

St. Dominic's Primary School Camberwell East



School Newsletter No. 5

Thursday 3rd April, 2025



St Dominic's Primary School is committed to the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of Catholic education. St Dominic's Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we work, learn and gather. We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future and acknowledge their spiritual connection to Country.



IMPORTANT DATES St. Dominic's School Google Calendar

TERM ONE:

- SCHOOL ENROLMENT TOURS- THURSDAY 3RD APRIL
- Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation (SD Church): Thursday 3rd April (7pm)
- Whole School End of Term Assembly- Friday 4th April (9.00am- all welcome)
- Whole School Stations of the Cross- Friday 4th April (12pm)
- TERM ONE FINISHES Friday 4th April- 1.00PM

TERM TWO:

- EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY- Monday 21st April
- TERM TWO COMMENCES- Tuesday 22nd April
- ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY- Friday 25th April
- SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY / STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING- Monday 28th April
- SCHOOL ENROLMENT TOURS- TUESDAY 29TH APRIL
- PFA Meeting- Tuesday 29th April (7pm)
- SCHOOL ENROLMENT TOURS- WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL
- PREP 2026 ENROLMENT INFORMATION MEETING- Wednesday 30th April (7pm)
- House Cross Country Carnival (Lyndon Park)- Thursday 1st May
- Mother's day Breakfast- Friday 2nd May
- Election Day- PFA Fundraiser Sausage Sizzle- Saturday 3rd May



Reminders, Every Week:

- Sunflower Kids Playgroup-Mon. 2.30-3.30pm & Thurs.
 9-10.30am (Community Hub)
- ★ Chess for Kids- Wednesdays 1.40-2.40pm (Veritas Hall)
- ★ St Dom's School Choir practice- Friday mornings at 8.00am (Italian room)

Lenten Reflection



Loving God,

As the season of Lent comes to an end, we thank You for the time of reflection, growth, and renewal. We are grateful for the lessons learned and the sacrifices made.

May the journey of Lent bring us closer to Your love and light. Bless our school families as we move forward in faith, with hearts full of gratitude and hope. Guide us to live the spirit of Easter with joy, peace, and kindness in all we do.

In Your holy name we pray, Amen.

St. Dominic's Parish News



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The Dominican

St Dominic's Parish welcomes children from Kinder to Year 5 to join Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 am Mass. Children are led through age-appropriate readings, activities, and prayers.

Term 2 Dates TBC



Gratitude & Blessings!

Parents & Carers.

With Term 1 coming to an end tomorrow, we thank everyone in our dynamic and highly-engaged St. Dom's community! On behalf of our staff, I share my gratitude for your gifts of generosity, welcome, kindness, openness, tenacity and hard work that we can all be so proud of.

Together (and only together!), we work with you & for your children, as partners and co-educators. I thank you for your trust in our staff, for your trust in their professionalism, care for all children and their guidance, as we work together for every child, every day & in every possible way.

This Newsletter features many of our recent events, experiences and learning. These include: upcoming community events (Mother's Day Breakfast &

Centenary Gala Dinner); Harmony Week parade; Learning & Teaching feature; Mass of St. Patrick; Colour Run, to name but a few!!

Some recent events will be featured in our first Term 2 Newsletter, particularly the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage, Easter, Prep firefighters visit, 2026 Prep Parent Information Night. I thank you for welcoming our newest families into the embrace of the St. Dom's community, as this term we had 11 new students commence in Years 1-6, along with our gorgeous Prep class. Supporting one another makes us such a strong community and I am so very grateful for that.

I wish you Blessings of this coming Easter Season & may the joy, love and hope of the Risen Christ live in you, through your families, friends and our St. Dom's community.



Thank you for your support and our partnership.

Natalie Kenny - Principal

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ST. DOMINIC'S CENTENARY EMAIL ADDRESS:

<u>centenary2025@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au</u>





St. Dom's PFA Community Events: Mother's Day Breakfast 2/5/2025



St. Dom's PFA Community Events: Centenary Gala Dinner 24/5/2025



Celebrating Cultural Diversity: Harmony Week 2025

















St Dom's was a vibrant sea of colour, when we celebrated Harmony Day.
Our staff and students showcased the beautiful, multicultural community
that is St Dom's. Thank You to our school leaders, for interviewing students with the
'roving microphone'. The strong and important messages of welcome, inclusiveness
and embracing diversity, were enjoyed by all



Let's come together to celebrate our cultural diversity.

Learning & Teaching

Learning Matters: Mathematics

Thanks to parents and carers who were able to attend the Learning Matters; mathematics information sessions. It was lovely to have the opportunity to provide some insights into the what, why and how of mathematics at St Dominic's. For those parents who were unable to attend, an information pack will be sent to all families in the coming days. More sessions will be planned throughout the year to continue the important learning about the changes to mathematics and how we implement these at St Dominic's.

Term 2 Learning and Teaching

Class and Specialist teachers have been busy planning engaging learning opportunities for Term 2. Parents and carers have expressed interest in knowing in advance what some of the main learning areas will focus on.

Mathematics

Below is an overview of the mathematics content planned for. The time frame is a guide and may change slightly.

Prep



Each level will also provide weekly problem-solving lessons with a focus on rich tasks and open-ended activities that encourage students to think critically and creatively about a topic.

<u>Readina</u>

Our P-2 students will continue developing their reading skills through the Little Learners Love Literacy program This program also supports their phonological awareness, spelling and oral language. The students in Years 3/4 will read the novel 'Yirra and her Deadly Dog, Demon' - a factual recount about a girl and her energetic dog, looking for a dog-trainer in Sydney. The Year 5/6 students will read 'Dirrarn', a factual recount about a girl named Mia who faces the challenges of living thousands of kilometres from her family.

Writing

In Writing, the prep students will continue learning to write recounts and narratives, using real-life experiences as stimuli. The 1/2 students focus on learning to write procedural texts, information reports and narrative pieces. In 3/4, the writing focus will link with their novel study, with opportunities to create factual recounts and poetry. The 5/6 students will also create factual recounts in line with their novel study and will learn to create nonfictional narrative pieces.

Inquiry-Based Learning

The term 2 concept is 'Self-Expression', providing teachers and students to focus on identifying, demonstrating and managing their emotions. The Prep students will use the arts to express different emotions and the 1/2 students will link their learning with Religious Education, expressing their creativity and understanding of God, prayer and symbols of faith. The students in Years 3-6 will work across levels, choosing a medium to showcase their learning.

Religious Education

The students in Years 3/4 will learn about the literary form of parables and explore stories of the New Testament. The 5/6 students will further develop their knowledge and understanding of their own faith and of other faiths.

We look forward to sharing this learning with you, as partners in the child's learning journey.

Helen Anania

Deputy Principal, Learning and Teaching, Literacy and Mathematics Leader

Mass of St. Patrick- Year 6 Leaders attend Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

















On Friday 21st March, the annual Mass of St. Patrick was celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Melbourne and it was an honour to attend this very special event with our four school leaders. As we are marking our school's Centenary, we were acknowledged and invited to process our school banner, with our school leaders representing our school community with such great pride.

Colour Run.... FUN FUN FUN!

Our 2025 Colour Run was a HUGE success!

The perfect afternoon for a run and to be covered head to toe in bright colours! Everyone had a blast, and our school and community came together to raise an extraordinary amount!

We not only reached our fundraising goal, but we passed it!

This means we're going to be able to add to our STEM resources!

We will be investing funds towards...

3D Printer:

A 3D printer brings learning to life by allowing students to turn ideas into tangible creations!. Through hands-on design challenges, students will develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills while exploring key STEM principles. It fosters teamwork as students collaborate on designs, problem-solve, and refine their creations, developing their creativity. By integrating 3D printing, we equip students with real-world skills, encouraging innovation, resilience, and future-ready learning.



LEGO Spike Prime Sets:

Many of our students already have a strong foundational knowledge and passion for LEGO, which will allow them to effortlessly step into complex problem-solving and computational thinking.

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Classes will be able to create an endless number of innovative robotics projects using their creativity and engineering skills! We will get excited about coding and cool robotics while engaging in cross-curricular learning - STEAM, Literacy, Maths, Social-Emotional Skills... the list is endless!



GIDSSA Tennis Championships

Congratulations and well done to Jack H, Finn H, Lucy N. Lily M, and Grace P who represented St Dom's at the GIDSSA Tennis Championships on Friday 28 March. Everyone played their hardest and just as importantly, had fun. Our team's sportsmanship and great behaviour on the day was noted by the officials who congratulated our school. A special mention to Lily and Grace who made it to the grand finals but missed out on the win.



Finn: On Friday I went to the District Tennis Championships. I felt happy that I was representing the school. Even though I didn't win many games it was still a lot of fun and it was a great experience. I loved playing against other people from different schools.

Lily: I was so lucky to be one of the people to represent our school at the tennis day last Friday afternoon. It was an amazing experience to play against other schools and make lots of memories together. Even though we didn't make it to the next round we still had an epic day hitting balls and serving aces!

Grace: It was so much fun playing against different schools it was quite challenging but really enjoyable. I was so happy to be at the tennis day and representing our school. I had a great time and made so many amazing memories.

Lucy: It was the best experience playing against other schools whilst still playing tennis. It was fun and enjoyable and something I will never forget in my whole life. And it was also incredible that I have people like Grace and Lily that were by my side.

Jack: It was a really fun day and it was good to play against students from other schools. I loved the intense rallies and tough competition.

DigiTech News



Congratulations to our Term 1 Chess Champions

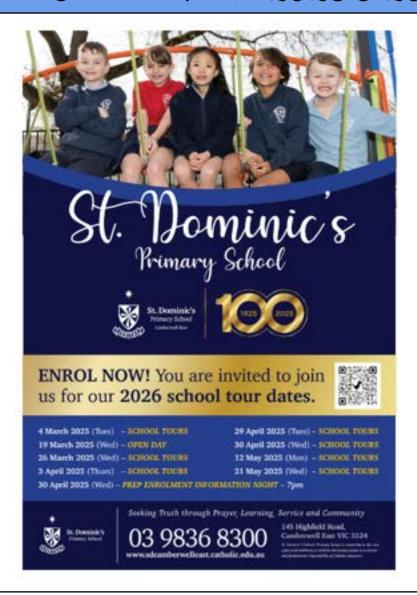


CONGRATULATIONS...

Noah Boase- 1st Place Ben Cleary- 2nd Place Henry Babij- 3rd Place



School Enrolment Tours-2026 & 2027



Prep 2026 Parent Information Night

Parent & Families,

Our 2026 Parent Information Night is being held on Wednesday 30th April, at 7pm in Veritas Hall.

This meeting is primarily for those seeking 2026 Prep enrolment, however families looking to enrol their child/ren at other year levels are most welcome to attend. If you have a Prep commencing in 2026 OR a friend or family member seeking enrolment, parents can book via the event on our website.

We encourage those attending to arrive 10 minutes earlier to meet our team and other parents, then settle in before the meeting commences. We value the importance of making the right decision for your child, as well as your family, when enrolling for school. We thank those many families who have contacted us for more information and school tours, as they consider St. Dominic's for their child's enrolment.

Our team is here to support families in this decision and to address any concerns or queries.



Enrolments for Prep 2026 can be completed at any time, to secure your child's place for 2026.

Second Hand Uniform

All items continue to be just \$5 each — we're the only shop in Melbourne that hasn't been hit by inflation in the past 12 months!

Online Order Requests - Open Now

We've set up a new <u>online form</u> to submit requests for uniforms you would like to order. If you fill out the form here, we'll be in touch asap to advise either that it's ready to pick up, or that we don't have any but will leave it as a standing request for after our next Donation Day.

Here is the request link:

https://forms.gle/bu5dUWrMgH99sY369

If you have any questions please drop me a line at **uniforms@cleary.au** and I'll get back to you as soon as I can!

Thanks! John Cleary

Term 2 Junior Rockers News



St. Dominic's OSHC







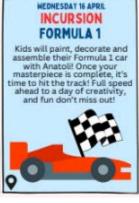














THURSDAY 17 APRIL



Community News

