



St. Damian's Newsletter

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Thursday September 14th, 2023

No. 27 - 2023

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

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another term. I must say we are all very grateful for the opportunity to stop and catch our breath after such a busy term. It will be good for the children to use these holidays to rest as they are also very tired. It has been a very successful term and we are grateful for all the wonderful experiences we have shared together.

We congratulate all the students who celebrated their First Eucharist on Saturday. The students were very well prepared and of course looked so beautiful dressed in their special outfits. We thank all the families for their support of these young people at this very special time in their Faith journey. We thank Fr Dong for celebrating a lovely Mass; we especially thank the staff for their support on the day; Mrs O'Leary for preparing the choir and for the music at Mass; Mrs Wright for all the co-ordination and preparation for the Mass and of course Mrs Milana, Mr Fay and Mr Nethercote for all their hard work in ensuring the children were ready for this special moment in their lives. A wonderful celebration enjoyed by family and friends, thank you to everyone for making it so memorable.

As St Damian's Feast Day falls on September 26th and the school community is on holidays, we will celebrate as a school on Thursday 5th October. We will begin our special feast day celebrations with Mass at 9.15am. Please join us as a faith community. The students will continue to celebrate by engaging in some fun activities in their classroom.

Are you leaving St Damian's School?

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are not returning to St Damian's school next year so that we can begin to plan for 2024. Families may send an email to either myself at principal@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au or to the office at info@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au.

Prep 2024 Orientation Sessions

The next Prep Orientation Session will be on Tuesday 10th October. Our newest members of the school community will spend time participating in fun activities and getting to know the teachers, their peers as well as becoming accustomed to the school environment. Mrs Wright, our Religious Education Leader, will speak about how Religious Education is taught to the children and a representative of Parents Association will provide some information around School uniforms during this session.

Bus Stop outside St Damian's School

Please come into the school office and sign the petition to have the Bus Stop located outside St Damian's school moved. The more signatures we have, the better placed we will be to put our case forward. The relocation of the bus stop will mean less interaction with the public which results in a safer environment for the children. We need lots of signatures to show that we are united as a community in wanting this bus stop relocated.

Car Park Term 4

As the building works will commence during the school holidays, the staff carpark will become the builder's compound, therefore, staff will be using the bottom carpark. Families are asked to use the parking at Coles as the gates will be closed early and parking will not be available for cars to use. No car is permitted to enter via Plenty Road as this is the builder's area and no one is permitted to park in the Parish carpark as this is not part of the school property. We apologise for the inconvenience, however it is exciting that we are improving the facilities for your children. Thank you for your understanding.

Last day of Term 3

This Friday 15th September is the last day of Term Three. The students are invited to come to school dressed in casual clothes in exchange for a gold coin donation. The students will be dismissed at the normal time of 3.15pm. School will resume on Monday 2nd October at the usual time of 8.40am.

MACSSIS Surveys

Please ensure you have completed your MACSSIS survey by Friday 15th September. We would really appreciate your input and voice to help us determine what is working well and where we need to improve. Your input is highly valued.

Condolences

We offer our heartfelt sympathies to the Ristovski family on the recent passing of the father and grandfather (Jack & Joshua). We pray that God will grant them all his comfort and love during this sad time.

Prayer – on the Feast of Our Mother of Sorrows

Holy Mother, We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of His passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen!

*Wishing everyone in our community a safe and happy holiday.
See you all next term.*

Rosanna

Faith News

Sacrament of Eucharist

Congratulations to our Year Four Students who celebrated the Sacrament of Eucharist last weekend.

We thank Father Dong for welcoming everyone and celebrating with us. Thank you also to our Families who prepared with their Children, and to our Year Four Teachers, Mr Michael Fay, Mrs Barbara Milana and Mr Rodney Nethercote who worked with the Students throughout the term.

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows – 15th September

Scripture references to Mary's sorrows are located in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26 – 27. Luke's passage narrates Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul and John's passage relates Jesus' words from the cross to Mary and to the beloved disciple. Early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she saw Jesus die on the cross. Therefore, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfilment. Saint Ambrose sees Mary as a sorrowful yet powerful figure at the cross. Mary stood fearlessly at the cross while others fled. She looked on her Son's wounds with pity, but saw in them the salvation of the world. As Jesus hung on the cross, Mary did not fear to be killed, but offered herself to her persecutors.

Reflection

John's account of Jesus' death is highly symbolic. When Jesus gives the beloved disciple to Mary, we are invited to appreciate Mary's important role within the Church and Catholic Tradition. We believe that Mary symbolises the Church and that John represents all believers. As Mary mothered Jesus, she is now mother to all His followers. Furthermore, as Jesus died, He handed over His Spirit. Mary and the Spirit unite in creating new children of God and are reflected in Luke's account of Jesus' conception. Christians can trust that they will continue to experience the caring presence of Mary and Jesus' Spirit throughout their lives and throughout history.

I wish everyone a restful and peaceful break and look forward to seeing you next term. Please stay safe.

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

Our Mother of Sorrows,

With strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping. We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

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Amen.



Thank you so much to Olivia and James (both in Year 5) and Laura (in Year 4) for generously sharing of your time and talent to lead the singing so well for the Sacrament of the Eucharist Mass, held last Saturday at St Damian's Church at 2pm .

What a very busy term it has been for the Choir, with 22 members staying committed to perform on stage at the School Production.

It was such a moving and dignified presentation of *On This Sacred Ground* along with the FIRE Carriers. And so well supported by parents and guardians too. Thank you!

Now we look forward to creating joyful music to entertain the Elderly Citizens at a gig coming up in Term 4 as well as to contribute at the Christmas Carols event on Wednesday November 29 at 7 pm.

Very much looking forward to some keen Year 2 students joining the Choir first week back in Term 4.
Keep up your good efforts everyone.

from
Ms O'Leary

GYMNASTICS

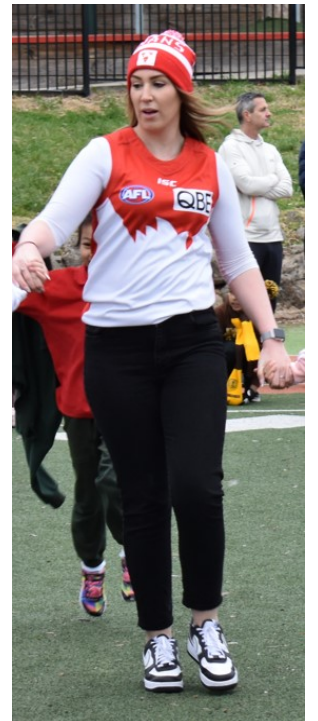
Thank you to Jess, Eric and the wonderful team at PIT Gymnastic in Mill Park. Throughout this term they have provided engaging and exciting lessons for our Years 3-6 students. If you're looking for some school holiday fun for your children please refer to the PIT Gymnastics Flyer below.

FOOTY DAY

A huge thank you goes out to the St Damian's Parish for our wonderful parent helpers for cooking those delicious sausages for lunch last Friday to help celebrate our Footy Day, we also thank the team at Ray White Bundoora for supported our event and providing our students with footballs as prizes on the day. It was amazing to see so many students excited and dressed in their favourite footy colours and the excitement on their faces when receiving their footy cards.

Mr Simon Insolia
PE Specialist







Prep A	Elizabeth Sun	For being a motivated and independent learner.
Prep M	Ethan Lin	For being a great helper in the classroom and always looking out for others.
1A	Katherine Todorova	For displaying a positive growth mindset towards her learning and being a cooperative class member.
1C	AJ Silver	For always displaying a positive mindset during class.
1M	Marina Munivrana	For doing her best to improve her writing! Brava!
2D	Reya Porwal	For showing initiative and generosity towards others when they are in need.
2W	Stella Liu	For working hard and improving your reading this term. Also for being a respectful student to your peers and teachers.
3C	Charlie Zhong	For completing all tasks to a high standard and helping others to succeed. Well done!
3M	Chloe Cassarino	For always trying her best in class.
3T	Sebastian Michael	For his wonderful realistic narrative based on Real Madrid. Impressive effort!
4F	Zoe Then	For excellent classroom work and showing leadership skills.
4M	Jade Peterson	For always working to the best of your ability and asking questions to clarify your understand.
4N	Laura Xiao	For excellent emotive expression while reading.
5B	Vincent Li	For doing his best to improve the quality and presentation of his work.
5R	Cassius Bossini	For the dedication you show towards your role of Fire Carrier. You take your position seriously and lead by example. Impressive effort.
6C	Pax Ngo	For being a kind and friendly member of 6C who includes everyone and does so always with a smile. Keep up the positive attitude.
6S	Katelyn Nguyen	For your outstanding efforts in your Literature Circle group, especially in your role of Artful Artist. Well Done!

Writer of the Week



Antoni B 2S
Lucy Mc 3C

Casual Clothes Day



LAST DAY TERM 3 CASUAL CLOTHES- TOMORROW 15th SEP

Please note, tomorrow for last day of term we students are welcome to attend in casual clothes.
We ask for a Gold Coin donation.

CAR PARKING

Dear Parents and Guardians, please be aware that the school carpark along settlement road is not a kiss and drop off zone. If you send your child to school through this carpark, you need to park your car and walk your child to the classroom. This will ease traffic congestion from the road especially in the morning. Thank you.

各位家长 and 监护人请注意，学校停车场沿着 Settlement Road 不是接客区。如果您开车进入此停车场送您的孩子上学，您需要把车停好，然后和您的孩子进学校。这将缓解道路交通拥堵，尤其是在早上。感谢您的理解。



Friday 15th	MACSSIS Parent Survey—last day to complete
	Last Day Term 3—Casual Clothes Gold Coin donation
Term 4	
Monday 2nd Oct	First Day Term 4
Monday 9th	School Assembly—1M Presenting 2.30pm
Thursday 5th	St Damian's Feast Day—School Mass 9.15am
Friday 13th	Year 3 Camp Experience to Sovereign Hill
Monday 23rd	School Assembly—Prep A&M Presenting 2.30pm

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).

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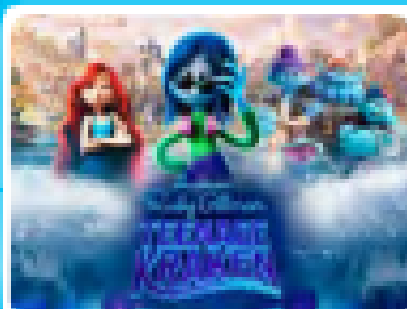
Are you up for the challenge? Test your science skills using magnets, ice, and balloons. Who will be victorious?

From us: **from us \$1.5** with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee \$14.5** without the Child Care Subsidy.



Defy 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
18
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 \$0.70** with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee \$13.50** 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

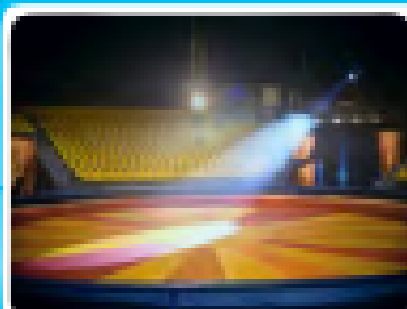
Hypothesis, predict, and test it all experiment! Have a BLAST (literally) with this Silly Science fun. Become the Scientist creating chemical changes, watching rockets blast off, and turning seaweed into slime.

From us: **from us \$0.57** with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee \$16.48** 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
20
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.

From us: **from us \$0.70** with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee \$13.50** without the Child Care Subsidy.



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 playground 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
ExcursionSpecial
ActivitiesIn-house
FunPublic
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 plane into orbit!



Fizzy Art

Additional fee:

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

From us low us \$15 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$15.42 without the Child Care Subsidy.

MONDAY
25
SEPTEMBER



What the Buzz?

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



Bee Hive

Additional fee:

Ultimate Fizz-bee, Bees and Butterfly tag, kaleidoscope plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

From us low us \$14.48 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$14.73 without the Child Care Subsidy.

TUESDAY
26
SEPTEMBER



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. Implicity accredited coaches plus a special guest appearance!



Footy Carnival Excursion

Additional fee:

Tail eggs, bubble paint aliens, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

From us low us \$16.66 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$16.13 without the Child Care Subsidy.

WEDNESDAY
27
SEPTEMBER



Insect-A-Mania

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



Bugs Galore

Additional fee:

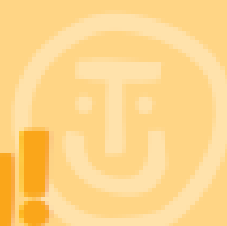
Playdough animals, monkey tag, chicken sticker experiment, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

From us low us \$8.57 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$8.88 without the Child Care Subsidy.

THURSDAY
28
SEPTEMBER



NO SERVICE
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Holiday!**



FRIDAY
29
SEPTEMBER





\$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)).
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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.

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**Thursday 21st September 2023
And
Tuesday 26th September 2023**

HOLIDAY GYM FUN

10am-1pm

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Great facilities for all to enjoy. Players from all ages and abilities welcome.

Come down to the Club this Sunday 17th of September at 10am for a training Session and to meet the club.

Junior Teams:

- Qualified level 1 & level 2 coaches dedicated to junior development.
- Matches commence Friday 13th October.
- U10 mixed – Wednesday night matches
- U12, U14 & U16 – Friday night matches.

Senior Teams:

5 senior teams – catering for all abilities (Saturdays)

For more information –

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Mixed teams - U16's, U14's, U12's

Games are Friday Nights at 5pm
Training on Sunday at 10am

Mixed teams - U10's

Games are Sunday morning at 10am
Training on Sunday at 10am

Junior Blasters - Ages 5 - 8

Saturday Mornings at 10am - 11am
Teaches kids to bat, bowl & field

From 11 October training moves to Wednesday at 4.30pm



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President: Shane Baker 0417670206

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- Confidently participate in the local community
- Develop an understanding of Australian workplace culture.

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Prace encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in our programs and activities. This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding. Prace TOID 4036



Location

Prace - Merrilands
Community Centre
35 Sturdee St, Reservoir

Dates and Duration

10 Sessions

Days and hours

Wednesday (Evenings)

4 October

6:00pm - 8:30pm

or

Friday (Daytime)

6 October

9:30am - 12:30pm

Entry requirements

Permanent Resident
(must hold a current
Green Medicare Card)

Fees

Free

Register your Interest



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