



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

Confirmation

Last Saturday afternoon, we celebrated Confirmation with the Year 6 students and their families. It was a lovely service and the students were obviously well prepared. We were very proud of each of these young people who looked amazing and were very respectful of the occasion. I congratulate each one and thank their families for the support given. I also would like to thank Fr Dong and Bishop Curtin for a beautiful service and of course Mrs Cannatelli and Miss Starr for all their work in preparing the students, Mrs Wright for her guidance and organization and all the staff for their presence and support of our community.

Building Works

Finally, the portables were finished yesterday with the carpenters building the steps to gain access. Throughout the day, Matthew and Gary, our maintenance crew, managed to move in the furniture and teacher resources into each of the portables. All the Year 3 students and Year 4 F have now moved into the portables in readiness for the building works to begin. We are still waiting for delivery of two more portables, which will be set up near the Arts Building (Creed Centre). Year 4N will move into one of those once they come. In the meantime Year 4N is still in the main building.

Last Friday we received really good news with our tender process. We have come in slightly under budget once again, which is fantastic news for us. I believe we are one of the only schools where this has happened, not once, but twice as we came in under budget for the other stage which was completed last year. This means that we will be able to do all the work we had planned and still have a little left over in case something unexpected crops up. A fantastic outcome for our school community!! We anticipate that the building works will commence in late August or early September and should be completed by December or January.

Car Parking

During the construction phase of the building works, we will once again be using the bottom carpark for staff parking. Therefore, parking will be very limited and I strongly suggest that the Kiss and Drop is utilized to drop off students in the morning. Parents should park at the Coles carpark or surrounding streets. All front gates will be locked early in the morning and afternoon and there will not be the possibility of entering to drop off students nor to use this area as a drop off. Parents are asked to abide by the rules to ensure everyone's safety during this time. We will advise families when the bottom car park is no longer available for parking. This will be dependent on when the actual building works start.

Family Day

Next Wednesday 26th July, we are looking forward to celebrating the wonderful contribution that special people make to our lives. This may be grandparents, carers, aunts, uncles, mums and dads and anyone else who figures importantly in our lives. As usual we will start the day with the celebration of Mass at 9.15am and welcome everyone to join us in church during this time. After Mass, the students will invite their special guests into the school for activities. At lunch recess all guests will be invited into the hall to share in a special morning tea while the children are at play. We invite all guests to bring a plate to share for morning tea. The end of morning tea concludes Family Day celebrations. We hope to see many families on this day.

P.A. Meeting

The P.A. Committee met last night despite the bitterly cold weather, to plan for the next school event. These hardworking and committed ladies give up their time to ensure that our school community has many opportunities for our students and also raise much needed funds for resourcing. We have committed the fundraising money to purchasing much needed resources for our STEM program, which is being delivered by Mr Simon Insolia. The students are thoroughly enjoying working with Mr Insolia and are engaged in many varied opportunities to explore the design features of the STEM curriculum. Once the building works are complete, we will have a dedicated STEM space for our students to use for their learning.

Staff News

We congratulate Mrs Annemarie Anthony and her husband on the recent arrival of their new baby daughter. Baby Liliana Anthony arrived safe and well and has been excitedly welcomed by her big brother. Mum and bub doing very well.

School Production

Excitement is certainly gaining momentum as the date for our school production is quickly approaching. The students are very busy practising and many of our wonderful parents have been very busy sourcing or making costumes and props. Thank you so much, we cannot do this without your support. Again thank you! We are very grateful to everyone who is helping with ensuring a very successful event. Please remember to purchase your tickets before they sell out. Unfortunately without a ticket there is no entry into the venue. You will need to show your ticket to enter the theatre as all seats are allocated via the tickets. Please hurry so you don't miss out. As the theatre has tiered seating, prams are not able to be accommodated, so no prams at the venue please. Tickets do not need to be purchased for the students who are performing. Tickets are only for the audience. All students are expected to attend on the night they are performing with their cast.



St Damian's Primary School

Production of

The Magical Toybox Tour

Cast A - Thursday 24th August

Cast B - Friday 25th August

*Performance begins at 6.30pm at Loyola College Theatre
No prams at the venue please.*

Prayer

Lord our God, grant that we may be your children
who receive the Spirit and all they need from you.
You strengthen us not only physically but also inwardly,
in our hearts, enabling us to face the uncertainties of earthly
life and whatever still needs changing in human society.
Amen



Have a great week everyone,
Rosanna

Faith News

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to our Students who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. Father Dong was joined by Most Rev. Bishop Terence R. Curtin. We thank them for welcoming everyone and celebrating with us. Thank you, also, to our Families who prepared with their children, and to our Year Six Teachers, Mrs Julie Cannatelli and Ms Amy Starr who worked with the Students throughout the year. A special thank you to Mrs Marg O'Leary for her dedication and care in preparing the Students in our School Choir. Their musical collaboration infused joy into our Sacramental celebration.

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 on **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.

St. Damian's Family Day

This year, we will celebrate **St. Damian's Family Day** at School next **Wednesday 26th July**. An outline of the day has been sent home to families and we will commence our celebration with a Parish and School Mass at 9:15 am. All are welcome. Please remember to bring a plate of food to share and deliver to the Hall on the day. Students are asked to wear Sports uniforms on the day. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of visitors to our School.

Creation Prayer

God created our world.
We should praise God for creation.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; give praise in the heights.
Praise Him, all you angels; give praise all you hosts.
Praise Him, sun and moon; give praise, all shining stars.
Praise Him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens.

Let them all praise the Lord's name;
for the Lord commanded and they were created.

Psalm 148:1-5

Mary-Ann Wright
Religious Education Leader

SCHOOL MUSICAL

The Magic Toy Box Tour - First Round Ticket Sales closing soon

The School Production of The Magic Toy Box is fast approaching.

The closing date for the first round of ticket sales for both performances has been moved back one week. Round one sales will now close on Friday 21st July at 10pm.

Each family is allocated a maximum of 3 seats.

Please click here to purchase tickets:

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

Please only buy tickets for the performance date that your child/ren have been allocated.

Cast A—Thursday 24th August

Cast B—Friday 25th August

More information about the performance nights will be sent in due course.

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!



National Pyjama Day on Friday 21st July is all about wearing your favourite pair of PJ's to help The Pyjama Foundation raise much-needed awareness and funds for children in foster care.

Gold coin donation. Thank you.



Prep A	Matthew Tohme	For working hard to learn all his letters and sounds.
Prep A	Sofia Ristevski	For using her knowledge of letters and sounds to help when she is writing.
Prep M	Alley Harrison	For sharing her ideas confidently during whole class discussion and being a great listener.
1A	Billie Mylonas	For her excellent effort, cooperation and being so helpful in class.
1C	Mila Chu	For her excellent participation in class discussions.
1M	Whole Class	Everyone's positive attitude towards learning while Mrs Marrotta has been away.
2D	Noah Abbas	For his resilience when facing a challenge and new opportunities.
2W	Anay Siwas	For his active participation analysing 'procedural texts' and always being a respectful student in class.
2S	Eileen Xiao	For trying her best to contribute her ideas to class discussions.
3C	Irene Chen	For completing tasks to a very high standard.
3C	Lucy McGregor	For being a great friend and role model to others.
3M	Leo Bastianelli	For always striving to do his best.
3T	Ayla Lu-Zeng	For a good attitude and being enthusiastic. A positive start to Term 3.
4M	Suhannie Bhatt	For always doing her best to improve a writing piece.
4N	Oskar Lai	For being a positive learner and always giving challenges his best attempt.
5R	Aiden Jose	For his dedicated approach to learning. His inquisitive nature and improved note taking skills.
6C	Tom Paino	For being a focussed learner who sets a good example for his peers.
6S	Cinzia Bastianelli	For always striving to do your very best and taking great pride in the presentation of her work.



MUSIC NEWS

Well sung Choir members!

It is great that so many students are regularly committing to lunchtime rehearsals.

Truly wonderful were the students who turned up last Saturday to support the Year 6 students as they received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Thank you so much to the core group of singers:

James H in Year 5

and James H, Laura, Winter & Sera in Year 4.

Now we look forward to these upcoming events :

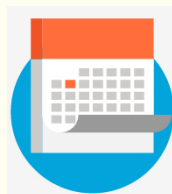
Family Day Mass - on 26th July -

and the School Musical Production song - on 24th and 25th August.

Looking forward to your continued joyful music making. Affirming the way you are working so well as a team to balance our sound.

From Ms Marg O'Leary

Music Teacher



**DATES
FOR YOUR
DIARY**

Term 3	
July	
Friday 21st	Pyjama Day—Gold Coin Donation
Wednesday 26th	St Damian's Family Day
August	
Wednesday 16th	Whole School Production Rehearsal
Thursday 24th	School Production Cast A—6pm
Friday 25th	School Production Cast B—6pm

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).



Dear Parent/Guardians,

Thank you so much for continuously supporting our school, especially through fundraising. We are excited to announce we are holding a **Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough** drive as a major fundraiser this term.

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is an exciting fundraiser, made by an Australian, family owned and operated business. There are nine (9) dough-licious flavours to choose from, including the most popular **Choc Chunk** and **Caramel White Choc**. You can also create your own cookie magic with the Golden Classic flavour – the base of the Billy G's secret family recipe. Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is exclusive to fundraising, so stock up!

Get started! Students have now received a Billy G's Order Form with instructions on how to collect orders. Please note Billy G's is a completely cashless fundraiser. All orders must be placed online and paid by credit or debit card or PayPal, so make sure you create your online fundraising page at www.australianfundraising.com.au today!

Start Date: 13/7/2023

Final Orders Due: 27/7/2023

Estimated Delivery Date: 10/8/2023

How do we create a Fundraising Page? Creating a fundraising page is easy!

1. Visit www.australianfundraising.com.au and click the "Cookie Dough Login" button on the home page.
2. Then click the register button to fundraise on the cybersafe, Billy G's Cookie Dough platform.
3. Enter Parent/Guardian details and create a password and click Register
4. Create a profile page for your child. Enter First name, Search by Group - Enter St Damian's Primary School, click all classes.
5. Choose your goals and create a unique avatar!
6. Place your order using the "Order Now" button and share your fundraising page with your family and friends via the "Share" section so they can start buying some yummy cookie dough. Easy!

How do prizes work? Every student who sells a tub will receive an incentive prize for their efforts! But why not aim higher? The more tubs you sell the more prizes you will receive! There are 12 prizes available, so set your own fundraising goal and aim for them all! Prizes are automatically ordered at the end of our fundraiser based on the number of tubs you have sold.

You can win Big! Our highest tub seller will go into a draw to win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree OR PlayStation 5 Gaming Bundle. Plus, every student that achieves all online virtual badges will win a Billy G's Cookie Scented Plush Toy.

Happy fundraising,

St. Damian's P&A Committee



LPFA PROUDLY PRESENTS

Trivia & Entertainment Night

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST

OLYMPIC HOTEL, PRESTON

7PM - LATE

\$80 PER PERSON

ADULTS ONLY

TICKET INCLUDES 3 COURSE MEAL

DOOR PRIZE RAFFLE

LIVE MUSIC FROM THE 80S AND 90S

COURTESY OF 'LOUIE AND THE PARTY BOYZ'



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