



St. Damian's Newsletter

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GOODBYE

Written by Amaya Year 4

I watched as my brother walked off to war as my vision slowly went blurry from my eyes filling with tears. "I don't want him to go" I said to myself thinking of how this could be the last time I see him. I wiped my tears away and watched as he slowly walked out of sight. I felt a hand on my shoulder and looked up to see my dad and my mum right beside me. I hugged them "I don't want him to go!" I cried as I started to sob uncontrollably.

I looked back out to see that my brother was gone. My eyes were red and started to sting. There were so many thoughts going through my head, I didn't know what to do.



The St Damian's School Community acknowledges that we come together on the ancestral lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Confirmation & Presentation Masses

This coming Sunday afternoon, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Curtin. The Confirmation Candidates have been preparing for this special occasion with the support of their teachers and families. We thank everyone who has helped the students during this important time and ask our community to please pray for these children as they complete the Sacraments of Initiation and continue on their Faith Journey.

Year 5 & 6 Camp

Yesterday afternoon three very tired teachers, two exhausted parents and some very weary students returned from their camp experience at Flinders. I am sure everyone welcomed the opportunity to sleep in their own beds on Wednesday night. A huge thankyou to Mrs Marotta, Mrs Tan, Mr Bossini, Mr Ribera and Mr Grey for their care of the students during this time.

Next Monday, the Year 6 students will be heading off for their camp experience at Flinders. We wish them all a safe and exciting time whilst on camp and look forward to their return on the following Wednesday afternoon.

Parents' Association Meeting

The next meeting of the P.A. is this Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the hall. Many things will be discussed and organized for this term. We always welcome everyone to these meetings so come and join us.

Education Board

The next meeting of the Education Board is scheduled for Tuesday 4th May at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Assembly

This Friday afternoon we will hold the first assembly for this term. Students in Year 1C and 5M will present some of their learning and their work to the school community. As of term 2, the new School Operational Guide states that schools are able to invite parents to come into the school, therefore I am pleased to invite parents of these year levels to attend our assembly on Friday. If attending, parents and visitors must maintain social distancing and sign in with their name and a contact number for purposes of tracing should there be a positive case. I thank everyone for your understanding and support.

Mothers' Day Stall

Next Thursday the PA is holding a stall for our students to purchase a small gift for their mums. The students will have an opportunity to attend with their class and browse and buy something special for their mum. If there are parents who are able to volunteer some time to help with the stall it would be most appreciated.

Classroom Helpers

We are pleased to inform our community that we are able to recommence our classroom helpers program once again. Parents are warmly welcomed into our classrooms once again to support the students in literacy, numeracy or other ways. Just a reminder that all parents MUST hold a current **Working With Children Check** prior to volunteering in the school. Classroom teachers will let families know when they can resume volunteering in the classroom. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Safety Reminder and Carpark

Please remember that our school front gates are closed daily between 8.30am and 8.45am in the morning and 3.15pm and 3.30pm in the afternoon while students are on the premises and moving around the grounds. Parents are reminded that the front carpark area is not a drop off zone. We ask that all respect our school rules and use Joseph Street for this purpose. Also, I have noticed a growing number of students being dropped off and left at school before 8.30am. This is not a safe practice as staff are not responsible for students prior to 8.30am when duty begins.

Parents needing to bring students to school early should be using the Before School Service which operates from 7.00am. As St Damian's is situated on a very busy street, it is not advisable to leave children unattended. Parents should not assume that staff will be looking after them. Our work hours regarding Duty of Care of students are from 8.30am till 3.30pm every school day.

Building Project

Great news! We are getting closer to our start date. Last Friday I attended a meeting with the architects and members of the Planning Committee of MACS to open the tender proposals received. We were most pleased with the outcome. There were six tenders and all came in under budget, which is very welcome news as this allows us a larger contingency budget. As we know, things may go wrong with a build and unexpected costs always pop up.

The cost estimates leave us in a very comfortable position in going forward with the project. We are very blessed to work with amazing architects who have managed the whole process professionally and competently. At this stage, the school will

be taking out a loan for \$1.45 million, which is manageable and affordable for us over the repayment loan period.

Condolences

We offer our sincerest sympathies to the Hassannejadasi Family on the passing of their mother and grandmother (Nikan PC) in Iran. Our thoughts are with the family during this sad and difficult time. We pray that God's mercy and love bring them all comfort.

PRAYER

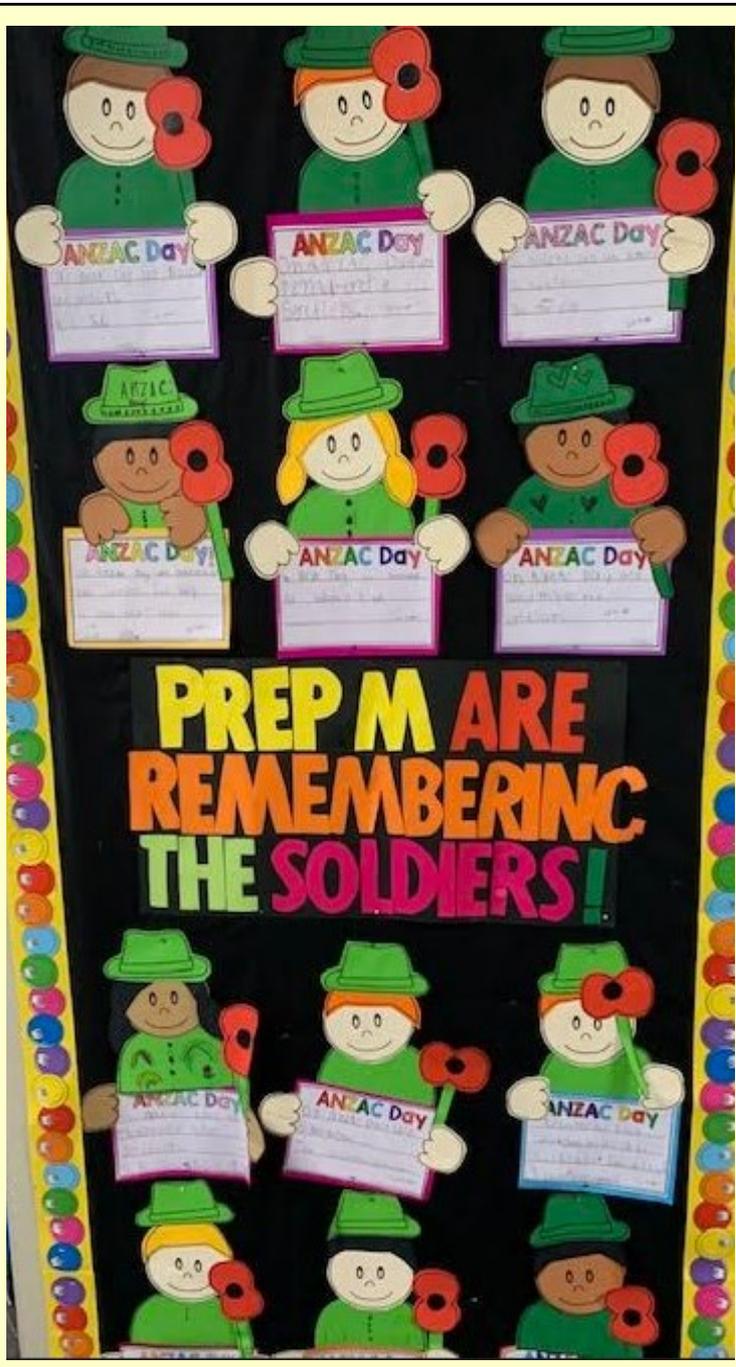
Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.

(Prayer of St Theresa of Avila)



Happy Orthodox Easter to all our families, we hope Sunday is a very special day for you spent in the company of family and friends.

*Have a great week everyone,
Rosanna*



ST DAMIAN'S PARISH

Booking Mass for the Weekend

Must be booked via Trybooking

Saturday Vigil: at 5.30pm

Sunday Mass: 8.00am & 10.00am are to be booked under the heading Masses for 2021 and then please select the day and time you wish to attend.

If you are unable to book via Trybooking please phone the Parish Office on 9467-2797.

If you miss out booking please come to the church and you can register in the Church Foyer.

Trybooking Link: www.trybooking.com/BNRPS

Piety Shop for Confirmation Gifts

A wide selection of gifts suitable for confirmation is now available. There are also cards, bookmarks, rosaries and inspirational items in stock. The shop is open after all weekend Masses.

Please free to come in and browse.

WRITING AWARD

Year 4B for their heartfelt snapshots on the ANZACS

FAITH NEWS

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please continue to pray for our Year Six Students and their families as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this **Sunday at 2:00pm**.

Parish and School Family Masses

This term, all our Prep – Year Two teachers and students are collaborating to prepare a celebration of the Eucharist on **Saturday 15th May at 5:30pm**. 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.

Later during the term, our Year Three and Year Four Teachers and Students unite through their preparation of a liturgical celebration on **Saturday 19th June at 5:30pm**. All members of St Damian's Faith Community are welcome to attend. However, given current, government COVID restrictions, attendance at either of these Masses will need to be registered via try booking on: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNRPS>

Social Justice - Project Compassion

Thank you to each family on behalf of Caritas for your generosity in supporting Project Compassion throughout Lent. With the assistance of our enthusiastic Social Justice Leaders – Caleb, Megan and Emma – our School Community raised \$475.75. Our Social Justice Leaders inspire our community to act for others.

The core of faith is equated with the doing of justice....

The doing of justice is not the application of religious faith, but its substance.

Without it, God remains unknown....

John O'Donohue

Mary-Ann Wright

Religious Education Leader

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Last Thursday 22nd of April, the St Damian's Choir performed at Bundoora Extended Care for a special ANZAC Day celebration. They were a great hit yet again this year; with the soldiers, police, council representatives & nursing home staff & residents all showing their appreciation for the students amazing talent and effort! The students got spoiled with "the best" morning tea & goodie bags. We look forward to performing again next year.



St Damian's Parents Association



Mother's Day Stall

St Damian's Parents Association Mother's Day Fundraising Stall

Thursday 6th May

Items ranging from \$2 - \$10 - Please bring a bag to put your items in
Helpers needed - Working with children required - Forms at Office and sent out to home.

Mother's Day Raffle

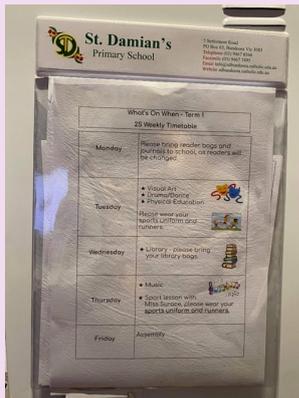
The St. Damian's Parent Association is holding a Mother's Day raffle.

There are 6 prizes available to be won!

COST: \$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00.

All tickets MUST be returned by **Tuesday 4th May**

Raffle drawn Thursday 6th May



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



May		
1st	Chloe	3/4T
2nd	Andrea	3/4W
	Tina	3/4W
3rd	Suhannie	2C
	Luca	5B
	Jingyang	2C
6th	Alyssa	2C
7th	Sebastian	1M
	Emilia	Prep G

BUY YOUR TICKETS AND SUPPORT ST DAMIAN'S

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

1 x NEW **SUZUKI BALENO** TO BE WON!!!

1st PRIZE SUZUKI BALENO



All New 2021 Suzuki Baleno Series II GL
valued @ \$22,390 Drive Away

- * 1.4ltr Auto
- * Reverse Camera
- * Touchscreen Display
- * Multimedia Sat Nav
- * Apple Car Play®
- * Cruise Control!

2nd Prize – Gift Cards to the value of \$5,000

3rd Prize – Gift Cards to the value of \$2,000

4th - 6th Prizes - Gift Cards to the value of \$1000 each

\$2.00 PER TICKET

RAFFLE DRAWN 5th June 2021

Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Permit No - 10110/21



Term 2 Newsletter, April 2021

Service Coordinator: Niwi Bambarandage

Second in charge: Michael Andino

Booking your child into the program in 3 simple steps.

1:

Create an account through www.theircare.com.au. Bookings and cancellations can be managed through your account.

2:

Provide CRN Centrelink details, any medical conditions and contact details.

3:

Select booking dates through your calendar. Casual bookings and regular bookings available. Bookings made within 48 hours / changes to bookings will occur a small fee.



Please welcome our new superstar Casuals!

Genevieve and Ronya

Any enquiries or emergencies please contact

Niwi—0477-731-175

Welcome Back Everyone!!

The St-Damian's PS—TheirCare team, wishes to warmly welcome back our children and families for Term 2, we continue to remain healthy and safe during this COVID—19 virus pandemic by spraying down our equipment and encouraging our parents to sanitise their hands before using the iPad. We want to welcome back Niwi from her health operation and thank Michael for stepping up as acting coordinator during her absence.

We have successfully completed our Autumn Holiday Program in April. During our Holiday Program our children were super excited to attend the movies and Bounce excursion.

Term 2 has seen a lot of new children attending BSC and ASC for the first time. In term 2 we will continue to focus on implementing strategies like transition music and visual aids to promote a more inclusive environment.

This week's program included making a banner to welcome everyone back for term 2. Most of the children participated in making a get well card for Niwi. On the other days we made some beautiful autumn coloured leaves. We also took opportunity of the sunny afternoons by playing footy in the oval and free play in the playground.

Michael Andino—Second in charge

Our Special Thanks to Yvonne's Mum, Marie for bringing us these beautiful pop-it's for our sensory



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
- Please note that we have a family arrival process due to COVID-19 virus, please ensure parents to sanitize their hands prior to sign-in their children near the entrance.
- Children aren't required to wear hats to play at the oval or playground for Term 2



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