



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,

We have concluded all the NAPLAN assessments for this year. We congratulate all the students in Years 3 and 5, who sat these tests, on doing their best. We will receive the data and information later in the year when we will then forward it to our families.

On Tuesday evening we held the first School Advisory Council meeting for the year. It was wonderful to welcome the members back for another year and even more wonderful to welcome a new member to this Team. We hope to work together to focus on how to increase enrolments for our school into the future and continue to ensure this school thrives for many years to come.

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. Enrolments for Prep 2025 close in May. Thank you.

### **Harmony Day**

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Week is usually held every year around this time and celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The students usually enjoy getting into the spirit of the day and participating in varied activities and learning about each other's cultures. We invite our students and families to dress in cultural dress or simply wear orange on the day. I would like to sincerely thank Ms Beeby for organizing and co-ordinating the day and to the staff who helped in so many ways to make this event possible for the children.

### **St Patrick's Day Mass**

Catholic Education Week this year is from Sunday 16 March to Sunday 23 March. It is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity and the pivotal role they play within their local communities. This year's theme draws from the motto of the Holy Year, the Year of Jubilee, and the Australian Catholic Youth Festival's theme – 'Pilgrims of Hope.' The Mass of St Patrick for Schools will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at the Cathedral. Ten student leaders will attend to represent our school accompanied by Mrs Cannatelli and Mrs Viola.

### **Sports Day**

We are all looking forward to our whole school sports day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The students will be involved in many types of tabloid activities and some races. We welcome all families to come and enjoy the day with their children. Fingers crossed the weather will be kind to us. I know that the students and the teachers all look forward to this event with much enthusiasm and anticipation. Thank you to Mr Insolia, the Sports Captains and all the teachers for organizing this exciting event for our community.

### **School Assembly**

Next School Assembly will be held on Monday March 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **End of Term/Casual Clothes Day**

The last day of the term is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The students will finish at 1.30pm. As is tradition at St Damian's, we invite all students to come to school in **casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation** for Project Compassion – Caritas. The money collected goes to Caritas who use it to provide aid to people in countries where there is significant need.

### **Easter Bonnet Parade/Holy Week Prayer Services**

We will hold the Easter bonnet parade on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am on the oval, which is the last day of term. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the end of the Parade. All families welcome. We will then hold our school prayer services marking the events of Holy Week later in the morning on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. All are welcome to join us as we remember the special events leading up to Easter.

### **Prayer for the Week:**

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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





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# CAR BOOT SALE

22ND MARCH

9AM-12PM

- \*children's clothing
- \*toys
- \*homewares
- \*womens & men's clothing
- \*baby items
- \*sausage sizzle

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP



The Second Hand UNIFORM SHOP is open each Friday 9am-10am.

Located up the hill from the School Office.  
Cash only.

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# OPEN DAY

SUNDAY, 18 MAY 2025: 1.00PM - 4.00PM

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# Malahang LANTERN FESTIVAL 2025

MARCH 21-22, 5-10PM

Malahang Reserve, Southern Road,  
Heidelberg West