



St. Damian's Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Dear Parents and Families

This Sunday begins the second week of Advent. On the **second Sunday of Advent**, the **second** purple candle called the "Bethlehem Candle," is lit. This candle represents love and symbolizes Christ's manger. May this coming week be filled with much hope and love and remind us that God's love is always present in our lives.

Prep Orientation Sessions

The fourth and final prep orientation session will be held next Thursday 10th November between 9.30am and 10.30am. The children will finally have the opportunity to meet their classmates as the whole class joins together for the first time. The children will also meet their teacher for next year. It has been a challenging year for everyone, but we have all managed in the end. Unfortunately the presentations from Leadership were not able to be delivered in person, but we have put these on our website for families to view at their convenience. The presentations can be found under the Enrolment tab, choose Leadership Presentations from the drop down box.

Confirmation

Please note there was an error in last week's newsletter. We wish to advise that Confirmation will be celebrated with the Rite only on Sunday 13th December at **2.00pm** in the Church. We apologise for the confusion and inconvenience.

End of Year Events

The Year 6 Graduation will be held on Monday 14th December at 7.00pm on the oval. We ask that all in attendance please bring a chair. This will be the last day of Primary School for Year 6's.

The **final day for Year Prep-Year 5** is Tuesday 15th December at the usual finishing time of 3.15pm.

School Reports

The end of year reports will be sent home with the students on Friday 11th 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 2021

We have made an adjustment to the orientation schedule due to staffing issues. The students will now meet their new class and teacher for next year on **Wednesday, December 9th and then again on Thursday 10th**. We believe it is important for students to make positive connections in preparation for the new year and these sessions will support them in this. All students have been placed in the best learning setting possible for them for next year. We therefore ask that class placements be discussed in a positive manner with the children.

Staff News

Due to movement of staff, we have not finalised staffing for 2021 as we are still in the process of employing. I hope to be able to announce class teachers next week.

It is with much sadness that I advise that we will be losing the following staff at the end of the year; **Mr Michael Caruana** (6C) is taking up a full time teaching position at a brand new school in Werribee. **Mrs Laura Maguire** (3BM) is returning to her previous school; **Mrs Michele Klooger** (Math Leader) is concluding her contract and resuming her University position at Monash; **Mrs Tania Micomonaco** (1/2MZ & Wellbeing Leader) is taking up a teaching position at St Mary's; **Mrs Louise Zannino** (1/2MZ) is also taking up a part time teaching position at St Mary's; **Mrs Jan Tivisini** (4WT) is also taking up a full time position at St Mary's; **Mrs Marg O'Connor** (Learning Diversity Leader) is taking extended Long Service Leave and then retiring from teaching; **Mrs Maree Foley-Smith** (Literacy Leader P-2) is also taking extended Long Service Leave and finally **Mrs Glenda Fletcher** (Bursar) who is currently on Long Service Leave is retiring after many years at St Damian's.

We thank each of these members of staff for the hard work and dedication shown to our school community over their time here. We wish them all much happiness and success next year as they embark on their new adventures

Father Vincent's Gospel Reflection - 2nd Sunday of Advent— 6 December, 2020

Dear Friends,

We have begun our Advent journey towards Christmas. Advent is a time of preparing and praying for our spiritual growth in

waiting for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Jesus comes into our human world to be with us, save us and lead us to eternal life. In the Gospel of St John, Jesus tells Nicodemus: *'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world but so that through Him the world may be saved.'* (Jn 3,16-17) If Advent calls us to wait in preparation for Christmas, then we can imagine how much more God is waiting and hoping for each of us to accept him and to be with him, during this grace filled season of Advent?

The Gospel Reading for this 2nd Sunday of Advent is taken from the beginning of St Mark's Gospel in which we find John the Baptist who appeared in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and took locusts and wild honey as food. We are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us. People flocked to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness. They also come to him to be baptized. It is clear that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another one who is greater than him to come.

In his message John the Baptist clearly contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers of good works and services to the one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to join us as disciples of Jesus.

Fr Vincent Le PP

Have a good week everyone and keep safe and well

Rosanna



Sacrament of Confirmation 2020

Please pray for our Year 6 Students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday 13th December** at **2:00pm**.

The Season of Advent

As we continue our celebration of the Season of Advent, this Sunday we light the second of the Advent candles. We are reminded of the way John the Baptist called people to prepare the way for Jesus, and we light this candle as a sign that we, too, are praying and preparing our hearts to welcome Jesus anew this Christmas.

Giving Tree and Christmas Hampers

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 limitations, St. Vincent de Paul Society will not be collecting gifts or non-perishable food items this year. Given the circumstances, St Damian's will not be hosting a Giving Tree and will not be gathering supplies for Christmas Hampers.

However, if you still wish to make a donation, please feel free to send retail vouchers to the School with your child and we will forward them to the Society on your behalf. The closing date for donations is Friday, 4th December.

Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary – 8th December

Immaculate Conception is the belief that "the most Blessed Virgin Mary was from the first moment of her conception by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and in view of the merits of Christ Jesus the Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin..." (Pope Pius IX, Ineffabilis Deus). The angel Gabriel salutes Mary as "full of grace." To become the mother of our Saviour, Mary was enriched, by God, with many gifts in order to assume her important role. Her prompt "yes" to the divine message is a model of faith for us all. Mary believed God's promises even when they seemed impossible. She was full of grace because she trusted that what God said was true and would be fulfilled. She was willing and eager to do God's will, even when it seemed difficult. Like Mary, may we believe that with God, nothing is impossible. May we continue to have faith that God also gifts us with a transforming grace within our lives and waits for us to also respond with willingness and heart-felt trust.

Mary-Ann Wright
Religious Education Leader

Sacraments 2021

Please find below the Sacrament dates for 2021. These dates will be published again in early 2021. However, you might like to add any relevant dates to your Diary as reference.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2021

Sacramental Evening (parents only)	Wednesday 24 th February 7:30pm
Confirmation Parent/Child Evening	Thursday 22 nd April 7:00pm
Presentation Masses	Sat/Sun 24 th /25 th April 5.30pm/10.00am
Confirmation Mass	Sunday 2 nd May 2:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 2021

Sacramental Evening (parents only)	Wednesday 24 th February 7:30pm
Presentation Masses	Sat/Sun 17 th /18 th July 5:30pm/10:00am
Reconciliation Ceremonies	Wednesday 4 th August (Year 3) Thursday 5 th August (Year 2) (Times to be confirmed)

Sacrament of Eucharist 2021

Sacramental Evening (parents only)	Wednesday 24 th February 7:30pm
Presentation Masses	Saturday 9 th October 5:30pm Sunday 10 th October 8:00am/10:00am
Eucharist Parent/Child Evening	Thursday 14 th October 7:00pm
Eucharist Masses	Saturday 16 th October 5:30pm (Year 5) Sunday 17 th October 10:00am (Year 5) Saturday 23 rd October 5:30pm (Year 4) Sunday 24 th October 10:00am (Year 4)



December		
4th	Ceejay	6C
5th	Joseph	5S
	Angeline	6C
	Jenny	PM
	Farah	1/2B
	Grace	PM
7th	Julian	5S
	Angelina	6C
9th	Aarchi	6C
10th	Chiara	6C
	Cady	PM

St Damian's Parents and Friends

School Banking 2021



The Commonwealth bank school banking program is run by volunteers from our school community. We currently have 3 parents who have committed to assisting with school banking in 2021, however we need more helpers. If you have a couple of hours to assist with school banking each Tuesday morning during the school term, we need you! No prior experience is required. You will be trained and supported by parents who are familiar with the process. All that is required is a current Working with Children's Check.

If you are available or would like to learn more about school banking, please contact Donna on 0408 051 696.

More information on School banking here: <https://www.commbank.com.au/banking/school-banking>

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Due to Covid Restrictions, Second Hand Uniform shop has been closed. We will be available for the school community by "appointment only" on **Friday mornings** between 9am and 10am until restrictions ease.

Please email stdpfcommittee@gmail.com for price list and appointment.



JAZZ-HIP HOP-BALLET-LYRICAL-TAP-TROUPE-ACRO-MUSICAL THEATRE-SINGING
ALL AGES - *Toddlers – Adults*

****2021 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

0432 949 499

2020 School Fees are Now Due

Please finalise your school fees .

If you have any queries regarding your 2020 school fees please contact the school office.

Thank you



WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE & BOOKING

Due to the risk of infection and for the health and safety of all people.

The Church can only have a limited number of parishioners at each mass & we are still required to have all names and contact details for anyone attending Mass.

We ask if you would like to attend weekend mass on
 Either : Saturday Vigil at 5.30pm or Sunday Mass at 8 am or 10 am you MUST book each week.
<https://www.trybooking.com/BNEGR>

OR

If you don't have access to Trybooking you
 can phone the Parish Office to book during
 Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 10am to 3pm &
 Fri 10am to 1pm on 9467- 2797

St Damian's Parish - Bundoora COVID Safe Instructions (Implementation of Archdiocese of Melbourne's guidelines and Victorian Government's rules)

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE

Due to the risk of infection and for the health and safety of all people,
 Please follow these instructions:

ON ARRIVAL

Everyone must wear a facial mask on arrival.

Hands must be sanitised before any activity begins.

Personal contact details to be provided, checked and/or recorded on the attendance list (for tracing in case of infection).

WHILE IN THE CHURCH

Facial mask must be continually wearing on during the Mass.

Social distancing (1.5 meters apart) is required while sitting and moving & while walking up for communion.

Taking one of 4 designated spots on every second pew.

Receiving the Holy Communion by hands only (not by tongue). Sanitising your both hands with sanitisers available at the ends of the first pew before approaching to the priest or to the Special Ministers.

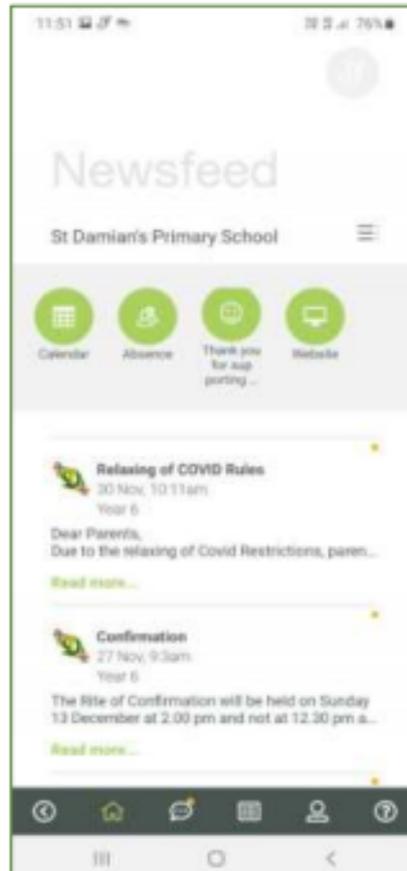
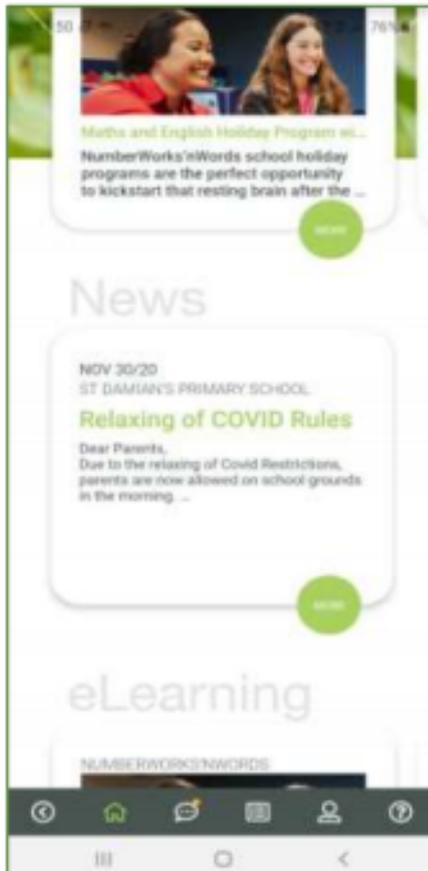
Priest and special ministers must sanitise their both hands before and after giving out of Communion.

All envelopes or donations can now be placed in the Barrel in the Church. This can be done on your return from communion or when you are entering or exiting the Church.

AFTER MASS

Hygienic cleaning of your seat to be taken after Mass.

Sanitising your hands before leaving. moving out of the church by the side doors / or the front door.



Recording an absence through the Flexischools App

Download the Flexischools App via the Apple Store or Google Play and follow the set up prompts.

To advise of an absence, click on the green 'more' (shown above)



button under the News tab

In the 'newsfeed' tab, you will see the Absence tab that will allow you to fill out an absence form that will be emailed directly to your child's teacher.





Term 4 Newsletter, Dec 2020

Service Coordinator/ Educator: Niwi

Second in charge: Michael

We are one but we are many – Cultural Week

We are nearing the end of the year 2020! Our TheirCare team, warmly greeted you all for Term 4 and I must say we were thrilled to have you back. We remain to be healthy and safe during this COVID – 19 virus pandemics by following necessary hygiene masseurs and cleaning practices. This term we did lot of passive and active activities like using Circus equipment's, Halloween, Book week, STEAM activities, Claymation, Sustainability, diversity,



This term we put a lot of emphasis on promoting multiculturalism making collaborative partnerships with our lovely families and the school Community. We planned activities to promote diversity and had many discussions to discuss ways to live harmoniously in our multicultural society. Throughout this term, being culturally competent was emphasised in all our daily activities and practices.

We celebrated Diwali few weeks ago with the help of our lovely parents. Especial thanks to Keerath's mum Isha, Gurshaans mum Manjot Garcha, Adi and Aniket's mum Mumta Rao for bringing cultural food, creating rangoli display, doing henna art on our children hands. All the kids enjoyed these activities including educators.





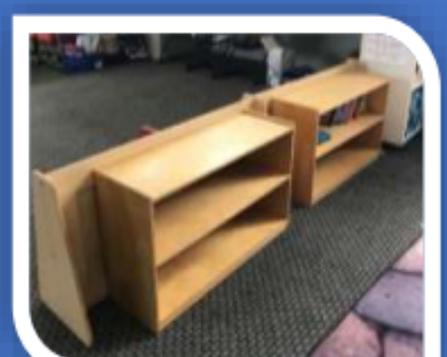
Term 4 Newsletter, Dec 2020

Big thank you to following parents on their donations and assistance on make our service looking remarkable and for helping us to serve our lovely kids better.

Lucas Canil's mum Toni Canil for gifting us Christmas lights and a popcorn machine.

Daniela Zinni for giving us a beautiful kitchen set, book racks and mini plant stand / box from the McLean's Road Kindergarten.

Danielle wilam for transporting them to our service all the way from the McLean's Road Kindergarten 😊



REMINDERS TO FAMILIES

- Please remember to cancel bookings should you no longer require using the service, by your booking portal or text messaging on 0477 731 175
- **Holiday Program Bookings Now Open! Pleas book in your child/ children in.**
- We also have all day programs / Pupil free Days on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 21st December so feel free to book your child in.
- No Hats mean No Play Outdoors, so please remember to bring your hat and water bottle to our service.





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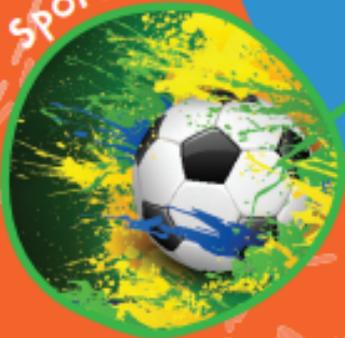
Globe Trotting



World Dance!



A Taste of France



Sports!



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