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St. Damian's Newsletter

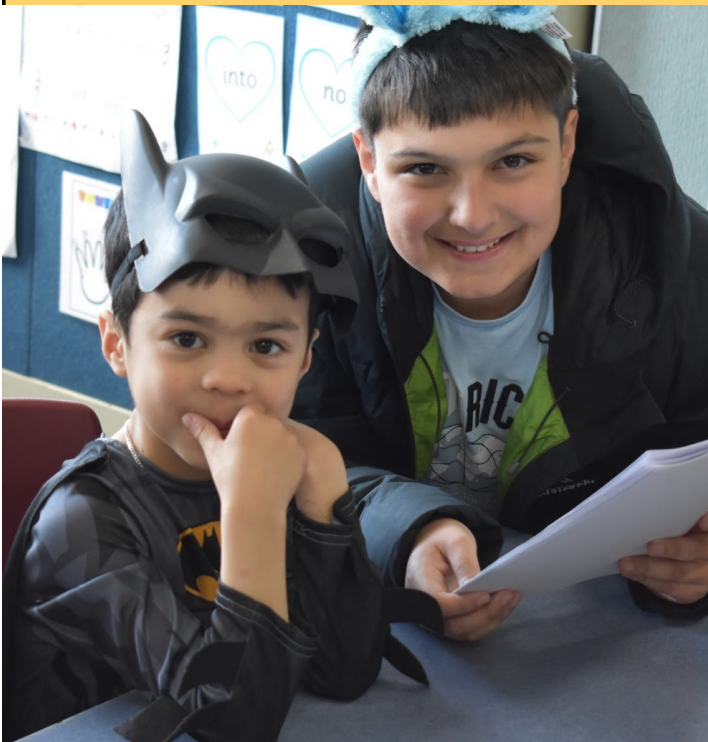
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Thursday August 22nd 2024



BOOK WEEK 2024



A message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians & Carers

This week we have been celebrating Book Week. This is the time when we put a spotlight on the benefits and advantages of reading which are promoted during Book Week. The focus is to help develop a stronger interest in literature by encouraging children to start or continue reading. There are also social benefits of Book Week where children get a chance to have fun and creatively express themselves amongst their peers and family members. The educational benefit is that, by dressing up as their favourite bookish character, children are given the time to truly connect with books and to associate reading with fun.

We extend our sincerest thanks to two of our parents who were our visiting authors this year, Mrs Erin Bernardi who shared her book 'There's a Monster on My Shoulder' and Mrs Alycia Cerra, who shared her book 'Sofia the Owl and the Lost Tooth' to our students. Both ladies were able to share with our students their experience as authors. It was fabulous for our students to experience this opportunity and to realise that being an author is within anyone's realm. You need a commitment, a passion and a purpose to become an author.

2025 Orientation Session

Next Wednesday 28th August, we will hold the second orientation session for our 2025 incoming Preps. This session will be run by our Math and Literacy Leaders, Mrs Bruce, Mrs Cannatelli and Mrs Lombardi. Who will explain the math and literacy curriculum in the Prep year. We look forward to seeing our newest members again for some more fun sessions.

Official Blessing and Opening

Save the date - Friday 20th September at 10.00am. This is the official day we will be holding the formal ceremony to mark the official opening and blessing of the new facilities. Please see attached invite to our community. We ask that if attending, you bring a small plate to share for morning tea after the ceremony has concluded. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Preparations for 2025 School Year

It's that time of year again where we start to make plans for the following year. To assist us with planning for the 2025 year I am asking families to please advise us as soon as possible if you are not returning to St Damian's next year. Knowing what movements we can expect helps us to plan better for next year's class structures. Thank you for your support.

Annual Report to the Community

The Annual Report to the Community (ARC) for 2023 is now available from the front office. Families are welcome to come and borrow a copy to read. We ask that once read, they please be returned so that other families can also borrow it. The ARC can also be accessed on our school website. Thank you.

MACSSIS Surveys

The Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools School Improvement Survey (MACSSIS) will take place this year in the period Monday 2 September to Friday 20 September, the last three weeks of Term 3. MACSSIS is the primary way to gather feedback about our school from everyone involved in a school community – students, school staff, parents and guardians. It addresses areas such as, School climate, Student safety, Family engagement, Communication and Catholic identity.

Prior to the survey opening, families will receive an invitation to participate in the online survey and instructions on how to do so. Parent and guardian participation in the survey is voluntary however, when you receive an invitation you are encouraged to complete it, as MACSSIS is a particularly reliable way in which our school can receive feedback from our community. The survey can be completed in many languages.

Staff News

We offer our sincerest sympathy to Mrs Barbara Milana and her family on the recent passing of her father-in-law. We pray that God's love give them all comfort during this difficult time. We congratulate Ms Kira Young on her recent engagement. We wish her and her fiancé all the best for the future, and hope it is filled with happiness, laughter and lots of love.

We have a few staff taking Long Service Leave during the next few weeks: Mrs Anna Walpole (P.M) will be on leave from the 28th August until the end of term, she will be replaced by Ms Simone Egan. Mr Riki Bossini (Year 4B) will be on leave from 4th September until the end of term and will be replaced by Mr Nettleton. We wish each of these members of staff a relaxing and enjoyable time away.

Prayer

Lord God, Guide us to act with justice and kindness at all times. May we give ourselves wholeheartedly to creating communities of hope and justice. May love be the source and nurture of our living. Amen

Have a great week everyone.

Rosanna



St Damian's Primary School invites

Our School families

to the Blessing and the Official Opening of

The Refurbished Facilities

by His Grace, Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

&

The Hon. Colin Brooks MP
Member for Bundoora

Friday 20 September 2024

Ceremony will commence at 10.00 am

You are kindly asked to be seated by 9:45 am

Please bring a small plate to share following the ceremony

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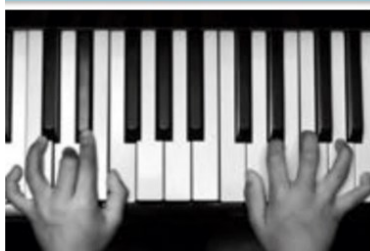


Prep C	Maureen Chen	For always trying her best. Keep it up!
Prep M	Vivian Liu	For always doing your best and improving in your reading.
Prep W	Domenico Sorrenti	For doing his best segmenting words when reading.
1M	Michael McCrea	For doing his best and participating well in class.
1S	Ian Chen	For being an enthusiastic learner who has shown great effort and progress towards learning.
2AB	Sonae Mutuku	For always listening , helping others and doing her best.
2C	Neil Zheng	For being an excellent listener and you inspire the class to think of rhyming sound chants.
2Y	Evelyn Wang	For trying her best by demonstrating a growth mindset.
3B	Radmehr Nakhostinfathi	For trying your best and staying focused during maths tasks.
3M	Anay Siwas	For doing her best to focus in the classroom and complete learning tasks.
3SR	Aaliyah Hussein	For being an enthusiastic learner and is always seen doing her best.
4B	Isaac Korovin	For always working hard to achieve your learning goals.
4C	Lucas Gao	For being a respectful student, trying his best in all areas and asking questions.
5AT	Caleb Cutajar	For his persistence, effort and dedication when competing in the Matific Olympiad.
5M	Zoey You	For consistently giving her best efforts in class discussions.
5R	Robbie Mullick	For your eagerness to participate, share ideas and work through challenges.
6GC	James Harper	For consistently doing his best and taking on feedback .
6S	Chloe Butterfield	For your excellent work during reading sessions especially when answering comprehension questions.



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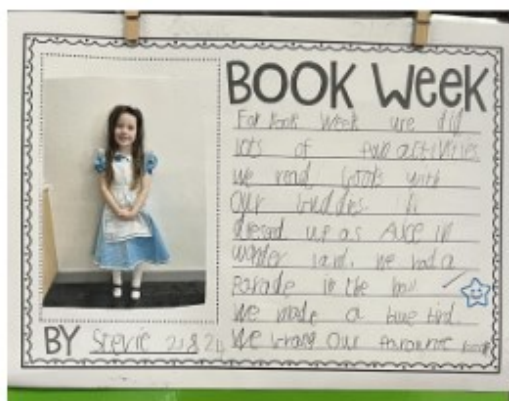
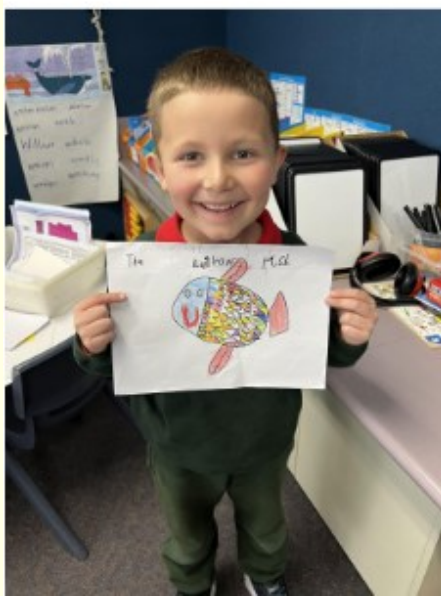
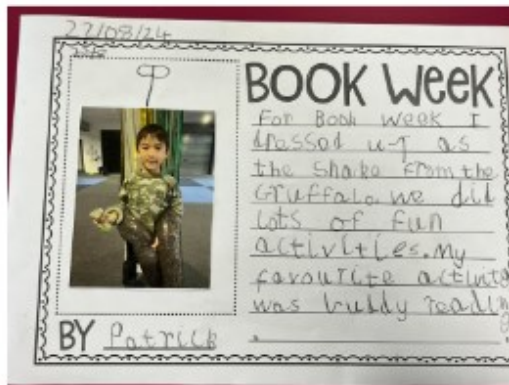
Instrumental Music Lessons - on school campus
Places still available for next term!

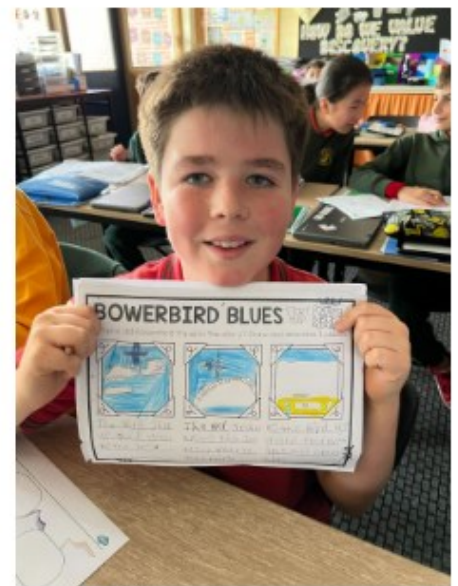
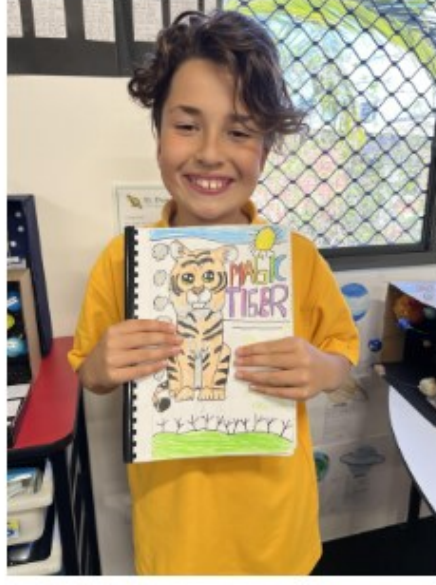


Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Online lessons (after hours) are also available direct to your home – contact us to find out more
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

Book Week Fun





As part of Book Week, Alycia Cerra author of the very beautiful book 'Sofia the Owl and the Lost Tooth' visited our students and shared her experiences as an author. Alicia is a mum at St.Damian's. It was inspiring! This beautifully illustrated book can be pre-ordered. Please find the details below or click on the

link www.minireaders.com.au

Happy Reading!

BOOK PRE -ORDER

Sofia the Owl and the Lost Tooth.

A childhood classic; a story of true magic.

One night, Sofia the Owl finds a shiny tooth, she must help return it to the Tooth Fairy Kingdom before the sun rises.

What a whimsical night indeed for Sofia the Owl.

Join in this adventure and meet some special friends along the way.



Author, Alycia Cerra, is a

mum at St. Damian's Primary; she published her first children's fairy-tale book in February 2024 and sold out within months! Pre-Orders for the next shipment is **NOW LIVE**.

How much is the book?

\$21.95 - high gloss, 8.5x8.5, sturdy board book

How can I pre- order Sofia the Owl and the Lost Tooth?

Online Store - www.minireaders.com.au

Bank Transfer, Cash or PayID

When will the pre-ordered books arrive?

Mid November, 2024. Pre-orders close September 30.

Are you a student at St Damian's Primary?

If YES, then you are entitled to **FREE SHIPPING** for all book pre-orders, when they arrive.

Maths Take Home Bag of Fun

This week we feature Mia from 2C. She enjoyed using the GeoBoards and the giant foam dice. The foam dice have interchangeable faces so students can put in any numbers, symbols, fractions or even words. The options are endless which is great for inventing new maths games!

Email your pictures to

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Maths @ St Damian's

This week I spotted some fantastic learning in the Year 5 classrooms. Students have been investigating fractions and have been using playdough and blocks to help create models to demonstrate their understanding. It's great to see such enthusiasm and engagement from the students which is testament to the great lessons our teachers diligently plan each and every week.



ICAS

The ICAS maths competition will be held on Tuesday 27th Aug (and Wednesday 28th Aug for students competing in the athletics team).

It will be held at school from 9.15am. Students in years 4-6 need to bring their charged chrome book to school. Children in Years 2 & 3 will use the school chrome books.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MATIFIC WINNERS

OVERALL WINNER
CALEB C (5AT)

Best Class: 1st place 6S, 2nd place 4B, 3rd place 5M

Top 10 star earners with highest accuracy



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| 1. Caleb C (5AT) | 6. Zoe T (5M) |
| 2. Ian Z (6S) | 7. Rishab M (5R) |
| 3. Patrick N (Prep C) | 8. Oscar W (4B) |
| 4. Irina C (4C) | 9. Yueru L (2AB) |
| 5. Asher M (Prep W) | 10. Orion (6S) |



AMAZING

MIND BLOWING
A total of 112 students at St Damian's earned the maximum 150 stars!!! What an amazing achievement.



St Damian's came 12th in all of the competing schools in Australia and New Zealand!!! Scores are based on the average number of stars earned by all students in the school.

Thank you to all of the teachers, parents and carers that supported and encouraged their children to participate. The school was buzzing with maths excitement.—Carmen Bruce (Maths Leader)

Meet Pi Maths Festival



Sat
31 Aug 24

HEIDELBERG GOLF CLUBHOUSE
8 MAIN ROAD, LOWER PLENTY

FOR
GRADES
5 & 6



- Suitable for youth with a range of interests & abilities, not just those who already love maths
- Explore, play & collaborate on various puzzles, games and craft challenges
- Non-competitive: no scores, prizes or time-limits
- New Chill Zone for sensory breaks
- Parent workshops with Mathematical Association of Victoria & headspace Greensborough

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