



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

We have reached the end of another term. It has been amazing to have experienced an uninterrupted term, albeit punctuated with the occasional COVID cases during the term. The last few weeks have indeed been challenging as many staff and students have succumbed to a range of illness, interestingly all unrelated to the pandemic. This has caused some angst and disruptions to classes as we tried to juggle classes with teachers not being able to be replaced. Unfortunately, there is a shortage of teachers, including CRT's (casual relief teachers) across all the sectors and this has caused headaches for us all. We are all looking forward to having a break in these next two weeks and recharging ready for another uninterrupted term.

This Friday is the final day of the term. The children are invited to attend wearing casual clothes and make a donation of a gold coin to Caritas, Project Compassion. The children are also invited to create an Easter Bonnet to wear at the Easter Bonnet parade. It is always a lot of fun to make these Easter creations as the whole family can get involved and come up with interesting hats. The children love wearing them and showing off their individual style.

Today we held our Holy Week Prayer Service in the Church. The students recreated in song, prayer and drama the events leading up to Easter. The children and their teachers need to be congratulated on their work and also in the prayerful and respectful way in which they depicted each of the Holy Week Days. It was both a pleasure and a privilege to witness such a moving depiction.

Palm Sunday Mass

This Sunday begins Holy week with Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' re-entry into Jerusalem after spending 40 days in the desert. On his return the people were joyous to see him back and laid down palms to honor him. However, over the remaining week events took a different turn. Jesus knew that his end was coming and spent his last day with the Apostles celebrating Passover. It was at this special meal, known as the last supper, that we were given the gift of his salvation in the form of bread and wine. On Holy Thursday evening Jesus was arrested while praying in the garden and taken away by Roman Soldiers to later be crucified on what we call Good Friday. These events serve to remind us of the sacrifice both Jesus and God made to redeem mankind and offer eternal life. Easter Sunday is in effect the reminder that Jesus, being God, offers us the opportunity to conquer death and be with Him in eternity. Christ conquered both death and evil and offers us this gift as well. I hope that all our families celebrate this special time with families and special friends. We welcome Bishop Terry Curtin to St Damian's, to con-celebrate the 10.00am Mass this Sunday.

Easter Raffle

Congratulations to all the winners of the Easter Raffle. Many happy and excited children came to collect their prizes yesterday. I am certain they will enjoy their chocolates during Easter. A huge thank you to all our wonderful mums in the Parents' Association for organizing and co-ordinating this event for our school. Thank you to all the families for the donations of eggs and for also purchasing the raffle tickets.

Child Safety

During the week the crossing lady who mans the crossing at Plenty Road came to visit me with a significant concern. She had been advised by a parent whose son was friendly with another child that there had been an incident at the apartments on the corner of Plenty and Settlement Roads. I am writing to advise all parents to please caution the children with regard to Stranger Danger. The incident related to me was quite significant. Apparently a young boy had been invited into one of the apartments, lured in with the promise of lollies and Netflix, by one of the residents. The young lad was then subsequently seen running from the apartment with the resident hot on his heels. Parents please advise your children about the dangers of accepting anything from strangers, from going into stranger's homes, etc. This is a huge and grave concern around the children's safety. The police are aware of the matter. Further to this, it has come to my attention that unsavory dealings also happen at this apartment complex. Please watch your children.

School Assembly

Our next school assembly is on Friday 6th May at 2.30pm in the hall. The Year 5M class will present at this assembly. All families welcome.

Staff News

We welcome Miss Lauren Davies to our school community next term. Miss Davies will be teaching Year 2S, taking over from Miss Lia Surace who is leaving us at the end of the term. The children met their new teacher today as she came to spend the day working with the Year 2 team and doing a handover. We wish Miss Davies a happy association with our school and community.

Pupil Free Day

Next **pupil free day** is to be held on **Wednesday May 4th**. 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.

Term 2

School will resume for Term 2 on **Tuesday 26th April at 8.40am**. See you all next term.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

"Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine." It adds: "Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world."



*I wish all in our community a safe and happy holiday.
Happy Easter everyone.*

Rosanna

Fire Carrier Commissioning

On Friday the 25th of March, we held a special assembly to commission 4 dedicated year 5 students as our 2022 Fire Carriers. We were fortunate to have in attendance Mr Colin Brooks our local member of parliament, who made a complimentary speech and presented our school with new flags. It was a moving ceremony in which our previous year's FIRE carrier students handed over the flame of Reconciliation to their year 5 peers. We wish our new Fire Carriers Sienna, Sarah, Tina and Dinara our sincere congratulations and best wishes as they journey together to continue St Damian's mission in Reconciliation.

Mrs Dragonetti.



Faith News

Social Justice - Project Compassion and Vinnies Flood Appeal 2022

Thank you to each family on behalf of Caritas and St Vincent de Paul for your generosity in supporting Project Compassion and Vinnies Flood Appeal 2022. Please remember to return all donations to the school by this **Friday 8th 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 Campaigns.

A Prayer for Easter

*Eternal God,
The night is brighter than the day
because it is filled with the light of
Christ's Resurrection from the dead.
May all the Baptised live their lives
of faith with Easter joy.
Renew us, O Lord, in faith, hope and love.
As we look forward to Christ's Resurrection
from the dead, may He change our lives
and transform our world, both now and forever.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

May God Bless you and keep you and your family safe throughout the Easter Season and the School term break.

Mary-Ann Wright
Religious Education Leader



Prep A	Aria Jose	For always showing kindness towards her classmates and being a great friend.
Prep M	Amy Wang	For consistently doing her best to follow class instructions.
Prep S	Willie Gong	For trying your best in all school activities.
1C	Reya Porwal	For listening to teachers instructions and being positive about her learning.
1M	Michelle Chen	For having a positive mindset in all areas of your learning.
1S	Ilina Proseva	For always showing compassion towards others inside and outside the classroom.
2N	Thomas Akbacak	For always trying his best and helping others to succeed.
3C	Madison Bourke	For being respectful and willing to help others.
3T	Johnny Xie	For always facing challenges with a big smile and a great sense of humour.
3R	James Hondros	For giving and receiving effective feedback for your own growth.
4C	Jonathan Jiang	For your great efforts in your persuasive writing and maths.
4M	Nikhill Edward	For engaging confidently in small group discussions.
5B	Alexia Garavalos	For doing her best to improve the quality of her homework tasks.
5M	Haresh Yasokarthikeyan	For listening to teacher feedback and practising to improve his handwriting.
6C	Robert Paolacci	For having a positive and cheerful attitude to our classroom.
6S	Thomas Stubbs	For being a kind and considerate class member.

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

In Term Two we will be learning about **HOPE**

HARMONY DAY

Thank you to all of the families who donated a gold coin for Harmony Day. The money raised (\$305.10) will be donated to those affected by the conflict in Ukraine.



The problem with saying "you're fine" to your child's woes:

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"You're fine" makes them feel unheard and invalidated.

They begin not to trust their own feelings. They feel there's something wrong with them.

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WHEN YOU SAY: "You'll be fine."

YOUR CHILD THINKS: "But I feel lost and unworthy. I feel I will never have any friends. Isn't this feeling valid?"

Your real message to your child: "It doesn't matter what you're feeling, just move on."

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Instead, reflect their feelings and offer validation:

"I know how hard it is to feel rejected. I'm here for you."

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SUSTAINABILITY - COMPOSTING INCURSION

This week St Damian's were fortunate enough to be visited by Tim from Edendale Farm in Eltham. A group of Year 5 and Year 6 students participated in the incursion with one of our Student Wellbeing leaders, Grace. The students learnt a lot about composting and how to make our school vegetable garden thrive. This group of students will be helping to roll out a composting program at St Damian's in Term 2.



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St Damian's Parents and Friends

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all the families who purchased tickets and donated Easter eggs and items for the Easter raffle. We received a huge response from our school community and we are very grateful for all those who contributed. The Easter raffle raised \$1439.

Winners of the Class Raffle

Prep M—Jeffrey W
 Prep S—Yoyo L
 Prep A—Evelyn W
 1C—Aiden C
 1S—Micah B
 1M—Leo T
 2S—Oliver M
 2B—Kaiden D
 2N—Chiara B
 3R—Kasia A
 3T—Nathan F
 3C—Felix L
 4C—Charbel S
 4M—Alexander D
 5B—Sarah F
 5M—Mia V
 6C—Orlando A
 6S—Chloe T

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Second Hand Uniform Shop will be CLOSED tomorrow- See you Next Term

Mother's Day Stall

Every year we hold a very successful and FUN-raising Mother's Day stall. This year it will be held on **Friday the 6th of May**. However, we can't do it alone. We will need many hands to help run the stalls throughout the day. Starting from 9am in the school hall

Volunteers SIGNUP here : <https://signup.com/go/aHyfenT>

Please note: A Working with Children's Check and double vaccination certificate IS required and will need to be sited at the office. Masks are also to be worn inside the school building.

Last Day of Term 1

Casual Clothes Day—Gold Coin Donation. All proceeds go to the Caritas Christi Charity



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 JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

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 REQUIRED**

- U8's
- U10's
- U11's
- U15's
- U16's

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 Greg - President - 0417 018 124 | Angela - Registrar - 0417 015 112



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 1	
Friday 8th	Last Day of Term 1
Term 2	
April	
Monday 25th	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 26th	First Day Term 2
May	
Wednesday 4th	Pupil Free Day



ALL AGES | ALL ABILITIES | ALL STYLES

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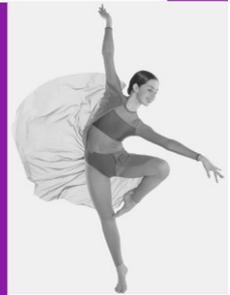
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St Damian's Parish Lenten Program 2022

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 (1st & 2nd 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, 9th 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 1st, & 3rd Week-ends of the Month, Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm Mass & 5th Weekend of the month & 10.00 am Mass Sunday on the 4th 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 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the Month & 5th 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.

ST DAMIAN'S PARISH HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES 2022



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

Good Friday, 15th 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, 16th April
6:30 pm Easter Vigil
The Blessing of the Fire & Preparation of the Candle

Easter Sunday, 17th April at 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses

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