



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

Prep Orientation Session

This week we welcomed our new Preps for 2024 once again. It is amazing to see how their confidence has grown so quickly and how settled each one was in their class. These little people are an absolute delight. The next session is on Monday 30th October at 9.30am where they will meet their new teacher and be with their classmates for next year. Mrs Viola will be presenting at this session and talking about our general curriculum and the specialist programs.

Preparing for 2024 School Year

Thank you to those families who have already informed us of their intentions for next year. This is important for us as we begin the planning process for 2024. If families know that they will not be returning to St Damian's next year please let us know as we are beginning the process of organising classes for next year. Thank you.

Hats

All students are required to wear their school sun hats this term. Our school policy is **No Hat No Play**. This policy is designed to protect children from the harmful rays of the sun, therefore if the students do not have a hat, they are not able to be outside. Parents please ensure that your child brings to school their school hat to wear so they can enjoy their playtime outside. Could we also ask that the hat be labelled with your child's name please.

Year 3 Camp experience

This Friday the 13th of October, our Year 3 students will be heading off to enjoy their camp experience at Sovereign Hill. Many thanks to Mrs Ciurleo, Mrs Kerss and Miss McArdle for all their preparation and organization in providing this exciting camp experience for our students. We trust that the students will have a great day exploring all the different activities Sovereign Hill has to offer.

School Closure Day

Monday 6th November is a school closure day to compensate staff for Time In Lieu for work done outside their normal working hours. **Tuesday 7th November** is a Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup). Also please note that **Thursday December 7th** is a pupil free day to allow staff to plan for the 2024 school year. **Students are not required at school on these three days.**

Prayer of St Teresa of Avila

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

Have a great week everyone,

Rosanna

Choir Taster Rehearsal Experience Open to Students from Year 2 upwards



Students from Year 2 upwards are invited to attend Choir taster some rehearsals with a view to joining our St Damian's School Choir next year. Tied to these rehearsals is an expectation for all Choir members to be prepared to perform at the Choir Event during St Damian's Nativity and Carols Event to be held on November 29th, the End of Year School Mass on 6th December and to be part of the Choir for the Year 6 Graduation Mass on Thursday 14th December.

An information letter will be sent to every person who turns up to Choir Rehearsal this week.

Marg O'Leary Music Teacher/Choir Director

Faith News

Saint Teresa of Avila – Sunday 15th October

During the 16th century, Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was a time of turmoil and reform. She was born prior to the Protestant Reformation.

Teresa entered the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She valued Prayer and the virtue of compassion. By leading a contemplative life, Teresa sought ways to be both practical and graceful. Always thinking of others, she founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She travelled, wrote, fought — always to renew and to reform. In her self, in her Prayer, in her life, Teresa became both inspirational and life giving to those around her.

Her writings, especially the *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, continue to influence generations of believers. In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St Catherine of Siena were the first women honoured with this title.

Perhaps we can imitate Teresa's promotion of renewal within our modern Church. May we remember her legacy of Prayer as we courageously face the challenges we experience today.

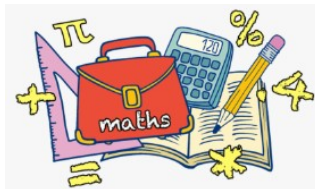
A Prayer by St Teresa of Avila for Internal Peace

*Let nothing disturb you.
Let nothing frighten you.
All things are passing;
God alone is changeless.
Patience gains all things.
Who has God wants nothing;
God alone suffices. Amen.*

Mary-Ann Wright
Religious Education Leader

Student of the Week

Prep A	Yichen Chen	For being focused and engaging in all class activities.
Prep M	Yuana Gummadi	For having a positive attitude toward all learning tasks and challenging herself to produce your best work.
1A	Daniel Huang	For being enthusiastic about learning and trying his best in all areas.
1C	Joshua Fisher	For working independently and showing excellent listening skills.
1M	Evan Vlahopoulos	For doing his best by working hard to improve his reading and writing.
2D	Levi Loorham	For working hard to improve his letter formation and use of lower case letters.
2S	Miao Liao	For always trying her best to complete tasks.
2W	Tahlia Polizzi	For her wonderful notetaking skill in researching African animals.
3C	Kaiden De Alwis	For doing his best by working towards achieving his learning goals.
3K	Nicholas Karnezis	For his commitment to following school expectations.
3M	Chris Xiang	For his enthusiasm and dedication towards developing his English language skills.
4F	Zion Reyes Castillon	For showing leadership skills during his Performing Arts lesson.
4M	Jay Mazna	For trying his best every single day. Keep up the enthusiasm.
4N	Ashton Lee	For an amazing effort in all learning areas.
5R	Jack Polizzi	For the creation of your one man puppet show. Your creativity shone.
6C	Mia Vecchio	For your well presented and detailed oral presentation about a significant member of your family.
6S	Isabella Raco	For always striving to do you best. Your work is always presented beautifully.



Maths Family Fun

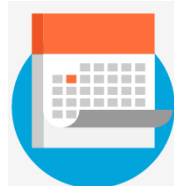
(Prep-Two) John has 3 pencils. Pam has four times as many pencils as John. How many pencils does Pam have?

(Senior 3-6) Christian's chocolate container is 20 centimetres tall, 10 centimetres long and 10 centimetres wide. Lola's container is 25 centimetres tall, 9 centimetres long and 9 centimetres wide. Find the volume of each container. Based on volume, whose container can hold more chocolate?

Take a photo of your workings out, and submit to Carmen.bruce@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au

Happy Solving!

Carmen Bruce - Maths Leader



DATES
FOR YOUR
DIARY

Term 4	
October	
Friday 13th	Year 3 Camp Experience to Sovereign Hill
Friday 20th	Grade 2 Excursion to Science Works
Monday 23rd	Assembly 2.30pm led by Prep K&M
November	
Monday 6th	Student Free Day
Tuesday 7th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Monday 13th	Assembly 2.30pm led by 1C
Friday 17th	Fire Commissioning Ceremony 2.30pm
December	
Thursday 7th	Student Free Day
Friday 15th	Last Day of Term 4

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).

Please email sduniformshop@hotmail.com for any item requests



Term 4 - Week 2

As we approach the end of the second week of term 4, we have been busy with the topic of ZOO-TOPIA. The highlight of our art and craft activities was sculpting and painting snake clay jars. Where the children got messy and creative! We have also enjoyed the sunny weather in the afternoons by engaging children in outdoor group play of soccer, fruit salad and memory tag.

In term 4 our SunSmart policy begins - "NO HAT NO PLAY". Please ensure that your child has a hat with them at every session, otherwise they will not be permitted to play outside, alternatively a spare hat can be left at the service during this term.

Next week the children will begin decorating preparations for our annual Theircare St Damian's Halloween party, to be held on Friday 27th October, more information to follow in the coming week!

Here are some important dates coming up ...

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Monday 6th November is a school closure day and no staff will be onsite. Theircare will not be offering any care that day.

MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 7th November is a public holiday. Theircare will not be offering any care that day.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Wednesday 8th November is a pupil free day. All day care will be available 7am - 6:30pm



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



- * Please remember to cancel bookings through the booking portal if they are no longer required. This allows for correct staffing and for other children who may require care.
- * We are a "nut free zone", due to anaphylaxis and other allergies. Please refrain from bringing foods such as Nutella, peanut butter, etc.
- * Please ensure that your child is signed in every morning (using the tablet) and not allowing them to walk in on their own. This is our company policy for safety of the child.

Bookings for the term open now!

TIMES

Before School: 7:00AM - 8:35AM
After School: 3:15PM - 6:30PM
Holidays: 7:00 AM - 6:30PM

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