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# St. Damian's Newsletter

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## St Damian's Sports Day 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*

It was wonderful to see our whole community coming together today for our annual School Sports Day. The children were truly enjoying themselves and were doing their utmost to support their team to win. It was a most enjoyable day for everyone. Congratulations to all our students, families, staff and school community on a great day. A special thank you to the parents who volunteered to help run and supervise activities during the day, to Mr Insolia and his Sports Committee for the great organization of the day. I would like to acknowledge our Sports Captains for their leadership on the day and for their sportsmanship in steering their team to be supportive of everyone who did their best to contribute to their team. Well done Sports Captains. We congratulate Blue House on being the overall winners of the day. Great work!

We have come to the end of Term One, what a busy term it has been. We really appreciated having 10 weeks in Term One as this has not happened in a long while. The students have settled in well into school routines and lots of great work has been achieved, but we are all exhausted! Staff and students alike are ready for the upcoming holiday. This term break will be an opportunity to stop, catch our breath and recharge in readiness for another term of learning.

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

As is tradition at St Damian's, we invite all students to come to school on Friday 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**

The Easter bonnet parade is this Friday morning at 9.00am on the oval after meditation. All families are 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 holy events leading up to Easter.

#### **Holy Week Prayer Services**

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 tomorrow at 11.45am until 12.45pm. All families are welcome to join us for this reflective and prayerful celebration of our faith.

#### **Staff News**

After only being with us for three terms we sadly farewell one of our Learning Support Staff, Mrs Maliesha Leach who is leaving St Damian's on Friday. In the short time that Mrs Leach has been here she has made a positive impact in the learning of some of the students with additional needs. We thank Mrs Leach for all she has contributed to our school community and wish her all the best as she moves onto other opportunities.

We conclude the term at 1.30pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April and resume on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.40am. I wish all our families a safe holiday and a very happy Easter. We look forward to seeing you all again next term.

**Please note that Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April is ANZAC Day, a public holiday. Our student leaders will be attending the ANZAC Day ceremony at Watsonia RSL to represent our school community. They will lay a wreath on our behalf as we remember all the fallen of wars.**

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

As we reflect on the events of Holy Week,  
let us remember Jesus's sacrifice and the profound love He demonstrated for all humanity.  
May we find strength and peace in His suffering and anticipate the joy of His resurrection.

*Have a great holiday everyone,*

*Rosanna.*



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

**HOLY THURSDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

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

**GOOD FRIDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> 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, 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

6:30 PM EASTER VIGIL

**EASTER SUNDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> 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



<b>Prep A</b>	Avia B	For using her letter sounds knowledge to decode speed words accurately.
<b>Prep M</b>	Jessica C	For starting your work independently and always being on task.
<b>1CA</b>	Jeffrey C	For always trying his best with counting and place value.
<b>1C</b>	Claire C	For sharing her learning and helping others.
<b>1S</b>	Chris Z	For approaching all his learning with a positive attitude.
<b>2A</b>	Elizabeth S	For displaying great listening skills and always following instructions.
<b>2Y</b>	Jeremiah D	For trying your best to stay focused during your learning tasks.
<b>3B</b>	Sami A	For trying your best to use descriptive language in your writing.
<b>3M</b>	Jason H	For answering questions in class that help others succeed.
<b>3S</b>	Luana C	For writing a verry imaginative narrative.
<b>4NK</b>	Maxi Li	For incredible focus during learning tasks and for being a dedicated SRC representative.
<b>4R</b>	Linaya K	For demonstrating independence and confidence in maths.
<b>4W</b>	Email S	For always trying your best when new concepts have been introduced.
<b>5M</b>	Charlie Z	For your dedication to always doing your bes and showing kindness towards your peers.
<b>6B</b>	Irene B	For showing great enthusiasm and resilience while on camp.
<b>6C</b>	Caleb	For bringing energy and enthusiasm to each lesson.
<b>6H</b>	Zoe T	For being a kind and conscientious student who always does her best.

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