



# 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

Congratulations to our Student Leaders who were officially presented with their badges last Monday at our first school assembly. We trust that each of these young people will be great role models for our School Community. The next **School Assembly will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm** in the school hall. Year 5B will present their celebration of learning. All families welcome.

## 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 **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm – 4.30pm & 6.30pm – 7.30pm** and **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm – 4.30pm & 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) 2024

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 it 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.

## School Photos

Our school photos will be taken next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Students are expected to be in full summer uniform, including school shoes. For those students who are having their P.E. lesson on this day, please bring your runners to school to change into for the lesson. Hair accessories are to be in school colours please. Thank you.

## School Advisory Council

The AGM and the first meeting of the School Advisory Council is planned for **Tuesday March 21st at 7.30pm**. This will be held at school. If anyone would like to nominate themselves I am happy to receive your nomination. Simply send me an email expressing your interest. We require a minimum of 2 parents to join the current serving members and complete this group. Please consider nominating. We meet 6 times a year for an hour or so, therefore it is not an onerous commitment. The SAC has an advisory role and works with the Principal and Parish Priest to support the School's functions. Please email me at [principal@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au) if you are interested in being part of the School Advisory Council (SAC).

## End of Term 1

The end of term coincides with Holy Thursday, which is the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, we will conclude at 1.15pm. Students will be dismissed at this time to allow staff the opportunity to begin their Holy Week preparations. This early finish also allows staff time in lieu in recognition of the extra time worked for Learning Conversations. This requirement forms part of the new E.B.A. which is the Industrial Award under which schools operate. Term 2 will begin on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** at 8.40am after the ANZAC day public holiday.



**Prayer**  
Heavenly Father, Look upon us and hear our prayers during this holy Season of Lent.  
**Amen**

*Have a great week everyone,  
Rosanna*

# Faith News

## Lent

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal. It is a time for Christians to consider how they live the Word of God and to renew this living. The Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving help us, as Christians, to embody the values of justice, compassion and generosity.

## Inspiration from Pope Francis

*While in creation, the Father gave us proof of His immense love by giving us life. In the passion and death of His Son, He gave us the proof of proofs: He came to suffer and die for us. So great is God's mercy – He loves us, He forgives us; God forgives all and God forgives always.*

Angelus Address, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015

## Social Justice - Project Compassion

Throughout the Lenten Season, our School 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.

## Lenten Prayer

***Forgiving God, your mercy and compassion bring freedom  
and hope to our world.***

***In this Season of Lent turn our hearts to you.***

***Lift us up when we fall; restore our broken, fragile world,  
and give us confidence to live and love again. Amen***

Mary-Ann Wright

Religious Education Leader



## Parent Helpers now permitted back into schools.

Assisting in the Literacy program in your child's class is a positive and rewarding experience which allows you to support the class teacher and the students with their learning. We warmly invite parents to become school volunteers. By volunteering, you are able to support students and the teachers in classes. You can also attend excursions and participate in other school events.

Please note we will be running workshops to inform parents about protocols with regard to working in classrooms. **A current working with Children check is a pre- requisite.** Please bring this along to school when applying.

Please consider whether you may have an hour to spare in your day/s and contact the school office providing your name, child's name and class and a mobile phone number. You will also need to call in to the office to collect a Volunteers form to complete.

Angela Lomabardi and Mattie Dragonetti—Literacy Leaders

St. Damian's Year 4 Community Presents

# MARKET Stall

Casual clothes,  
sausage  
& donut  
**\$5**

Just  
casual  
clothes  
**\$1**

Pre-Loved  
goods and  
crafts market  
11:40 - 12:40

**March  
22nd**

## St. Damian's Primary School

5 Settlement Road Bundoora

**All proceeds go to those affected by the  
Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria**

*We are the Hands, Heart and Voice of Christ*

Let's give with our Hands, feel with our heart and speak out with our voices to  
follow in the footsteps of Christ

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## St Damian's Parent Association



**The St. Damian's Parent Association will be holding an Easter Raffle on Monday 3rd of April.**

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 Monday 27th March.

Raffle tickets cost \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with students next week.



Donations of clean, good condition uniforms and school bags etc are gratefully appreciated. They can be left in the labelled box outside the School Office.

(We will not accept damaged, old or stained items). Cash sales only.

Open each FRIDAY: 9am-10am (located up the hill just after the office entrance)



<b>Prep A</b>	Tobin Munton	For showing fabulous whole body listening during all learning times.
<b>Prep M</b>	Jasper Gao	For your great listening skills and sharing your ideas with the class.
<b>1A</b>	Yueru Liu	For listening to teacher instructions and always doing her best.
<b>1C</b>	Jayda Redden	For trying her best in all areas.
<b>1M</b>	Summer Chen	For always doing her best and being an excellent role model
<b>2D</b>	Alexander Grandikis	For approaching Year 2 positively and taking on all tasks with confidence.
<b>2S</b>	Chloe Huynh	For always trying her best and being ready to learn in all areas.
<b>2W</b>	Linaya Kande	For doing her best and always being attentive.
<b>3C</b>	Thomas Akbacak	For always being respectful and following the school expectations.
<b>3M</b>	Dahlia Batal	For her positive attitude and commitment towards following school expectations.
<b>3T</b>	Erica Collaga	For doing her best during her speech for SRC.
<b>4F</b>	Chris Huang	For an outstanding effort for Term 1.
<b>4M</b>	Arianna Panebianco	For fitting in beautifully to the St Damian's community.
<b>4N</b>	Julieta Pineda Garcia	For being an amazing new addition to the St Damian's Community.
<b>5B</b>	Levana Georges	For settling in smoothly to her new school and 5B.
<b>5R</b>	Ian Zhang	For the exemplary standard you have set for yourself and others this year.
<b>6C</b>	Charleigh Patterson	For consistently doing your best and encouraging others to succeed.
<b>6S</b>	Fiona Huang	For always being a helpful and considerate class member who supports her peers.





<b>Term 1 March</b>	
Monday 6th	Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 8th	School Photo Day
Monday 13th	Labour Day Public Holiday
<b>April</b>	
Thursday 6th	Last Day of Term 1. 1.15pm Finish

## SCHOOL PHOTOS 2023 - Important Registration Information



*School Photographs will be taken at*

**St. Damian's Primary School**

**Wednesday 8th March 2023**

**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 your child's 2023 image code**

***Follow these 3 simple steps -***

**1** Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your child's **2023 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 2023 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

**• Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads**

**• Order on any mobile device • Share the images with family & friends for FREE**

**\*\* Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2023 \*\***



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Theircare at St Damian's would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters on which we grow: The Wurundjeri people. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and future. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our school and our community.



## PICNIC ON THE OVAL

Come and have fun with the Theircare team  
playing Giant Games!  
Friday 3rd March  
5:30pm - 8:30pm



### TIMES

Before School: 7:00am - 8:35am

After School: 3:15pm - 6:30pm

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