



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



St. Damian's Newsletter

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Thursday 27th March 2025

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,

It is hard to believe that we have nearly come to the end of Term 1. There is only one week left and then term break begins. This year we have enjoyed a full ten weeks of learning in the first term, this has not happened for quite a while and even though everyone is very tired it has been terrific for settling into the routines of school and for the children's learning. **The last day of the term is Friday 4th April. The students will finish at 1.30pm**

We are all looking forward to our whole school sports day to be held next Thursday 3rd 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 are all looking 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 next 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.

End of Term/Casual Clothes Day

As is tradition at St Damian's, we invite all students to come to school on the last day of term dressed in **casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation**. This money is donated to Project Compassion – Caritas Australia, which is a catholic agency that provides 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 4th 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 are welcome. We will then hold our school prayer services marking the events of Holy Week later in the morning on Friday 4th April. All are welcome to join us as we remember the special events leading up to Easter.

Holy Week Prayer Services

Next Friday 4th April some of our classes will present to our school community the events of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday and then Holy Thursday and Good Friday. This will take place in the Church at 11.45am until 12.45pm. All families are welcome to join us for this reflective and prayerful celebration of our faith.

Prayer for the Week:

Lord,
as we journey through this third week of Lent,
we humbly ask for your guidance and strength.
Help us to deepen our spiritual lives through prayer and to cultivate compassion for ourselves and others.
Open our hearts to your love and lead us to a deeper understanding of your will.
Amen.

*Have a great week,
Rosanna*



ST. DAMIAN'S CHURCH, BUNDOORA
2025 HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES

HOLY THURSDAY, 17TH APRIL

7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER & FOLLOWED BY THE
ADORATION

GOOD FRIDAY, 18TH APRIL

10:00AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MORNING TEA IN THE
DUNLOP ROOM

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
WITH BISHOP RENE RAMIREZ RCJ
3:00 PM AT ST. DAMIAN'S CHURCH**

HOLY SATURDAY, 19TH APRIL

6:30 PM EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY, 20TH APRIL

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM MASSES



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.

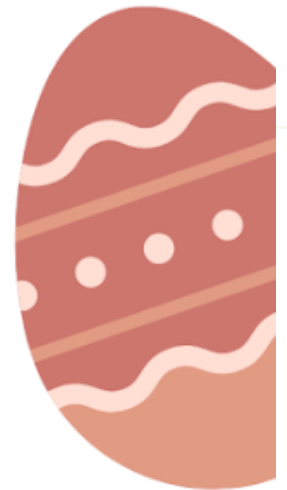
Mr de la Rambelje and Mrs Collins

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.

Raising children and young people

APRIL PROGRAMS 2025

Nature Discovery Walk

Sunday 6 April
10am – 2pm

Harvest Home Recreation Reserve
trybooking.com/CXDNN

Lalor Shops Stay and Play Pop-Up

Tuesday 8 April
10am – 12pm

In front of Lalor Coles,
47-71 May Road, Lalor

Read, Play and Connect

Wednesday 30 April
10.30am – 12pm

Mernda Library,
180 Riverdale Boulevard, Mernda
trybooking.com/CWYYO

Pacific Epping Stay and Play Pop-Up

Wednesday 30 April
9am – 3pm

Pacific Epping,
571-583 High Street, Epping



Scan the QR code for more information or to register for one of these programs
whittlesea.vic.gov.au/familytraining



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OPEN DAY

SUNDAY, 18 MAY 2025: 1.00PM - 4.00PM

BOOK NOW VIA LOYOLA.VIC.EDU.AU/BOOKATOUR

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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GP TENNIS COACHING



TENNIS PROGRAMS

GP Tennis offers a wide range of programs for all ages and abilities across a number of venues. Offering Hot Shots, group & private coaching, High Performance squads as well as cardio tennis. Our holiday programs are a great way to try tennis for the first time or sharpen up your skills over the holiday period. Our holiday clinics are lots of fun and keep the kids active and engaged. The round robin tournaments are a great opportunity to practice match play against a variety of opponents and are well suited to those in the orange, green and yellow stages of the Hot Shots program.

Our UTR tournaments run throughout the year offering and offer two bands (UTR 3 - 6 and UTR 7-12)

See our website for your closest venue and full details on all our programs on offer.

Book a **FREE TRIAL** today at a venue near you!

EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

- **Tuesday 8th April:** 9:00 - 12:00pm Holiday Clinic
12:30 - 3:00pm Doubles Round Robin Tournament at Karingal Drive TC, Greensborough
- **Wednesday 9th April:** 9:00 - 12:00pm tennis & pickleball clinic at Bundoora Tennis Club.
- **Thursday 10th April:** 9:00 - 12:00pm tennis & pickleball clinic at Templestowe Park Tennis Club.
- **Friday 11th April:** UTR Singles Tournament at Keon park Tennis Club (Register via UTR website)
- **Tuesday 15th April:** 9:00 - 12:00pm Holiday Clinic
12:30 - 3:00pm Singles Round Robin Tournament at Karingal Drive TC, Greensborough

COST

\$49 - Half Day

\$79 - Full Day

\$50 - Entry UTR Tournament

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

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