

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

On Tuesday, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption. On this feast day, we celebrate Mary, our Holy Mother's Assumption into Heaven. The Assumption commemorates the belief that when Mary died, both her soul and body were taken to Heaven, to be with her Son, Jesus. The whole school attended a lovely Mass officiated by Fr Dong. It is obvious that the younger students have also developed their reading skills as they all participated with reading the responses and in the singing. It was indeed a very joyous experience.

Yesterday we held our school production rehearsals at Loyola. It was indeed a big day for our school community as each cast attended either in the morning or afternoon for their rehearsal. The children got into the spirit of the occasion and entered into the roles with much enthusiasm and gusto. We are certainly looking forward to our big day next week.

Parish Car Park

I have noticed that some of our families are driving in through Plenty Road and parking in the Parish car park. As a school, we have not been given permission to use this area for school pick ups and drop off. I ask our families to please respect the fact that the **Parish car park is not available for families** to use for school business. Could I ask that we all respect the Parish boundaries please.

School Production

Only one (1) week to go for the School Production. Excitement amongst the students and staff is gaining momentum.



St Damían's Prímary 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

Prayer to our Lady on the Feast of the Assumption

Heavenly Mother, filled with God's grace, pray for us, that we may strive to be trusting, patient and faithful, as you were, so that we may one day join you and all saints in heaven.

In Jesus's name we pray. Amen. Immaculate Mary, assumed into heaven, teach us to trust in God's plan the way you did.

Have a great week everyone, *Rosanna*



Sacrament of Eucharist

This term, our Year Four Students will be participating in the Sacrament of Eucharist on Saturday 9th September at 2pm.

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.

Using Traditional Prayers at Home

Traditional Prayers have been handed down through the generations and have become part of the way of life within the Catholic Church. Some of our Year Levels have been exploring Traditional Prayer within their Religious Education learning at School. We are encouraging Children to interview their Parents and Grandparents about Traditional Prayers. Perhaps you might like to answer these questions with your child.

What Traditional Prayers did you pray with your Family when you were a child? Do you still have a Traditional Prayer you still like to pray today? If so, why? What changes have you witnessed in the area of Traditional Prayers?

Perhaps you might like to select a Traditional Prayer to pray after the evening meal. Discuss which Prayer was chosen and why with your child. Members of the Family may like to re-write your choice of a Traditional Prayer in order to make it more meaningful and appropriate for your Child.

Simply, share any Prayer Books you may have owned as a child (if you still have them) with your Child. Positive experiences of Prayer within the home will foster the value of Prayer for our Children.

A Prayer Recognising God's Presence Amongst Us

Lord, we hide in fear of the unknown not realising you are with us always.

Your presence appears like a stranger, a companion, as incomprehensible mystery, the extraordinary breaking through into the ordinary, and we are touched by the holy.

In these places, we see, we hear, we know you, God – closer, deeper, beyond imagining, beyond expressing.

Christ Jesus, lead us to moments of epiphany, revelation.

Guide us to places where holiness touches ordinariness, and where we long to see you face to face.

Amen.

Mary-Ann Wright Religious Education Leader



All tickets are now on sale. 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



Term 3	
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
Friday 8th	Footy Day—Sausage Sizzle

School Production Poster Competition

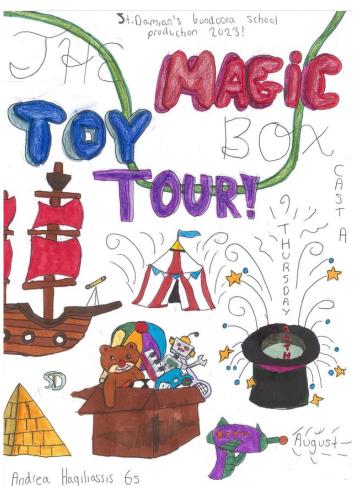
We are pleased to announce the finalists of the Production Poster Competition.

Congratulations to the following students who's posters were selected by the Arts Captains Alannah 6S and Fiona 6S

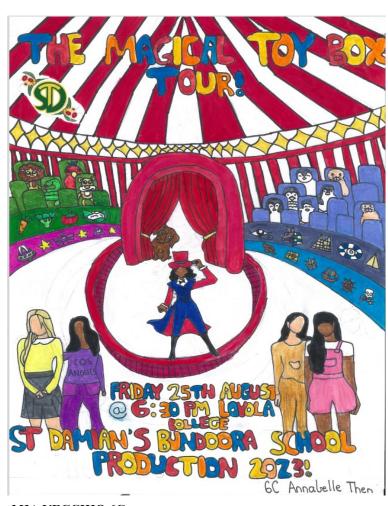
LEO BASTIANELLI 3M

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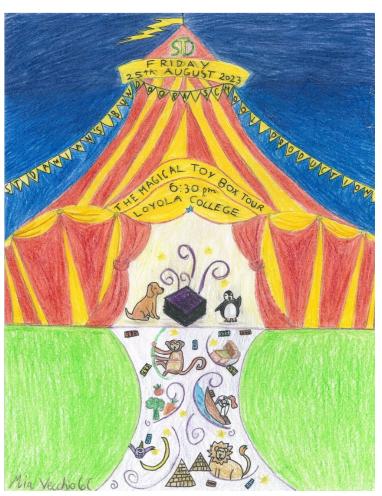
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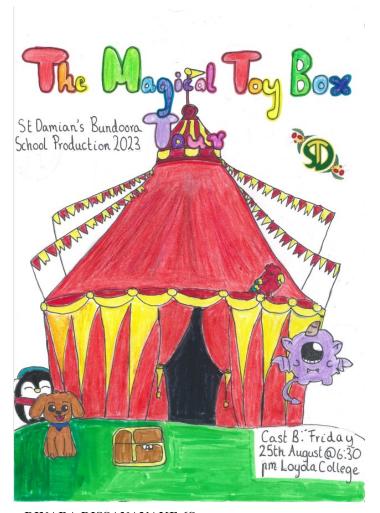
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School Production Poster Competition

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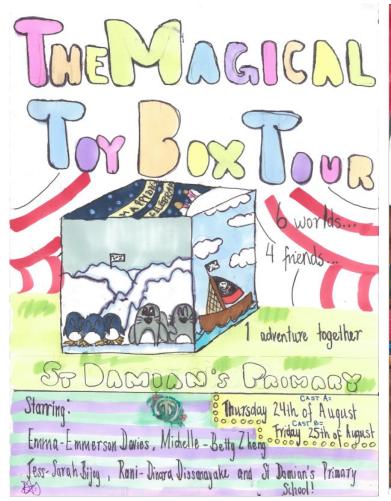
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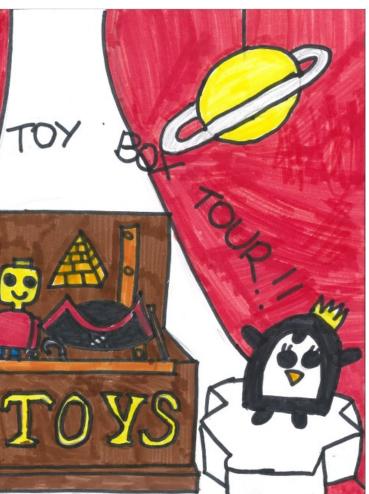


DINARA DISSANAYAKE 6S



ARIA CALLEJA 3M







Prep A	Jasper Chen	For writing clear sentences that are easy to read.
Prep M	Oliver Mills	For having an excellent positive attitude when sounding out the letters in your writing. Well done!
1A	Whole Class	For being a delightful grade to teach! Well done! You have worked so hard and progressed so much!
1C	Charlotte Tjoa	For always trying their best and working well during guided reading groups.
1M	Eric Yuan	For doing his very best when solving a multiplication problem using a think board. Bravo!
2D	Louis Liu	For being highly motivated to challenge himself when learning to multiply.
2W	Milan Maroge	For demonstrating "rows of" using arrays and recording multiplication number sentences accurately.
2S	Zoe Panagopoulos	For always trying her best in all areas.
3C	Vincent Kiernan	For being a kind and caring friend.
3M	Joshua Butcher	For developing a positive attitude towards learning. I am very proud of you Josh!
3T	Joanna Bijoy	For her huge efforts and fabulous attitude towards her schooling. What a superstar!
4F	Johnny Xie	For asking great classroom questions and for extending his learning interests.
4M	Adan Bugueno	For always showing kindness towards others.
4N	Caleb Cutajar	For amazing focus and effort during the Maths Olympiad.
5B	Nikhil Edward	For doing his best to contribute fully in class.
5R	Alessia Prosenik	For her contributions to small group discussions. You lead the group with your insights & questioning—showing a depth to your understanding. Well done!
6C	Annbelle Then	For her positive and enthusiastic attitude towards all aspects of learning. You work very hard and produce amazing results!
6S	Marcus Bencich	For your positive approach to your learning this term. Keep up the excellent work!



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).



MONDAY 4TH TO FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER





Dress Up Book Parade Wednesday 6th September 9.00am on the oval

We will be having a Dress Up Day and Parade this year and we are inviting the students to dress up According to this year's theme READ, GROW, INSPIRE. If your child wishes to dress up, their costumes can be made of whatever you have at home. No need to purchase a fancy costume. They can use their imagination and come up with creative ways to represent our theme this year.

Some ideas to inspire:

- Your favourite Book Character
- Something that grows—flowers, plants, trees, imagination A Book Character that inspires you



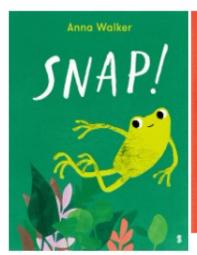


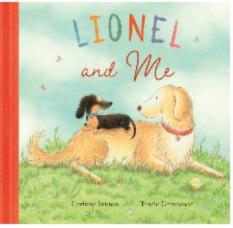




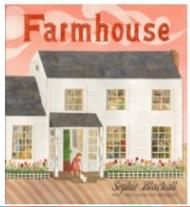
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Some of the Short listed books for 2023



















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Theircare at St Damian's would like to acknowledge the Traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which we learn and grow. The Wurundjeri people, we pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and future.



TheirCare at St Damians OSHC are excited to share with you what exciting adventures we have been up to lately. During Bees Week, our young busy bees dived into arts and crafts creating the cutest Bee Tissue Paper Crafts, Symmetry Bee Art, Bee Mindful Card Crafts and much more!



Science Week invited children from all ages to explore and experiment in the activities we organised for the week. Not to mention, we have also started a new project - the Solar System! The children have been extremely engaged with

Science week as we have had some amazing experiments such as Coffee Filter Paint Experiment, Magic Potion Science Experiment, Printing with Soap Bubbles and finally Lemon Volcano Science Experiment!



We would like to thank all families, staff and St Damian's community for their help and support we receive everyday!

Before School: 7:00AM - 9:00AM After School: 3:30PM - 6:30PM

7:00AM - 6:30PM Holidays:

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ST. DAMIAN'S

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



To speak to someone about MathsOnline, call us at 1300 882 045

MathaOnline is the perfect online maths program for families. It consists of over 1,400 video tutorials and 50,000 interactive questions developed by experienced maths teacher, Pat Murray. MathsOnline helps guide your children lesson by lesson allowing them to pause, rewind and repeat all or part of any video tutorial until they fully understand it.

Covering Kindergarten through to Year 12, MathsOnline is a comprehensive, current curriculum based tool ideal for all families.



MathsOnline features:

- √ Clear step-by-step video tutorials
- √ Interactive questions and worksheets to test understanding
- √ Printable one-page summaries with complete notes
- √ Worked solutions showing each step to the answer
- √ Automatic marking and progress reports to highlight areas needing support.

Over 290,000 children are already using MathsOnline.

Start your MathsOnline FREE trial today at www.mathsonline.com.au/free-trial

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.



- · 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**

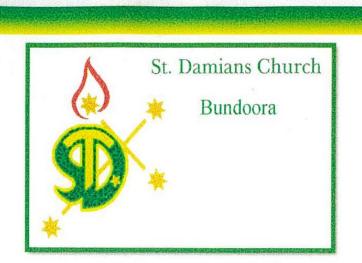
Note: Please note sessions are currently scheduled to occur in person however this may change to online sessions if Coronavirus restrictions change. Participants will be notified if this occurs.

Phone: (C3) 9430-9100 | Email: contact@healthability.org.au Box Hill: 43 Carrington Road, Box H.T. VIC 3128 Eltham: 917 Main Road, Fitham, V.C. 3095



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 at 6:00 PM 2023

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 OF-FICE 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
- $@. 2^{nd} = Two Adults$
- $@. 3^{rd} = One Adult$
- 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.





Little Athletics is back at Diamond Valley



Come & Try Days

Registration:

Sat 2 September 10am -12pm

Find out more:

Watsonia Little Athletics Club watsonialac@gmail.com Call 0438176630 Warm Up Rounds: 9,16,23 Sept from 8:30am

Annual Fees:

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

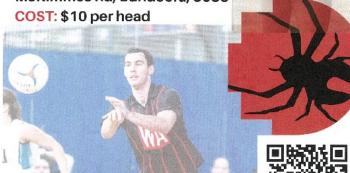
Free team singlet for new members



COME ALONG & JOIN US RMIT JUNIOR NETBALL CLINIC

Learn new skills from some of RMITs 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



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