



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

PLEASE NOTE:

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS IS BETWEEN 8.30am TO 3.30pm ON SCHOOL DAYS.

Dear Parents/Guardians & Carers

Last Thursday was ANZAC Day. A day of national commemoration of the Australian and New Zealand armed forces who fought side by side during the First World War. It is also a day we remember all the victims of war of past campaigns and give thanks to their selflessness in ensuring we have a free country to live in and to prosper. St Damian's student leaders, accompanied by their parents, attended the ANZAC wreath laying ceremony at the RSL in Watsonia representing our school. Our school was one of many in attendance on the day and, despite the difficulties imposed by the works being undertaken in Watsonia, participated by laying a wreath on behalf of our school community. We thank Alessia, Jonathan and James and their respective parents as well as Miss Starr, who came along to support the students, for doing such a wonderful job as ambassadors for our school. Thank you Leaders! You were wonderful!!

Happy Orthodox Easter

We wish all our families celebrating Orthodox Easter a joyous day on Sunday celebrating this special time with family and friends. Happy Easter!

School Uniforms

All students are expected to be wearing their full winter uniform from now on. Please ensure that the children are wearing the correct school jumper and black leather shoes. Runners, party shoes and jewellery are **not to be worn**. Runners should only be worn with the sports uniform please.

School Closure Days

This **Monday 6th May is a school closure day**. Staff will be engaged on working with Ingrid Green on developing their R.E. Programs. Students are not required at school on this day.

Winery Lunch

A special reminder to all in our community that tickets are available now for the winery lunch organized by our P.A. This event is open to all in our community and we encourage you to come along for a great day. Tickets can be purchased for family members and friends outside of our school if anyone would like to bring someone along. We welcome everyone. Hurry so as not to miss out.

P.A. Meeting

On Tuesday, evening the P.A. committee met to discuss Mother's Day. As per each year, the Mother's Day Stall will be held at school to give our students the opportunity to purchase a special gift for their mum. There are many lovely items which are very reasonably priced to allow all students to purchase something. Please look out for more information.

Mother's Day morning tea

This year we would like to extend an invitation to the mums in our community to come along and enjoy a morning tea together. Please look out for further information on Compass. There will be a small charge to cover catering costs. This is not being organized by the P.A. as they are also mothers!

School Advisory Board

The next meeting of the SAC will be held on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm in the meeting room.

Prep 2025

Very soon we will begin the process for enrolment of the new Preps for 2025. At the moment we have a number of enrolment forms already lodged and ask that if there are any families who have a child starting Prep next year and have not yet lodged an enrolment form to please do so asap. We would be very disappointed to learn that your child missed out on a place because the enrolment was not lodged in time. We need to ensure that all siblings are placed before we can offer a place to new families. We are still receiving enrolments and doing tours which is very encouraging.

Prayer – Feast of St Joseph

O God, you gave Joseph the awesome joy of joining Mary in caring for the child, Jesus. Through Joseph's intercession grant us the grace to remain always close to Jesus. Help us, as Joseph did, to live justly and walk humbly with our God. Amen.

Have a great week everyone,

Rosanna

Faith News

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This term, our Year Two Students will be participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 6th June at 7pm in the Church. We pray that we may be good examples of forgiveness and healing in the way we live our lives.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Parish Presentation Masses

Please choose whichever Mass time suits your family best: Saturday 25th May at 5:30pm or Sunday 26th May at 10am. The children do not need to bring anything with them. They will be invited to stand on the altar after the Homily and everyone present will be invited to pray for them.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Early in Term Three, our Year Six Students will be renewing their baptismal promises and professing their faith as they celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 20th July at 2pm. We pray for them as they prepare to participate in the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. Further details regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation will be sent home over the coming weeks.

Sacrament of Confirmation Parish Presentation Masses

Please choose whichever Mass time suits your family best: Saturday 15th June at 5:30pm or Sunday 16th June at 10am. The children do not need to bring anything with them. They will be invited to stand on the altar after the Homily and everyone present will be invited to pray for them. The students will receive a copy of the Nicene Creed and a Confirmation pin.

Sacrament of Confirmation Parent / Child Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sacrament of Confirmation Parent / Child Evening on Thursday 20th June at 7pm. The evening will be facilitated by Michele from the Presentation Family Project.

Feast of St Joseph the Worker – Wednesday 1st May

Yesterday, we celebrated the Feast of St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and the Sisters of St Joseph. St Joseph was a deep listener with a contemplative heart. 'Deep listening' is often associated with 'Conversations in the Spirit.' Perhaps we can make time to listen to the 'Whisperings of God' within our own hearts through attentive listening and responding.

Inspired by the contemplative heart of St Joseph, may we be people who take time amid the hustle and bustle of life to listen deeply to our good God, to the needs and voices of our neighbour and world, and to respond as Joseph did with a generous heart. Sometimes, this means taking a significant risk and stepping out into an unknown reality, trusting God who walked with St Joseph in each situation.

May: The Month of Mary

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th century. It was created because May is the time when Spring (Northern Hemisphere) is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The link between Mary and the month of May became popular amongst the members of the Jesuit Order. By 1700, it was heartily embraced by students at the Roman College and a short time later, it was publicly celebrated in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there, it became accepted by the rest of the Church.

The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent references to it as well as in his Encyclical, on the Sacred Liturgy, *Mediator Dei* (20th November 1947).

Devotion to Mary is an important part of our Catholic Identity. As our mother, she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her, many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as children do with their mother.

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary Mother of God,

pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death

Amen.

Prayer

***St. Joseph, by the work of your hands and
the sweat of your brow, you supported
Jesus and Mary,
and had the Son of God as your fellow
worker.***

***Teach me to work as you did,
with patience and perseverance,
for God and for those whom God has
given me to support.***

**Mary-Ann Wright
Religious Education Leader**





Next week, students in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in the VICTORIA ROCKS TIMES TABLES competition. The competition runs for three days and students get a maximum of 1 hour per day to answer as many multiplication and division questions as they can. The class with the highest average number of correct answers per pupil will win.

Dates: 7-9 May (Tues, Wed, Thurs)

**Free automatic entry, each student will get their own log-in details. Students will have access to the free..... account until June 7th.

Please encourage your child to participate.

Maths Take Home Bag of Fun



This term, one lucky student in Years Prep, 1, 2 and 3 will take home a Maths Bag full of fun games and activities. The students will keep the bag for up to a week then pass it on to another student. Students can play the activities by themselves, but getting the whole family involved shows children that you value maths and that maths can be fun.

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Here is Liam from Year 2. He made his own addition game with the matching cards. "I liked the mix and match game the most. I know I can get better at maths by playing fun games. Sometimes I got the answer wrong but mum helped me check them and we found my mistakes and fixed them.

The maths bag was really fun!

Math Competitions — CUT-OFF-DEADLINE this Friday — Please make sure you have signed your child up to any of the maths competitions advertised on COMPASS and in the previous newsletters by Friday May 3rd. **Mrs Bruce (Maths Leader)** carmen.bruce@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au