



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



St. Damian's Newsletter

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A message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians & Carers

Next week we are looking forward to **the Art Show/Maths Night**. It is a wonderful opportunity for families to come and see all the fantastic work the children have been engaged in over the year. We thank Mrs Bruce, Ms Beeby and the Art Show Committee for all their hard work in co-ordinating this event for our school community. There is a barbeque set up for anyone wanting to buy a sausage and have their 'dinner' at school, eliminating the need to cook for one night (always a bonus!). If anyone can help with the barbeque please let us know. Mrs Viola has also put this up on Compass for everyone's information. Looking forward to catching up with you all next **Thursday evening from 4.00pm concluding at 7.00pm. The Halloween Family Disco is also coming up, this will be held on Friday November 1st from 6.30pm – 9.30pm.** Make sure to get your tickets so you don't miss out!

We have been made aware that a number of students are coming to school before 8.30am with a number of children arriving around 8.00am. It is important for families to understand that if students are at school they need to be under the supervision of an adult. The school's duty of care does not commence until 8.30am when staff begin their work day, therefore there is no teacher on duty to supervise. The Before School educators are not responsible for supervising the students that are not in their care and attending their session. **Students are not permitted to be at school before 8.30am unless under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian.** Should there be a need for students to come to school early, then they must attend the Before School program. This is a safety rule which needs to be taken seriously by everyone in the community. Please be mindful that children need to be kept safe at all times and both home and school need to work together to achieve this goal.

P.A. Meeting

The P.A. Committee met on Tuesday night to finalise details for both the Art/Maths night and the family disco as well as other school events coming up. It would be great to have some more members join this group. It is a great way to build connections and relationships within the community and support the school at the same time. Please look out for information regarding the next meeting which will be the AGM.

Foundation (Prep) Orientation Session

The next Prep Orientation Session will be held next **Tuesday 22nd October from 9.30am – 10.30am**. The students will be grouped into their class group and will meet their teacher for next year. At this session, two of our mums from the P.A. will talk to the families about the P.A. and how to get involved and also give families the opportunity to visit the Uniform Shop to make purchases if needed. All purchases will need to be paid in cash, unfortunately, as there is no eftpos facility. Thank you to Lisa and Danielle for volunteering their time for the benefit of our school community.

School Closure Days

Monday 4th November is a school closure day. **Tuesday 5th November** is a Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup). Also please note that **Monday 2nd December** is a pupil free day to allow staff to plan for the 2025 school year. **Students are not required at school on these three days.**

Prayer

Dear Lord, keep our hearts steadfast, free of all human wavering. May we always hold to the love you have given through your grace, and may we find joy in your love, which is full of light and understanding. Amen.

Have a great week everyone.

Rosanna

Faith News

Sacrament of Eucharist

This term, our **Year Four Students** will be participating in the Sacrament of Eucharist on **Saturday 23rd November at 2pm**.

Sacrament of Eucharist Parent/Child Evening

Please note, the Presentation Sisters will be conducting a Sacrament of **Eucharist Parent/Child Evening** in the Hall on **Thursday 31st October at 7pm**. At least one Parent/Guardian from each family is strongly encouraged to attend this evening with their Child to assist them in preparing to participate in the Sacrament.

Sacrament of Eucharist Reflection Day

Our Students will be participating in a Sacrament of Eucharist Reflection Day here at School on **Thursday 7th November**. All Year Four Students are invited to wear casual clothes on this day.

Sacrament of Eucharist Parish Presentation Masses

Sacrament of Eucharist Parish Presentation Masses will take place on **Saturday 9th November at 5:30pm and Sunday 10th November at 10am**. Please choose whichever date suits your family best. You do not need to tell the School which Mass you will attend.

Saint Teresa of Avila – Tuesday 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



Prep C	Azai Batra	For always trying his hardest to decode words when reading. Keep up the good work!
Prep M	Isabel Zhai	For your improvement in your spelling, as demonstrated in your writing about Jack and the Beanstalk.
Prep W	Hannah Nguyen	For being a respectful student in class and completing her learning tasks on time.
1M	Mia Zhu	For actively participating in all lessons and always sharing great ideas with enthusiasm!
1S	Kaden He	For consistently doing his best and producing work of high standard in all areas of learning. Keep up the great work Kaden!
2AB	Dalton Waara	For always displaying great listening skills and trying his best in all learning tasks.
2C	Alex Lemberiadis	For doing his best to solves maths problems when working with a partner.
2Y	Aria Jose	For taking pride in your work and presenting it in an organised manner.
3B	Ishana Garcha	For starting the term with a positive attitude and always striving to do your best.
3M	Liliana Zinni	For consistently striving to do her best in all learning tasks.
3SR	Grace Goudappel	For taking great efforts in her learning. She has been demonstrating tremendous resilience in overcoming her challenges.
4B	Kaiden DeAlwis	For consistently heling around the classroom and giving great effort to all learning.
4C	Chloe Cassarino	For listening to teacher instructions and doing her best throughout her learning.
5AT	Winter Borres	For her patience, guidance and helping her peers when making paper cranes for Swell Day!
5M	Irene Basil	For working well and applying your learning to all tasks. Welcome to our school.
5R	Kasia Arfi	For making great strides in her learning; showing improvement in tackling tasks independently & demonstrating impressive growth, enthusiasm & success.
6GC	Kyle Stechemesser	For being a focused and enthusiastic learner who collaborates well with his peers.
6S	Levana Georges	For being a kind and conscientious student who always does her very best. Well Done!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP



The Secondhand Uniform Shop is open each Friday 9-10am.

Find some great value Summer Uniform items for Term 4...
(located up the hill from the office). Cash only.

All sales from these items go back into the School toward resources.

Maths Take Home Bag of Fun

Last week Mia in 2Y took home the Maths Bag. She loved working with the geoboards, making images like a house and writing her name. Mia also enjoyed working with the dominoes and the scales.



ICAS

Dear parents, the ICAS results are now out. If you do not have a TAP-ID and PIN please email: carmen.bruce@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au and I can email these to you.

Congratulations to the 49 students who participated in the ICAS Maths Assessment. Our school was awarded 1 High Distinction, 8 Distinction, 17 Credit, 9 Merit and 14 Participation Certificates

Below are the top 9 performers:

Lisa Li Year 2 and **Louis Liu** Year 3 92nd percentile

Ian Zhang Year 6, 93rd percentile

Yueru Liu Year 2 and **Max Dunstone** Year 6, 95th percentile

Oscar Wang Year 4, 96th percentile

Amy Wang from Year 2 and **Orion Tian** from Year 6, 97th percentile

Irina Chen from Year 4, 99th percentile.

Congratulations to IRINA CHEN in Year 4 who won the BEST IN SCHOOL award and beat 99% of all Year 4 students in Australia.

Art and Maths Show



SAVE THE DATE

Come and join us for an **interactive** night of Art and Maths.

Date: Thursday

24th of October

Time: 4-7pm

View the amazing art, make some art of your own. Enjoy some interactive live art and maths displays and stay for a sausage sizzle dinner!

Competitions

Interactive!

Photo Booth

Volunteers Needed

Can you spare some time to help us at the Sausage Sizzle? We would love if you can spare one hour to cook or serve and help out the parents and friends committee.

Please email

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艺术和数学展览



St Damian's Primary
艺术和数学交互之夜

日期：10月24日星期四

时间：下午4点至7点



我校真诚地邀请您来欣赏我校的学生所创作的艺术。您也有机会制造一些属于您自己的艺术。此外，您可享受一些互动的现场艺术和数学展览。我校也安排了可口的香肠晚餐给您享用！

需要志愿者

您可以抽出您宝贵的时间来协助我们的香肠发出嘶嘶声吗？如果您能抽出一小时协助烧烤或协助提供帮助，我们将感激不尽。

有兴趣的家长们，请发电子邮件：

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