

# St. Dominic's Primary School Camberwell East



#### **School Newsletter No. 10**

#### Thursday 13th July, 2023



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.



#### **Prayer**



Jesus called himself the Light of the World. As his followers, we are all invited to be lights, shining out and brightening the world around us with our goodness and love.

Heavenly Father, may we be light bearers for You; walking alongside those who are living in the shadow of pain, fear, loneliness or any other trouble. Let the beauty of your life-giving light transform every aspect of our school and bring joy and hope to students, teachers and every member of our school and parish community.



### IMPORTANT DATES St. Dominic's School Google Calendar

- Thursday 13th July- Footsteps Concert Program commences (each Thurs/Term 3)
- Tuesday 18th July- PFA Meeting (7-8pm)
- Wednesday 19th July- Chess Club commences
- Thursday 20th July- Sunflower Kids Playgroup (9-10.30am)
- Saturday 22nd July- PFA Trivia Night (6-10pm at OHR Surrey Hills)
- Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 Swimming Program- 24/7, 28/7, 31/7, 1/8, 4/8
- Tuesday 25th July- School Advisory Council Meeting- 7pm
- Wednesday 26th July- Student-Led Conferences (1.30-7.30pm)
- Thursday 27th July- Sunflower Kids Playgroup (9-10.30am)
- Thursday 27th July- Sacrament of Confirmation Retreat Day
- Friday 28th July- Prep '100 Days of Prep' celebration day
- Sunday 30th July- St. Dominic's Parish Centenary Launch- see information in Parish News
- Wednesday 2nd August- KABOOM & St. Dominic's Day celebrations
- Thursday 3rd August- Sunflower Kids Playgroup (9-10.30am)
- Saturday 5th August- Feast of St. Dominic

#### Save the Date!

St. Dominic's Italian Festa is back in 2024!



Saturday 2nd March 2024

#### 2024 Enrolments at St. Dom's



### • We are saving a Place for YOU! •

\*Please click here to complete an enrolment form, for all new St. Dominic's enrolments\*

We look forward to welcoming all new students and their families, as they begin their educational journey with us at St. Dominic's Primary School, Camberwell East.

### **Our Connected Community....**

#### Parents & Carers.

Thank you for welcoming in the first week of Term 3 with positivity and a renewed energy for all of the opportunities and connections in store over the coming months. All of our students have settled well into the new term, immersing themselves in their learning, friendships and reconnecting with one another. We thank all in our community who have made our newest students feel so welcome already. I invite all parents to make our newest school parents feel welcome too.

This term we are excited to begin our Footsteps School Concert Program, and to engage in Swimming Program, Student Led Conferences, Prep '100 Days of Prep' celebration day, Athletics and Sporting clinics & events, Chess Club, Hot Choc Fridays, St. Dominic's Day celebrations, Sacrament of Confirmation, Book Week, Father's Day, School Concert, Year 3/4s Camp. What a term! Student learning takes place in so many different formats and through an incredible range of unique, tailored and engaging experiences and we look forward to every opportunity for our students to embrace their learning, both in and out of their classrooms this term. I wish you and your families a wonderful Term 3 and invite you to contact our teachers and office staff as needed, as we work in partnership in the education and care of your child/ren.

We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Student Led Conferences, on Wednesday 26th July.

Thank you for your support and our partnership.

Mrs Natalie Kenny - Principal

principal@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.aunkenny@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au

## **WELCOME to our NEWEST St. Dominic's Students!!**





Xavier (Year 4- 3/4D)



Noah (Year 1- 1/2M)



Eli (Year 5- 5/6G)



# 👋 Farewells & Welcomes 😄

We farewell Miss Sarah Rak from her position as Year 5/6 class teacher. After an extended period of leave, Sarah has made the decision to resign. We wish Sarah every success as she pursues the next chapter in her life and career, and we thank her for her contributions to St. Dominic's Primary School in 2022 and 2023.

We welcome Mr Frank Stokes and Mrs Andrea Wollheim, who will teach Year 5/6R for Term 3. Both Frank and Andrea have been working closely with our staff and students to ensure a smooth and settled transition for all.

As you see above, we have recently welcomed 4 new students to St. Dominic's. As they make new friends and settle into school life at St. Dom's, we thank our staff and students who have welcomed them and their families. We also have another new student commencing in the next fortnight, who we will officially welcome soon!

Thank you for *Discovering the St. Dom's Difference*' and becoming a special part of our school community!

#### St. Dominic's 2023 House Athletics Carnival

On Friday 16th June, after a couple false starts, the sun shone on St. Dom's 2023 House Athletics Carnival. Students participated in a mix of track, field, individual and team events. It was wonderful to see everyone trying their hardest and supporting each other. Congratulations to all competitors and a big thank you to parents and staff who assisted as officials and to everyone who came along and supported the students.

Winners: House Athletics Champions- Caesarini
School Spirit Award - Siena
Guzman Gift Champion 2023 - Eliza G











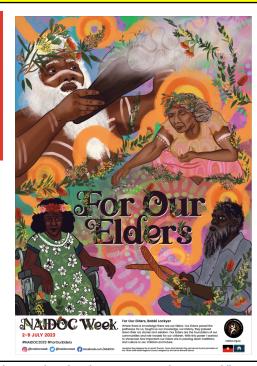
### **National NAIDOC Week**

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.



This week, all P-6 students have explored resources and new learning about the significance of NAIDOC Week, learning about the oldest continuous culture on earth... that of the Aboriginal peoples of Australia.



# St. Dominic's Bullying No Way! Day Competition



The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (Bullying No Way Day) is on the **18th of August!** This year the theme is **'Growing Connections'.** 

This year, we ask all students of St Dominic's to join our competition! This competition is connected with our STEM and Digital Technologies and its aim is to show how wonderfully St Dominic's combats bullying and is a friendly, kind and safe place for ALL to be included!

What: Create a temporary logo for our school!

The logo must include 'St Dominic's' and a
connection to the theme of 'Growing

Connections'. This logo will be used around the
school, in our newsletter, included in all
teachers email signatures, AND on the school
website!

Due by: Friday 11th of August

**How:** You can create your logo design in ANY way you would like! Get inventive and imaginative. You might like to use design tools such as Canva or Photoshop, you might use Google Slides! You might plan and build a 3D physical logo that can be photographed, you can draw or illustrate your logo and take a picture to be uploaded! It's completely up to you.

\*\*All logos are to be sent to Miss Trapani - <a href="mailto:strapani@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au">strapani@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au</a>

## **Term 3 Performing Arts Program: Footsteps Concert**



#### St. Dominic's School Concert season is here!

We are working with the team at Footsteps for our School Concert this term. They run a well-renowned Concert Program, which involves a weekly session with their staff who choreograph students.

All of our P-6 Classes will take part in these sessions throughout Term 3.

- Our School Concert will be performed on Monday 11th September, at Salesian College, Chadstone
- Our concert theme is, 'Amazing Race around the World', which will showcase culture and dance from around the globe, along with a witty script and opportunities for some older students to have spoken/Host parts.
- Parents, you are invited to assist in sorting and sourcing costumes suited to our
   2023 concert. Please notify our office if you are willing to assist.
- Parents will also be invited to help with concert props in due course.
- We have a staff Concert Team and we also invite willing parents to support. Let us know if you would like to be part of our Concert preparation this term!



### **Semester 1 Reports & Student-Led Conferences**

Semester One reports are in the final stages of editing, ready to be uploaded to the nForma Parent Portal in the coming days. Families who are new to St Dominic's this year, will have received communication from nForma requesting login details to be set up. Once the reports are ready for viewing, an Operoo communication will be sent to all families.

On Wednesday July 26, Week 3 of Term 3, Student Led Conferences will be held. This is an important opportunity for students, parents and teachers to celebrate achievements made so far this year, and to share in the experience of setting learning and behavioural goals for the remainder of the school year.

A communication will be sent to families on Friday 14 July, with links to the booking website.

We look forward to sharing these opportunities to celebrate your child with you.

# **Introducing our Staff Junior School Team (Prep & 1/2s)**



#### Jen Sinclair (Prep Teacher)

Hi, I'm Jen Sinclair, the prep teacher at St. Dominic's. What I love most about working at St. Dominic's are the beautiful students I teach. Preps are the best! They bring joy and happiness into St Dominic's each day.

I have barracked for the Mighty Saints for my whole life. My family has been

through many highs and lows following the Saints over the years. (Unfortunately more lows ).

We have 2 pets. A loving and faithful Maltese Shih Tzu named Theo....he is 14 years old. We also have a very cheeky Burmese cat named Winnie. They definitely keep everyone on their toes and share their love around..

# And introducing..... 'Roary' our Prep Buddy Lion!

Hi everyone, I am Roary! I am new to St. Dom's this year and I have been SO loved!

All of the Preps have a special Roary of their own too! I love being at St. Dom's because I get soooo much attention, the Preps and their Buddies love me and I am strong and brave, just like our Prep students! My favourite AFL is.... The Lions! I don't have any pets.... Yet!



## Sophie Miezis (1/2M Class Teacher)

The best thing I love about working at St Dominic's is the amazing community. The staff, students and families make the school one of a kind and the most wonderful place to work! It also helps that there is a coffee shop across the road that sells the best iced latte's in the

inner eastern suburbs.

I go for the mighty Hawks! Although they may not be as mighty as they have been in the past, at least the young players are all having a fun time and learning the ropes... but WATCH THIS SPACE - WE ARE COMING! GO HAWKS! I don't have any pets that currently live in my apartment, however, my mum and dad have the best Ragdoll x Siamese named Abigail Florence. She is a covid cat that is used to people being home all the time so is super clingy and plays a mean game of fetch! (with a ball - not birds (thank goodness!).



#### **Chris Karalis (1/2K Class Teacher)**

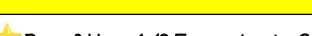
My name is Ms. Karalis or Ms K. as some of the students revert to. This is my second year at St. Dominic's and I have been teaching the very talented 1/2 's. What I love about St.Dominic's is the vibrant community spirit, the wonderful supportive families and the

awesome staff members.

I was born and raised in Richmond and for that reason and because they are the greatest ever, I support the mighty Tigers!!! It gets interesting during Collingwood vs Richmond games at home as my family is an equal divide of passionate Tigers and Pies!

We have two mischievous and entertaining cats. They were rescued from the same litter and are therefore sisters. Luna is black with a single white dot on her chest and Sunny is a smoky tabby.

# **Stars of the Week!**



Prep & Year 1/2 Excursion to Cranbourne Botanical Gardens  $\star$ 















During Term 1 for Inquiry Based Learning (I.B.L.) the Year 1/2's learnt what it means to belong to a community and how they can make positive changes that will benefit every person. They went on a field trip to Highfield Park, where they observed and analysed the facilities available. As a year level they collaborated and made some decisions about what our local government could do to make a loved public space even better.



A total of 38 students wrote letters about what they believed would improve their local

park for the common good. These were emailed to Cr Felicity Sinfield and by the end of term 2 each and every student received a personalised response. The importance of this unit and the response from our local council cannot be underestimated. A key component of the unit was developing students' agency and supporting them to acknowledge that their voice is valued. Miss Miezis and Ms Karalis both agree that this was achieved as they witnessed every little face light up with delight as they heard their name and letter being read.





Our Year 5/6 Interfaith excursion was a most enjoyable and fascinating insight into some other major religions of our world. Our Year 5/6 students were all made so welcome at each place of worship that we visited. We are all very grateful for the experience and know that we should repeat this opportunity to learn more about people from other walks of life.

On the last Thursday of term 2, the year 5/6s went on an interfaith excursion. We visited a Jewish synagogue, Islamic Mosque, Russian Orthodox church and a Tao temple.



At the Jewish Synagogue, we were taken in by a lady called Cathy. She told us all about Judaism. We learnt about how they believe similar things as Christians, one of the only differences being that they believe that their Messiah still hasn't come yet, that Jesus was just a prophet. The boys had to wear little hats called skull caps, as a reminder that God is always above them. Girls don't have to wear them because apparently we're more pure.

After that we visited an Islam/muslim mosque. We took our shoes off at the entrance, and went into the place. It was warm and cosy, because of the carpet and indoor heating. We all sat on the floor to learn about the religion from the iman, the priest in Islam. He taught us about Islam, and then the principal of the Muslim school nearby came to tell us more. She and the mums on the excursion all wore scarves on their heads because Muslims don't value beauty.





At the Russian Orthodox we were welcomed in by Father Michael, who kind of looked like Dumbldore. We walked into the church, and wow, there was a lot of gold stuff. There were a bunch of pictures called icons that were painted on the walls and roof, and Father Peter told us the story behind most of them. He also showed us the room in front of us, which represented heaven, and told us that the room we were in represents Earth, and the foyer represented hell, which was where bad people had to sit. Then we had lunch and it was time to move on.

Our last stop was a Tao temple. We were welcomed to it by a little man, Mr Lee. While he spoke, we looked around the outside of the temple. It was really majestic, with red, gold and black, and smooth curved roofs. Then, once he was done, we entered the building. The ceiling looked like it was made up of a million golden lanterns that lit up the entire space. There were lots of tables, and behind the main one at the back, there were three massive statues, about as tall as the roof. I think they were gods. One was red, one blue, and one green. Mr Lee showed us one of the rituals Taos do, and then it was time to go back to school.



I really enjoyed being at the different religious places and finding out how they do stuff. It was a great learning experience and I can't wait to do it again.

by Catherine M

On the second last day of term, we visited four places of worship and learnt about some different interesting religions; Judaism, Islam, Russian Orthodox Christianity and Taoism. Each had different and intriguing beliefs and it was very much fun to hear about them.

The first place of worship we went to was a Jewish Synagogue, and when we entered the boys were each given a kippah which was a small round brimless hat that symbolizes respect for God and that God is above all human kind.





The second place we went to was a Muslim Mosque, where we learnt about their God, Allah and all the other beliefs they have. For example they cannot eat pork, they have to pray five times a day and the females have to wear a hijab.

The third place we went to was a Russian Orthodox Church where we were met by a wizard looking like priest called Fr Michael, who told us all about the Russian Church and the difference between Orthodox and Catholic.





The fourth place we went to was a Taoist Temple, which was a mix of Buddhism and the Confucius religion. After a tour of the temple, a few other people and I attempted to use the Fortune Sticks. First we had to shake the sticks till one stick came out, and then we had to throw two banana looking things and one had to land on one side and the other had to land on the other side. Then according to the number on the stick, they give you a fortune paper, telling you about your future.

This was a very interesting and fun day and we learnt lots of stuff about different religions.

by Olivia L

On Thursday the day before the last day of term 2, we went on a full day excursion to four different religious places.

The first place we went was a Jewish Synagogue. Upon entering the boys were given a kippah which is a little hat that all Jewish males wear. We got a worksheet with some questions about what our tour guide was explaining to us which was very easy to fill out. I realised that Judaism is quite similar to Christianity but also very different.





After that we went to a Muslim Mosque. We had two men explaining Islam to us as well as a female guest who told us more about how she worships Allah and the rules of being a Muslim. Some of the rules she has to follow are not being allowed to eat pig, having to pray 5 times a day and for females having to wear a hijab. After learning all that, we had our recess there.

Third on the agenda was the Russian Orthodox Church. This was extremely similar to our church because this church was also Christian. Fr Michael told us about all the pictures on the walls and the roof too. There was a lot of gold everywhere and some little rooms on the side. One of the rooms was a baptism pool. After Fr Michael finished talking we had lunch outside.





The last place we went to was a Taoism temple. After showing us around, the man brought us to this table. There was a cylinder of sticks each with a number on them. You shake the container until one of the sticks falls out. Each number has a matching paper with a prophecy and the number on the stick that falls out is the prophecy that gets read to you. The crazy thing and what I like most about this place is that a lot of the prophecies were actually true!

by Eva A

On our interfaith excursion we went to four religious places. We went to a Jewish synagogue, a Islamic mosque, a Russian orthodox church and a Tao temple. The first one was a synagogue and it was really cool.



The synagogue had differences with language, not just culture and beliefs. They didn't use vowels at all. They also had ancient candles and an ancient scroll that had to be read from each week. They also had paintings with old Hebrew words on it. Plus if you were 12 or 13 you would become an adult.

Next we went to a mosque which was Islamic. You also had to take your shoes off at the entrance of the mosque. In the mosque they told us about the history and culture of the

religion and the art in the mosque and what it meant.



After that we went to a Russian orthodox church which had pictures of history through the different ages. But at the very back there was a crib where the baby Jesus was born. Everyone there wanted to look. The priest told us all about the paintings inside.

Lastly on our interfaith excursion we went to a Tao temple which was home to 3 religions. But it was a

Chinese temple really. He told us about the church and then told us about this Chinese luck charm where you throw out a stick, roll a rock and see if you were lucky or unlucky.

by Nicholas F





#### St. Dominic's Parish News



everyone to celebrate this year's patronal feast day.

This year's feast day will be the pre-launch of the Parish Centenary Celebration (2023-2024).

- . Parish Morning Tea after the 9:30am Mass
- Commissioning of the new Parish Pastoral Council at the 11am Mass
- Parish Luncheon after the 11am Mass
- Solemn Vespers at 7.00pm

The new Parish Website will be launched at the Morning tea and Luncheon.

ALL WELCOME



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2023

Each year, our Winter Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society We thank you for your generous support over the past 12 months and we hope to again achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community.

Over the past six months, the Society has provided over \$5 million in material assistance, including food, clothing, furniture and financial support, to families and households in need throughout Victoria. Your Conference of Camberwell East over the last year made 335 visits mainly to social housing in South Melbourne to provide over \$45,000 in food and clothing assistance in addition to help with utilities debt, furniture and education expense's

One disturbing aspect of our work today is that older women are becoming homeless in record numbers, up 37% over the past decade, almost double the growth rate for people experiencing homelessness in Australia over the same period.

However, the problem is likely to be hugely under-reported, as many will stay with their children or friends, live in their car, or stay in unsafe relationships to avoid sleeping rough where they spend the night in fear of violence

Research shows that most of these women – mothers, sisters, aunts and grandmothers - have never been homeless before. For many of these women, homelessness is triggered by a crisis such as the death of a spouse, divorce, serious illness, rent increase or eviction. Intimate partner violence or elder abuse also lead to older women being forced to flee their homes. But at the heart of all homelessness – including for older women – is poverty

They've cared for others now we should make sure they are cared for in their time of fear loneliness and despair.

Please do so by donating to SVDP Society via our Camberwell East Conference

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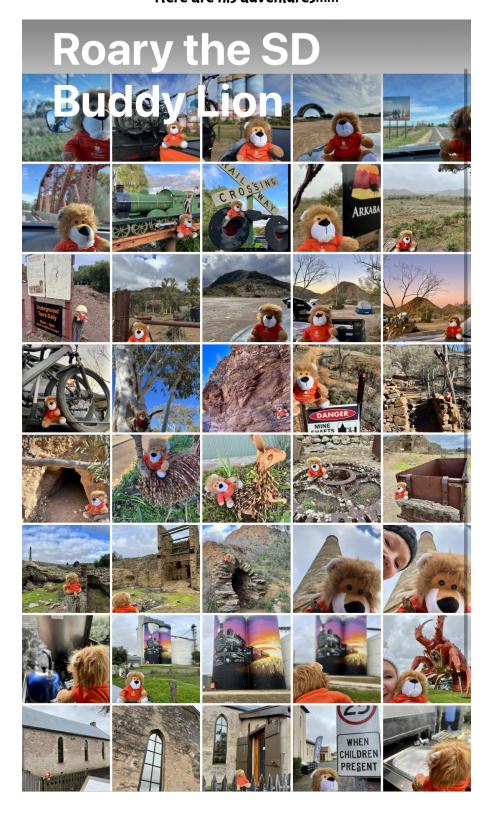


# **Roary the Prep Buddy Lion's Outback Adventures!**

During the holidays, Mrs Kenny went on a South Australian outback road trip.

Roary, our special Prep Buddy Lion was so excited when he saw the packing and preparing and he convinced Mrs Kenny to take him along for a much-needed holiday!

Here are his adventures.....



Stay tuned for further Roary Stories as the year progresses!
Our Preps are super excited!!

# **Family Communication**

There are a number of online platforms & apps that we use to communicate to our community.....





As from 1 May, 2023 Skoolbag moved to a new brand - Audiri (Meaning - to be heard). Audiri is a free app helping parents, schools and the broader community stay connected. At St Dominic's, we use this tool for communicating from the school to families for alerts, newsletters, calendars.

Parents will simply need to update their Skoolbag app.



We use Operoo to collect data that has previously been requested in hard copy. Operoo is an electronic form system that will automatically collate medical and emergency details which makes this important information instantly available to authorised staff via computers, smartphones and tablets. We also use Operoo to send e-forms, excursion forms, permission forms etc.

\*\*Operoo allows only one primary owner, who then shares access.

#### SeeSaw

SeeSaw is a communication app, which is managed by each teacher.
They will communicate with you about your child's learning or sometimes specific messages for your class.



#### Whats App

Class Parent Representatives set up a class only group to communicate to parents information directly relating to the class.



#### **PFA**





#### GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

St Dom's is giving away \$1000 at this year's Trivia Night.

Tickets can be purchased via Trybooking: https://www.trybooking.com/CJWMB

Tickets will also be on sale every day next week after school....

FOLLOW THE CASH and at the Trivia Night.

1 x Ticket \$25

3 x Ticket \$50

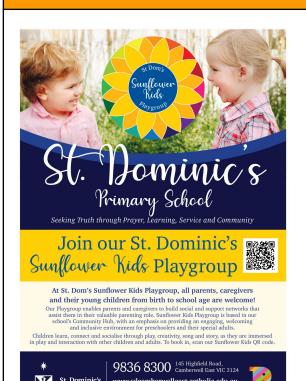
8 x Tickets \$100

Cash and EFTPOS available.

Winner announced at Trivia Night!



# **Sunflower Kids Playgroup**



Parents & Carers of Babies and preschoolers from our school community, local kinders, childcare, friends and family-.....

All are welcome!

Sunflower Kids Playgroup takes place each Thursday morning (9-10.30am), in our school's Community Hub (enter via the school office)

Playgroup provides an opportunity for families with young children to gather together and engage with each other in a fun and informal way. Our playgroup is run by St Dominic's teachers. It is open to all families within our community and beyond.

Our Thursday morning playgroup sessions have become a very enjoyable part of everyone's week.

We have been playing in the ball pit, having fun with playdough, climbing, sliding, drawing, printing, listening to stories and songs, playing with cars and trucks, building with blocks, 'cooking' in the dolls' corner and making new friends!

We hope to see you there!

#### **Chess Coaching: Starting Wed. 19th July**



#### **Camp Australia**



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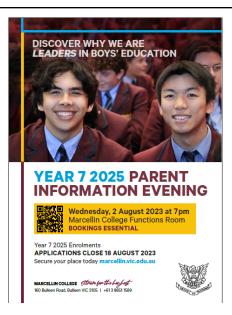
**Boys and Girls** All abilities welcome **COMMENCING 22ND JULY 2023 Training Monday nights at St Doms** Matches are played locally at **Ashwood on Saturday mornings** 

For more information visit: https://stdominicsnetball.club/











Thursday 20 July at 7pm

De La Salle College invites you to attend the Year 7, 2025 Information Session. This session will provide you with important information regarding the enrolment process and what your son/s can expect in Year 7, 2025 at De La Salle College.

This session will focus on our personalised pathways and transition from Primary School.

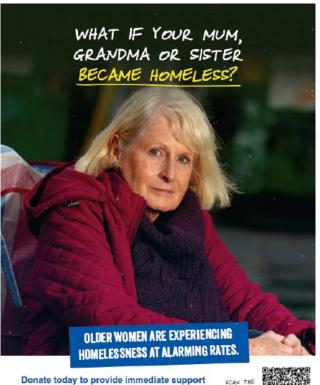
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are facing homelessness.





