



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

What a wonderful two nights we had last Thursday and Friday.

Our very talented students kept us entertained all night with their wonderful performances. Once again I would like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful staff in guiding and supporting the students, for making the time over the two nights to supervise, work backstage, run the communications, take photos, set up, clean up, and all the other myriad jobs that needed doing. A particular thank you to Mr DeLa Rambelje and Mrs O'Leary for all their hard work and effort in producing our school performance and most especially to our talented students who did a great job. I would also like to especially thank you, the parents and families, who support us in so many ways – the parents who helped with costumes and props, thank you.

It was certainly a very successful community event. Thank you to everyone.



Prep 2024 Orientation Sessions

Today we held the first of our Prep Orientation Sessions. Our newest members of the school community enjoyed their time in the classroom participating in fun activities and getting to know the teachers, their peers as well as becoming accustomed to the school environment. It was also fabulous to have the time to meet our new families and to welcome them officially into our school community.

Sunday September 3

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**

On behalf of the School Community I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our fathers and father 'figures' a 'Happy Father's Day' this Sunday. Fathers are valued and loved and deserve to be spoilt on this special day. On this day we also remember all fathers who are unwell and those who are in their eternal resting place.

Bus Stop outside St Damian's School

I am certain that many of you are aware that there is a bus stop located right outside our school on Settlement Road. This bus stop has been a source of frustration and concern to me for quite some time as we have had to deal with a range of issues, including people trying to interact with our students as well as constant damage to our school fence. I have contacted PTV (Public Transport Victoria), and the Council and am now requesting that this bus stop be relocated further down the street, away from our school. I will continue to fight these two Government bodies until I get it moved as I believe the safety of our students is absolutely paramount. The petition to have the bus stop relocated is in the Office if families would like to sign it. Families can also contact our local member the Hon Colin Brooks and enlist his support to have this moved. I would really appreciate the support. Thank you.

MACSSIS Surveys

Next week begins the survey period. As communicated with all families, surveys are an important tool for schools as it gives us important information related to the operation of our school as well as an indication of parent satisfaction with the overall management of the school. Staff and students also complete these surveys to help us triangulate data and gain an overall picture of the directions for our school. Please take some time to fill in the survey, it is available in a number of languages to support our community. Please check your email inbox (or spam) for your survey. Each family was sent one to complete.

Planning for 2024

Could any families who are not returning to St Damian's school next year please let us know as soon as possible so that we can begin to plan for next year. Families may send an email to either myself at principal@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au or to the office at info@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au. It is important to have this information as we begin to consider classes and teachers for the following year. Thank you for your understanding.

Staff News

Mrs Barbara Milana is currently on Long Service Leave and will return on Monday 11 th September. We wish Mrs Milana an enjoyable and relaxing time while on leave.

Prayer – For Fathers

Gracious God,
Bless fathers and all father figures
with such love and faithfulness
that children flourish and grow in
uprightness and joy.
Bless those who long to be fathers
and those for whom this is difficult.

Amen

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 Parent/Child Evening

Please remember, the Presentation Sisters will be conducting a **Sacrament of Eucharist Parent/Child Evening** in the Hall next **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.

Father's Day – A Prayer for our Fathers, Grandfathers and Father Figures in our Lives

God our Father,

we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation;
may they find courage and perseverance to balance work,
family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for our own fathers around the world
whose children are lost or suffering;
may they know that the God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us but who live forever
in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

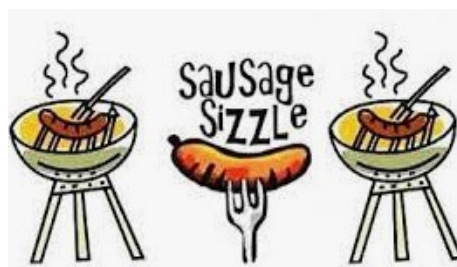
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MATHS NEWS

ICAS—Congratulations to the 42 students from Years 2 to 6 who participated in the ICAS Maths test. Parents will be notified of results from ICAS directly and you can access all of the information from the Parent Portal.

Carmen Bruce—Maths Leader

FOOTY DAY—SAUSAGE SIZZLE Friday 8th September



Only one week to go, don't miss out.
Sausage Sizzle order forms are due back to school by tomorrow



Term 3	
Friday 1st	Father's Day Stall
Monday 4th	Book Week
Wednesday 6th	Book Week—Dress Up Day
Friday 8th	Footy Day—Sausage Sizzle
Saturday 9th	Year Four—Sacrament of Eucharist 2pm
Monday 11th	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm

**SECOND HAND
UNIFORM SHOP**

PLEASE NOTE:

Second Hand Uniform Shop will be closed this Friday 1st September as the Father's Day Stall will be held in this space.



The Magical Toy Box Tour—Well done everyone!

Wow! What a fantastic two nights of entertainment! It was brilliant to see all St Damian's students shine. The performances were the culmination of months of preparation, and a wonderful opportunity to see students' creativity, persistence and teamwork on stage. We were very proud of everyone's efforts. Thanks again to St Damian's families, students and staff for their hard work.

A special thank you to Mr Nethercote for the wonderful photos.

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

Ella – Yr. 6 – “The musical was absolutely fun and enjoyable to experience, and I think everyone in the cast would think so as well.”

Alyssa – Yr. 4 – “...My favourite scene was the Circus Scene because I could juggle and use hula hoops. Overall, the school performance was spectacular...”

Nikhil – Yr. 5 – “My confidence has grown so much after this performance and while practising this performance. It feels amazing when you feel confident and positive.”

Chloe Butterfield - 5B – “I think we did a good job working together.”

Mia A – Yr. 6 – “I really liked the creativity of the show. It was amazing to watch it all come together, and I think that it was really fun to be a part of it.”

Olivia S – Yr. 5 – “The performance night was amazing. I learnt some cool new dance moves and songs as well as how to be confident and brave in front of a large crowd. I learnt how to warm up my voice. Our rehearsals were so much fun! I enjoyed working in a team with my peers. It was fun as we got to dance and sing together!”

Jonathan M – Yr. 5 – “...I thought I did well in the school production, and it was an honour to have a part in this school play.”

Franklin – Yr. 5 – “...you helped me and others with social learning, teaching us to be cohesive and work together to do great things.”

Jonathan J – Yr. 5 – “When practising together, the dance looked extra effective because of different movements. Overall, the production was very good.”

Anthony V - 5B – “...It was fun in the making.”

Emily – Yr. 5 – “I think I was pretty confident on stage with high self-esteem, and I was able to work well in teams and to collaborate well together.”

Levana – Yr. 5 – “...now I definitely have more confidence since the show happened.”

Rachel – Yr. 6 – “... I have learned so much new knowledge from doing a Musical.”

Betty – Yr. 6 – “...My review for this performance is 4/5 stars as everything was fantastic except some microphones weren't working properly so actors had to talk and express their lines loud and clear for all the audience to hear, which was a challenge, though everything else was enjoyable.”

Katelyn – Yr. 6 – “I enjoyed being on stage and the past few months have been so much fun. I was a bit sad on the Friday night when it ended. I think everyone did a fantastic job with the singing, acting, and dancing.”

Linaya – Yr. 2 – Three things I enjoyed about the school performance were: Singing in front of the audience; dancing in front of the audience, and singing *We are Family*. The biggest challenge was: To talk in front of an audience. I was nervous.

Nate – Yr. 2 – Three things I enjoyed about the school performance were: I enjoyed singing the Finale, *We Go Together*. I enjoyed singing *We are Family*. I enjoyed *Do the Penguin Strut*. The biggest challenge was singing and dancing at the same time.

Mahalia – Yr. 2 – Three things I enjoyed about the school performance were: Dancing with my partner; talking to an audience and singing. The biggest challenge was talking into the microphone to an audience.

Milana – Yr. 5 – “The St. Damian's performance was excellent. We all did very well, and we enjoyed it.”







Prep A	Ashton Carter	For being a thoughtful and caring friend.
Prep M	Mia Zhu	For always presenting her work beautifully and working hard in writing. Well done.
1A	Liam Canil	For listening to teacher instructions, being helpful towards his peers and showing enthusiasm un all areas of his learning.
1C	Lini Liu	For being a motivated and independence
1M	Luke Venditti	For doing his best and making very good choices. Well done.
2D	Mikayla Mauriello	For her enthusiasm and dedication towards the St Damian's Production. Excellent work on your signing and dancing.
2W	Katie Guo	For doing her best at all times in her learning. Well done reading your writing aloud about "Dogs Make the Best Pets".
2S	Ishana Garcha	For working hard to develop a growth mindset to help her succeed.
3C	Serena Yu	For always doing your best to achieve your learning goals. Well done.
3M	Aria Calleja	For excellent Inquiry work, researching different celebrations. Well done.
3T	Ben and Abi	For their outstanding teamwork in researching and creating an amazing project.
4F	Kaity Mylonnas	For improving in all her school work and completing extra homework.
4M	Michael Kelly	For the use of descriptive language in his poetry writing. Keep up the great writing.
4N	Madison Bourke	For an amazing effort during the School Production
5B	Lucas Burneski	For rehearing and performing with enthusiasm.
5R	Ethan Stingas	For your enthusiastic approach to Maths. Your contributions show how much you are learning about fractions and your confidence continues to grow. Well done.
6C	Vy-An Nguyen	For being a focused learner who puts so much effort into producing work that is presentable and of a high standard.
6S	Dinara Dissanayake	For your outstanding efforts in preparing for our School Production. You should be so proud of all you have achieved.

Writer of the Week



Sofia R Prep A
 Samuel K 1C
 Eileen X 2S
 Samuel G 4M
 Michael K 4M
 Adan B 4M



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:

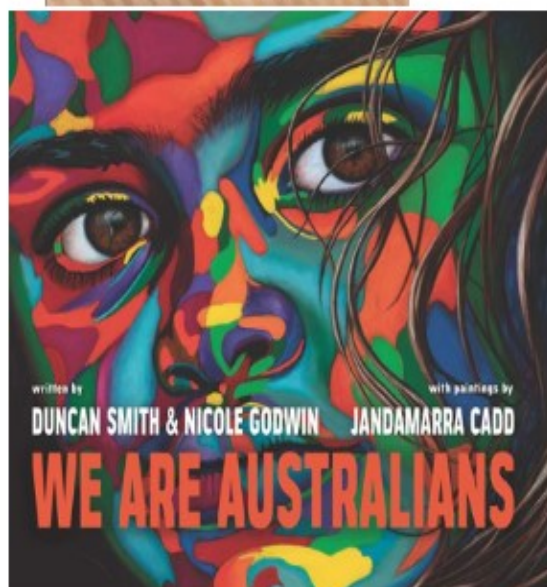
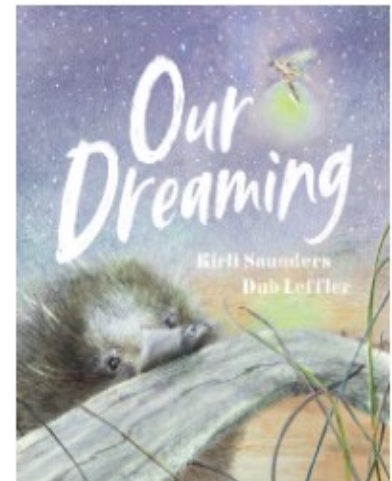
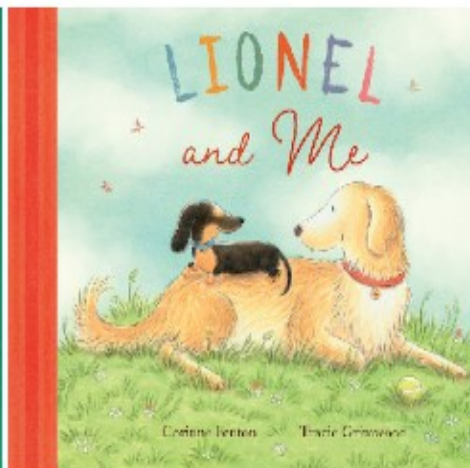
- **Your favourite Book Character**
- **Something that grows—flowers, plants, trees, imagination**
- **A Book Character that inspires you**





MONDAY 4TH TO FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

Some of the Short listed books for 2023





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Weird Science



**Spring Holiday
Program**



**Silly
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**Movie
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**Footy
Fun**

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Challenge Royale

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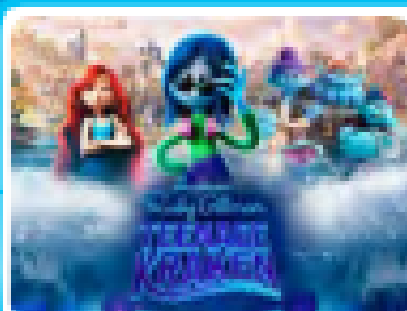
Bely Gravity with Magnets

Additional fun:
Space mural astronauts, your name-in-space, astronaut costumes plus plenty of time to choose your own space adventure.

MONDAY

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SEPTEMBER



Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken

A shy adolescent learns that she comes from a fabled royal family of legendary sea krakens and that her destiny lies in the depths of the waters, which is bigger than she could have ever imagined.

Arrive at the service by 8:30 am. Pick up after 3:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.

From us: **from us** \$0.76 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$13.56 without the Child Care Subsidy.



Movie Excursion

Additional fun:
LEGO options, epic trivia quiz, hoop gliders, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

TUESDAY

19

SEPTEMBER



Mad Science Museum

Hypothesis, predict, and test it all experiment! Have a BLAST (literally) with this Silly Science fun. Become the Scientist creating chemical changes, watching rockets blast off, and turning seaweed into slime.

From us: **from us** \$0.57 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$16.46 without the Child Care Subsidy.



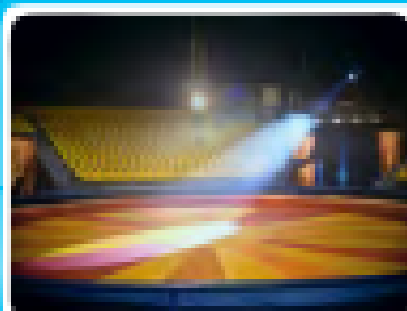
Science Workshop

Additional fun:
Bee and butterfly riggy, DIY robotic hand, frog and lipped craft, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

WEDNESDAY

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SEPTEMBER



Under the Big Top

Roll up, roll up, The Circus is in town! Be prepared for breathtaking aerial performances, hilarious clowns, daredevil tricksters, and lots of laughter during our visit to the Circus.

Arrive at the service by 8:30 am. Pick up after 3:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.

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Circus Excursion

Additional fun:
Hot potato group game, mascot ball, one word storybuilding, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

THURSDAY

21

SEPTEMBER



Silly Science

Time to get silly in the name of science! Have a ball making silly string slime, rainbow tambourines and then play around dodgeball!

From us: **from us** \$1.4 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$14.22 without the Child Care Subsidy.



String Slime

Additional fun:
Marbled planets, asteroid dodgeball, rainbow tambourines plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

FRIDAY

22

SEPTEMBER





Excursion



Super
Excursion



Special
Activities



In-house
Fun



Public
Holiday



Chain Reaction

See-First! You'll mix ingredients to create chemical reactions to make your own homemade fizzy paint! Then explore the magic of electricity by sending your hover plate into orbit!



Fizzy Art

Additional fun:
Hover plates, lava lamps, chain riggy
plus plenty of time to choose your own
adventure.

MONDAY
25
SEPTEMBER



From as low as \$15 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$24.02 without the Child Care Subsidy.



What the Buzz?

Bee ready! Construct the ultimate bee mansion, make your own bee finger puppet, and join in a game of ultimate Frio-BEE!



Bee Hive

Additional fun:
Ultimate Frio-bee, bees and butterfly tag,
kaleidoscope plus plenty of time to choose
your own adventure.

TUESDAY
26
SEPTEMBER



From as low as \$14.02 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$24.75 without the Child Care Subsidy.



Footy Fever

Let's kick off Grand Final week with 2.5 hrs of FUN. Get ready and jump into your footy gear. Kicking, handballing and crafts will put our skills to the test. Guided by accredited coaches plus a special guest appearance!



Footy Carnival Excursion

Additional fun:
Tall riggy, bubble paint aliens, plus plenty
of time to choose your own adventure.

WEDNESDAY
27
SEPTEMBER



From as low as \$18.00 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$28.02 without the Child Care Subsidy.



Insect-A-Mania

Today we will explore a fascinating array of fun-invertebrate and mini-beasts. Discover the biology of backyard bugs in an interactive workshop that is sure to be fly.



Bugs Colours

Additional fun:
Playdough animals, monkey tag, chicken
clucker experiment, plus plenty of time to
choose your own adventure.

THURSDAY
28
SEPTEMBER



From as low as \$8.02 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$26.00 without the Child Care Subsidy.

NO SERVICE
**Public
Holiday!**



FRIDAY
29
SEPTEMBER



Australian Girls' Choir School Assessment Workshop



Is your daughter interested in belonging to the Australian Girls' Choir?

Girls of St Damian's are invited by Laurie Lubicz (Public Relations Administrator of Australian School Performing Arts) to consider coming along to a special workshop and finding out all about this national choir program – run after school in venues across Melbourne – such as Box Hill, Greensborough, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Kew and Glen Waverley.

Any girl, from Prep upwards, who is interested in joining the Australian Girls' Choir, may wish to attend a special 30 minutes workshop.

If there are enough students interested in a special workshop then Ms O'Leary will help to arrange it to be held at a lunchtime at St Damian's between September 4th to 20th. This is a free workshop. It will have special singing and movement activities run by one of Australian Girls Choir's experienced tutors.

Please also realise that there are six different training levels, it is fee paying and there is expected commitment to attend performances and events. Follow this link for more information:

<https://ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc/>

Please email Ms O'Leary that your daughter (noting her full name and class) is interested in joining the AGC and that you would like her to attend a free workshop at St Damian's during a lunchtime – the date which will be later decided. However, it will be held before Term 3 ends. Follow this link:

[Request a free lunchtime workshop to try out for the AGC](#)

Please contact Laurie Lubicz for further information:

Phone: 03 9008 9895. Email: agcinfo@aspagroup.com.au |

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

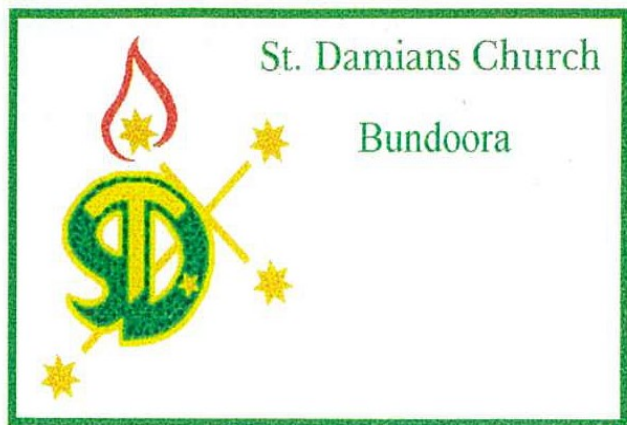
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Bookings for Gala are out and must be booked through **trybooking** ([link below](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1091278)).
RSVP by 8th September due to venue requirements.
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Grab your table as this event is not to be missed.

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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.

Little Athletics is back at
Diamond Valley



Come & Try Days

Registration: **Warm Up Rounds:**

Sat 2nd Sept
10am -12pm

9, 16, 23 Sept
From 8.30am

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from 8:30am

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