



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

Last Friday morning our student FIRE Carrier leaders accompanied by their parents attended the Whittlesea Council for the Sorry Day ceremony. Mrs Dragonetti, our FIRE Carrier staff leader met the students at the Council offices. The students heard the many stories of different indigenous people, listened to different speakers give their perspectives of how we can support Reconciliation and also listened to one of the elders speak of their own personal experiences. As a FIRE Carrier school, our focus is to ensure that the mistakes and wrongs of the past are never committed again and that we acknowledge the Aboriginal people as the traditional owners of these lands in a true spirit of Reconciliation. I am certain that our FIRE Carrier students felt very privileged to be part of such an important day.

Yesterday morning our Year 5&6 students, 4 teachers and some very brave parents took off for a 3 day camp at Campaspe Camp in Kyneton. On arrival the students all settled into their rooms and then began their activities. We wish them all a very safe, enjoyable and exciting camp experience and look forward to their return on Friday afternoon.

National Reconciliation Week

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023 is **Be a Voice for Generations**. This theme encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise. For the work of generations past, and the benefit of generations future, we are called to act today for a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all. National Reconciliation Week – May 27th to June 3rd – is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Reports

Student Reports will be emailed to families on Friday 16th June.

Learning Conversations

The Learning Conversations will be held on Monday 19th June. There is an opportunity to have these Learning Conversations both online and face to face to accommodate everyone's needs. The **students are not required at school** on this day as the Learning Conversations will begin at 8.30am and conclude at 7.00pm. Learning Conversations are an opportunity for all families to meet with the child(ren)'s teacher(s) to discuss the learning progress and to set further learning goals for the Second Semester. Students are encouraged to attend as they are part of the discussion and they can take ownership of their learning. If parents wish to discuss sensitive matters, then we encourage you to make an alternative appointment with the teacher. Further information regarding booking a time and the link will be sent home closer to the date.

Staff News

Unfortunately, we are once again looking for a Prep Teacher as the teacher who was meant to join our team is not able to come due to a change in circumstances. This is very disappointing as I believed I had filled all positions up until Tuesday. I have re-advertised the position and am looking forward to receiving some applications.

Prayer

O most Holy Trinity, bless us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Give us the wisdom to recognise the importance of others and keep God central in our life. With our hands, heart and voice we glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

*Have a great week everyone,
Rosanna*

Faith News

Sacrament of Reconciliation Parish Presentation Masses

Please choose whichever Mass time suits your family best: this 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 Reconciliation

Please pray for our Year Two Students who will be participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Wednesday 7th June at 7pm in the Church.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – Sunday 4th June

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

While much of Christian art depicts the relationship among the three persons as triangular, the Early Church Fathers encourage us to envision the dynamic love relationship of the Trinity in a circular fashion. The early Greek term, *perichoresis*, literally means *going around*, suggesting a dance like movement where each person interacts with the other. The point of this dance is love. The dance, an open circle, invites all onto the dance floor, drawing us into the midst of the energetic flow of divine love. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, suggests some practice steps for the dance: rejoice, mend your ways, encourage one another, seek agreement and live in peace. We are not celebrating an esoteric doctrine from the past; we are celebrating One who is a dynamic relationship inviting us to be participants in this dynamism. In these ways, we help one another onto the dance floor, where we become one with the very source of grace, love and communion. *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.* 2 Corinthians 13:13.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal

Winter is definitely 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 by 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.

Prayer – Glory and Praise to the Most Holy Trinity

***Glory be to the FATHER,
and to the SON,
and to the HOLY SPIRIT.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.***

Mary-Ann Wright
Religious Education Leader

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).

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)



National Sorry Day or the National Day of Healing is an event held annually in Australia on 26 May commemorating the Stolen Generations. It is part of the ongoing efforts towards reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Our FIRECarriers attended the ceremony at City of Whittlesea offices in Sth Morang. The took part in a Welcome to Country and reconciliation walk on the grounds acknowledging the Stolen Generations. It was a great opportunity of learning about this important day.

Mattie Dragonetti





Term 2	
June	
Saturday 3rd	Sacrament of Reconciliation Presentation Mass Year 2 5.30pm
Sunday 4th	Sacrament of Reconciliation Presentation Mass Year 2 10.00am
Monday 12th	King's Birthday Public Holiday—Student free day
Friday 16th	Reports emailed to families
Saturday 17th	Sacrament of Confirmation Presentaion Mass Year 6—5.30pm
Sunday 18th	Sacrament of Confirmation Presentaion Mass Year 6—5.30pm
Monday 19th	Pupil Free Day- Learning Conversations
Term 3	
July	
Wednesday 19th	Pupil Free Day—Staff Professional Training



Prep A	Helena Huang	For always showing enthusiasm towards new learning experiences.
Prep M	Jeremiah De Angelis	For always having a go when using the stretchy snake strategy to help with your writing.
1A	Sylvia Xie	For being enthusiastic about her learning and always having a go.
1C	Noah Ferraro	For trying his best when completing addition and subtraction sums during maths.
1M	Ashlea Lin	For doing her best to learn speaking, reading and writing in English.
2D	Marshall Davide	For displaying kindness, helpfulness and respect towards his peers.
2W	Alice Wu	For her wonderful effort and care in her story writing.
2S	Andy Beresford Long	For trying his best to complete tasks.
3C	Isaac Korovin	For being a kind and caring friend to others.
3M	William Harrison	For having a growth mindset and embracing challenges in mathematics.
3T	Mason Carapellotti	For doing his best by making connections in all areas of the curriculum.
4F	Benjamin King	For showing perseverance with worded multiplication problems.
4M	Lucia Bernardi	For writing a moving story about her Nonna's migration journal.
4N	Rishab Mirpuri	For being attentive in class and following instructions.
5B	Jonathan Mandarano	For working hard on his writing in class.
5R	Olivia Barry	For your insightful contributions to focus groups and class discussions.
6C	Charleigh Patterson	For being a loyal and kind-hearted class member of 6C.
6S	Mia Akom	For representing our school with pride during inter school sports.
6S	Sarah Ferraro	For always striving to do your best in literacy by explaining your thinking.

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.



The Great Barrier Reef

As the weather is getting colder and the days are getting shorter, we (at OSHC) thought we would go to The Great Barrier Reef where the waters are crystal clear and the sun is warm and always shining!

The children were super excited to be making tropical fish, coral and sea creatures out of modelling clay for our own piece of the Great Barrier Reef. We all collaborated and discussed what we wanted our diorama to look like, and what we could include. We added sand, shells, seaweed and coral for our sea bed and added swimming fish of all types - we even included a diver!



Our diorama is on display at the parent sign in desk for all to enjoy. Please come in to see, the children are so proud of their team work!

Holiday Program

Monday 26th June - Friday 7th July 2023



Bookings for the term open now!

1. Create an account through www.theircare.com.au. Bookings and cancellations can be managed through your account.

2. Provide CRN Centlink details, any medical conditions and contact details.

3. Select booking dates through your calendar. Casual bookings and regular bookings are available. Bookings made within 48 hours/changes to bookings will incur a small fee.

TIMES

Before School: 7:00 - 8:35AM

After School: 7:00 - 8:35AM

Holidays: 7:00AM - 6:30PM

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