



Melbourne Archdiocese
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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

A Note From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians & Carers,

I hope everyone had a lovely long weekend and enjoyed the warm weather and the festivities of the Labour Day holiday.

We concluded our Open Days on Tuesday evening with a number of prospective families attending. I would like to thank our wonderful student leaders who have done an amazing job as tour guides over the two weeks. The families who visited were very complimentary of our students and were thoroughly impressed by their enthusiasm and pride of their school. Well done leaders – you are champions. I would also like to thank Mrs. Viola, Ms Beeby, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Cannatelli and Mrs. Lombardi for their support over the two weeks. These School Leaders also demonstrated support for our school and were available to answer questions and guide our visitors. Thank you everyone, I really appreciate your dedication to our beautiful school.

Yesterday we had the school photos taken. All the children looked fantastic in their school uniform. Thank you to all our parents for the effort in ensuring the children presented well. The staff also looked pretty good. We look forward to seeing the photos when they are returned.

Just a gentle reminder to any families who have a child starting school next year to please fill in an enrolment form and lodge at the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

School Advisory Council

The first meeting of the **School Advisory Council meeting** for 2025 will be this coming **Tuesday 18th March** at 7.30pm in the school.

School Assembly

Next School Assembly will be held on Monday March 31st at 2.40pm in the hall. Year 5M & 5RB classes will present their learning to our school community. Parents and families are warmly welcome to attend.

NAPLAN

Yesterday the NAPLAN Assessments began for all students in Year 3 & Year 5. They began with Writing where the students were tasked with writing a narrative piece and then did the Reading task, which assesses comprehension. Today the students did the Language Conventions – Spelling and Grammar – and Numeracy. Any student who missed their test will sit the make-up session. We wish all our Year 3 and Year 5 students every success during NAPLAN.

Staff News

I am very pleased to inform our community that as of next Monday, 24th March, Mrs Rachael Mandaranno will join our staff as Learning Diversity Leader. Rachael has been working at Good Samaritan in Roxburg Park and has extensive experience working in schools. We welcome Rachael to our staff and hope that she enjoys being part of this dynamic team of committed teachers.

Easter Bonnet Parade

We will hold the easter bonnet parade on Friday 4th April, which is the last day of term. The students are also invited to come to school in casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation for Caritas.

Prayer for the Week:

Lord,
*this Lent please help us to be a good reflector of Your Son's glory,
to be His light in the darkness,
to carry His love into the world..*
Amen



Have a great week,

Rosanna

YOU'RE INVITED TO
**EASTER
BONNET
PARADE**

**FRIDAY
4TH APRIL 9.15AM**

**WEAR AN EASTER
BONNET**

PRIZES FOR THE MOST
CREATIVE EASTER
BONNET IN EACH CLASS



**Easter
RAFFLE**

Drawn Friday 4th April

Raffle tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5

The Parents Association kindly ask for any Easter Egg donations towards the raffle. Please donate by the 15th March.



**HARMONY
WEEK**



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CELEBRATING**

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Harmony Day

at
St Damian's

Friday 21st March

*Students are invited to come to school wearing clothing that reflects their cultural background. Students may alternatively choose to wear the colour **orange** - the international colour of harmony.*

*Students will be immersed in learning over the day that promotes tolerance and inclusivity. The key theme for the day is -
'Everyone Belongs'*



The school production will be taking place at Loyola College this year on the following dates:

CAST A - Wednesday 27th August at 7pm
CAST B - Thursday 28th August at 7pm

All students will be allocated to a cast in Term 2, and all Year 6 students (and some students from other year levels) will perform in both shows.

Mr de la Rambelje and Mrs Collins



OPEN DAY

SUNDAY, 18 MAY 2025: 1.00PM - 4.00PM

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The Second Hand UNIFORM SHOP is open each Friday 9am-10am.
Located up the hill from the School Office.
Cash only.

Community Festival



**Sunday
16 March
2025**

Free event

**11AM
UNTIL
5PM**

Civic Centre lawns, 25 Ferres Blvd, South Morang

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