



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

Congratulations and thank you to our P.A. on a successful Mother's Day Stall held last Friday. All the children had the opportunity to buy their mum a gift and present it to her on Mother's Day, which is always very special to the children. I hope all our mums, grandmothers and mother figures had a great day last Sunday.

Bishop's Visit

On Tuesday morning, we welcomed Bishop Rene who came to visit the Year 6 students who are making their final preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Bishop spent quite a bit of time with the students, chatting about the importance of the Sacrament. He then spent some time with the staff during first break. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Rene back to St Damian on May 31st when he will confer the Sacrament on the students.

Parent Child Confirmation Workshop

Tonight is the Parent Child Workshop for all students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The students, accompanied by their parents join together to reflect on the importance of this Sacrament. We look forward to working with them tonight.

Presentation Masses

This weekend the Confirmation candidates will be presented to the Parish community at one of the Masses, either on Saturday evening Mass (5.30pm) or at the Sunday morning Mass (10.00 am). We look forward to welcoming these young people and celebrate this joyous occasion with them.

Australian LSO Day

This Friday May 16th is LSO Day, a day we remember our wonderful Learning Support Officers and everything they do to support students who need additional support. These dedicated professionals play a crucial role in creating safe, inclusive, and effective learning environments. They include learning support officers (LSOs), psychologists, administrative staff, technical support and everyone whose work underpins the success of every school day.

School Advisory Board

The next meeting of the SAC will be held on Tuesday 20th May at 7.00pm in the meeting room.

Bogan Bingo

Mark the date **June 20th**. The P.A. have organized a fun-filled night of entertainment which promises to bring us many laughs and much enjoyment. Start organizing your tables now (tables of 10), or just buy a ticket and join a table, and have a great night. Hurray so you don't miss out on tickets as there is a limit on how many people can fit in the school hall.

Whole School Assembly

The next assembly will be held on Monday 26th May with Year 2A presenting their learning to our community.

Prayer for our new Pope

Lord,
source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment,
a spirit of knowledge and love.
By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he,
as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ,
build your Church into a sacrament of unity,
love and peace for all the world.
Amen.

*Have a great week,
Rosanna*

Faith News

Sacrament of Confirmation

This term, our **Year Six Students** will be renewing their baptismal promises and professing their faith as they celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday 31st May at 2pm**. We pray for them as they prepare to participate in the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost.

Sacrament of Confirmation Parent / Child Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sacrament of Confirmation Parent / Child Evening this evening, **Thursday 15th May, at 7pm**. The evening will be facilitated by Michele from the Presentation Family Project.

Sacrament of Confirmation Parish Presentation Masses

This weekend, please choose whichever Mass time suits your family best: **Saturday 17th May at 5:30pm or Sunday 18th May at 10am**. The children do not need to bring anything with them. They will be invited to stand on the altar after the Homily and everyone present will be invited to pray for them. The students will receive a copy of the Nicene Creed and a Confirmation pin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This term, our **Year Two Students** will be participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Thursday 5th June at 7pm** in the Church. We pray that we may be good examples of forgiveness and healing in the way we live our lives.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Parish Presentation Masses

Please choose whichever Mass time suits your family best: **Saturday 24th May at 5:30pm or Sunday 25th May at 10am**. The children do not need to bring anything with them. They will be invited to stand on the altar after the Homily and everyone present will be invited to pray for them.

Sacrament of Eucharist

This year, our Year Four Students will be participating in the Sacrament of Eucharist on **Saturday 13th September at 2pm**. Please keep them in your Prayers.

A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

*Loving God, we express our gratitude and offer
our prayers for the newly elected Holy Father, Leo XIV.
May he truly embody the Good Shepherd, reflecting
Your Son's image and likeness by caring for the common good,
fostering peace and unity among peoples and nations,
advocating for the poor and marginalized,
and serving as a spiritual leader who embraces everyone,
reminding the world of Your love for all.
Guide Pope Leo XIV with the Holy Spirit as he leads
the Church and serves as a spiritual leader in our world.
Bestow upon him the gift of missionary zeal,
witnessing to the world that
"You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts
are restless till they rest in You."*
May our collective prayers strengthen him,
providing the courage and support he needs as he
fulfills the ministry Christ has entrusted to him with
the gifts of faith, hope, and love.*

**St. Augustine of Hippo, Confessions, I.1*



Prep A	Hebe Wei	For showing care and respect when helping her classmates.
Prep M	Cleo Kalakias	For being a helpful member of the class and showing kindness to her peers.
1CA	Nina Liu	For being compassionate and caring towards her peers and teachers.
1C	Emma Wang	For setting an excellent example of behaviour for her peers.
1S	Taylor Patullo Serna	For being a hard worker who consistently produces work of high quality.
2Y	Ian Chen	For your beautiful writing in your Mother's Day card. What a fantastic job!
3B	Weini Liu	For consistently following all school expectations with a positive attitude.
3M	Evan Vlahopoulos	For consistently doing his best across all aspects of the school day.
3S	Yueru Liu	For showing persistence and working diligently in all areas of learning.
4NK	Michelle Chen	For showing interest in the use of microscopes during our excursion.
4R	Dylan Zhai	For demonstrating growth in maths through increased participation and commitment.
4W	Samuel D'errico	For trying his best to implement spelling strategies and sharing your learning.
5RB	Aria Calleja	For consistently demonstrating a mature and responsible attitude towards learning.

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