



# St. Damian's Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope all the mums and mother-figures had a lovely Mothers' Day last Sunday. It was a very different way of celebrating for many grandparents as zoom gatherings happened across the Nation. However it was celebrated in your home, I hope it was a most enjoyable day.

We all welcomed the news from the Premier, Daniel Andrews on Tuesday morning announcing that schools would resume from May 26<sup>th</sup>. Although the start will be staggered with only Preps – Year 2 commencing on this date and then Years 3-6 commencing on June 9<sup>th</sup>, we were very excited to know that finally we will be returning to some semblance of normality. We are currently working out the logistics of how the return to school will progress and ensure that all necessary precautions are taken so that everyone in the community is safe. Once the students return to school, the online learning will cease, and again the students will be able to interact with their peers and teachers in a school-based learning environment. It is also great to have some of the restrictions eased to facilitate opportunities for extended families to once again be together. These restrictions have brought to light for all of us the importance of family and of being connected. I look forward to the day when all restrictions are lifted and we can resume enjoying life's simple pleasures. In the meantime, measured and considered steps are being taken, for which we are all most grateful.

### Throw it to You Thursday

I hope that all our families have had a good day today and found time to relax and just be together without the pressures of school work. Our onsite students were also treated to a fun day. We are very grateful to and thank those staff who volunteered their time and came online to conduct games and activities to break up the day for the children. In the afternoon, they were treated to a movie and popcorn in the Library. It was a very welcome change of pace for the children and gave them a mid-term break as well. These children have been at school the whole term and needed to just stop and catch their breath as did staff who used the time to plan for the rest of the remote learning time and also begin to plan for the resumption of onsite learning. We thank our hard working staff for all they do for our students and we also hope all families enjoyed their day.

### Health Care Card Holders

Any family with a Health Care Card is entitled to receive a subsidy used for camps, excursions and curriculum expenses. This is usually \$125 per child at school. However, in order for this subsidy to be claimed a CSEF form must be filled in and signed by the card holder. We remind all families with the relevant card to please ensure that all CSEF forms are submitted prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> to qualify for the funds. Unfortunately we are not able to submit retrospectively.

### Year 6 Bomber Jackets

The Year 6 jackets have arrived and are in the school office waiting to be collected. Parents please call the office to arrange a time to pick it up. I know that the Year 6's will be eager to receive their jacket.

### St Damian's School Facebook Page

St Damian's School has a new Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, please check it out and give us some feedback.

### Father Vincent's Gospel Reflection – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends,

Last weekend on Mother's Day we celebrated the wonderful gift of motherhood. We acknowledge with gratitude all mothers who reveal the beauty of life, the power of love, the value of care and the strength of communion in all of what they do for their children. It is the never ending work of nourishing, providing, protecting and guiding them. Mothers are the ones who always hold the family together in the joys and sorrows, difficulties and challenges of life. The children certainly experience those motherly qualities during these days of self-isolation at homes to keep away from the coronavirus infection.

Who would have ever imagined that a tiny but powerful virus could completely take over the world and result in the deaths of so many? The far and wide spread of the Covid-19 virus carrying with it such a destruction power makes us more aware of how vulnerable we are and what is necessarily needed to stop the transmission of the virus: good hygiene maintaining and social distancing. The crisis makes us physically staying apart but spiritually connecting more closely together. It brings out what is the best in us for who we are as families and communities. We need a true love and a practical care for one another now more than ever.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from Jesus' "Last Supper Discourse". It gives us the picture of the ongoing love and care of Jesus to his disciples after his return to God the Father. In preparing for the day when He would no longer be physically

present with His disciples, Jesus promises to give them the Holy Spirit as their Advocate, Helper and Guide to protect them and care for them and keep them safe through the challenges and adversities of life.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also know that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (Jn 14:20). Indeed love binds us together and love makes us want the best for our loved ones.

We soon will conclude the Easter Season with the Celebration of Pentecost. This great Feast reminds us that the Holy Spirit being sent by Jesus into the world is the Giver of life - the abundant life which comes from God and which sustains and binds us in unity and peace. With the Holy Spirit as our Advocate, Provider, Helper and Guide we are empowered to live fully in wisdom and goodness the way of love and truth that Jesus taught.

Fr Vincent Le PP

**Enrolment for Foundation Year (Prep) 2021 & Tours**

Enrolments for Prep 2021 are now open. We are getting a trickle of interested parents coming through the school on tours. Hopefully this will pick up as we approach the cut-off date for enrolments. Offers are usually made in early June. Parents who have children starting school next year, please ensure that your enrolment forms have been lodged. These can be found online on our website, or alternatively picked up from the school

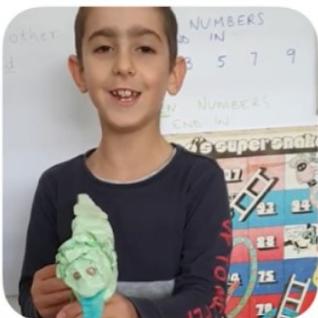
*Keep safe and have a good week everyone.*

*Rosanna*



Performing Arts Puppets!

These are some of the many amazing puppets the children in Year Prep - Two made in their performing arts lesson last week for Miss Lorkin. We breathed into them and helped them come to life and go on an adventure at home. Well done everyone, there were sooo many innovative ideas!



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# Maths at home

Dear Families,

The Australian Maths Trust Competition will be held on the 30th of July. It is open to all students in Years 3-6. It gives students the opportunity to demonstrate their maths and problem solving skills. Any student in Years 3-6 who is interested needs to let their class teacher know so we can register them.

For practice questions go to [https://competitions.amt.edu.au/index.php?action=user\\_competitions](https://competitions.amt.edu.au/index.php?action=user_competitions). If you would like further information please contact me on [carmen.bruce@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au](mailto:carmen.bruce@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au)

Kind regards,

**Carmen Bruce—Maths Leader.**

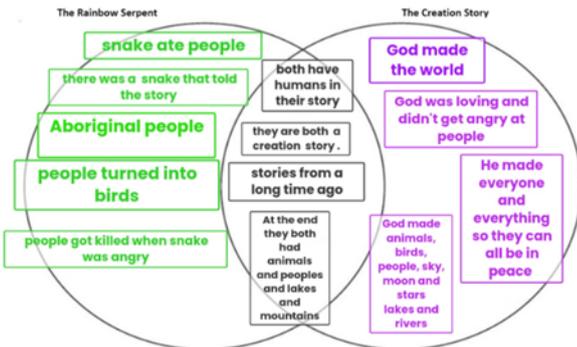
## Faith News

### Online Mass

Each weekend, Father Vincent is celebrating Mass online. Weekly Mass can be accessed via the St Damian's Catholic Parish Bundoora website, Live Streaming link at <https://stdamiansbundoora.cam.org.au/index.php/live-streaming>. Mass can be also be accessed directly via the St Damian's Parish Bundoora YouTube page or via the St Damian's Parish Bundoora Facebook page. All are welcome to join in the celebration.

**Mary-Ann Wright**  
Religious Education Leader

In **Year 3**, we have been doing lots of amazing work. Here you can see Handwriting, a Venn Diagram comparing two Creation stories, a Procedural text to build a Lego dragon and Number Line addition and subtraction.



a)  $\square + 20 = 43$

The box  $\square$  has moved OH NO!! Don't worry it's still exactly the same (2+3 is the same as 3+2 isn't it). Work it out like you have been doing.

### How to build lego

- lego box (including pieces, bag, book)
- quiet environment
- enough time
- yourself or you can ask a helper

**STEP1** open lego box and take out bag number 1

**STEP2** follow the steps in the book to build

**STEP3** complete the first bag than complete other bags



Prep M—Home Learning

Dear God.

Thank you for the nurses  
and doctors.

Amen



A drawing of a nurse with blonde hair and a red cross on her head, wearing a blue dress, and a doctor with red hair wearing a green coat. They are surrounded by several purple and blue hearts.

Irina C

LOOK at my toys.  
LOOK at my bed.  
LOOK at my book.  
LOOK at my friends.  
LOOK at my family.  
LOOK at my teacher.



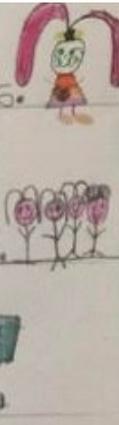
A collection of drawings including a book, a pair of pants, a person, a chair, and a group of people.

Elsie C

On the weekend I played dress ups.

On the weekend I went for a walk.

On the weekend I watched TV.



Small drawings of a person in a costume, a bunch of flowers, and a television set.

Joanna B

I love my mum.  
She cooks for me.  
She plays with me.  
She kisses me and loves me.



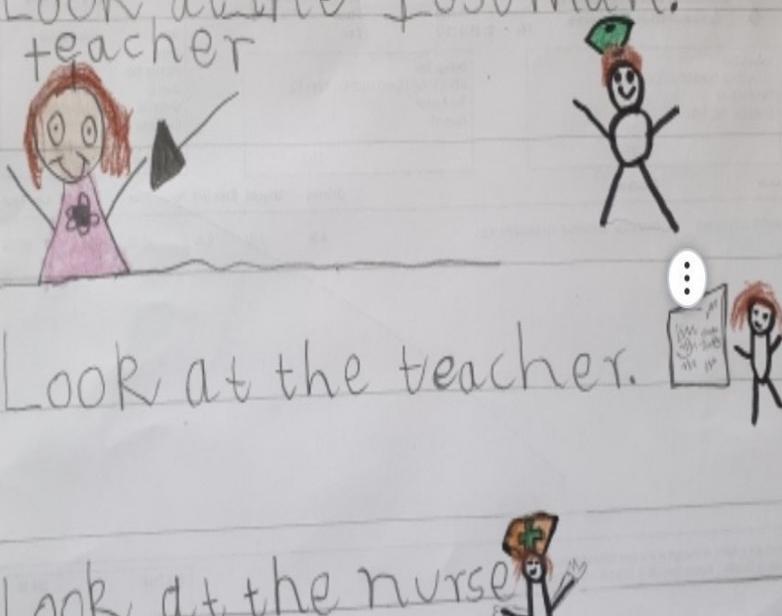
A drawing of a mother and a young girl holding hands, standing inside a large pink heart. The mother is wearing a blue dress and the girl is wearing a pink dress.

Tiffany W

Look at the Postman,  
teacher

Look at the teacher.

Look at the nurse



Drawings of a girl in a pink dress, a postman with a red hat, a teacher holding a book, and a nurse.

Vincent W

## Year 1/2 Learning

fun LEGO facts

- The plural of Lego is Legos.
- Legos comes from the Danish word leg godt means "play well".
- Legos is 83 years old. It began in 1932 in Billund, Denmark and was founded by Ole Kirk Christensen.
- The company is 83 years old. The interlocking lego block were manufactured from 1949.
- There are actually enough lego bricks to stack from the earth to the moon ten times.
- Seven lego sets are sold every second.
- In 2012 15.7 billion lego bricks were produced.



Lilly had 26 lolly pops but Ava ate 11 of the lolly pops. Now Lilly only has 15 lolly pops left.

$26 - 11 = 15$   
 $26 - 15 = 11$   
 $11 + 15 = 26$   
 $15 + 11 = 26$

26 - 11

I have 36 peas in my bowl.  
I ate 20 peas.  
there is 16 left

$36 - 20 = 16$   
 $36 - 16 = 20$   
 $20 + 16 = 36$   
 $16 + 20 = 36$

36 - 20

## Hand washing tips



## YEAR 5 SNAPSHOTS

### Mystical Magic



Walking through the mystical woods my lantern twinkles in the bit of light, reflecting off the moon. My dress sways in the midnight breeze giving me chills. I wonder to myself if this was a bad idea to wonder off but I'm already deep in the mysterious forest. Holding the cold steel lantern a shiver runs up my spine as I hear a crunch, luckily it was just a leaf. 'Whoosh!' The wind is howling and I start to get goose bumps and panic.

The stars are shining in the moonlight as I look up. An aroma of flowers suddenly fills the air making me sneeze. The tall trees hover over me blocking the moonlight as I continue to walk nervously.

As I keep walking through the top of the trees sway back and forth almost like a dance. The short grass tickles my feet through my sandals as I walk past. I hear crickets in the distance and the crunching of leaves as I stroll past.

The smell of flowers starts to wear off as I get further and further away from where I came from. All of a sudden I hear something behind me.

### Francesca 5L

### Ghost Town

I can feel the cool air brush against my face and my fingers and toes tingle due to the icy temperature. I can see the brown crunchy leaves that have fallen off the trees lying on the grey cold ground. Everywhere I look there are more and more homeless people lying on the ground. As I walk past them, my heart sinks like an anchor, because they are shivering and are as pale as a ghost.

Since Covid-19 started, Flinders Street Station has looked like a complete ghost town. To my surprise, the environment is clean and there is no pollution! I look around and there's no one insight. This is not the City I know. I wonder what the world will look like after Covid-19.



### Ava 5S

#### Writing Prompt Provided:

Snip..snip...snip...the scissors began to tear the countryside apart. Towns, fields, rivers and oceans. Forests, valleys, mountains and lakes. The world began to unravel, piece by piece, strand by strand. This was to be a new beginning. What would this world look like?

#### Writing based on the prompt:

The cyclist rapidly pedalled to get away from the roaring scissors, his terrified body shivering, on this cold misty morning. The ground viciously shook, sending the poor old cyclist off his cheap small bike, onto a collision course straight into a humongous red truck. SCRRRRREEEEEEEEEECH, the truck came to a grinding halt, the large bearded burly trucker stepped out of his truck asking the cyclist if he wanted a ride, the cyclist jumped in the truck relieved, thanking the trucker. At that moment, the trucker noticed the road tearing apart behind him, all of a sudden they were speeding into the distance. No matter how far they went the scissors were always on their tail. All of a sudden, they ran out of gas, they thought it was the end, the car disappeared and they started floating up above the clouds into a blank white infinity. Right then, the white turned blue. They were dropping down, passing the clouds, on their way to the ground. When they landed on the ground, they were fine, standing on a new, green, lavish world.

### Julian 5C



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nsw

# 10 STEPS FOR FAMILY WELLBEING

- 1** Establish a daily schedule and routine
- 2** Allocate several breaks throughout each day – either staggered or together
- 3** Dedicate time to talk and be present together as a family
- 4** Find daily opportunities to connect, take notice, be active, keep learning and give
- 5** Keep a check on your child's mental health and wellbeing
- 6** Encourage screen breaks and time offline
- 7** Speak to family, friends and teachers for support
- 8** Prioritise physical activity, sleep and healthy eating
- 9** Access reputable wellbeing support e.g. Beyond Blue, Head to Health or Kids Helpline
- 10** Focus on gratitude at the end of each day

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**I cannot believe that we are already in our fifth week of the Term 2!**

**We missed the attendance of many children this term due to the COVID 19 pandemic situation. We have been adhering to all of the social distancing and good hygiene practices to stop spreading the sickness. Children who have been attending our service so far in term 2 have been able to enjoy many fun and educational activities. Our educators have also provided children with scaffolding learning for their homework.**

**We are now, more than ever ready to take on new challenges. To support our school community, not only by looking after your children, but also by providing your children with a great educational and fun program.**

**We are so excited to announce that we finally have our own holiday program !! yippee...!!**

**Hats-off to the parents for requesting our very own holiday program and a big thank you to Mrs. Rosanna Piccolo for her support and making necessary arrangements for our Holiday Program to get started!**

**The following page contains the upcoming Holliday Program poster. Please don't forget to make the bookings for your child, for these holidays.**

**Please note: Pupil Free Day Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020. We are running a pupil free day from 7:00 am to 6:30 pm.**

# St Damian's Parents and Friends News

On behalf of all parents at St Damians, we wish to thank our teachers and staff. Not only have they gone above and beyond our expectations, they have remained patient with our children. It cannot be easy to navigate technology while delivering instructions and answering countless queries. We truly appreciate all your efforts. We are grateful our children have been looked after by such an amazing united team of teachers.

The children cannot wait to see your faces on their return to school. They miss you, they are craving your invaluable instructions face to face. We are sure they will have a little bit more of an appreciation for their teachers this year.

Us parents cannot wait to see you too, when we can, for the friendly banter and reassuring chats. Thanks to you all.

Parents and Friends Association 2020



## Share your memories of McLeans Road Kindergarten

We are building a new two-room kindergarten at the current McLeans Road Kindergarten location. The new facility will open in January 2022.

Before we say farewell to the existing building, current and former students, families, educators, staff and the local community are invited to share their memories of McLeans Road Kindergarten. If you have any photos, newsletters, newspaper articles or other gems that showcase the history of the kindergarten since it opened in 1977, we would love to see them. Submissions will form part of a memory board and one or more of the materials will be on display at the new facility.

Email your submission to  
[kinderplanning@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:kinderplanning@whittlesea.vic.gov.au) by 19 June.  
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