



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,

Prep 2024 Enrolments

Just a gentle reminder to all our families who have children starting Prep next year that enrolments close very soon. Offers of places for 2024 will be sent out at the end of May. Please ensure you have put your enrolment form in so that you do not miss out on a spot. Thank you.

School Assembly

Our next school assembly is Monday 29th May at 2.30pm in the hall. Year 2D class will present their celebration of Learning at this assembly. All families welcome.

School Uniform

All students should now be in full winter uniform. Could I please remind parents and students that our uniform should be worn properly and with pride. This means that all students must be wearing the **correct uniform** and not a mix and match. This applies most especially to footwear and jumpers. Runners are only to be worn with sports uniform on days when students are participating in Physical Education lessons. Otherwise, all students should be wearing black leather shoes. Students should be wearing the school jumper and not zip tops and such. The Year 6 students only wear their Year 6 bomber jacket. I reiterate, all students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times.

P&A GALA Night

Unfortunately the Gala Night scheduled for June has been postponed to later in the year due to various circumstances. However the Parent Association have been proactive and organised a school disco night for June instead. Hopefully families will take the opportunities to come together and enjoy a fun night together. Please check the Parent Association section in this newsletter for further information and details.

Building Works

As discussed at last night's SAC Meeting, we have now reached the tender process of the building works. The Architect will soon call for tenders from interested builders. Once all tenders have been received then MACS will review them and appoint a builder. Fingers crossed that the tenders come in within the set budget because as we know there is a shortage of tradies and materials. This could impact on the budget, so we are praying and hoping for a good outcome for our school. This part of the works is the refurbishment of 5 classrooms and the girl's upstairs toilets and the relocation of two offices.

Prayer – Prayer of St Teresa of Avila

Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands,
no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
Yours are the hands.
Yours are the feet.
Yours are the eyes.
You are his body.

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.

Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians – Wednesday 24th May

Since the Middle-Ages, the Church has devoted the month of May to Mary. We find strength when seeking Mary's intercession and gain confidence in knowing that God continues to act in the world. On all Marian feast days, we continue to celebrate Jesus Christ, for Mary's privilege is received from God. Whilst we continue to pray and practise charity, we can remain assured that our Prayers will be answered. With maternal love for us, Mary wants what is best for us as she urges, "Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5). May we continue to lead others to know and love her Son too. May we feel empowered to turn to her in Prayer as we continue to love Jesus and others with a greater love.

Mary's Peace Prayer

Mary, Mother of God, my mother, Queen of Peace.

Please ask your Son, Jesus, to give us the gift of peace.

Pray for us, for peace; peace in our hearts;

peace of mind and of soul;

peace with all whom we meet; the peace of Jesus.

Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, our Brother, King of Peace.

We come to you and Mary, Queen of Peace,

to humbly ask you for a new outpouring of the gift of peace.

Pour out on us your Holy Spirit of Peace.

Give us peace, Jesus; peace within ourselves;

peace within our families;

peace within our everyday lives.

Give peace to our nation, and to all nations;

peace amongst all people;

peace in the world.

Jesus, our mediator with the Father,

take our Prayers to the Father to pray for peace.

Father, Father of Jesus, our Father,

we come to you with your Son, Jesus.

In Him and with Him and through Him,

we pray for peace. Amen.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal

Winter will soon be upon us. Therefore, the time has come for our School to once again, support the *St. Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal*. With the rising costs of gas and electricity, many people are looking for alternative ways to stay warm in the winter months. In response to this need, our Social Justice Leaders are running a *Warm Up Winter Drive* in aid of Vinnies. Donations of items such as socks, beanies, hats, scarves, gloves etc. would be most sincerely appreciated. Please send these donations to your child's classroom anytime between Monday 22nd May and Friday 16th June. Your donated items will be distributed to families in need. St. Damian's has a strong tradition of caring for those in need.

Mary-Ann Wright

Religious Education Leader



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—Maths Leader



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

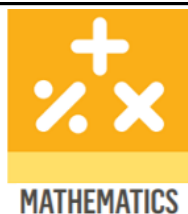
Each student will be assigned to perform in at least one of the two shows. Year 6 students, and other selected students, will perform in both shows.

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)

Writer of the Week

Lini Liu—1C—For writing a descriptive story about 'The Sausage Sizzle'
Thomas Akbacak—3C—For excellent work especially with his descriptive writing



Dear Parents and Carers. St Damian's will again host the Mathematics ICAS assessment in August this year. This is voluntary for students in Years 2-6. An email will be sent to all parents in years 2-6 with more information. If we have a lot of interest I will need parent volunteers to help me administer the test.

Thank you
Carmen Bruce—Maths Leader



AFL Dreamtime Game Family Ticket Raffle Winners

Amaya 6C
Ilan 5R
Jade 4M
Jack 4F
Tina and Andrea 6S



Prep A	Ava Dee	For always approaching new learning with enthusiasm.
Prep M	Hazel Akbacak	For always doing your best and for being a kind and helpful friend.
1A	Mia Salloum	For trying her best and always having a go.
1C	Sonae Mutuku	For being actively involved in all our learning experiences.
1M	Lisa Li	For always doing her best work and for being a kind and friendly student.
2D	Elsa Khosravi	For her focus and dedication towards all learning.
2W	Isabella Ivanovski	For recording interesting facts about Australia and for being a good listener.
3C	Oliver Munton	For always doing his best to improve his learning.
3M	Ilina Proseva	For her focus, effort and enthusiasm during writing time.
3T	Oscar Wang	For consistently doing his best in the classroom and being a great role model.
4F	Nathan Feng	For successfully taking risks with his writing and for exceptional manners.
4M	Stephen Trikilis	For his excellent participation during Reciprocal Teaching discussions.
4N	Sera Marchionda	For always putting her best into all her learning and contributing to class discussions.
5B	5B	For demonstrating co operation, good listening and excellent manners all week.
5R	Leo Chen	For always being an engaged, enthusiastic and proactive learner.
6C	Santino Gioffre	For having a positive and enthusiastic approach towards your learning.

SECOND HAND
UNIFORM SHOP

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).

VIP PASS

PLEASE JOIN US ON THE RED CARPET FOR

St. Damian's

FANCY DRESS

HOLLYWOOD DISCO

JUNE
16TH
2023

6:30 PM -

9:30 PM

St. Damian's Hall

Dress as your favourite movie character

Tickets

Family (2Ad + 3Ch) - \$15

Individual - \$5

Must be purchased by 02nd June

TICKETS SELL OUT FAST, BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Guest DJ, Cash Only Event, Food & Drinks Available

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.

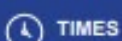


MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day was the theme for Week 4, where children showed their love and gratitude for their mum, grandmother and special person. Children put their creative hats on and made paper bouquets, cards, keyrings and special drawings and were so proud of what they achieved! Hope all mums had a lovely day being celebrated! Photos included show the many beautiful mementos that were gifted.

Booking your child into the program in 3 simple steps:

1. Create an account through www.theircare.com.au. Bookings and cancellations can be managed through your account.
2. Provide CEN Centrelink details, any medical conditions and contact details.
3. Select booking dates through your calendar. Casual bookings and regular bookings available. Bookings made within 48 hours/changes to bookings will incur a small fee.



TIMES

Before School: 7:00am - 8:35am
After School: 3:15pm - 6:30pm
Holidays: 7:00am - 6:30pm

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