



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

First Eucharist

We congratulate our Year 5B students who are receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time this Saturday afternoon. We pray that as they meet Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time, they may continue to experience the joy of the Sacrament throughout their lives. Please pray for these young people as they continue their faith journey.

P&A Association

Unfortunately we have not had anyone volunteer to be part of the P&A for 2022. It would be very sad for our school and community to not have an active P&A Association to support our school events. Please consider joining this group and making a very valuable contribution to our school community. You can express your interest by nominating yourself (or someone else with their permission of course) simply by emailing the school office on info@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au

Matilda

Our Production "Matilda" which will be slightly modified, will be presented to our school community instead of carols this year. Remember to **save the date; December 1st**. Just a reminder that we are only able to allow adults and anyone over 16 who are **double vaxxed** to come onsite. **Each person** must show their proof of vaccination on the night. This will come up on the Services Victoria App on your phone once you have checked in with the QR code. We thank you for understanding and for your co-operation.

Sick Children

Please do not send to school any child who is unwell. If children complain of feeling unwell in the morning or even the night before, please keep them home until they are fully recovered. Any child who complains of headaches, has cold symptoms or complains of tummy pains should not be sent to school. At this very sensitive time it is important that we all adhere to this so that we minimize the spread of germs. It is important to be socially responsible at this time when COVID is all around us. At present the main places to be bearing the brunt of this illness seem to be childcare, kinders and schools. Even though children do not suffer the same level of symptoms as adults, they are able to spread it to others.

Building Works

The builders are making excellent progress with our building project and the new facilities are looking amazing. In the next week we will begin to move the library books into the open area so that works can begin. We are also moving 3 classes into the Creed building, these are the two Year 6's and Year 1C just until the end of the year. We are also moving other staff into different spaces to vacate the areas that will be worked on in this next phase of our building works. It is very exciting to see the new facilities taking shape.

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

Thank you to all the families who have already paid their fee 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

Today we were finally able to welcome our new Preps for 2022 into the school. It was wonderful to meet in person the newest members of our school community. It was also wonderful to meet the families who attended an information session with me. The children spent an hour in the classrooms meeting the teachers and the other students.

We are planning for a second orientation session on December 2nd from 9.30 – 10.30am. It is with much pleasure that I announce the Prep Teachers for 2022, Miss McArdle, Mrs Anthony and Mrs Tay who is sharing the class with Mrs Kerss next year.

2021 School Fees

All fees for 2021 are now overdue and must be paid immediately unless a payment plan is already in place.

Prayer

Bless us, heavenly Father, and grant us strength to serve You with humility and grace. Put purpose in our days. Give us understanding, enough to make us kind. Help us to judge all people with our heart, not our mind. Teach us to be patient in everything we do. Amen

Keep safe everyone

Rosanna

ST DAMIAN'S SCHOOL IS SEEKING THE SERVICES OF A CLEANER

We are looking to employ one or two people to be responsible for cleaning the school. This is a paid contract position with pay rates in line with FairWork.

We estimate that it would be a five day per week job undertaken out of school hours. The hours per week are estimated at 20 – 25.

Cleaning duties involve:

- Vacuuming all carpeted surfaces, classrooms, administration area, open areas and the Creed Centre.
- Daily cleaning of all toilets and cleaning floors
- Daily cleaning of all frequent touch surfaces, such as door handles, light switches and stair hand rails.
- Daily washing of hard surface floors, in the office foyer, sick bay, staff room and stairs.
- Daily cleaning of glass doors.
- Removal of rubbish from Administration Area only.
- Locking of school gates daily.
- Monthly cleaning of all drinking troughs (located externally).

Current Working with Children Check is required as well as proof of COVID Vaccination.

All interested parties are asked to contact the Principal via the school office on 9467 8566 or via email info@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to our Winners

Isabella 4W
Matea 5B
Caoimhe 5B
Chloe 5M

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 20th November at 2:00pm;

Year 4 Students – Saturday 27th November at 2:00pm; and

5M – Saturday 4th December at 2:00pm.

Following today's Government announcement, the great news is there are no longer density limits in places of worship. This means families are able to attend the Sacramental Masses. There are no limits to the number of people who can support each candidate.

However, the regulation around vaccinations still stands. This means that only those that are double vaccinated are permitted to enter the Church for the Mass. Masks are no longer compulsory.

Given that density limits have been lifted, there will no longer be livestreaming of the Masses.

The Colours of Advent

For many centuries, purple was the colour used during Advent. Purple, in our Church, is a colour associated with an attitude of repentance and sorrow and corresponded to how people prepared themselves. In more recent times, however, and in alignment with the Advent Scripture readings, the darker coloured purple has been replaced by a lighter, less sombre violet to better represent the feelings of hope, joy, expectation and anticipation as we wait and prepare to celebrate the memory of Jesus' coming at the first Christmas.

Advent in the Catholic Tradition

Advent is about joyful waiting. Our anticipation builds each Sunday as we wait through the darkness of injustice for the dawning of right relationship. We see a new vision for our world and for how we might live. Our focus is liberation, justice and peace, as embodied in the words of Mary's Magnificat (Lk 1:46-55).

Advent prepares us for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered. Throughout the season, our minds and hearts are directed to await Christ's second coming at the end of time.

The Scriptural images of Advent tell of a God who frees us from rigidity, gives sight to our blindness, feeds our hungering hearts and sets us in equality with all people. Advent is the season when we intentionally practise hope, when we consciously act for justice, and when we joyfully live in expectation of promises fulfilled.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

If you wish to make a donation, please feel free to send retail or gift 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 3rd December.**

Mary-Ann Wright

Religious Education Leader

St Damian's Parents and Friends Association

Winners of the 2021 Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our 2021 Reading challenge. We hope that you enjoyed your books and we are sure you have increased your reading stamina.

We received a number of late sponsorship money and at the final count, the students raised a total of \$1651.50.

Congratulations to the following students who have been drawn from the raffle. Each Student received a \$30.00 book voucher.

Prep -Hayden PG
Year 1 - Leo 1S
Year 2 - Jade 2 CD
Year 3 - Farah 3 /4 A
Year 4 - Sarah 4 W
Year 6 - Ava 6S

A special thank you to Suzie Grey who designed the Reading Challenge poster. She always does an amazing job!



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 29th – Dec 23rd. 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



A copy of this book is available to view at Reception

16 DAYS

OF

ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE
FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

All students are asked to wear the colour orange to school. Students will walk laps around the oval to promote a safe, equal and respectful future for all.

Students will engage in a range of activities over the 16 days that highlight the importance of respect and safety for self and others.

Please continue these conversations at home.

**TAKE ACTION TO
END GENDER-BASED
VIOLENCE**

#ORANGETHEWORLD #GENERATIONEQUALITY #16DAYS



Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday



November		
19th	Joshua	6C
21st	Chloe	3/4M
23rd	Aarav	Prep G
24th	Alannah	5M
	Leah	3/4W
25th	Erica	3/4M
	Zac	5M



Term 4	
November	
Saturday 20th	Sacrament of Eucharist—5B 2pm
Saturday 27th	Sacrament of Eucharist—Year 4's 2pm
December	
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



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NOVEMBER OPEN DAY!



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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



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ALL AGES - *Toddlers – Adults*

****2022 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN****

Visit <https://dancestreet.com.au> for timetable

RACHEL DUNNE FUGA (D.F.T.A) – **Principal**

Former Australian Champion

30+ years of teaching expertise

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