



# 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

## FIRE Carrier Commissioning Ceremony 2022



**Dear Parents/Guardians & Carers****Sports Day**

On Monday we held our annual Sports Day and what a wonderful day it was for everyone. The children had a fantastic day participating in many events all competing for their house. A huge congratulations to Gold House on being the overall winners on the day and congratulations to all the other house teams for putting in such a great effort. Everyone who participated is a winner as everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. I would also like to thank the P&A for supplying icy poles for all the students to enjoy at the end of the sports. All the students were very happy to receive and enjoy their icy pole. Thank you P&A it was a lovely and most appreciated gesture. I would also like to thank Mr Tim Watson for all the hard work in organizing and planning for the day. A thank you to the Sports Committee for their support on the day, to the Sports Captains for helping with the setting up and packing at the end of the day. Finally a huge thank you to all the parents who came to help or simply to cheer the children on. These events only happen because of the hard work and commitment of our teachers, students and parents. Thank you everyone, the students really appreciate you.

**School Assembly**

Our next school assembly is this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2.30pm in the hall. We are resuming the celebration of learning with different classes presenting their learning at each assembly. The Year 3C class will present at this assembly. All families welcome.

**School Advisory Council**

It is with much pleasure that I inform our community that the first meeting of the SAC will be held next Tuesday evening 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. I welcome the new members of the Council who are: Mrs Pamela Silluzio; Mrs Gillian McDonnell; Mrs Ash Porwall; Mr Brian Walter, Mr John Ciccaldio; Fr Dong & Mrs Jennifer Rubira. As this is a new structure we will all be doing lots of learning together. I look forward to working with this team to ensure a quality education for our students.

**End of Term/Casual Clothes Day**

The last day of the term is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. The students will finish at normal time. As is tradition at St Damian's, we invite all students to come to school in **casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation** for Project Compassion – Caritas. The money collected goes to Caritas who use it to provide aid to people in countries where there is significant need.

**Pupil Free Day**

Next **pupil free day** is to be held on **Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>**. On this day the staff will be working with Fr John Dupuche on furthering our understanding of multi-faith perspectives. Given that our school is very diverse with many cultures and faiths we are looking forward to deepening our knowledge in this area. Students will not be required at school on this day.

**Holy Week Prayer Services**

We will hold our school prayer services marking the events of Holy Week on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to join us as we remember the special events leading up to Easter. Please note that **Easter is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April**. Therefore, Holy Week falls in the first week of the holidays.

**Palm Sunday Mass**

This year we celebrate Palm Sunday on the 10<sup>th</sup> April. We welcome Bishop Terry Curtin to St Damian's, to con-celebrate the 10.00am Mass. It is an honor to have Bishop Curtin come to celebrate this Mass which marks the beginning of the events of Holy Week. It would be wonderful to have as many families attend this Mass as possible.

*Have a great week everyone,*

*Rosanna*



Dear Parents and Carers,

This year I am pleased to announce that we will be offering two maths competitions for our senior students. This new competition will be open to our year 5 and 6 students who would like to further challenge themselves. The two competitions are the Australian Maths Competition (open to years 3-6) and the new one that we will be hosting is the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking competition (years 5-6 only).

Interested students in years 5 and 6 have been handed a permission letter which needs to be signed and returned by next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of April. The entry fee for both competitions is a discounted \$12 per student.

A letter for only the Australian Maths Competition for levels 3-6 will be sent out later this year. If you have any questions, please email me on [carmen.bruce@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au](mailto:carmen.bruce@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au). If you would like to see some sample questions of the CAT competition, please click the following link [CAT SAMPLE QUESTIONS](#).

Kind regards,

**Carmen Bruce.**  
**Maths Leader.**

# SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to Clare House (Gold Team) on winning the 2022 edition of our School Sports Day. The students seemed to have a very enjoyable day, competing in a number of tabloid sport activities and their sprint races. It was wonderful to be able to welcome parents, friends and families back onto the school grounds to share in the fun and for morning tea supplied by our staff. A big thank you to the Sport House Captains- and Sports Committee who helped prepare and set up the day and to all of the parent volunteers who ran the activities.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Long Distance Champions, Alannah C & Erik L and to our Year 6 Sprint Champions, Ava S & Joshua D. Super effort!

## Cross Country Team News

Cross Country trials have been held for the Year 4, 5 & 6 students during their PE lessons. The team will hopefully be finalised before the end of this term. If your child makes the team, I will be encouraging them to go for a couple of runs over the holidays so that we hit the ground running (pardon the pun) in Term 2. The competition will be held at Bundoora Park on Wednesday the 25th of May, meaning we will have a few weeks of training on a Thursday morning next term. The training will be held on the school oval starting at 8.10am, with the first training being on Thursday the 28th of April.

## Before School Exercise in Term 2

On Thursday mornings before school in Term 2, starting from Thursday the 28th of April, I will be running Cross Country training. All students (and their family members) are welcome to join in the training or just walk or run a few laps of the school oval. We will be training from 8.10am, however, feel free to join us at any time when you arrive to school after this time. Just drop your bags off at your line and start walking or jogging. It would be great to see as many people as possible joining in and starting their day off with some exercise. I hope to see you there!

Tim Watson  
Physical Education Coordinator



# Faith News

## The Easter Triduum

The contemporary Catholic Church has reclaimed the ancient Christian practice of the *Triduum*, the Great Three Days.

On Holy Thursday (this year, 14<sup>th</sup> April) we enter into the Triduum as we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper this evening.

The Triduum continues through Good Friday, culminates in the Easter Vigil and concludes with Evening Prayer on Sunday, Easter Sunday (this year, 17<sup>th</sup> April).

The Great Feast of Easter begins on Easter Sunday. It is a day of overlap between the Triduum and Easter.

Easter Sunday is both the final hours of the Triduum and the first hours of the Easter Season.

The Easter Season is a period of fifty days that begins on Easter Sunday with the week-long celebration of the Octave of Easter and concludes with Pentecost Sunday (this year, 5<sup>th</sup> June).

During the Easter Season, the Church rejoices in the Resurrection and the Ascension of the Lord, and the bestowal of the Spirit. It is a period of renewal and commitment to that same mission taken up by the early Christian communities.

For those who have been newly initiated, it is a time to reflect on their experiences and is oriented towards spiritual growth and entering more fully into the life of the community.

## Social Justice - Project Compassion

Thank you to each family on behalf of Caritas for your generosity in supporting Project Compassion throughout Lent. Please remember to return all Project Compassion collection box donations to the school by this **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**.

A special thank you to our Social Justice Leaders: Erik, Herman, Siddhant, Franny and Jordan for their tireless and dedicated work in leading our School Community throughout the Project Compassion Campaign.

## Vinnies Flood Appeal 2022 – Australian East Coast Floods

The deadly flooding in Queensland and New South Wales has caused hardship for many Australian families.

Thousands of people have been displaced and authorities are wading through the wreckage. Donating money is a practical way of offering immediate flood assistance, particularly as the flood waters begin to recede. Currently, St Vincent de Paul is accepting donations to provide urgent relief and humanitarian support to flood affected communities.

If you and your family are able to support this worthy appeal, please forward your donation to School with your child in an envelope marked **Vinnies Flood Appeal 2022**. Please send your donations to the School by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**. Thank you in advance for your continuing support.

## Lenten Prayer

Lord, wait for me on the roads of my choices, today and always.  
 Look for me in the undergrowth of my ignorance.  
 Seek me in the wilderness of my delusion.  
 Rescue me in the tide of my self-absorption.  
 Release me from the chains of my arrogance.  
 For I have no God but you, I want no God but you.  
 Be God for me, with me and in me.  
 With this sure knowledge I will find the way home to you. Amen.

Mary-Ann Wright  
 Religious Education Leader

## **St Damian's Parents and Friends**

### **The St. Damian's Parent Association Easter Raffle .**

Each classroom will be allocated an Easter prize to raffle. We are asking for donations of Easter eggs and/or Easter items (such as Easter colouring books & arts and crafts) for the prizes.

Each student that donates towards the prize will receive 1 complimentary ticket into the Easter Raffle.

Please clearly print your child's name and class on the donation bag to receive the complimentary Raffle ticket.

Easter Raffle donations are due no later than **1 APRIL**. Raffle tickets cost \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

### **Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open this Friday morning

9am - 10am

Located in the School Hall- behind stage

Cash Only /Masks Required

Yellow and Red Polos at \$5 - Winter Jumpers \$10

### **Last Day of Term 1**

Casual Clothes Day—Gold Coin Donation

All proceeds go to the Caritas Christi Charity

## **St Damian's Parish Lenten Program 2022**

**LENTEN PRAYER MEETINGS:** Every Tuesday Evenings: 7.15 pm – 8.15 pm - with Pastorelle Sisters, **5 Nash Court, Bundoora** on Tuesdays: March 29 & April 5. All are warmly welcome to attend.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday after Morning Mass

### **INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION NIGHT (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> RITE)**

Individual Confession Night on Friday, 8 April, 7:30 pm

### **BISHOP TERRY CURTIN PASTORAL VISIT**

On Palm Sunday at 10.00 am Mass, our St Damian Community would like to warmly welcome Bishop Terry Curtin who comes for his pastoral visit and he will be a main celebrant for this Eucharistic celebration. I am very grateful and thankful to him for this pastoral visit. Let join me to make him a warmly welcome. Thank you!

### **WORKING BEE TO PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK**

Let us all come together once again on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022

From 9 am till 12pm to prepare our church for Holy Week.

This is our church, let us take care of it & prepare it for the Lord and for all of us

## **New Members for St Damian's Choirs**

St Damian's Choirs would like to invite new members. We need your supports. We need you to join us now to praise God in Eucharistic celebrations on weekends. Let never hid your talents. St Augustine used to say: **"To Sing is to Pray Twice."**

- For the **Youth Choir** welcomes additional new members from years 4- 12 and young adults. Commitment includes singing at Saturday 5:30 pm Mass on the Second and forth liturgical weeks per month plus some rehearsals before Mass
- For the **Couples for Christ Choir** welcomes all new members. Commitment includes singing on the 1<sup>st</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Week-ends of the Month, Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm Mass & 5<sup>th</sup> Weekend of the month & 10.00 am Mass Sunday on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday & special occasions and plus rehearsal before Mass
- For the **10.00am Choir** welcomes additional new members. Commitment includes singing at 10.00 am Mass Sunday on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday and plus some rehearsals before Mass.

We would like to ask you to fill in the form in the Foyer and if you have any questions please see Fr. Joe Dong Tran after Mass, or contact to the Parish Office: 9467-2797.

**Fr. Joe Dong Tran**

## ST DAMIAN'S PARISH HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES 2022



**Holy Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
*7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
& Followed by the Adoration*

**Good Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April**  
*10:00 am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at  
St Damian's Church & Followed by Blessing  
of the Parish House & Morning Tea  
in the Dunlop Room*

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**  
*3:00 pm at St Damian's Church*

**Holy Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> April**  
**6:30 pm Easter Vigil**  
*The Blessing of the Fire & Preparation of the Candle*

**Easter Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses**

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**DATES  
FOR YOUR  
DIARY**

<b>Term 1</b>	
Friday 1st	Hot Cross Bun Delivery
	Easter Raffle Donations Due
	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 8th	Easter Raffle Drawn
	Last Day of Term 1
<b>Term 2</b>	
<b>April</b>	
Monday 25th	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 26th	First Day Term 2
<b>May</b>	
Wednesday 4th	Pupil Free Day



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