



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

Yesterday was the final session of the Prep Orientations. The students worked within their class and met both the students and their teacher for 2023. There were many happy little people leaving at the end of the session which indicates that all went well and the students will return as our new Preps in 2023. It was also a great opportunity for me to offer our new families an information session during the orientation session. It was lovely to finally meet the parents properly as I did not have this opportunity earlier in the year due to my absence. We look forward to welcoming our new and continuing families next year.

Christmas Carols

Only two weeks until our Christmas Carols evening which will be held on the school oval on Wednesday 30th November. The students and teachers are busily practising and preparing for this night. The Christmas Carols are the final opportunity for us to gather as a whole community and to celebrate. The Carols are a reminder that Christmas is also about celebrating the gift of Christ's birth. As a christian community we remind ourselves that Christ's coming was the beginning of our salvation. It is important to ground ourselves in this reality as we get caught up in all the festivities of this season. All the students are participating in the Carols and we look forward to all our families joining us on the night. Families are invited to bring picnic rugs or picnic chairs and join with other families on the oval. If families wish they can bring a picnic basket and enjoy a picnic dinner prior to the Carols beginning. We remind families that **animals, including dogs, are not to be brought on the night and that there are no footy games or other games on the oval while we have the Carols.** This is a courtesy not only to the students who have worked hard to present on the night, but to other families who are present to enjoy the Carols. Fingers crossed that this year we are not rained out.



Safety and Traffic Management Reminders

Parents just a couple of reminders regarding parking on the bottom car park, Settlement Road entrance. If parents decide to use this area, please remember it is **not a drop off**. In using this carpark you are parking your car and then getting out of it to accompany your child to the top basketball court or to the office. Thank you for working with us and keeping your children safe.

Ordering the Students' Books and Stationary Items for 2023

Booklists will be sent home soon. Unfortunately our supplier is running a little late this year, no doubt caught up in the difficulties of sourcing different materials. As we did last year we are providing you with the opportunity to order your children's books and stationary online. This facility has proved to be convenient and successful for families as the books and stationary is delivered directly to your home in January. Please read the detailed instructions on your order form. It is important to note that your order is submitted prior to the due date to avoid postage fees.

The School Year Ends on Wednesday 14th December after graduation for the Year 6 students and on Thursday 15th for all students from Prep – Year 5.

2022 School Fees

All fees for 2022 are now due and must be paid by 21st November unless a payment plan is in place.

Prayer

Lord God, we come to you in community of faith and trust, in expectation that you will always be our refuge and our help.
All things come from you, for you always support us with your power and love.
Amen.

Have a great week everyone

Rosanna

Faith News

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 corresponds to how people prepare 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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is currently accepting contributions to assist those who have been affected by the devastating floods, particularly in the north of the State. Contributions to the Flood Appeal can be made by:

1. Calling 13 18 12;
2. visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>;
3. making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

St. Damian's Christmas Giving Tree

As is tradition at St. Damian's, we have been invited by St. Vincent De Paul to support those in need by providing gifts. We would be most appreciative if you could contribute to our collection. The closing date for donations is **Friday 2nd December**.

Please support our 'Giving Tree' which will be placed in the School Foyer. Stars will indicate whether you wish to purchase a gift for a boy or a girl and will show an approximate age group. There are also stars to give gifts to a Mum, Dad or baby. Please take a star from the tree, purchase a gift, wrap the gift if you wish, then stick the star on to the package so the volunteers from St. Vinnies know who it is intended for. Please place the gift under the tree. These gifts will make Christmas a special time for families. Thank you in advance for your contributions towards this worthy cause. It is a privilege to witness our community

Mary-Ann Wright
Religious Education Leader

**** REMINDER ****

Don't forget to purchase your ticket for the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

FIRST PRIZE
All new 2022 Kia Picanto valued @ \$19,500 drive away

Tickets available from the School Office



Save the Date

St Damian's Primary School Carols Evening

Wednesday 30th November

7pm on the School Oval

All children will be performing



Prep A	Gianna Pieterman	For always bringing a positive attitude and trying her best in all her learning.
Prep M	Luke Venditti	For trying really hard to reach his writing goals.
Prep S	Alex Lemberiadis	For striving to achieve his learning goals of keeping focus and independence.
1C	Louis Liu	For having a positive mindset and trying his best when faced with a challenge.
1M	Richie Hao	For making a fantastic start to St Damian's. You have been working hard.
1S	Ishana Garcha	For doing her best learning and helping to organise and tidy the classroom.
2D	Josephine Yousif	For her dedication and focus towards reading unfamiliar words.
2F	Tiffany Wang	For an outstanding effort to improve in all of your work.
2N	William Harrison	For being a focused learner and always helping others to complete tasks and succeed.
3R	Suhannie Bhatt	For the attention to detail you apply to all your tasks.
3T	Isaac Lai	For doing his best to change to a can do attitude and rising up to challenges.
4C	Milana Ivanoski	For your positive and enthusiastic approach to your learning.
4M	Max Dunstone	For adding depth to his writing for audience appeal.
5B	Sarah Ferraro	For consistently helping her classmates to succeed.
5M	Amanda Deraniyagala	For the wonderful insightful ideas and opinions you share with the class.
6C	Ted Marjoram	For receiving the RSL Remembrance Day Scholarship award.
6S	Dev Nambiar	For being a motivate learner who always strives to do his best across all areas.



On Tuesday the 29th of November, the year 4 students will be running a lunchtime market stall. We will be selling secondhand books, stuffed toys, swap cards, loom band bracelets, fidget spinners, origami, drawings, paintings and much more.

All money raised will go to the RSPCA. Prices will range from 20c to a maximum of \$2. All students will be invited to browse and purchase during lunchtime, so check behind the couch for spare coins!

Let's give back this Christmas!

Written by Lucas B, Lori D, Nikhil E and James H on behalf of the Year 4 students



SANTA MARIA COLLEGE
**CHRISTMAS
CAROLS**

MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER 5PM- 7PM
PONTON OVAL, SANTA MARIA COLLEGE
ENTRY VIA SEPARATION STREET

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS COMMUNITY EVENT!

BOOK HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CDLPU](https://www.trybooking.com/cdlpu)

THIS IS A FREE, TICKETED EVENT - ONLY THOSE WITH TICKETS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

THE CAROLS ARE OUTDOORS AND WEATHER DEPENDENT. IF UNSATISFACTORY WEATHER IS FORECAST, THE COLLEGE WILL DECIDE IF WE ARE ABLE TO PROCEED ON THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER. WE WILL COMMUNICATE THIS WITH ALL REGISTERED TICKET HOLDERS. IN THE EVENT OF CANCELLATION, THIS EVENT WILL NOT BE RESCHEDULED.



LOYOLA COLLEGE
PROUDLY PRESENTS

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS,
FOOD TRUCKS,
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT,
CHILDRENS' ACTIVITIES,
MARKET STALLS &
2nd HAND UNIFORM SALE**

FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER
AT 5PM - 9PM
LOYOLA COLLEGE GROUNDS

**AN EVENING OF FAMILY CELEBRATION,
A VISIT FROM SANTA & GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN**

GOLD COIN ENTRY



**DATES
FOR YOUR
DIARY**

Term 4		December	
November		Wednesday 14th	Year 6's Finish School
			Year 6 Graduation Evening
Wednesday 30th	Carols Evening 7pm	Thursday 15th	Years 1-5 Finish 3.15pm
December			
Wednesday 7th	End of Year School Mass 11.30am		

St Damian's Parent Association

St. Damian's Christmas Raffle 2022

Winners Drawn on School Christmas Carols night—30th November 2022

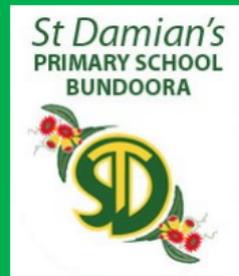
Cost: 1 Ticket for \$2 OR 3 Tickets for \$5

Prizes are:

1. Bike (Donated by Parent)
 2. \$50 That's Amore Cheese Voucher
 3. Patty's Meat Tray (to be collected at butcher after the Carols night, must present voucher to collect)
 4. Chemist Warehouse Baskets x 2 (full of all different goodies)
 5. Ray White Donation (\$200 Gift Voucher & Hamper)
 6. Gotham Doughnuts 6 Pack
 7. Café Lucio donating 2 x \$20 Vouchers
 8. Coles \$50 Voucher
 9. Baker's Delight (5 x \$10 Voucher in a Gift Pack)
 10. Keen Edge Construction Gift Packs
- Plus PLENTY more prizes

Lucky Dip Bags and variety of drinks \$1 each (to be purchased on the night)

**** Money raised will go towards New STEM program for 2023****



Second Hand Uniform Shop

Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open this Friday from **2pm - 3pm**

CASH ONLY

We NEED DONATIONS for Large Summer dresses and Large Winter Jumpers