



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

Sacramental Evening for Parents

Last week we held our Sacramental evening for parents of those students receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation this year. The facilitator Rev Fr Elio spoke of the importance and interconnectedness of each Sacrament to our everyday life. He spoke about how each one of us is called to come closer to God through the Sacraments. We thank the parents and teachers for their attendance and hope they found the evening informative. I also thank Mrs Wright, our REL, for organizing and co-ordinating the evening for us. I hope that all in attendance were able to take something away that will enhance their dialogue with the students.

School Assembly

Our Assembly was held this afternoon so that the FIRE Carrier leaders for 2021 could be officially appointed to this important role within our school. In the past the local member for Bundoora Mr. Colin Brooks usually attended this ceremony, unfortunately this year he was not able to be with us. We congratulate our new FIRE Carrier leaders and look forward to marking many special events throughout the year as we continue our journey of Reconciliation.

Sports Day

Next Friday the 12th is our whole school sports day. Our students will be participating in various activities representing their house colour. We hope that all the students enjoy a fun day and support their house to the best of their abilities.

Open Days

Our Open Days this year will be held in March. Tours will be available on **Monday 15th March, 9.30 – 10.30am, Tuesday 16th March, 11.30am – 12.30pm and Thursday 18th March, 6.00pm—6.30pm**. Tours may also be organized by appointment outside of these times for families not able to attend on the official Open Days.

Enrolment for Foundation Year (Prep) 2022 for current families

We are now taking enrolments 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. If you know of families wanting to enrol at St Damian's please let them know we are now taking enrolments

Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 17th March is a pupil free day to enable staff to familiarize themselves with the literacy resources **Students are not required at school on this day.**

School Education Board

We will hold our first meeting of the Education Board **next Tuesday March 9th** at 7.30pm in the school library. The current continuing members of the Board for 2021 are **Year 1:** Mrs Sally McGregor, **Year 3:** Mrs Joanne Stingas, **Year 5:** Mrs Jackie Licciardi, **Year 6:** Mrs Lucia Apicella, **P&F Rep:** Mrs Vivienne Pantaledis & **Staff Rep:** Mrs Julie Cannatelli.

We welcome Mrs Gillian McDonald as the **Prep** Representative. As we have had a number of parents offer themselves to represent Year 4 we will need to follow the voting process to appoint, which is a good outcome and I most sincerely thank each of the candidates. We are still without a Year 2 representative. If you have a child in Year 2, please consider joining the Board.

Lent prayer

Lord God, we pray that during this season of Lent we learn to be less selfish and self-centered. Help us to think of others, not just ourselves. Open our eyes to the needs of those around us, and help us to respond generously when we have the ability to meet a need. Amen.

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the **Hession** family on the passing of Merlina's father and grandfather to Angela (3/4T). We pray that God's love and mercy bring strength and hope during this difficult and sad time.



Have a great week everyone,

Rosanna

FAITH NEWS

Sacrament of Confirmation

Early in Term Two, our Year Six Students will be renewing their baptismal promises and professing their faith as they celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, 2nd May at 2:00pm**. We pray for them as they prepare to participate in the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost.

If your child is participating in the Sacrament, please ensure that completed **CONFIRMATION CARD DETAILS** are returned to the School promptly. If you wish your child to receive a Blessing at the Ceremony, please advise me in writing. Further details regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation will be sent home over the coming weeks.

Lent

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal. It is a time for Christians to consider how they live the Word of God and to renew this living. The Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are one way in which Christians embody the values of justice, compassion and generosity and the giving up of oneself.

Inspiration from Pope Francis

If we are witnesses of the Living Christ, many people will encounter Jesus in us, in our witness. But, we ask – and each one of us can ask ourselves – does the Lord feel at home in my life? Do we allow Him to ‘cleanse’ our hearts? Do I allow Him to cleanse all the behaviours that are against God, against our neighbour, and against ourselves?

Angelus Address, 8th March 2015

Lenten Reflection

The care that God lavishes upon us has no limits. Daily our bonds are loosened by the spectacular love of God. In our imaginings we can see ourselves acting in such a way for our best beloved, yet for God, every day, each one of us is the dearest favourite. As human love brings out the best in us, God’s love can transform and transfigure our human frailties so that “we may become what we eat”.

Jan Newell

Social Justice - Project Compassion

Throughout the Lenten Season, our School and Parish Community is reminded to pay attention to the care of others. We are invited to support a Caritas initiative, Project Compassion, to help others and ensure that we consider their wellbeing. Catholic Social Teaching directs our attention to the most vulnerable members of our society. Christ’s presence in today’s world is made known when we reach out in love to those in need.

This year’s theme for Project Compassion is ‘be more,’ referring to the words of El Salvadorian priest and martyr, Saint Oscar Romero, ‘Aspire not to have more, but to be more.’ This simple idea serves as a reminder of the actions people can take to ‘be more’ for our world, and help make a difference in the lives of others. It is a timely message, given that this year, owing to complications resulting from coronavirus, rates of extreme poverty are set to rise for the first time in twenty years.

Each class has a Project Compassion collection box and we are encouraging students to make donations, no matter how small, throughout Lent. A donation box is also located at the Main Office. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and Project Compassion will issue you with a receipt on completion of a donation form. Donation forms are available on each Project Compassion Box, many of which are located near the Office. Thank you for your ongoing support of this worthy cause.

Mary-Ann Wright

Religious Education Leader

School Photos 2021 – St. Damian’s Primary School

Annual school photos have been taken by Arthur Reed Photos.

To view the images of your child and order photos, you will need to first register online.

- Go to <https://order.arphotos.com.au> and enter the 2021 image code for your child (*from their personalized flyer*)
- Tap on ‘Add another child’ to enter the image codes of any siblings
- Fill in your email and mobile details and then review all details before confirming your registration

That’s it! When 2021 photos are ready, you will be notified by email and SMS.

To ensure you are ordering school photos for the current year, please wait for notifications that 2021 images are online before placing orders.

In the webshop you can view photos and customize your photo package; Choose ANY layout, ANY image and purchase multiple digital image downloads.

All photo orders will be sent directly to the address you provide when ordering.



What is Harmony Week?

It 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.

Harmony week is about **inclusiveness, respect and belonging** for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set core of Australian values. These values that we try to instil and maintain at St Damian's.

Harmony Day at St Damian's Primary School will be celebrated on Friday 19th March

On this day, students are invited to come dressed in clothing that reflects their cultural background. If they don't have cultural attire to wear they are invited to wear the colour orange.

HARMONY DAY

POSTER COMPETITION

2021 Theme: **Everyone Belongs**

Create an A4 or A3 drawing, painting or mixed media piece demonstrate in the school.

Remember to include the theme title 'Everyone Belongs' somewhere on your poster.

A winner for each year level will be announced during Harmony Week (15th – 21st March)

SPORTS

Congratulations to Ava C (Yr 6) on winning the Girls 12/13 year old 50m Breaststroke at the Division Championships last Tuesday. She swam brilliantly and now progresses through to the Northern Metropolitan Region Championships. Well done Ava.

Congratulations to the Girls 12/13 Year Medley Relay team (An N, Zoe B, Alexis B and Ava C - Yr6), the Girls 12/13 Year Freestyle Relay team (Anastasia K, Zoe B, Alexis B and Ava C - Yr6), the 9/10 Year Girls Freestyle Relay team (Andrea H, Tina H, Emmerson D and Mia A - Yr4) and to Andrea H (9/10 Year 50m Backstroke) who all competed at the division championships last Tuesday and represented the school with pride. They all swam well but missed out on placings in their races. A great effort to make it through to this stage of competition. Well done girls.



SRC (Student Representative Council) News

Dear parents and guardians,

This year we will be developing our vegetable garden and some of our year levels will be investigating how things grow as an inquiry unit. If you shop at Woolworths and are not planning to use the current promotion 'Discovery Garden Pots of Fun' we would appreciate any donations. If you are able to donate any 'Pots of Fun' could you please send them to school with your child/children? Our SRC members will collect and store the pots for use later this year.

We will keep you informed of our projects through the newsletter.

Thank you for your support
Mrs Rubira and the 2021 SRC



[Tuck Shop News](#)

[Tuck shop will be closed on Friday 12th March and Monday 15th March 2021](#)

St Damian's Parents and Friends



The Parent's Association are inviting all St Damian's community members to participate in our annual Baker's Delight Hot Cross Bun fundraiser on Thursday 25th March.

Each pack is \$8. Please bring back your order form and money by no later than Tuesday 9th March. Order form sent home soon.



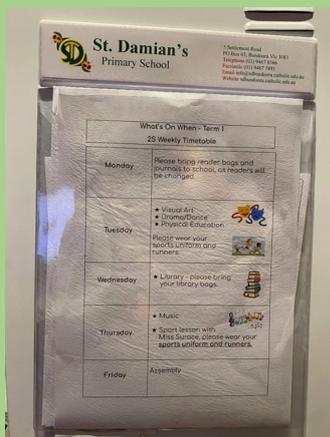
The St. Damian's Parent Association will be holding an Easter Raffle on Thursday 1st April.

Each classroom will be allocated an Easter prize to raffle. We are asking for donations of Easter eggs and/or Easter items (such as Easter colouring books & arts and crafts) for prizes.

Each student that donates towards the prize will receive **1 complimentary ticket** into the Easter Raffle. **Please clearly print your child's name and class on the donation bag to receive the complimentary Raffle ticket.**

Easter Raffle donations are due no later than **Thursday 25th March.**

Raffle tickets cost \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Raffle tickets will be sent home with students. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 1st April 2021.



Fridge Magnet Sleeves

Parents Association are selling clever **Fridge Magnet Sleeves** for families to buy for \$8 each or two for \$15. Please support us this year. Order forms are available at office.

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 8.45am and 9.45am until restrictions ease.

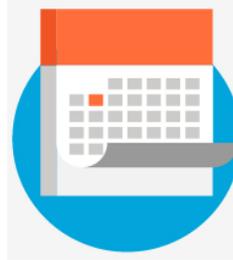
Please email stdpfcommittee@gmail.com for appointment. Cash Only.

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday



March

5th	Ilina	1C
6th	Sam	Prep M
8th	Jacob	2S
	Austin	Prep G
	Vincent	1M
	Ipsita	5B
	Declan	3/4M
	Abby	3/4W
9th	Megan	6C
11th	Joseph	Prep M



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 1

March

Monday 8th	Labour Day Holiday
Friday 12th	St Damian's Sports Day
Wednesday 17th	Student Free Day
Monday 29th	Confirmation Reflection Day—Year 6

April

Thursday 1st	End of Term 1
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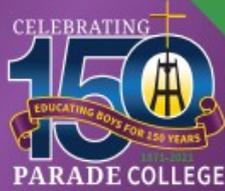
Term 2

April

Monday 19th	First Day of Term 2
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OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 21 MARCH

COVID DELAYED



10am - 2pm Preston Campus 8 Clifton Grove
10am - 2pm Bundoora Campus 1436 Plenty Rd

Come and help us celebrate 150 years of educating well-rounded young men.

- Talk to our Principal and all our staff
- Watch the awesome Science Show
- Pick up an information pack with a special gift for your son
- Listen to our College bands
- Enjoy our free BBQ and café
- Listen to the Principal's address at 10.30, 11.30 & 1.00.

Register www.parade.vic.edu.au ■ p. 9468 3300 ■ registrar@parade.vic.edu.au



Year 7 2023 Enrolments Now Open ■ Limited places available in other year levels

E-waste Collection

Take your E-waste to a better place!



To make recycling e-waste easy, we will be hosting an e-waste recycling skip from **Friday 19 February - Friday 12 March.**

E-waste refers to any household appliance with a battery or cord. When the skip arrives, you can put any small household electrical items with a cord or battery into it, such as: televisions, computers, laptops, tablets, printers, faxes, scanners, copiers, keyboards, speakers, monitors, gaming consoles, modems, set top boxes, routers, server, vacuum cleaners, toasters, hair dryers, hi-fi equipment, video and DVD players, electronic toys and other household electronic appliances.

✓ **What WILL be accepted:**

Any small household electrical or electronic items with a cord or battery, for example: computers, televisions, vacuum cleaners, printers, toasters, hair dryers, video and DVD players, hi-fi equipment, stereo equipment, digital cameras and video cameras.

✗ **What will NOT be accepted:**

Any whitegoods (refrigerators, freezers, dish washers, washing machines, clothes dryers and microwaves) and solar panels. To dispose of whitegoods book a free collection by calling Kids Off The Kerb on 9982 5600.



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Now Taking Foundation 2022 Enrolments

Open Day School Tours

Monday 15th March 9.30am—10.30am

Tuesday 16th March 11.30am—12.30pm

Thursday 18th March—6.00pm—7.00pm

(no appointments necessary)

预备班 2022 – 现在开始接收报名。



Alternate tours available by appointment

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