



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



St Damian's Primary School Christmas Carols

Wednesday 29th November

Time: 7pm

**PLEASE NOTE:
SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS IS BETWEEN 8.30am TO 3.30pm ON SCHOOL DAYS.**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, also called the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, to respond to a world that was rejecting Christ and was being dominated by secularism. This feast emphasises the true kingship of Christ. It is one of the most important titles of Jesus. Even though Jesus Christ was not a king in the earthly sense, He is the divine King of the Universe, who unites all of creation with the Father. This feast marks the end of the Liturgical year. The new Liturgical year begins with the first Sunday of Advent which falls on the 3rd of December.

Christmas Carols



Preparations are well and truly underway for our Christmas Carols to be held on the school oval on Wednesday 29th November. As this is the final event for the year we are hoping that all our families will join us to celebrate the end of another wonderful year of learning. Families are invited to bring picnic rugs, picnic chairs and join in with the singing as the students present a simple Nativity story. Hopefully it will be a lovely evening weather wise for us to enjoy our last community event together. Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on this night.

Whole School Orientation for 2024

The students from Prep to Year 5 will meet their new classes and teacher for next on year on December 8th for lunch at 11.30am and then again for an hour's activity session on Monday 11th December at 10.30am.

Class Groupings for 2024

We have finalised the class groupings for next year. This task is a very difficult one for staff as they need to take into consideration many factors when looking at placing students in classes for the following year. Creating classes is very time consuming as much thought is put into ensuring students have at least ONE friend – not necessarily their best friend – who is a positive influence within the classroom and supports their classmate's learning. Other friendships can be cultivated and are encouraged when the students are interacting outside of the classroom learning environment. We also take into account the students' developmental needs while trying to keep a balance of both gender and additional needs within the classroom. It has taken a considerable amount of time and energy to put the classes together and we are not able to change any students now as it will affect the dynamics within the group. Please know that the students and their needs have been at the centre of all decisions and therefore no further changes are possible to class groupings. I know that all our families will support us in this matter.

School Closure Day

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 this day.

The 2023 School Year Ends on **Thursday 14th December** after graduation **for the Year 6 students** and on **Friday 15th for all students from Prep – Year 5.**

Timetable Changes for 2024

After having trialed a new time structure this year, we have decided that having such a long morning session is not beneficial for the children as it is far too long before they get a break. Therefore in 2024 we will have this structure in place which also allows for lunch to be a little later in the day. This will also help students feel less hungry over the day as they will have their lunch at a better time supplementing their snacks.

Structure of the Day

8.40 –	Music students collected from line and taken to classrooms
8.45 –	Meditation (whole school prayer)
8.50 – 10.50	Session 1 Learning Block
10.50 –	Eat snack (Morning Tea)
10.55- 11.15	Morning Recess break
11.15 – 1.15	Session 2 Learning Block
1.15 – 1.25	Eat Lunch
1.25 – 2.25	Lunch Break
2.35 – 3.15	Session 3 Learning Block
3.15	Dismissal

Prayer

Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You in the great expectation of receiving from You, mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Protect, O Lord, our families and the land of our birth. Amen.

Have a great week everyone.

Rosanna

Faith News

St. Damian's Nativity and Christmas Carols Evening

As a School, we are busy preparing for our Christmas Carols Evening. We will be presenting the Nativity along with some traditional carols. The evening will take place next **Wednesday 29th December** commencing at 7:00pm. The Students have been preparing in earnest so please come along and celebrate with our community. Thank you for your support.

St. Damian's Christmas Giving Tree

As is tradition at St. Damian's, we have been invited by St. Vincent De Paul to support those in need by providing gifts. We would be most appreciative if you could contribute to our collection. To enable enough time for the gifts to be distributed to those in need, we will begin collecting items on Monday 13th November. The closing date for donations is **Friday 1st December**.

Please support our 'Giving Tree' which is placed in the School Foyer. Stars will indicate whether you wish to purchase a gift for a boy or a girl and will show an approximate age group. There are also stars to give gifts to a Mum, Dad or baby. Please take a star, purchase a gift, wrap the gift if you wish, then stick the star on to the package so the volunteers from St. Vinnies know who it is intended for. Please place the gift under the tree. These gifts will make Christmas a special time for families. Thank you in advance for your contributions towards this worthy cause. It is a privilege to witness our community take action for others.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Sunday 26th November

The Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King, also called the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, on the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year.

This Sunday is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time and is dedicated to the very highest understanding of the nature, role, and purpose of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus is multifaceted, the deep hues and contours of his personality revealing themselves to everyone in different ways.

The Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas*, in order to respond to a world that was rejecting Christ and was being dominated by secularism.

Pope Pius hoped that the establishment of this feast would assist us to gain strength in our true King, Jesus Christ. His encyclical calls all nations to see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state. In modern time, we are challenged in our faith and our ability to worship together. May we always remember that Jesus Christ is Our King who reigns forever.

Pope Pius also hoped that leaders and nations might come to recognise and give respect to Christ the King and that individuals honour Jesus as their 'Sovereign King.'

May we emulate Jesus' total gift of self, perfectly embodied on the Cross. In imitation of our thorn-crowned King, individuals can help bring love and relief to those who suffer. May we continue to proclaim the Good News of the Reign of Christ in the world today.

Prayer to Christ the King

*O Christ Jesus, I acknowledge Thee
to be the King of the universe:
all that has been made is created for Thee.
Exercise over me all Thy sovereign rights.
I hereby renew the promises of my Baptism,
renouncing Satan and all his works,
and I engage myself to lead henceforth a truly Christian life.
And in an especial manner, do I undertake to bring about
the triumph of the rights of God
and Thy Church, so far as in me lies.
Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee
my poor actions to obtain the acknowledgment
by every heart of Thy sacred Kingly power.
In such wise, may the kingdom of Thy peace
be firmly established throughout all the earth. Amen.*



Mary-Ann Wright
Religious Education Leader



Congratulations to our new FIRE Carriers for 2024

Samuel Gusatto
Lucia Bernadi
Gabrielle McCrae
Caleb Cutajar

St Damian's Parent Association

St Damian's Christmas Raffle

St Damians Xmas Raffle is an easy way to help raise funds for important projects at school. By purchasing tickets to the raffle, you'll get a chance to win great prizes.



Thanks to our Donating Business'

- \$500 Carpet Call Rug Voucher
- Watermarc Family Slide Vouchers
- Chemist Warehouse Hamper
- 2x \$50 Deb's Design Lab
- Ray White Bundoora
- Paddy's Meats \$50 Voucher
- Coles Voucher
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- Bernies Pizza \$25 Voucher
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Mr Insolia's moustache - Movember

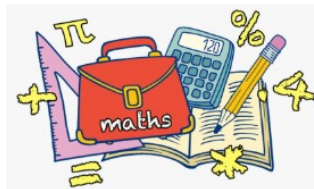
You may have noticed that for the month of November Mr Insolia has been growing a moustache much to the students' delight. He is growing this moustache in support of the leading charity changing the face of men's health - Movember. Movember's cause is to raise awareness and much needed funds around men's mental health issues and men's cancer. If you can or if you would like to donate towards Mr Insolia's moustache please click on the link below.

<https://movember.com/m/14623846?mc=1>

Year 3/4 Hoop Time Basketball Tournament.

Congratulations to all of the Year 3 and 4 students involved in the Hoop Time Basketball Tournament held last Thursday at Mill Park Basketball Stadium. We had a very successful day with 2 out of our 3 St Damian's teams entered qualifying and winning their grand finals. We also thank our wonderful Year 6 sports captains who came along and helped coach and score on the day, your leadership and knowledge of Basketball definitely shone through on the day.





Maths Family Fun

Seniors

A shop repaired 40 vehicles (cars and motorcycles) in a month. The total number of wheel was 100. How many cars and motorcycles were repaired?

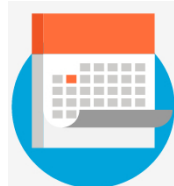
Juniors

Andy has forty juice boxes that he wants to share with his class, which has 20 students including himself. How many juice boxes does each pupil get if he shares the juice boxes evenly?

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	
November	
Wednesday 29th	St Damian's Carols Evening 7pm
December	
Wednesday 6th	End of Year School Mass 9.15am
Thursday 7th	Student Free Day
Thursday 14th	Last Day Year 6's
	Year 6 Graduation Mass 7.00pm
Friday 15th	Last Day of Term 4
January 2024	
Tuesday 30th	Student Testing 8.45am—3.15pm
Wednesday 31st	Student Testing 8.45am—3.15pm

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



St Mary's Community FAIR

FREE ENTRY

CAMEL RIDES	MARKET STALLS
INFLATABLES	FOOD STALLS
KIDS RIDES	CAKE STALLS
CARNIVAL GAMES	PLANT SALE
WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS	CRAFT ACTIVITIES
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT	COCKTAIL TERRACE

10am to 3pm

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
210 GRIMSHAW STREET
GREENSBOROUGH

NOV 25 SATURDAY

FOR MORE INFO OR TO BUY RIDE PASSES VISIT:
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