



St. Damian's Newsletter

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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

COVID News

No doubt you will all be aware of the latest infection numbers and the hot spots identified in the media. Unfortunately, we seem to be very close to some of these areas, which is always a concern. As of yesterday we are now required to wear a mask when indoors. It is also a timely reminder that COVID is still with us and that we all need to be very vigilant to protect ourselves and our families against this insidious disease. We must insist that anyone who comes into the school **enters via the Office and signs in** so that we are compliant with Government requirements in case of the need to trace contacts. It goes without saying that anyone entering the school **MUST** wear a mask at all times and that you sanitize upon entering. We are required to ensure that we keep to the density limits so please be aware of this when entering the school. It is also timely to remind everyone that if students are unwell, they must not come to school until recovered. This will help to protect the whole community.

Tomorrow is a pupil free day, students are not required at school. Due to the lockdown taking effect from tonight, we will be working online as students return to remote learning. Only children of permitted workers are allowed at school for supervision. If parents are working from home, children must also work from home. Thank you for working with us.

Enrolment for Prep 2021

Could I please ask all our current families who have a young person starting school next year to please lodge your enrolment form **asap**. We have been inundated with enrolment applications and as we close enrolments at the end of this week and, we can only accept 75 Preps, we would be most disappointed to not have a place to offer your child.

Reconciliation Week 27th May- June 3rd.

As part of Reconciliation Week, some of our senior students usually attend the ceremonies at Whittlesea Council. Unfortunately, given the latest crisis, Whittlesea Council has informed us that these have been cancelled. However, all our students have been engaged in classroom work which this year, highlights the 20th anniversary of Reconciliation Australia. In order to bring about some form of reconciliation, we, as a Nation, need to recognise and acknowledge the injustices of the past and to move forward towards a more just and equitable Australia.

Learning Conversations

We have set aside **Wednesday 23rd June** for the Learning Conversations to occur. Students are not required at school on this day, however they are part of the conversations around learning and attend the interview with their parents. We will inform you when you can book in for these. At the moment we are going ahead with face to face meetings, should this change we will let you know as soon as we know.

PRAYER –

*God of all creation
You have given us this beautiful land we call Australia.
Rich in ancient culture and tradition,
Rich in landscape, plants and animal life;
Offering safety and opportunity.*

*Teach us to act with justice and compassion.
Help us recognise the richness of all cultures in this sacred land
And to be welcoming of all peoples.*

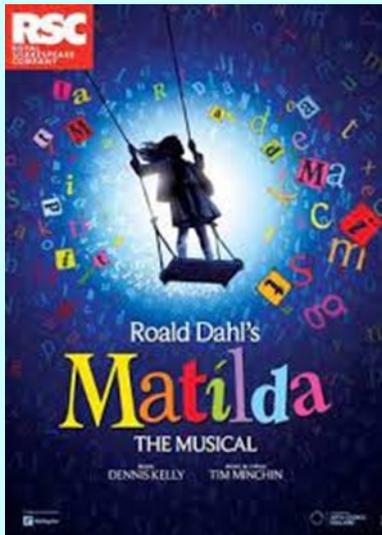
*God of all creation
Help us never to take for granted the many gifts you have given.
Give us open hearts and courage,
To walk in solidarity with our neighbours.*

Amen

Have a great week everyone,

Rosanna

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CAST MEMBERS!



Hi my name is Tracy, one of the Performing Arts leaders of 2021. CONGRATULATIONS to our new cast members for our school performance of Matilda! On the 3rd of May to the 4th of May, Ms Lorkin held auditions for the Matilda Main cast. We are now out with the results and are pleased to announce the cast!

Matilda - Alyssa, **Lavender** - Francesca, **Bruce** - Joshua, **Eric(a)** - Imogen, **Nigel(a)** - Mikayla, **Trunchbull** - An N, **Miss Honey** - Ava, **Mrs Wormwood** - Alana, **Mr Wormwood** - Rafeal, **Michael** - Sebastian, **Mrs Phelps** - Siena, **Rudolpho** - Leon, **Acrobat** - Emma **Escapologist** - Caleb, **Understudy** - Isabella

From the Art Room



Please ensure that your child has an art smock for use at school. We frequently work with paint, oil pastel and other products that may stain uniforms. It makes it very challenging for students to get creative when they are worrying about their school uniform.

Your child may use a smock, apron, old shirt or t-shirt. They will need to use a smock during art from Prep through to Year 6.

Thank You, Miss Beeby

FAITH NEWS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Early next term, our Year Three Students will be participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 4th August at 7:00pm in the Church. Our Year Two Students will also participate in the Sacrament on Thursday 5th August at 7:00pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Parish Presentation Masses

Please choose whichever Mass time suits your family best: Saturday 17th July at 5:30pm or Sunday 18th July at 10am. The children do not need to bring anything with them. They will be invited to stand on the altar after the Homily and everyone present will be invited to pray for them.

Parish and School Family Mass

This term, all 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 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.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – Sunday 30th May

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity.

We are not celebrating an esoteric doctrine from the past; we are celebrating One who is a dynamic relationship inviting us to be participants in this dynamism. Mary Coloe.

While much of Christian art depicts the relationship among the three persons as triangular, the Early Church Fathers encourage us to envision the dynamic love relationship of the Trinity in a circular fashion. The early Greek term, *perichoresis*, literally means *going around*, suggesting a dance like movement where each person interacts with the other. The point of this dance is love. The dance, an open circle, invites all onto the dance floor, drawing us into the midst of the energetic flow of divine love.

Saint Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, suggests some practice steps for the dance: rejoice, mend your ways, encourage one another, seek agreement and live in peace. In these ways, we help one another onto the dance floor, where we become one with the very Source of grace, love and communion.

Barbara Reid.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. 2 Corinthians 13:13.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal

In response to the St Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal, please feel free to send retail vouchers to the School with your child. St Damian's will forward them to the Society on your behalf. The closing date for your donations is Friday 18th June.

Mary-Ann Wright

Religious Education Leader

Social Justice News

As Social Justice Leaders, we ask St. Damian's School Community to help out with our **Warm up Winter Campaign**. As you may have seen/heard, the Warm up Winter Drive would like everyone to donate any old or new winter clothing, hats, scarves, socks, etc., that are appropriate to be sent to **St Vincent De Paul**. As we all know, winter is coming up and it will get very cold, especially at night. Please send any appropriate items to your child's classroom by **Friday 18th June**.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Caleb, Emma and Megan
Social Justice Leaders 2021

STUDENT WELLBEING

NEWS

Lunchtime Clubs

Lunchtime Clubs run for all students during the second playtime on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Students wanting to play quiet games are invited to the Aboriginal Garden at these times.

Our wonderful Student Wellbeing leaders have been diligently setting the activities up for students since the beginning on Term One - Thank you Asher, Imogen and Matthew

Wellbeing Group

Thank you to all of the families who expressed interest in the Wellbeing Group for students. We had an overwhelming response and are working towards including all referred students over the course of the year. You will be notified when your child is participating in the group.

Some of the current students participating in the group have been doing some work in the vegetable garden. The students have been learning skills in caring for plants while watching their hard work come to life. We look forward to sharing the progress of the vegetable garden with the school community over the coming weeks.



8 WAYS A CHILD'S ANXIETY SHOWS UP AS SOMETHING ELSE

- 1. Anger**
The perception of danger, stress or opposition is enough to trigger the fight or flight response leaving your child angry and without a way to communicate why.
- 2. Difficulty Sleeping**
In children, having difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep is one of the hallmark characteristics of anxiety.
- 3. Defiance**
Unable to communicate what is really going on, it is easy to interpret the child's defiance as a lack of discipline instead of an attempt to control a situation where they feel anxious and helpless.
- 4. Chandeliering**
Chandeliering is when a seemingly calm person suddenly flies off the handle for no reason. They have pushed hurt and anxiety so deep for so long that a seemingly innocent comment or event suddenly sends them straight through the chandelier.
- 5. Lack of Focus**
Children with anxiety are often so caught up in their own thoughts that they do not pay attention to what is going on around them.
- 6. Avoidance**
Children who are trying to avoid a particular person, place or task often end up experiencing more of whatever it is they are avoiding.
- 7. Negativity**
People with anxiety tend to experience negative thoughts at a much greater intensity than positive ones.
- 8. Overplanning**
Overplanning and defiance go hand in hand in their risk cover. Where anxiety can cause some children to try to take back control through defiant behavior, it can cause others to overplan for situations where planning is minimal or unnecessary.

FOCUS

Kids Helpline
kidshelpline.com.au
FREE CALL 1800 55 1800

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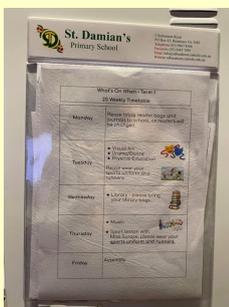


Congratulations to the St Damian's Cross Country team for their fine efforts in the Bundoora District Cross Country event held on Tuesday the 18th of May at Bundoora Park. They all did an excellent job, with every student in the team completing either the 2km or 3km course. We also had a number of students finish in the top 10, enabling them entry into the Whittlesea Division event which was held this Tuesday. They were: Siena and Sara from 6C, Alannah from 5M and Billy from 5B and Peter S from Year 3/4T. Thank you to the parent helpers who assisted on the day and travelled to and from Bundoora Park with the team on the tram.

For Years 4-6, we are now turning our attention to Athletics team trials. Some Year 3 boys will also have the opportunity to trial as we don't have enough boys in Year 4 to fill the team. Students are asked to bring their runners to school in their bags on the days they don't have sport as I will be running trials during recess and lunchtime and occasionally some class time.



St Damian's Parents and Friends



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 Winter Uniforms available

Second Hand Uniform shop is open by appointment only on **FRIDAY** morning between 8.45am and 9.45am. In the few next weeks, we are moving to the HALL during school redevelopment.

Please email stdpfcommittee@gmail.com for appointment. Cash only sales.

No Parking

Parents are reminded that the area where teachers park and the shed area is not a drop off or pick up area. This is a dangerous practice as children use this as a walkway. Drop off or pick up is not permitted here. Thank you for understanding



Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday



May		
24th	Isabel	5B
25th	Lara	Prep M
26th	Alessio	Prep M
27th	Jake	Prep M
	Aljur	6C

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.



Term 2 May	
June	
Friday 4th	Prep Excursion—Melbourne Zoo
Tuesday 12st	The Long Walk—Year 6 Students and Fire Carriers
Friday 11th	Assembly presented by 1S—2.30pm
Saturday 19 th	Parish and School Family Mass—5.30pm
Wednesday 23rd	Student Learning Conversations—Student Free Day
Friday 25th	Assembly presented by 3/4T—2.30pm
	Last Day of Term 2—Students finish at 3.15pm
Term 3 July	
Monday 12th	First Day of School Term 3
Saturday 17th	Reconciliation Presentation Mass 5.30pm—Year 2 and 3 Families
Sunday 18th	Reconciliation Presentation Mass 10.00am—Year 2 and 3 Families
Wednesday 21st	St Damian's Family Day



Please ensure that your child has the exact money with their lunch order.

If your child requires change over \$3.00, they will need to collect and sign for it at the canteen.



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 cancelations can be managed through your account.

2:

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

3:

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

TheirCare is moving

Week 4: STEAM

The week we tried different experiment with the children, one the activity they loved was the "Carbon Dioxide Experiment". We also had farm toys as a new resource, children loved playing and identifying each of the animals.

Week 5: Animal Colouring in competition

Michael also introduced a colouring competition, with the overall winner to receive a prize. A lot of the children wanted to participate and were hoping they would win the competition, at the end week children voted for the best entry. They loved process of casting their vote, putting their name and the number of the entry on a designated paper. On Friday we also had the movie day, children help us set up the area and enjoy viewing the Lorax.

We will be moving to the School Hall

As we are expecting to move in a new space this week's program included making a banner to let our families know of the move. Children and educator go hand in hand in making sure our resources are packed and all displays removed. Please do not be alarmed or concerned, we are merely moving to the school hall temporarily as the creed centre will be undergoing a renovation. In the meantime, we will continue to provide excellent care and support for your child/ren. We would also appreciate any donations of box's large or small.

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
- Children aren't required to wear hats to play at the oval or playground for Term 2

Please note that we have a family arrival process due to COVID-19 virus, please ensure to wear a face mask upon your arrival and to sanitize your hands prior to sign-in/ sign-out your children near the service entrance.



SANTA MARIA COLLEGE MUSIC ACADEMY

A Personal Invitation

MUSIC ACADEMY

Santa Maria College is offering an opportunity for your child (currently in Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5 or Grade 6) to be a part of the Santa Maria College - Music Academy!

If your child has always wanted to learn an instrument or sing or is currently learning an instrument or taking singing lessons then we would encourage them to be a part of the Music Academy.

The Music Academy will run on Wednesday afternoons from 4:15pm and feature 1 x 75 minute music session per week. This will comprise 1 x 45 minute instrumental or singing group lesson given by a specialist teacher and 1 x 30 minute ensemble rehearsal.

THE PROGRAM

The program (which includes over 35 contact hours with specialist teachers per year) will run at a cost of \$570 per semester.

Students need to provide their own instrument however we can assist you in purchasing or hiring a new or second hand instrument.

The instruments offered are:

- ★ Voice (singing)
- ★ Violin
- ★ Viola
- ★ Cello
- ★ Guitar
- ★ Bass Guitar
- ★ Drums
- ★ Trumpet
- ★ Trombone
- ★ Alto Saxophone
- ★ Clarinet
- ★ Flute

COME AND TRY INFO NIGHT

The program will feature a fun repertoire; 14 sessions per semester (28 per year) and one feature performance per semester (two per year)!

Santa Maria College is hosting a 'Come And Try' Info night! There will be a 20-minute introduction, a Q&A opportunity, an opportunity to meet the specialist teachers who will run the program and a chance for your child to try the instruments being offered and find the instrument that suits them best!

The 'Come and Try' Information and Trial Night will be held on Wednesday 2 June (7:00pm-8:30pm) at Santa Maria College, 50 Separation Street, Northcote.

The 'Come and Try' night is free to attend and there is no obligation to enrol.

We ask that you park offsite when attending the 'Come and Try' night.

CONTACT DETAILS

We look forward to seeing you at the 'Come And Try' Information and Trial Night on Wednesday 2nd June at 7:00pm!

Please register your intention to attend the 'Come And Try Night' by emailing Daimon at daimon.brunton@santamaria.vic.edu.au

Many thanks,

Daimon Brunton
Music Leader - Performance
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