

St. Nominic's Primary School Camberwell East



School Newsletter No. 15

Thursday 18th September, 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

Last day of Term 3:

Friday 19th September: P-6 Assembly, 12pm; End of Term, 1pm

TERM 4 COMMENCES: Monday 6th October

 Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th October Year 3/4 Camp to Phillip Island

Prayer for the End of Term

Loving God,

As we come to the end of this school term, we pause to give thanks. We thank You for our families – for their love, care, and the many ways they support us each day.

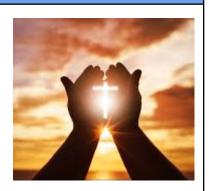
Bless them for the sacrifices they make, the encouragement they give, and the strength they provide.

We ask You to watch over all our families during the holiday break. Grant them rest, joy, and time together. Keep them safe in their travels and refresh them in body, mind, and spirit.

May the weeks ahead be filled with laughter, peace, and Your loving presence. We look forward to returning with renewed energy for the term ahead.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



St. Dominic's Parish News



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Lost Property



There are a significant amount of school uniform items currently in our lost property area. As previously communicated, it is very important that all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name, especially if they are likely to remove them during the day. This allows us to return lost items directly to their owners.

If your child is missing any uniform items, we encourage you to check the lost property area, which is located near the double glass sliding doors in the main corridor, as there is an enormous amount unclaimed! Please note that any unclaimed uniform items remaining at the end of term will be placed into our second-hand uniform supply.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Thank You.... from our Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of an exceptionally busy and most fulfilling term, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and our valued partnership. It is through our shared commitment that at St. Dom's, we continue to provide the very best learning environment for our students to grow and flourish— academically, socially and emotionally.

This term has been filled with many moments of success and celebration. Our students have been engaged in rich and meaningful learning experiences that have deepened understanding, built confidence and encouraged wonder and curiosity. We also continue to place strong emphasis on social skill development and wellbeing, ensuring that every student feels supported, included and empowered.

A highlight this term has been our Performing Arts learning program in partnership with **Kinect 2 Dance**. Each week, the excitement and commitment from both students and staff has been inspiring as they've explored movement, rhythm, and expression through dance and theatre. The energy and enthusiasm across the school has been a joy to witness! We are thrilled to be ending the term on a high note with our '**Dancing Through the**

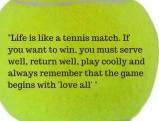
Decades' concert this evening. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of creativity, collaboration, and learning—and we can't wait to share this special moment with you all.

Thank you once again for your continued support and trust in our vision, in our educators and in our community. Wishing you all a safe and restful break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back next term for another exciting chapter of learning and growth at St. Dom's.

We all know that often a sporting quote or analogy resonates, and as tennis has been part of my life since I was a young child, I leave you with this.......

Yours in Partnership,

Natalie Kenny - Principal



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St Dominic's Primary School Parent and Friends Association

Dear Supporter,

On behalf of every Victorian whose life has been touched by cancer – THANK YOU!

Your kind gift of \$1,985.89 is making a real difference – helping to advance research into kinder, and more effective treatments, and deliver campaigns, education programs, and information resources that help detect cancer early and prevent countless cancer cases in Australia each year.

It's thanks to you, and the support of others like you, that the 5-year survival rate for Victorians diagnosed with cancer has increased 48% over the last 30 years.

Your gift is changing the future, giving hope to the 35,000 Victorians diagnosed each year and improving outcomes for countless others.

You're what makes positive change possible!

With gratitude,

Todd Harper AM

Chief Executive Officer

Cancer Council Victoria

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Thank You to our School Production Sponsors!

At St Dominic's School, theatrical magic isn't just about the bright lights, exuberant dance steps, or nostalgic music - it also relies on the generosity of community partners who champion Arts education and supporting our little SDPS family. We are delighted to welcome **Auto Motor Group** as a Major Sponsor for our 2025 production, *Dancing Through the Decades*.

Why Auto Motor Group stands apart:

- Experienced & Trusted: Since 2009, founders Mark Liszczak and Sam Skilbeck have grown Auto Motor Group from 25 cars in Port Melbourne to 75–100 in Oakleigh South, while staying hands-on and personal.
- Quality & Peace of Mind: Every car is Redbook-inspected, roadworthy certified, and backed by warranty - with extended cover available up to five years.
- **Sourcing Made Easy:** If it's not in stock, their national network can find it—plus they offer great value on trade-ins.

Their support of *Dancing Through the Decades* helps us direct more resources to creative direction, costumes, technical effects, and ensuring that every student - regardless of background - can participate and flourish.

Please join us in thanking Auto Motor Group for driving our vision forward. We encourage families to visit them at 21C Edinburgh St, Oakleigh South, or check their current stock online to experience their dedication to quality and service for yourself. Thank you, Auto Motor Group - for believing in education, community, and the power of performance.

Special Thanks to Jellis Craig Real Estate, sponsor of our Concert and our marketing billboard. Thank you to Jonothan and team!!





Performing Arts

STAY TUNED!!!!

We are so excited about our 2025 School Performance tonight, where our learning and awesome moves will be celebrated as a community. See you at Camberwell Grammar School, drop off by 5.45pm, show begins at 6.30pm sharp! Check all correspondence sent to families for any further details.

Next term, we will be excited to be sharing photos and highlights of our school performance, 'Dancing Through The Decades'!

... and the Aggregate Winners are St Dominic's for the 3rd year running!

Congratulations to the 49 athletes who represented St Dominic's with such great spirit and determination at the Glen Iris Schools District Athletics on Wednesday 10 September. The day was a cloudy, cold one but the athletes soon warmed up, competing to the best of their ability and posting some great results to contribute to St Dominic's overall Aggregate Shield win.

The years 3 – 6 students who represented St Dominic's had a great day with many achieving personal best results in their individual events. Braving the cold weather, races were run, batons were passed, sand pits were jumped in, shot puts and discuses were hurled, numerous trips to the canteen were made, teammates were cheered on, new friendships were made and laughter and excitement were everywhere. What a day!

Congratulations and best wishes to Aimee, Emily, Grace, Alannah and Sarina who will be progressing to the Regional Finals in Term 4.

A special thank you to our wonderful parent helpers Kirsten B, Karen W and Luke M for assisting with the events on the day. Your contribution is so appreciated! Thank you, also, to the teachers who made sure all competitors were looked after and showed up to their events on time.

Go St Dom's!



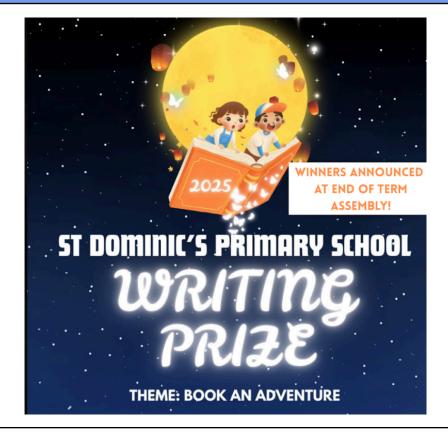








Book Week - Writing Prize



Beyond Educare- our OSHC



Our focus shifts to family and belonging. Each service will collaboratively create a Family Tree display that celebrates the unique families in our community

Families will be invited to share a photo or have a photo taken on pick up or drop off, which will be printed and displayed on the tree.

Educators will also add a positive message about each child, highlighting their strengths, kindness, and individuality.

The display will grow as a living symbol of connection, reminding children that they are supported by both their family and the OSHC community.

Why Family and Belonging Matter

Family provides children with their first sense of identity, culture, and values. By honouring family connections in our program, we are supporting:

My Time, Our Place Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity - Building connections with their own family and the OSHC community helps children feel safe, secure, and supported. Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world - Sharing family stories and images fosters respect for diversity and strengthens community ties.

Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing - Receiving affirming messages from educators helps children develop confidence and emotional security.

We are excited to see our Family Trees grow across each service and for children to celebrate the love and support of their families. Thank you for partnering with us to make this project meaningful—your photos and involvement will make a big difference.





ST DOMINICS OSHC FORTNIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

18/08/25 - 29/08/2025

What a wonderful week it has been at OSHC – filled with energy, imagination, and creativity. The children enjoyed a beautiful mix of celebrations, active play, and calm moments, all of which encouraged learning, friendships, and fun.

Book Week Fun

Book Week was a highlight, with children arriving dressed as their favourite characters. Costumes were oudly shared, sparking conversations about stories and reading, and helping to build both confidence and love of books.

Outdoor Play and Adventures (Iternoons in the sunshine brought plenty of activity. Small groups formed naturally, with some joining in a ely game of tag, while others acted out magical princess adventures. A group of enthusiastic Jedi staged a galactic battle, using tearwork and imagination, while one child chose a quieter path — practising dance moves with focus and joy. It was fantastic to see so many different interests celebrated side by side

Seeker also included milestone celebrations, with laughter, games, and colourful outfits adding to the fun. Shared food experiences, like a special pancake treat, created a strong sense of community, as children chatted and laughed together. Later, they worked in groups to make cloud dough, showing teamwork, persistence, and joy while experimenting with texture and creativity.

Indoors, the Lego mat was once again a favourite, with imaginative builds ranging from colourful houses to detailed Minecraft creations. Magnetic blocks and stretchy flogets were also popular, encouraging problem-solving, focus, and collaboration. Some children balanced this play with quiet time—completing homework or enjoying a good book

Active Games and Sports

The children enjoyed a range of active play, from balloon games and cricket to netball and hide-and-seek.
These activities supported physical development, resilience, and cooperation, while giving the children plenty of opportunities to laugh and play together.

P Quiet Moments

Balancing the busy times, children also enjoyed calmer activities such as colouring, sandpit play, and whiteboard drawing. From building caves in the sand to sketching imaginative landscapes, these quiet moments allowed for reflection, regulation, and creativity.

wcased the beautiful balance of energetic group ga that makes OSHC such a vib SHC such a vibrant space. Each activity supported the childre physical growth, while fostering a strong sense of belonging.

We look forward to another week of learning, play, and discovery together.

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This fortnight at OSHC has been filled with <u>Imagination</u>, active play, teamwork, and meaningful moments of reflection. From creative projects to energetic outdoor games, the children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity, and kindness.

Outdoors, imaginative play transformed the playground into a bustling "restaurant." A handful of berries sparked the creation of a "special dinner," complete with a dessert station in the sandpit. Using natural materials such as leaves, sticks, and berries, the group worked together to prepare pretend dishes and serve them with pride. This experience encouraged collaboration, role-play, and creative thinking.

Ive play has been a constant highlight. Large group games like Grounders brought excitem and plenty of laughter as children darted around, avoided tags, and called out well-timed "6 ments. Rainy days didn't slow aroyne down either —a in ndoor gymnastics competition and balancing challenges fill the room with cheering and encourageme

Construction and problem-solving skills have been on display through magnetic block challenges, where children shared resources fairly, experimented with design, and worked together to build tall, stable structures. These activities promoted fine motor skills, spatial awareness, cooperation, and a healthy sense of friendly competition.

Quieter, creative moments have also played an important role. Children have enjoyed practising spelling words, making paper stars, engaging in role-play such as running a pretend sports shop, and even becoming art teacher's for the morning, Inanginative games like building "Villags ships" from cushions and embarking on pretend adventures have encouraged storytelling, cooperation, and problem-solving.

Our commitment to fostering a kind and inclusive environment has been a strong theme, with group discussions about kindness and respect leading to the creation of a collaborative anti-bullying poster. This project combined thoughtful conversation with hands-on creativity, as children decorated it with colourful handprints, affirmations, and the clear message: "We don't stand for bullying."

The fortnight has shown the children's ability to balance energetic play with calm creativity, work together towards shared goals, and reflect on values that build a supportive and inclusive community. It has been a job shows see so much laughter, connection, and skill-building in every part of our program.

o continue building on this strong spirit of creativity, teamwork, and inclusion—offering mething for everyone, from high-energy games to calm, imaginative play.

Thank you to our OSHC families for your ongoing support and for encouraging the children to bring their wonderful ideas, energy, and kindness to every session.



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Congratulations to our Term 3 Chess Champions



CONGRATULATIONS...

Noah B- 1st Place Henry B- 2nd Place Alex K- 3rd Place





Community News





Piano Lessons

Kit has 30 years of teaching experience and is currently in her 13th year of teaching piano at St.

Dominic's. She is an accomplished piano and vocal

teacher, graduating with a degree in Music from the London College of Music in addition with the following qualifications; Associate Teacher's Diploma and Licentiate Teacher's Diploma.

She has previously studied under the renowned Neil Immelman from the Royal College of Music in London, which is where her trusted expertise comes from. As well as school and teaching commitments, Kit has also worked with the children's choir in church for over 10 years. Kit inspires her students to do their best no matter the level of piano, whether it's for piano exams or for leisure, ensuring that it will be a fun and rewarding experience.

Please reach out to kityenpin@gmail.com or 0423 499 966 if interested.



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Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

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