



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/Guardians & Carers

Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday, better known as Pancake Tuesday. It is the day before Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of Lent. During Lent there are many foods that some Christians - historically and today - would not eat: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods.

So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on Shrove Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent without going off. Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour. Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is marked by fasting, both from food and festivities.

Our students will be attending Mass on Wednesday at 11.30am to mark the beginning of the Lenten Season. This Mass will be celebrated by Father Dong who very kindly agreed to celebrate it separate from the Parish to ensure the safety of our students.

School Assembly

Our first school assembly is on Friday 4th March at 2.30pm in the hall. Families are welcome to attend, however proof of vaccination must be shown and masks worn. Thank you for understanding.

Open Days

Each year we hold our Open Days during Catholic Education Week in March. The main purpose of Open Days is to provide prospective parents with an opportunity to visit our school and gain a feel for what we offer. Current families are always warmly welcome to join a tour. Tours will be available on **Wednesday 16th March, 9.30am – 10.30am & Thursday 17th March, 11.30am – 12.30pm and 6.30pm—7.30pm**. Tours may also be organized by appointment outside of these times for families not able to attend on the official Open Days. Enrolment applications are already coming in, which is pleasing.

Enrolment for Foundation Year (Prep) 2023

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. Please spread the word. Information spread by word of mouth is very powerful and can draw others into our community. Thank you.

Joseph Street

I have been informed by some concerned parents that cars are using the driveways on the left hand side of Joseph Street to complete 3 point turns whilst the students are existing the school. This is definitely not a safe practice and can easily result in a child being run over by a car. Parking on Joseph Street is strictly on one side of the road as the other side is a No Parking area. This allows traffic to flow easily, especially in the morning during drop off. Parents using Joseph Street please do not drive down the street if you can see that there is no parking available. Definitely **DO NOT use the driveways** to turn your car during the time the students are leaving school between 3.15pm and 3.30pm please.

City of Whittlesea

Council has received a planning permit application for a liquor bottle shop to begin trading at Bundoora Square. This shop would be located next to the Commonwealth Bank, where the previous Bank of Melbourne was situated. As this is very close to our school and another liquor shop to add to the four already in this location it is unsuitable for the area and not appropriate in its proximity to the school. I will be lodging an objection on behalf of the school. Anyone wishing to express their objection may do so online at: <https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/building-planning-development/planning/advertising>. The more voices the higher the chance that the permit will be rejected.

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 15th March is a pupil free day to enable staff to work on the Review documentation as part of the review process.



Check out our School's Facebook Page and find out what is happening in the school. Let others know we have a facebook page and see the great things happening here. You can find our Facebook page on our website or use this link: <https://www.facebook.com/stdamianspsbundoora/>

Naming our new space Competition

The new library/resource centre needs a name. We are looking for something new and catchy that reflects this space and its use. Therefore, I am inviting our families to enter into a whole school competition to come up with a name for this new library/resource centre. The family that wins will have the honour of cutting the ribbon at the official opening. Come on everyone, put on your thinking hats and think of a great name for our new library. Entry Forms will be sent home tomorrow Friday 25th.



Lent prayer

Christ Jesus, help me to listen to your word and to see you in all people that I meet. May I approach all encounters with an open heart and work together with others to transform our world.

Amen.

Have a great week everyone,

Rosanna

ST DAMIAN'S PARISH LENTEN CALENDAR 2022

ASH WEDNESDAY MASES: 2 March 2022 - 9:15 am; School Mass 11:30 am & 7:30 pm

LENTEN PRAYER MEETINGS: Every Tuesday Evenings: 7.15 pm – 8.15 pm - with Pastorelle Sisters, 5 Nash Court, Bundoora (8, 15, 22, & 29 of March; 5 of April.) All are warmly welcome to attend

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - We will be having it every Friday after Morning Mass

LENTEN REFLECTIONS:

Two Lenten Reflection Nights led by Fr. Dr. Brian Gleeson.

DATES: Fridays 18 and 25 March

VENUE: St. Damian's Church

TIME: 7: 30 pm – 8:30 pm

The topic of the talks will be based on: "JESUS CHRIST THEN AND NOW." He is convinced that, in the words of Fr Gerald O'Collins, SJ, "What we DO with the Church depends upon what we THINK about Jesus."

Fr. Dr. Brian Gleeson's Biography

Brian Gleeson is a Passionist priest (ordained 60 years ago) and a doctor of theology. He has taught in various theological schools in Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne (Yarra Theological Union, Box Hill) and Port Moresby (PNG). He has specialized in the areas of:

1. Revelation and faith; 2. The person and work of Jesus Christ; 3. The Church as the community of Jesus; and 4. The Sacraments of the Church. Over the years has also served as an assistant priest, a parish priest, and a supply priest. At Fr Dong's invitation he will
2. present two evenings in St Damian's parish, on March 18th and March 25th, on the theme, JESUS CHRIST THEN AND NOW. He is convinced that, in the words of Fr Gerald O'Collins, SJ, "What we DO with the Church depends upon what we THINK about Jesus."

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION NIGHT (1st RITE): We will be having an individual Confession Night on Friday, 8 April, 7:30 pm

LENTEN HEALING MASS: Wednesday, 13 March, 9:15 am Mass with Sacrament of Anointing and followed by Cuppa in the Dunlop Room

WEEKDAY MASS TIME: Tuesday to Friday @ 9:15 am

Faith News

Thank you

Thank you to parents who joined us for our Sacramental Evening last night. It was a delight to welcome Ingrid Greene to our School and to share her insights into living Sacramentally. She challenged our thinking on the Sacraments and highlighted that they are Spirit filled encounters with Christ which can provide rich gifts for our lives.

Season of Lent

Next Wednesday 2nd March, we commence our Lenten Journey - a journey in which we seek reconciliation with God, with our families, within our nation and with all people throughout the world. Throughout our journey, may we be reminded of our role as "ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor 5:20). We are called to spread peace and the message of reconciliation to others. As we imitate Jesus' forty days in the wilderness, may we experience a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit and pray that we grow in faith, hope and love. As we prepare for the Church's central feast of Easter, may our hearts and minds encounter a conversion through reconciliation and Social Justice.

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.

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.

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Gracious God,

Ash Wednesday begins a period of inner reflection and examination.

*The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent,
holy space that holds your Spirit.*

This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes, and the truth and reality of your love incarnate.

*Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with
anticipation of our meeting.*

And, when I open my soul to your presence, let your loving kindness flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart.

I ask this for the sake of your love.

Amen.

Mary-Ann Wright
Religious Education Leader

Meet Our Staff...

Teaching Staff



Annemarie Anthony—Prep A



Mary McArdle—Prep M



Sophie Kerss—Prep S



Sonia Tay—Prep S



Caterina Capogreco—1C



Taylor Jade Mullane—1M



Saveria Ciurloeo—1S



Lia Surace—2S



Lauren Bozinovski—2B



Natasha Solomons—2N



Martina Tran—3T



Nicole Richardson—3R



Melissa Cali—3C



Rita Chalhoub—4C



Barbara Milana—4M



Riki Bossini—5B



Mary Marotta—5M



Amy Starr—6S



Julie Cannatelli—6C



March	
Friday 4th	Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 9th	School Photo Day
Monday 14th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 15th	School Closure Day
April	
Friday 8th	Last Day of Term 1



ALL AGES | ALL ABILITIES | ALL STYLES

BUNDOORA

new location

LALOR

Lalor formerly "Dance Discovery"



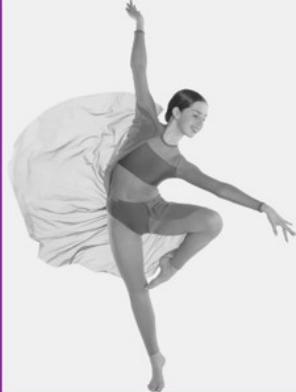
Dance Street
Fun, Fitness, Technique
Performing Arts

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Contact Rachel | 0432 949 499
<https://dancestreet.com.au>



St Damian's Parents and Friends

Parent Association Meeting

St. Damian's parent association meeting will be on Tuesday 1st March at 7:00pm in the School Hall Foyer.
All are welcome.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be opening Friday March 4th.
Located in the School Hall- behind stage
Open Fridays 9am - 10am
Yellow and Red Polos at \$5 - Winter Jumpers \$10

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2022 - Important Registration Information

School Photographs will be taken at

St. Damian's Primary School

Wednesday 9th March 2022

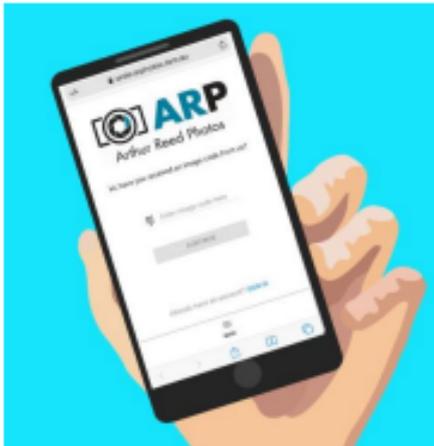
There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

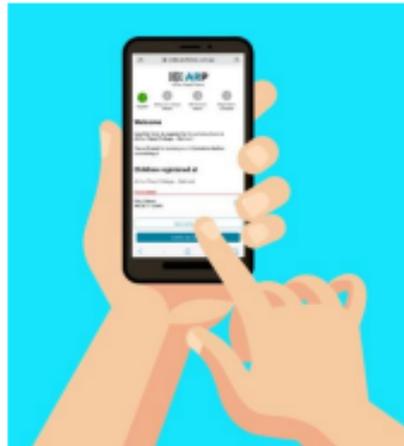
When you receive the flyer with your child's 2022 image code

Follow these 3 simple steps -

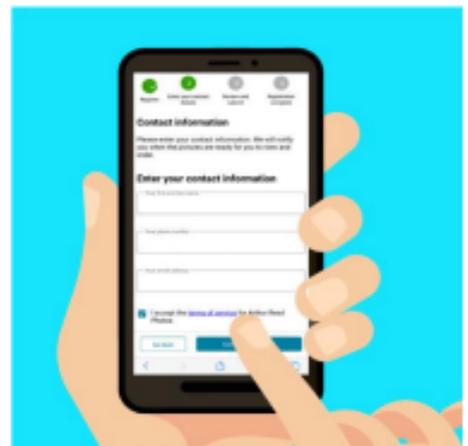
1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's **2022 image code**



2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*



*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

That's it!

It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details
When 2022 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS

****BEFORE ORDERING for 2022, please wait to receive notification that new images are online****

- Order on any mobile device
- Share the images with family & friends for FREE
- Create a photo package with any layout + YOUR choice of images + Digital Downloads