



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



Happy Mother's Day on Sunday to all the mums, grandmothers and mother figures. I trust that you will enjoy a very happy day surrounded by much love and happiness. You all deserve to be truly spoilt on this special day.

Mother's Day Stall

A huge thank you to our Parent Association group for organising the Mother's Day Stall so that the children have the opportunity to buy a special gift to present to their mum on Sunday. Many hours of organisation go into these events. A huge shout out to these wonderful ladies who generously give their time to make these opportunities possible for our community. The Mother's Day Stall will be held this Friday 12th May for the students to purchase their gift.

Year 5 & 6 Camp

Last evening we held the Camp Information Evening for the parents of the students in Years 5 and 6 who will be attending camp at the end of this month. The students will be attending a three day and two night camp at Kyneton where they will participate in a range of outdoor activities. I am certain that the students will enjoy this experience immensely and are looking forward to going. A huge thank you to our wonderful staff who always go out of their way to provide enjoyable and exciting opportunities for our students. A huge thank you to our families for your support of our programs, especially to those parents who have volunteered to attend camp and help supervise the students. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable experience.

School Advisory Board

The next meeting of the SAC will be next Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm in the meeting room.

Prep 2024 Interviews

Today we began the process for enrolment of the new Preps for 2024. It was lovely to meet the first little people who are excited about starting school at St Damian's. At the moment we have two Prep classes for 2024. If there are any families who have a child starting Prep next year and have not yet lodged an enrolment form, could I please ask that this be done as soon as possible. We would be very disappointed to learn that your child missed out on a place because the enrolment was not lodged in time. We need to ensure that all siblings are placed before we can offer a place to new families. At the moment we are still receiving enrolments and doing tours so we may need to have a waiting list.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

You placed yourself as an infant into the hands of a human mother.

Let this trust placed in Mary be an inspiration to all mothers today.

Not an inspiration to be perfect, but rather an inspiration to love fully, to embrace good times and bad.

To guide and trust their children so they make a positive contribution to the world which has been entrusted to us to care for and nurture.

We ask this in Your Holy name,
Amen.

Have a great week everyone,

Rosanna

Faith News

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This term, our Year Two Students will be participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 7th June at 7pm in the Church. We pray that we may be good examples of forgiveness and healing in the way we live our lives.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Parish Presentation Masses

Please choose whichever Mass time suits your family best: Saturday 3rd June at 5:30pm or Sunday 4th June at 10am. The children do not need to bring anything with them. They will be invited to stand on the altar after the Homily and everyone present will be invited to pray for them.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Early in Term Three, our Year Six Students will be renewing their baptismal promises and professing their faith as they celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 15th July at 2pm. We pray for them as they prepare to participate in the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. Further details regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation will be sent home over the coming weeks.

Sacrament of Confirmation Parish Presentation Masses

Please choose whichever Mass time suits your family best: Saturday 17th June at 5:30pm or Sunday 18th June at 10am. The children do not need to bring anything with them. They will be invited to stand on the altar after the Homily and everyone present will be invited to pray for them. The students will receive a copy of the Nicene Creed and a Confirmation pin.

Sacrament of Confirmation Parent / Child Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sacrament of Confirmation Parent / Child Evening on Thursday 22nd June at 7pm. The evening will be facilitated by Michele from the Presentation Family Project.

Prayer for Mother's Day

*Loving God, you have given us life and cared for us through our mothers.
We thank you for the care and wisdom they have taught us.
Fill them today and all days with your Holy Spirit of wisdom and love.
Help them hear your voice, follow you and teach their children to do the same.
May we honour them with profound respect and by living your Gospel.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Mary-Ann Wright
Religious Education Leader

SCHOOL MUSICAL

2023 School Production News

Another reminder: the St Damian's whole school production, The Magical Toy Box Tour, will be taking place at Loyola College in the Inigo Theatre later this year. This will be held over two nights.

The dates are scheduled on:

Thursday 24th August

Friday 25th August

Each student will be assigned to perform in at least one of the two shows.

Year 6 students, and other selected students, will perform in both shows.

More information will be provided in due course, including the show date or dates that each student will be involved in. If you haven't done so already, please pencil both dates into your calendar for now.

Alex de la Rambelje (Drama / Dance Teacher) and Marg O'Leary (Music Teacher)

Student Representative Council

Introducing the 2023 St Damian's Student Representative Council from Year One to Year Six. The SRC meet regularly to make our school a great place to be and facilitate classroom meetings to incorporate student voice.



1A	Liam	I like the 'Hot Dog' books.
1C	Tala	I love writing.
1M	Summer	I like to go to the park and play.
2D	Reya	I like pizza and noodles and I have a little sister named Aarya.
2S	Oscar	I like to play Minecraft and with my brother.
2W	Nathaniel	I like "Weido" books.
3C	Lucy	I like playing with my dog Maxi!
3M	Elsie	I like animals a lot!
3T	Erica	My favourite colour is orange.
4F	Zoe	I like to read non-fiction books because I learn something new!
4M	Callan	I like building Lego structures like the Infinity Gauntlet.
4N	Orlando	I like soccer and Minecraft.
5B	Anthony	I like hanging out with my Nonna and eating pizza!
5R	Ian	I like the book series "Warriors".
6C	Vy-An	I enjoy reading Morris Gleitzman books.
6S	Kayleb	I enjoy playing the cello.



RECYCLING INITIATIVE

Dear parents, our year 6 Sustainability leaders Betty and Cinzia will be running a new recycling initiative called Wonder Recycling Rewards for school. We need you to send in your empty soft plastic bread bags (as crumb free as possible to avoid recycling contamination), and empty soft plastic bread wrap bags.

We are hoping to fill four boxes with 5kg of bread bags in each - recycling a whopping 20kgs of bread bags that would otherwise go into landfill. As a bonus, the school will also receive sports equipment for each box that we fill.

Kind regards
Carmen Bruce



Second Hand Uniform Shop Closed Tomorrow Due to Mother's Day Stall

UPCOMING COLLEGE TOURS

Discovery Tours

Tuesday 6 June: 9.15am
Wednesday 19 July: 9.15am
Wednesday 9 August: 9.15am

Express Tours

We are now also hosting small, group express tours every fortnight, for approximately 45 minutes.

Visit the College website or scan the QR Code to register for a tour

Year 7 2025 enrolments close in August! Very limited places for 2024

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Year 7 Information Evening
All Year 4-6 Families Welcome
Wednesday May 31

What Makes Parade College Unique?

Tours of the College commence at 5.45pm
Presentation to commence at 7pm

BOOK NOW: www.parade.vic.edu.au

Parade College 1436 Plenty Rd Bundoora | 9468 3300

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wurundjeri people, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Term 2 - Week 3

It has been a very busy 3 weeks into term 2!

The term began with ANZAC Day activities, making poppies, medals, and off course, (we could not have ANZAC Day) without making cookies that the children thoroughly enjoyed making and eating!!!

Week 2 we incorporated the theme of Dinosaurs, as suggested by one of our children that is obsessed with anything pre-historic. Children made hatching baby dinos, constructed a dinosaur skeleton and flying Pterosaur puppets. We also had our first Pupil Free Day on the 4th May with the theme of "May the 4th Be With You" where all activities were about Star Wars. As seen in the middle photo, the children are going crazy for making slime, so we incorporated the Star Wars theme by making galaxy and colour-changing slime.

This week began by celebrating the King's coronation over the weekend, so we made our own "gold" crowns. The rest of the week has been a focus on Mother's Day and all little hands have been busy creating little momentos to gift on Sunday.

To all the mothers, grandmothers and special women that influence and nurture, Happy Mother's Day!!!! You all do an amazing job everyday, all day!!!

Roula & the St Damian's Theircare Team

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!

Reminders

Remember to book you child into each session as early as possible to avoid missing out due to session filling up. Please cancel bookings through the booking portal if they are no longer required. This allows us opening up spaces to be used by another family who require our care and also ensures that correct staff are rostered.

The service is a "nut-free zone" due to anaphylaxis and other allergies - please refrain from bringing foods such as peanut butter, Nutella, etc.

It is Theircare policy that all children need to be signed in by a parent every morning using the tablet at our entrance. Children are not permitted to walk in on their own.



Morning session begins at 7am and we are unable to accept children before that time.

Bookings for the term open now!

TIMES

Before School: 7:00AM - 8:35AM
After School: 3:15PM - 6:30PM
Holidays: 7:00AM - 6:30PM

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