



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 Carers

Not long now till we enjoy our School Production. The students and staff are busy putting on the finishing touches to costumes and props and ensuring that all the children know their parts. The children are working very hard and are very excited to be sharing their creativity with everyone in our community. We look forward to a wonderful two nights of entertainment and fun. There are a few limited tickets available if families are interested. I am looking forward to our school production after the past few years of not being able to share this experience as a school community.

Car Entry into School

Just a gentle reminder to all our families that cars should enter the school carefully at all times. Students and staff move about the grounds at different times and use the driveway frequently. Please drive slowly and carefully. When the lower carpark gate is closed, cars **must not** drive along the driveway as students are outside playing. Cars entering at this time **MUST** park in the lower carpark. Also please remember that no parents are allowed to park in the Parish car park. This area belongs to the Parish and is not for school parents use. Cars are not allowed to enter the school grounds from Plenty Road. This is not a drop off area and it is very dangerous. School staff and Irabina **staff only** should use this entrance.

School Production

Only three (2) weeks to go for the School Production. Excitement amongst the students and staff is certainly growing.



St Damian's Primary School

Production of

The Magical Toybox Tour

Cast A - Thursday 24th August

Cast B - Friday 25th August

*Performance begins at 7.00pm (students arrive at 6.15pm)
at Loyola College Theatre
No prams at the venue please.*

Feast of the Assumption

Next Tuesday 15th August, is the Feast of the Assumption, which is a Holy day of Obligation. We remember Mary as a mother who loved and cared for her son in the same way as all mothers care for their children. We are reminded that Mary was a woman of prayer, a woman of courage and that she always remained faithful to God. As is our tradition, we will honour Mary and celebrate the Feast of the Assumption with a whole school Mass at 9.15am. We warmly welcome all our families to join us.

Staff News

Next week, we welcome back from Long Service Leave Ms Caterina Capogreco. Miss Mary McArdle is taking Long Service Leave till the end of term. We hope that Miss Capogreco had an enjoyable holiday and is now refreshed. We wish Miss McArdle an enjoyable and safe holiday and look forward to her return in Term 4.

Sadly, last Thursday we farewelled Miss Giulia Benatti, our Italian Language Assistant. Giulia found the two hour commute to St Damian's very difficult. Giulia accepted a position at Simonds College, closer to home. We are in the process of looking for a replacement.

Condolences

We offer our heartfelt sympathies to Mrs Julie Cannatelli and her family on the recent passing of her mother-in-law. Please keep Julie and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this very sad and difficult time.

A Prayer to St Mary MacKillop: (Feast day 8th August)



Mary, your dream in life was to live your love for God in a very real way.
Help us to bring God's love alive on our daily lives.

We ask that our faith and hope
be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too,
may live with courage, trust, and openness.
Ever-generous God, hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Have a great week everyone,
Rosanna

Faith News

Sacrament of Eucharist

This term, our **Year Four Students** will be participating in the Sacrament of Eucharist on **Saturday 9th September at 2pm**. Please let me know in writing if you wish your child to receive a special Blessing. Our Students will be participating in a **Sacrament of Eucharist Reflection Day** here at School next **Thursday 17th August**. All Year Four Students are invited to wear casual clothes on this day.

Sacrament of Eucharist Parish Presentation Masses

Sacrament of Eucharist Parish Presentation Masses will take place on **Saturday 26th August at 5:30pm** and **Sunday 27th August at 10am**. Please choose whichever date suits your family best. You do not need to tell the School which Mass you will attend.

Sacrament of Eucharist Parent/Child Evening

Please remember, the Presentation Sisters will be conducting a **Sacrament of Eucharist Parent/Child Evening** in the Hall on **Thursday 31st August at 7pm**. At least one Parent/Guardian from each family is strongly encouraged to attend this evening with their Child in preparing to participate in the Sacrament.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Whole School Mass – 15th August at 9:15am

Next Tuesday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Church at 9:15am. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven after her death is the most important Marian feast in the Liturgical Calendar of the Catholic Church and is a Holy Day of Obligation in Australia. This Feast Day highlights how important the Blessed Virgin is in the Catholic Tradition. It can be said that Mary is the very first Christian. She carried, gave birth to and raised God's only Son, Jesus. As a child, Jesus would have taken guidance from his mother and lived under her motherly protection. Jesus the child, followed in his mother's footsteps, and she in turn followed in His. The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) depicts Mary exalting in blessings in disguise. Peter Steele, in his collection of homilies, Bread for the Journey, reflects on Mary as a relevant and important role model within the Church. He observes this about the Mother of God:

Mary's unique openness to being blessed inspires us to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption.

And if she has one thing more than another
to teach us today, surely this is it:
That growth in humanity, growth in the Spirit,
begins and is fostered just where
we thank God for our blessings.
Our blessings include each other,
and they include ourselves.



Mary-Ann Wright
Religious Education Leader

SCHOOL MUSICAL

School Production important information

Could all parents please ensure that they have returned the permission slips for the upcoming rehearsal at Loyola College on **Wednesday 16th August**. **All students will be transported to and from school by bus.**

For each performance night, parents are asked to drop off at Loyola College at 6:15pm. Please note this down. More information about the performance nights will be sent out next week.

All tickets are now on sale. Extra tickets are still available if grandparents and other family members wish to attend. There is no limit on ticket numbers. Please be sure to only purchase tickets for the performance date that your child/ren have been allocated.

Cast A—Thursday 24th August

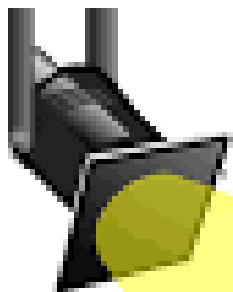
Cast B—Friday 25th August

Please click here to purchase tickets:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CIJZC>

We look forward to sharing the fantastic work of the students with the school community!

Alex de la Rambelje and Marg O'Leary—Performing Arts and Music Teachers



CALLING ALL ST DAMIAN'S ARTISTS!!!

WE NEED YOU TO DESIGN THE FRONT COVER OF OUR SCHOOL PRODUCTION BOOKLET.

Remember to include:

Wording: St Damian's Bundoora School Production 2023

Image: St Damian's Logo

Name of production: THE MAGICAL TOY BOX TOUR

Date, time and location of the production:

CAST A: Thursday 24th August @6.30pm Loyola College

CAST B: Friday 25th August @6.30pm Loyola College

Images linked to the production: lego, little dog, circus tent and/or different worlds = jungle, magic vegetable farm, Antarctica, pirate ship/treasure island, outer space and Ancient Egypt

Your name and Grade

All entries must be in colour, on an A4 sized page and handed in to Ms Richardson (5R) by Monday 14th August.

There will be TWO winners - a CAST A and a CAST B winner. Competition winners will have their artwork used for the front cover of our Production Booklets and will receive a prize for their effort and creativity!



Book Week at St Damian's will be happening in Week 9 Term 3—Week beginning 4th September.

Book Week Parade will be on Wednesday 6th September.

More information will be provided in the coming weeks.



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| Term 3 | |
| Monday 14th | Whole School Assembly 6C & 6S Presenting 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 16th | Whole School Production Rehearsal day — Loyola College 8.50am-3pm |
| Thursday 17th | Year 4 Sacrament Reflection Day—students invited to wear casual clothes |
| Thursday 24th | School Production Cast A—7pm |
| Friday 25th | School Production Cast B—7pm |
| Saturday 26th | Sacrament of Eucharist Presentation Mass 5.30pm |
| Sunday 27th | Sacrament of Eucharist Presentation Mass 10am |
| Monday 28th | Whole School Assembly 2S Presenting 2.30pm |
| September | |
| Monday 4th | Book Week |
| Wednesday 6th | Book Week—Dress Up Day |

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 cannot accept damaged, old or stained items). Cash sales only.

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

ST. DAMIAN'S

— 2023 —

**FATHER'S DAY
STALL**



Friday September 1st

Gifts from \$1-\$15

Please bring a bag to put your gift in



\$65 PER PERSON

**3 COURSE MEAL, HOT BEVERAGES & DJ
DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT BAR
TABLES OF 8-10 AVAILABLE**

Bookings for Gala are out and must be booked through **trybooking** (link below).
RSVP by 8th September due to venue requirements.
It's going to be an amazing event full of fun, food and giveaways !!
Grab your table as this event is not to be missed.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1091278>



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Parenting with confidence

Practical tips and strategies to promote positive relationships and behaviour in children.

Through this practical four session positive parenting program, delivered across four weeks and hosted by Family Support Worker Joan Lauricella, you will learn positive parenting strategies.

Parenting with confidence is suitable for parents with children from 2 to 12 years of age.

What will be covered:

- Learn tips to parent with confidence
- Practical positive parenting strategies
- Acquire skills to help make parenting less stressful and more enjoyable
- How to promote positive behaviour in your child
- Develop positive relationships

**New
parenting program**



When: Wednesdays - 16, 23, 30 August and 6 September 23

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Rd, Eltham

Cost: \$80 per adult, \$40 concession and \$140 per couple

Bookings: Essential via trybooking.com/CJOOC

For more information

Please contact Joan Lauricella, Family Support Worker at joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au or phone **9430 9100**

Note: Please note sessions are currently scheduled to occur in person however this may change to online sessions if Coronavirus restrictions change. Participants will be notified if this occurs.

Phone: (03) 9430 9100 | Email: contact@healthability.org.au
Box Hill: 43 Carrington Road, Box Hill VIC 3128
Eltham: 917 Main Road, Eltham, VIC 3095

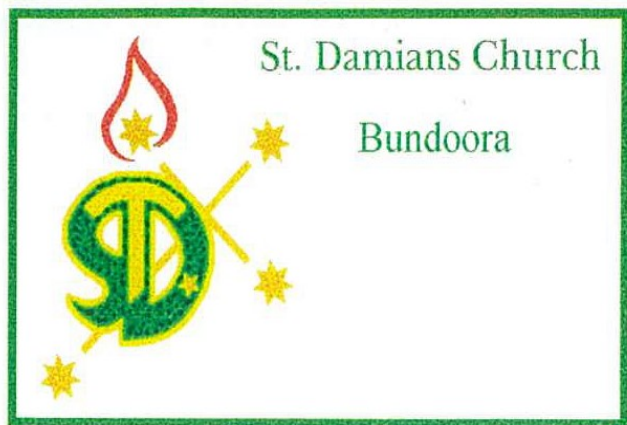


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ST DAMIAN'S FEAST DAY DINNER

We Invite Everyone f to celebrate our Feast Day this year with a Feast Day Dinner. Please contact the Parish Office phone: 9467 2797 or Email Bundoora@cam.org.au if you would like to purchase tickets or information regarding the night.



St Damian's Parish
57th Year Feast Dinner Dance

Saturday

**16 Sep
2023**

at 6:00 PM

Loyola Companions Hall

325 Grimshaw St, Watsonia VIC 3087

Music: Smooth Rhythm Band -
Couples For Christ (Live Music), plus DJ

\$60 – Adults

\$25 - Children under 8

Free - under 4

Attire - Smart Casual

Prizes are to be raffled during the night.

Proceeds will go to the Parish
Solar Panel installations

ST DAMIAN'S PARISH FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS

Father's Day this year will be held on Sunday 3rd September.

- Three fabulous prizes, Tickets to attend the Parish Feast Dinner Dance.

@. 1st = Two Adults & two children under 8

@. 2nd = Two Adults

@. 3rd = One Adult

- Winners will be drawn on Father's Day; 3rd September after the 10.00am Mass.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5

Barbeque Sausage Sizzle will be served after both Masses 5:30pm & 10:00am on Father's Day.



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APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2025 CLOSE ON 18 AUGUST 2023

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Come & Try Days

Registration:

Sat 2

**September
10am -12pm**

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Call 0438176630

Warm Up

Rounds:

**9,16,23 Sept
from 8:30am**

Annual Fees:

U6-8 \$240
U9-17 \$260

Free team singlet for new members



COME ALONG & JOIN US

RMIT JUNIOR NETBALL CLINIC

*Learn new skills from some of RMIT's
best female and male athletes.*

WHO: All genders aged 7 - 13 years old

WHEN: Sunday 27th August

11:00 AM - 12:00PM: Junior clinic

12:00PM - 1:00PM: RMIT open training

WHERE: RMIT Sports Stadium. 203

McKimmes Rd, Bundoora, 3083

COST: \$10 per head



☎ 0455 282 935

✉ s3780635@student.rmit.edu.au

<https://www.trybooking.com/CKBRX>

