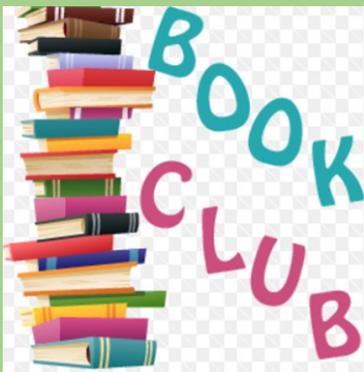
If you are unable to attend but require uniform please email:

Stdpfcommittee@gmail.com

Please indicate child's name and class.

MEETING

This Friday 13th March at 9am, Parents Association are holding their meeting in the Hall Foyer. Everyone is welcome to join us.



Book Club LOOP

The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!



Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!





Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!



All orders need to be placed by Friday 6th March 2020
No late orders will be accepted

For Help: Clemndeb1@gmail.com

REMINDER: THERE WILL BE NO PAPER ORDERS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE EMAIL ABOVE IF ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

Happy Birthday to the
following students who will
celebrate their birthday



March

13th	Jade	1/2S
	Craige	3T
15th	Felix	1/2S
	Laura	1/2C
17th	James	6G
	Kyle	1/2C
18th	Alexander	1/2MZ
	Valentina	4M
19th	Chiara	PA
	Sera	1/2B
	Olivia	5L

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



TERM 1

March

Friday 13th	St Damian's Sport Day
Thursday 19th	School Photos
Monday 23rd	Harmony Day—Whole School Assembly 11.30am—1.30pm
Wednesday 25th	Year 3 Reconciliation Ceremony 7pm
Friday 27th	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm End of Term 1

TERM 2

April

Tuesday 14th	First Day of Term 2
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TERM 4

October

Tuesday 6th	Whole School Production Rehearsal at Loyola College
Tuesday 13th	CAST A Production at Loyola College
Wednesday 14th	CAST B Production at Loyola College

School Photo Day 2020 – St. Damian's Primary School / Bundoora

Annual school photos will be taken on **19 March, 2020** when sibling photos will also be taken by request.

IMPORTANT - To ensure a sibling photo is taken on photo day, please complete your request online before midday on the day before photo day.

Visit arphotos.typeform.com/to/HX6TtA

Enter the name and class of the eldest child to be in the photo

Enter the names of all other children to be included in the photo

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school for photos before photo day however if you do not have internet access you may contact the school for an order form. School photo ordering details will be issued closer to photo day.



JAZZ·HIP HOP·BALLET·LYRICAL·TAP·TROUPE·ACRO·SINGING

ALL AGES - *Toddlers – Adults*

****2020 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN****

Visit www.dancestreet.com.au for timetable

RACHEL DUNNE FUGA (D.F.T.A) – Principal

Former Australian Champion

30 years of teaching expertise

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St Damian's Bundoora - Term 1 - March

Welcome to TheirCare! We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our team! Included in our team is Niwi, Cat, Joanne and Krizel. We are all very excited to meet and get to know you all!

We hope you look forward to all the exciting things happening at TheirCare, such as newly setup play areas, beautiful arrangements and display, delicious menus and cooking programmes.

At our service, we are all a one big family away from home!!

Next week we will be promoting harmony day. Please bring a photo of your family celebrating a cultural activity. We will learn a lot about inclusiveness and acceptance next week.

We will create a cultural wall and a behaviour guidance plan for us to feel welcomed and safe. Moreover, to do lots of craft, yoga, planting, creating a rest area and cupcake baking!

So far at our service, our highlights have been sharing ideas of the fun we can create, playing numerous games, learning self-control and hygiene practices and creating our own behaviour management plan, cooking, group games such as poison ball and musical statues.

I am so proud to say that some of our children were helping our very cute preppies as their buddies!!

This term it is all about feeling **sense of belonging** and having a **sense of identity**...

Our team



Niwi



Cat



Joanne



Krizel



Week	TERM 1 highlights of the planned activities
1	All about us activities
2	Together let's decorate and arrange our play areas
3	Getting ready for emergencies!! Emergency evacuation, lockdown and medical emergencies
4+5	Art and craft and let us celebrate the valentine's day!! An annual celebration of love and care for our loved once Let's make some valentine's day cards
6	Making "mind Jars" and Sensory Toys for our Rest Area Making slime and glitter bottles
7	Mend our mind and make Origami
8	Behaviour Guidance Plan and Personal hygiene session with Corona virus awareness
9	Celebrating Harmony Day !! Making a cultural wall



Our weekly menu follows Nutrition Australia's guidelines and is created with the children and parents.

All cultural needs are considered, and any dietary requirements are to be discussed with program coordinator.

Before school care meals include a selection of cereals, wholemeal bread, fruit and milk. Some days We offer pancakes and toasties. After school care meals include fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, sandwiches, wraps, dips, crackers, fried rice, pasta and soups.



<p>Learning experiences A range of experiences to enhance each child's learning and development</p>	<p>Children interests Children interests based on the needs, interest according to their developmental age and ideas.</p>	<p>Cooking Experiences to promote healthy eating, culture and to share recipes! Yummy!!</p>
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