



# 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

### Dear Parents and Families

Today is Remembrance Day. We stop at 11.00am – the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month - to observe one minute of silence in honor of all those who have died in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. November 11 is observed around the world as a day to remember the sacrifice that countless of people have made in service to their country. Remembrance Day marks the end of fighting on the Western Front on November 11, 1918. At the time, the anniversary was known as Armistice Day, in reference to the formal agreement the German leaders signed to end the war. The name was changed to Remembrance Day after World War II ended in 1945. It has since become a day to remember the service and sacrifice of those who have died since World War I. The red poppy has been a symbol of remembrance and hope since World War I. In the barren, muddy battlefields of Western Europe, the bright red flowers grew in their thousands.

### P&A Association

At the end of this year, many of the mums on the P&A will finish up their time at St Damian's as their child completes their primary years with us. We are most grateful to these mums who have supported our school tirelessly for many years as volunteers and then as part of the executive committee. Without their generosity many events and opportunities over the years would not have been provided for your children. We thank most sincerely, Deb Braidwood, Rodoulla Kyriakas, Lucia Apicella and Donna Wagon for all their work, commitment and friendship to our community.

Therefore, we are in need of new faces on the Association. Usually at this time of year we hold the Annual General Meeting and elect a new committee who oversee the fundraising activities for the year. We need you! Please email the school office to indicate your interest in joining this vibrant group at [info@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au). Without your help we cannot continue to provide the various events, such as Father's/Mother's Day stalls, hot cross buns, easter raffles, bookclub, trivia nights, family nights, etc that make our school community what it is. The more hands, the lighter the work! Our meetings are usually held at night to accommodate working families and we are very flexible in how we work so please contact the school office to ensure that St Damian's continues to provide great opportunities for our students through fundraising efforts. Looking forward to being inundated with names!

### Entering the School Buildings

As you are all aware there are restrictions currently in place determining access to school buildings. All staff who work onsite are required to be double vaccinated to enable entry into the school. This requirement now extends to anyone else entering the school. Please note that when entering the office, you must use the QR code and also show your vaccination certificate prior to entering the school buildings. The following comes from the School's Operational Guide which guides us in how we manage our schools during this time. Thank you for understanding.

**QR codes and visitors to schools** *The use of QR code check ins, verification of vaccination status and retention of relevant information apply at different times and apply to the following different types of attendees to your school:*

- **Employees**– All persons employed by the school or by a diocesan education office including teachers, early childhood educators and educational support staff, etc.
- **Other Workers**– Any non-employee performing works on site who will or may be in close proximity to children, students or staff. This does not include delivery personnel.
- **Visitors**– All persons attending site that are not performing work and do not fit one of the above two categories. If a person must provide verification of their vaccination status and they refuse or do not meet the vaccination/exemption requirements, that person should be asked to leave site. This is a reasonable request and enables us to maintain our COVIDSafe processes and safeguard the health and wellbeing of the school community. If the person does not leave or becomes aggressive, the school should contact their regional leadership consultant or regional general manager. If the situation escalates, contact the police. (pg 7 School's Operational Guide Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 2021)

### End of Year Carols Evening

This year our end of year Christmas Carol evening will not go ahead. Instead we will be presenting to our community "Matilda". As our students and teachers have worked so hard in preparing for the production we did not want to miss the

opportunity to share this with our families. We are obviously changing this slightly to accommodate whole class groups, as well as having this presentation outdoors. Further information about the evening will be sent to families closer to the date. In the meantime **save the date; December 1<sup>st</sup>**. The Government roadmap allows for us to have the production outdoors and given that it is being held in December many of the requirements we are currently under will be lifted. However, as per the said roadmap we are only able to allow adults and anyone over 16 to come onsite if there is **proof of being double vaxxed**. This is clearly stated in the Government roadmap.

### Major Events:

**Events may proceed with no attendee caps or density limits for the fully vaccinated.**

We will be asking to see proof of vaccination before we can allow entry to the oval. We apologise if this impacts on some families, but know you will understand we must adhere to Government regulations. For those of you who wish to check the Government website please note the address:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/node/18728/#summary-of-victorias-roadmap>

### School Banking 2022

We have been informed by the Commonwealth Bank, that as per Government directives regarding school banking in schools that this service will cease at the end of the year. We thank most sincerely all the wonderful mums who have volunteered their time to support this initiative in our school. As of 2022 there will not be school banking. Thank you to all families who used this service.

### Building Works

Yesterday I was able to enter the Creed building and was very excited to see the progress being made. It is even more exciting to know that shortly we will be able to use this building as it nears completion. Unfortunately it cannot be used as the Arts Centre as we need classes to go in while other works progress in the main building. However, the Before and After School Care and the Canteen will be operating from the new facilities very soon.

### Carpark

Unfortunately, our building works have not yet finished, therefore parking at the front of the school is reserved for staff only. Parents, please park at the shopping centre across the road or alternatively please use the Kiss and Drop, entry is at the end of Joseph Street. Also a reminder that the Parish Car Park is not to be used by families for drop off or pick up. This is a courtesy to the Parish, so would appreciate this area to be only used by the Parish. Thank you

### Re-enrolment Fee

We have introduced a re-enrolment fee for all families to secure your place for 2022. This fee is charged per child and is non refundable, however, it will be deducted from the school fees and will appear on your 2022 fee statements. This will help us firm numbers for next year. We will assume that if the fee is not paid, that your children are not returning to St Damian's in 2022.

### Prep 2022 Orientations

Given the relaxation of some restrictions we are very pleased to hold our next Prep Orientation session onsite. Therefore next Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November we will welcome our new little Preps for 2022 from 9.30 until 10.30. The children will come to school and spend time together with the teachers and the other children coming to school next year. Families will be invited to attend an information session with me in the Open Area, unfortunately we can only allow those who can show proof of being double vaccinated to enter the school. The information will be put on our website for those who are not able to attend. We thank you for understanding.

### 2021 School Fees

**All fees for 2021 are now due and must be paid by 15<sup>th</sup> November unless a payment plan is in place.**

### Condolences

*We offer our heartfelt sympathies to the the **Matalone Family** on the passing of their father and grandfather (Ava 5B) and the **Stubbs Family** on the passing of their father and grandfather (Thomas 5B & Ryan 5M)*

### Prayer

*They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
"Lest we forget".*

*Keep safe everyone*

*Rosanna*



# Faith News

## Sacrament of Eucharist 2021 Masses

Fortunately, First Eucharist Masses for this year are now rescheduled. We thank Father Dong for allowing us to hold these Masses separate to the Parish Masses. Our First Communicants will celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist at the following Masses:

5B – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00pm;  
 Year 4 Students – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00pm; and  
 5M – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00pm.

As a reminder, only five people (immediate family members only including the First Communicant) can attend the Sacrament of Eucharist Masses given the current Government restrictions around density limits. All other family members and friends will now be able to access the Mass as it will be livestreamed on the day. Log-in details are as follows:

Saturday 20th November 2pm  
<https://youtu.be/6kfTvOsS9ZY>

Saturday 27th November 2pm  
<https://youtu.be/Y-9Y8lsHCrl>

Saturday 4th December 2pm  
<https://youtu.be/bTDOdEbygY4>

The Sacrament of Eucharist, as one of the Sacraments of Initiation, leads the *People of God into a deeper relationship with God*. Father Dong has kindly invited our First Communicants to reflect on their sense of *belonging* and encourages them to value their place as a member of St Damian's Faith Community. Father will be asking First Communicants to stand up at the beginning of all our weekend Masses and receive a warm welcome from the Congregation. Attendance is not compulsory but all families are welcome to be present at any of these Masses in support of their child's Sacramental journey. Please remember, anyone over the age of sixteen must be double-vaxxed and wear a mask in order to enter the Church.

**Mary-Ann Wright—Religious Education Leader**

## ST DAMIAN'S PARISH MASS TIMES

Dear Parishioners,

Welcoming you all back SAFELY!

It gives me great joy to welcome you back to the Church for regular worship. We need to do this in a safe manner as the pandemic is still with us.

In the recent announcement (last week) by the Victorian Government, a cap of 150 is allowed indoors for places of worship (this depends on the density quotient and the four-square metre rule).

In our case, St Damian's Church will be able to accommodate with 180 attendees therefore we don't need to set up for the TryBooking for Weekday as well as Weekend Masses.

Our Mass Schedule is as follows:

Weekdays Masses: Tuesday to Friday - 9:15 am

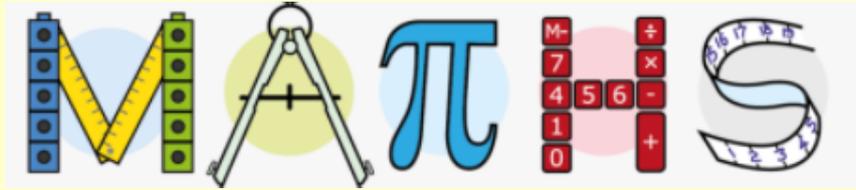
and extra Mass for unvaccinated people on Friday at 6:15 pm.

Weekend Masses - Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

We are still required to wear face masks indoors, so please, bring and wear your face mask when you enter the Church. There will be further instructions when you attend the Church. Sanitising stations are available at the entrance and exits. The Church is cleaned and sanitised before and after Mass. Safety for all is paramount.

Thank you for your prayers and cooperation. I look forward to seeing all of you once again and celebrating God's love for us in the Eucharist.

Best wishes and stay safe.  
 Fr. Dong Tran



A huge congratulations to all of the 57 students who competed in the Australian Maths Competition from Years 3-6. The students received fantastic results which is a credit to their dedication to learning, the quality of our teachers at St Damian's and the support and nurturing received from their parents. As a school we received 3 High Distinctions, 6 Distinctions, 27 Credits, 13 Proficiency, 8 Participation awards.

Our "Best in School" award winner this year was Gurshaan Garcha from 5M. He scored in the 100th percentile and received a HIGH Distinction. Congratulations Gurshaan!

Congratulations to our highest performing female student, Olivia Barry from 3/4M, who received a Credit and ranked in the 73rd percentile.

Look at these amazing results!

High Distinction	Distinction
Orion T yr3 (98th percentile)	Jonathan J yr3 (93rd percentile)
Gurshaan G yr5 (100th percentile)	James H yr3 (89th percentile)
Nathan L yr5 (99th percentile)	Josh L yr3 (89th percentile)
	Charbel S yr3 (84th percentile)
	Ronit M yr6 (91st percentile)
	Caleb A yr6 (83rd percentile)

Students can request individual results by emailing [carmen.bruce@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au](mailto:carmen.bruce@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au) Certificates will be given to all students who participated in the coming weeks.

I look forward to working with the students, teachers and families at St Damian's to continue the amazing work in maths. Let's see if we can get some girls on the leaderboard in 2022.

Carmen Bruce  
Maths Leader

## A fundraising book for the Fontan Registry at The Royal Children's Hospital

NEVER WORK WITH  
**ANIMALS** OR  
**CHILDREN**



A copy of this book is  
available to view at  
Reception

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday



November		
5th	Harry	1S
6th	Anastasia	6C
	Jack	3/4A
8th	Milan	Prep C
12th	Olivia	3/4M
	Gurshaan	5M
13th	Chloe	2C
17th	Bailey	3/4W
	Angela	3/4T
	Radmehr	Prep M
18th	Asher	6C



Term 4	
<b>November</b>	
Saturday 20th	Sacrament of Eucharist—5B 2pm
Saturday 27th	Sacrament of Eucharist—Year 4's 2pm
<b>December</b>	
Saturday 4th	Sacrament of Eucharist—5M 2pm
Wednesday 1st	St Damian's Matilda/Carols Evening 7pm
Friday 10th	Year 6 Big Day Out
Tuesday 14th	Last Day Term 4



Due to the strict COVID-19 restrictions, parents/guardians are required to make an appointment via the link below to attend Academy Uniform's Thomastown store to purchase their child's uniform for 2022.

The dates available are as follows:

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> – Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>. Appointments are for 20 minutes and bookings can be made between 9am & 2pm.

Our experienced staff will allow for plenty of growth.

Bookings can be made at [www.academyuniforms.com.au/stdamians](http://www.academyuniforms.com.au/stdamians)

## St Damian's Parents and Friends Association



On Thursday 4 Nov St Damian's Parents Association put together a Devonshire Morning Tea for the teachers and staff at school. Thank you to all teachers for all the amazing work over the year.

World Teachers Day is a great way to thank our staff. We hope they all enjoyed the morning, they deserve it.



**St Damian's Reading Challenge** is now completed. Thank you to all families who participated and sent in sponsorship money. The school has raised \$1426.50. This is a great result seeing that we have been in lockdown. All money raised will go towards the purchase of reading texts to support our Reading Program across the school.

The year level raffles will be drawn shortly.

Good Luck and keep reading!



### WATSONIA SCOUT GROUP FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES

AVAILABLE BESIDE THE ROUNDABOUT  
WATSONIA SHOPPING CENTRE FROM 9 – 5

27th – 28th NOVEMBER, 4th - 5th DECEMBER and 11th - 12th DECEMBER

**To preorder go to Watsonia Scout Group's webpage**

**<http://www.watsoniascoutcentre.org.au/>**

**and click on the "Preorder your Christmas trees" button**

**FROM \$60 PER TREE - VARIOUS SIZES**

LOYOLA COLLEGE PRESENTS

COMMUNITY

CAROLS & FOOD TRUCK  
NIGHT

FRI 26 NOV

5.30PM - 9PM | LOYOLA COLLEGE GROUNDS  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES  
& MARKET STALLS | GOLD COIN ENTRY

COVID SAFE EVENT

ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL

St Damian's **FINALLY** Presents  
**Matilda Jr The Musical**

After many re-schedules, we are pleased to announce that we will have the opportunity to perform a varied version of the school Production Matilda Jr.

**WHEN:** Wednesday December 1st

**WHERE:** On the school oval

**TIME:** 6.30pm arrival for a 7pm start  
(Main Cast to arrive by 6.00pm)

This will be held in place of the Carols evening and will be a whole school event.

Please be on the look out for more information to come in coming weeks



**FAMILY, FUN & FITNESS!**  
**Give Little Athletics a Go!**  
**Come and Try with US!**

FREE  
TWO-WEEK  
TRIAL

With all that has happened around Covid-19 we understand how important it is to get the children outside and active again.

Little Athletics is a great activity for children aged between 5 and 16.

It's a perfect way to learn the fundamental motor skills that will assist them long into their futures. Running, jumping, throwing - there is an activity for every child!

Did we mention that it's also great for the entire family?

**Bundoora Sharks Little Athletics Club**, established in 1966 welcomes new athletes and families to join of all abilities.

Why not come down to the track **THIS SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> of NOVEMBER** for a **FREE TRIAL** and see what athletics is all about!

Track location:

Willinda Park, Beatrix Street, Greensborough

Enquiries: [bundooralac@gmail.com](mailto:bundooralac@gmail.com)



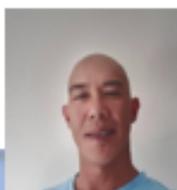


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## Our Team!



Niwi



Michael



Neha



Merna



Krizel

### Booking your child into the program in 3 simple steps.

1:

Create an account through [www.theircare.com.au](http://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.

## Back to Normality and some great news!

As most children are returning to St. Damian's Primary School for onsite learning, we are delighted to see our familiar faces returning to before and after school care. We would also like to welcome new children and their families attending before and after school care for the first time. Our numbers have now gradually increased making it feel like everything is going back to normal.

Most of our activities from previous weeks has been children's choice or children's suggestions. A very popular activity we recently did was the air balloon activity, the activity was organised by Winter from grade 2. Other activities we implemented were Mystery Item, mini self-portraits, and mirage glass. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of October we had a Halloween party with yummy treats, dress ups and scary face painting. On the day we also had Halloween activities such as trick or treating inside the hall.

Finally, St. Damian's TheirCare would like to announce that soon we will be moving to our newly renovated room located at the old garage. We are happy to be sharing the area with Mr. Watson and finally have a room where children can display their amazing and creative artworks, more updates coming soon!

Once again, I would like to also thank the wonderful and always caring casuals Merna, Krizel and Neha. Thank you for your support while Niwi was away and thank you for always keeping the children engaged and safe, and as always having fun!

Regards,  
Their Care Team, St Damian's

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