



St Dominic's Catholic 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 School acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of this land. We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future and acknowledge their spiritual connection to Country.

PRAYER for our Community...

Jesus,

During Your ministry, You showed power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or quarantining.

Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease.

Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Credit- World Vision.Org



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. —Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

- Wed. 27th July- Prep excursion to CERES

August:

- Monday 1st August: Prep '100 Days of Prep' celebration day
- Thursday 4th August: Kaboom Incursion (P-6)
- Friday 5th August: Feast of St Dominic's Day (P-6 event)
- Wednesday 10th August: School Closure Day- Staff Professional Learning
- Tuesday 16th August: 'Discovery Day at St. Dom's'- Open Day
- Tuesday 30th August: 'Mini Festa Italiana'- all P-6 students (more details soon)

Upcoming dates for your calendar:

- Week 7- Book Week- more details soon
- Week 7- Confirmation Retreat Day- Thursday 25th August
- Week 8- Italian Day- Tuesday 30th August
- Week 8- Sacrament of Confirmation- Wednesday 31st August at 7pm
- Weeks 9-10 (9 days)- Years 3-6 Swimming Program

St. Dominic's Open Day

**Tuesday 16th August is
'Discovery Day at
St. Dom's'
(Open Day)**



St. Dominic's Primary School
Camberwell East



More details coming soon!

Term 3 begins.... The 3rd quarter!

Parents & Carers,

Thank you for supporting a smooth transition back to school, despite the Covid-related disruptions so far. Given the prevalence of Covid in our community, this time impacting many of our Staff in one week, I am extremely grateful for the teamwork which has enabled our school to continue on and our students to remain supported in their learning. We are blessed with a team who work together and go above and beyond for the good of our students, community and one another.

Our Student Led Conferences were well-attended yesterday and we will confirm the rescheduled date for our Year 3/4 classes very soon. Unfortunately, I was unable to be there and experience this with you all. I trust that having the opportunity to visit our new Library, as well as visit our Visual Arts room (St. Dom's Gallery!) offered an additional reason to enjoy the learning your children enjoy and gain from each day. I am sure that the coffee van was a welcome addition to many (including our Staff) on a cold but beautifully sunny Winter's day. Thank you all for supporting our Staff as we work together in partnership with our parents to support each of our students.

There has been **so** much happening at St. Dom's over the past weeks:

- Our students have been enjoying being back with their friends and teachers and settling into Term 3.
- We have welcomed 3 new students to our school: Charlotte, Darcy and Emmanuel. Each has settled in so well and already part of our school family.
- Last week, we were lucky to enjoy Principal for the Day! You can read a little about this and look forward to my 'co-Principals' reports in our next Newsletter.
- Our NEW website is now live! We are very excited to be sharing this with our community and invite all families to visit, explore and enjoy all that we have showcased in this digital space. Our 'Latest News' section will be updated regularly, as will our Newsletters.
- All students have been enjoying the new Library and we are grateful to have this wonderful learning space.
- P1 Playground upgrades are well and truly and this area will be ready for play in the next 1-2 weeks
- The playground games are now finished and this provides broad scope and endless opportunities for our students to learn, exercise, grow and socialise during play times, as well as with teachers in some curriculum related learning.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our PFA and school community. Financial contributions from 2021-2022 will fund our EduMarking playground games, as well as contribute a significant portion to our new playground. I am grateful that we have such a strong, vibrant and generous parent group who work tirelessly to organise social and fundraising events each year, and have done for many decades. Without their efforts and your support, funding such projects is not always possible. Thank you all, on behalf of your children who will gain so much from each of these most recent installments!!

Our school theme of '**Growing Together**' is most certainly alive and well at St. Dominic's!

We look forward to the opportunity to showcase our school on our OPEN Day- TUESDAY 16TH JULY, which you will find out more about very soon.

Yours in partnership, peace and good health,

Kind regards,



Mrs Natalie Kenny

Principal

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nkenny@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au



St. Dominic's Primary School Website

After many months of content updates, professional photography and designing, our NEW website is now LIVE!!

We proudly share our **BRAND NEW St. Dominic's** school website with our families and community!!

<http://www.sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au/> 😊

We contracted the expertise of 'School Presence', the creative mind behind coordinating our website design, drone footage and photography, as well as our fabulous marketing boards & banners.

We look forward to showcasing our wonderful school, community, people, learning programs, history and most importantly, our students!



Thank you to our PFA & School Community support: Playground Fun!

EduMarking Playground games and play spaces are now finished!



**P1 Playground is almost finished and ready for play very soon.
This playground will be enjoyed by St. Dom's students for decades to come!!**



Playground Update



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LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to our new library - We are open at last!

The students and staff are all very excited to be able to use this amazing new area in our school. We are thrilled to have beautiful new carpets, heating/cooling and furniture in this much bigger space. After a huge effort from parents and staff, the books are all in place and ready to be borrowed. The chosen fabrics are appropriate for our library.

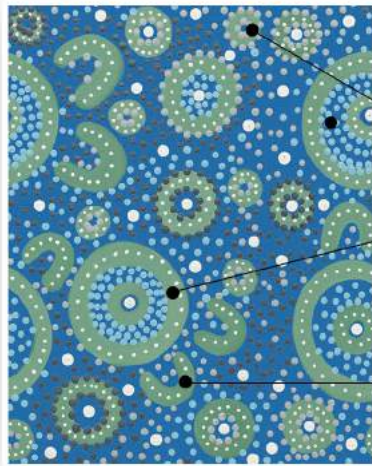
We were thrilled to invite families to browse our library on the day of Student Led Conferences



**Read about the significance of the Indigenous fabric we chose for some of our Library furnishings...*

Giluma-jin Yari-nya- "Yarning Circles"

This artwork represents people coming together, sharing knowledge, and strengthening relationships. Storytelling is a big part of Aboriginal culture. We connect with one another through song, dance and art that talk about our customs, practices, protocols, and histories. Our youth look up to the older generations, specifically our Elders. We are guided by them and our Ancestors. This shapes our cultural identities. Our people have always cared for Country through cultural practices and it is important to share this knowledge for future generations. The large circles represent Giluma-jin Yari-nya (Yarning Circles) and the 'U' shapes are the people gathering around them. The smaller circles represent people, family and significant places. The vibrant colours reflect the colours of the Saltwater Country and texture reflects our lands and water.



People, family and significant places

Giluma-jin Yari-nya "Yarning circles"

People gathering around the yarning circle



Featuring our Student Stars of the Week



Each of our fortnightly School Newsletters feature a class, a year level or a Specialist area. Teachers work with their students to feature and showcase some of their learning and achievements, through stories, student work and photos.



P-6 PERFORMING ARTS - UKULELE UNIT



This term all students from Prep to Year 6 will be playing ukuleles for a 4-6 week block. These 'little guitars' are beginner friendly and playing them can help increase focus and discipline, relieve stress, give children a sense of accomplishment and even promote good posture! It is always a challenge to start something new, but once you master a few chords you can play many songs.

We have already played 'Roar', 'Iko Iko', 'Best Day Of My Life', 'You Are My Sunshine' and many more. It's wonderful to see students persevering with chord formations and strumming patterns and how quickly many of them can play straight away!

Trish O'Gorman- Performing Arts Teacher



Principals for a Day!

Last Friday 15th July, we had 2 'co- Principals' helping to lead our school, make very important decisions and host our assembly!!

We thank and congratulate 'Principal Kit' and 'Principal Peggy' for such a special school day at St. Dominic's! They have waited since 2019, when 'Principal for a Day' was an auction item at a school Trivia Night run by the PFA. Then the pandemic and lockdowns altered those plans, and here we are: 2022, new principal and 2x co-Principals had their important day that they'd waited patiently for!



We will share more of this day with our community in our next newsletter; including the 'big decision' they made in the morning, all the deliveries that arrived on the day, the many, many changed plans, storytime with the Preps, morning tea and lunch and of course, our fabulous Whole School Assembly!

Stay tuned for our next newsletter, where our 'Principals for a Day' will share their stories!!

COVID UPDATES

Thank you to all Staff and Families for the partnership and communication which has supported COVID Safe measures during 2022. These are in accordance with current health directives and advice from MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools).

****A reminder about this week's update regarding the wearing of masks in schools****

This communication was sent to all government, Catholic and independent schools this week:

The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings. As a result, we are asking all students aged 8 and over and all staff in all schools across Victoria to wear masks when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication) from now to the end of winter. Students won't be required or expected to wear masks when outdoors, and this expectation won't stop student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances.

**The exception is if a child or staff member has a valid exemption.*

We are asking for your support in explaining to your child or children the importance of this simple step that will help keep our schools as safe as possible. We also ask that you make sure your child (or children) takes a mask to school (and wears it if they are travelling on public transport) or collects a mask when they arrive at school.

We all appreciate how important it is for students to be back at school. This action will help make sure as many students and staff as possible are protected from COVID and other winter illness. Thank for your help with this collective effort to keep our communities safe and healthy.

****In addition to this, the following has just been communicated from MACS Executive Director:**

Reduction of testing and isolation exemption period

The period of time when someone is considered a recently confirmed case and therefore exempt from testing and isolation requirements has been reduced from the previous 12 weeks to four weeks.

This means that staff and students who are household contacts of people with COVID-19 are not exempt from the testing and isolation requirements after four weeks of completing isolation with COVID-19. Previously, this period was 12 weeks.

A student or staff member who is a household contact and wishes to attend school must take five RATs over seven days and receive negative test results, and wear a face mask (if over eight years old) in indoor spaces. This applies from four weeks after the end of an isolation period when they were a case.

Families and staff will also have to report being a household contact to their school after this four-week period.

REMINDERS:

- *If there is a confirmed positive COVID case in your household, please advise school either via email: nkenny@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au or by calling our school office. Once we are aware of this, we can supply additional RAT kits for testing required, as well as supply face masks if needed.*
- *Class teachers will send home Learning Grids to all students who test positive and will be in 7 days of isolation*
- *Given the prevalence of Covid in our community at present, we encourage everyone to monitor for symptoms and test as needed.*
- *Masks are highly recommended in all school settings.*
- *RAT kits will continue to be sent to families regularly and you can request additional boxes by contacting our office.*
- ***All parents/carers are most welcome to bring their child into the classroom (or drop at their classroom door) between 8.45-9.00am. You are also welcome to collect child/ren from outside their classroom in the afternoons.***
- ***Vaccination status is no longer required for any visits to school.***

St. Dominic's Parish News



St. Dominic's School families are always welcome

Parish ministries:

St. Vincent de Paul:

SVDP Soup Van: Denis Fitzgerald- 0418 13 6372

Dominicare:

Dominicare has been part of St. Dominic's parish for decades. This outreach group supports fellow parishioners with tasks such as lifts, shopping, nursing home visits and even changing light bulbs. If you can assist in any way, leave us a message on 0481 296547 or call the Parish office at 9912 6870 ext. 3.



Welcoming the Stranger' Asylum Seeker Support Group

Support and advocacy on behalf of asylum seekers

President: Peter Charles- peter.charles689@gmail.com

RCIA:

'I came that they may have life and have it to the full' -John 10:10

Jesus came that all may have the fullness of life and offers everyone the opportunity to come into an intimate relationship with God. The Catholic Church offers a place for finding, experiencing and deepening the reality of 'life to the full' and growing in relationship with God.

This is the journey of the RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you or anyone you know; someone's partner/spouse, family member or friend, who might be interested in knowing more about this wonderful journey, please contact St Dominic's Parish Pastoral Associate, Carlo David on carlo.david@stdominics.org.au or 03 9912 6870 ext 320

Fr. Peter & Fr. Paul:

Last week we said Farewell to Fr. Peter Nguyen. Our whole school gathered together on Monday 11th July to celebrate, say thanks and bid farewell to Fr. Peter. We wish him well as he continues his priestly ministry interstate, and look forward to his visits when next in Melbourne.

We look forward to meeting our new St. Dominic's Parish Priest, Fr. Paul Rowse when he visits us very soon.

As a community we will welcome him into our parish and school life.

Ongoing Reminders....

COVID cases:

*A reminder to all Parents: If there is a positive COVID case in your household, you **must** advise us immediately. Students who are a household contact are permitted to be at school, however they **MUST** wear a mask when indoors and complete a Rapid Antigen Test before school for 5 days (these will be supplied to your family). Continue to monitor each family member for any symptoms. More details below.

Morning Drop off times & Supervision:

Staff playground supervision commences at 8.30am each school morning and classroom doors open at 8.45am. Therefore, until 8.30am each day, we request that no children are dropped off at school, where possible. If work commitments require earlier drop offs, we recommend you contact OHSC Camp Australia, as this may be an option for your family. If you need to discuss this, please call our office.

Communication:

As you are aware, clear communication is vital and our key channels of communication are Operoo, SkoolBag, Newsletter, Bulletin & SeeSaw. Please regularly check on all forms of communication, particularly when receiving notifications for Operoo or SkoolBag information, and each Thursday for our Newsletter or Bulletin.

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7 ways to support your child's resilience

SchoolTV and Catholic School Parents Victoria (CSPV) have partnered to provide you with free access to a selection of valuable resources created to support parents and staff in the area of children's wellbeing.

These resources aim to provide you with information on various topics, what signs to look for in your child to know if they need support, as well as practical guides to having meaningful conversations with your children on areas that are impacting their lives.

Now more than ever it is important to have access to trusted resources to give you confidence that you can provide the support, understanding, empathy and encouragement that your children need. When we are resilient we are able to better manage situations when things don't go to plan or if challenges arise in our lives. When children learn these skills from a young age they are then able to manage throughout their adult life when life throws unexpected changes or challenges their way.

CSPV supports parents and families to stay connected throughout a child's school journey. We advocate for parent engagement at all levels of Catholic education, helping to bring the voices of parents to the decision makers, and completing the circle of support for students.

[Click here](#) to watch a video on the 7 ways you can support your child to build resilience and confidence.

Quick Tips for Parent Engagement in Wellbeing:

- **Competence:** Encourage children to focus and build on their strengths
- **Confidence:** Encourage confidence and belief in personal abilities
- **Connection:** Allow children to express emotions and role model relationships
- **Character:** role model your values for children
- **Contribution:** create opportunities for contribution
- **Coping:** help children care for and about themselves
- **Control:** Enable children to make decisions.

CSPV Parent Connect provides parents of children in Catholic schools support to engage in your children's learning, wellbeing, safety and Catholic community.



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Touching Lives Foundation is pleased to support Barnardos
Australia by raising funds for vulnerable children and
families experiencing domestic violence.



Friday 02/09/22 — 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start
The Lincoln of Toorak
Level 2, Trak Centre, 449 Toorak Road, Toorak

Adult ticket — \$150
Kids (5 to 12) — \$50 (kids menu provided)
Kids under 5 — Free

Event Program includes live auction, raffles,
entertainment (magician, dance performers) & DJ

All proceeds benefit Barnardos
Australia who work tirelessly to end
child abuse and neglect by supporting
families to keep children and young
people safe.

For more information, tickets, or to donate:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CAZFG>



DESIGNING OUR FUTURE

MONDAY TOURS

Our weekly Monday tours of the College continue in Term 3. Guided by our approachable Principal, welcoming Registrar and informative Tour Guides, Monday Tours provide families an opportunity to learn about our facilities, curriculum, programs, and the brand new College Masterplan that's designing our future.



INFORMATION EVENING FOR FUTURE FAMILIES

We invite all prospective families, regardless of where you are on your enrolment journey, to our in-person August Information Evening for Future Families event. This night provides key educational material that unpacks the identity of the College. Register your attendance for Monday, August 1st at:

salesian.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour

OUR NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

Our Strategic Plan outlines the direction of Salesian College to 2026. Working in collaboration with the community, including students, parents, staff, past pupils, Board Directors and the Salesians of Don Bosco, we have formulated our strategic intentions for our College community.

Watch the video and read about our future at:

salesian.vic.edu.au



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Step into the enchanted world of a Broadway classic with Salesian College Chadstone and Sacred Heart Girls' College's co-production of Beauty and the Beast, August 12 & 13th at Monash University's Alexander Theatre. Tickets are on sale from July 18 - keep an eye on our social media for the link!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY FOR 2023

We're mindful of how the last two years have impacted families in our community. If you're still considering your 2023 options, approach our Registrar Michelle Collins, mcollins@salesian.vic.edu.au to chat about your son's place at Salesian.

2024 APPLICATIONS CLOSING DATE 19TH AUGUST

Our Catholic, Salesian education provides our boys with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to become fine young men. The enrolment closing date for Year 7, 2024 applications is Friday 19 August 2022. Apply at: salesian.vic.edu.au/enrolment

Please chat to our
friendly Registrar
Michelle Collins via
9807 2644 if you
have any queries.

Book your in-person Monday Tour at salesian.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour