

St. Dominic's Primary School Camberwell East



School Newsletter No. 12

Thursday 7th August, 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

- Year 5/6s Netball Championships- Friday 8th August
- WEEK 4- Bullying No Way Week: Be bold, Be kind. Speak up.
- St. Dominic's Day Celebrations- Monday 11th August
- Learning in Partnership (LIP) Chats- Tuesday 12th August (1.40-7pm)
- P-6 excursion to Ceres, Brunswick- Friday 15th August
- Year 5/6s Hooptime Basketball Tournament- Tuesday 19th August
- 100 Days of Prep Celebration- Wednesday 20th August
- Book Week Parade & Activities- Thursday 21st August
- Centenary Book Launch- Tuesday 26th August- 3-4pm
- Year 3/4s Hooptime Basketball Tournament- Wednesday 27th August
- Sacrament of Confirmation Retreat afternoon- Wednesday 27th August
- Year 3/4s Level Mass- Thursday 28th August- 10am
- Year 5/6s Level Assembly- Friday 29th August- 2.45pm
- Sacrament of Confirmation- Sunday 31st August- 3pm (St Dominic's Church)



HOT CHOCOLATE

Hot Chocolate dates for this

term:

22 August,

29 August,

12 September

School Driveway Access

As you can appreciate, the safety and wellbeing of all students, staff and families is paramount.

It is essential that no vehicles are driven onsite during school hours (8.00am - 4.00pm), unless approved by Natalie or a member of our Leadership Team (eg. contractors, before and after school care).

As of today, the <u>double swing gates will be closed at 8.30am</u>, with pedestrian access via the pedestrian gate to the side of these double gates.

This change is an essential measure in keeping our children and families as safe as possible.

If your child is being dropped off or picked up by someone other than yourself (eg. grandparent, family member, babysitter), please remind them of this important safety measure.

Thank you for your understanding and support of keeping us all safe!

A reminder that these double swing gates will be opened at 3.15pm each afternoon for pedestrian access.

Prayer



Loving God,

As we celebrate the Feast of St Dominic, we thank You for the light he brought into the world through his love of truth, prayer, and teaching.

Help us, like St Dominic, to speak with kindness, to act with courage, and to serve others joyfully. Bless our children, their teachers, and all families in our school community.

May we grow each day in wisdom, faith, and friendship.

St Dominic, pray for us. Amen

Term 3 Buzz!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a highly-engaged and productive start to Term 3, and the energy and enthusiasm from our students has been inspiring to see and be a part of the school. There is such a positive 'buzz' around the grounds and in our classrooms, with so much happening! This newsletter features just a few of the exciting highlights, in amongst a sea of learning and community events!

We congratulate all of our P-4 students who have been participating in our 2025 swimming program. Their determination, growth in confidence, and enthusiasm in the water has been outstanding. We thank our staff for coordinating, supervising and making adjustments in Weeks 2 and 3 to ensure this vital component of learning runs as smoothly as possible, as well as to those parents who have assisted at the pool. Well done and thank you to everyone involved!

Our Year 6 students are currently preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, with a recent Retreat Day, in class learning in RE, parish-based sessions, then the Sacrament itself to be celebrated on Sunday 31st August. This is such a special milestone in their sacramental journey, and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers in the weeks ahead.

This term we have students competing in netball championships and preparing for the upcoming Hooptime basketball tournaments. In addition to this, several of our St Dom's Super Stars have competed in dance, singing and cross country. We are proud of every student, especially for their teamwork, determination, persistence and resilience in such events, which prepares them for life!

There's a real buzz around the school with our upcoming school performance, when our students (and maybe some staff!) will be on stage at Camberwell Grammar School, on Thursday 18th September. Students are absolutely loving their dance sessions, cast rehearsals, and the incredible work being done in our dance troupe practices with Kyle from Kinect 2 Dance. The talent and enthusiasm are amazing to see and Kyle has become our resident celebrity in the process too! Details regarding performance tickets and costumes will be sent out to families next week – keep an eye out for that information.

We would like to share with you that Sarah Trapani will be taking leave effective immediately, due to unexpected pregnancy-related health concerns. Sarah is currently receiving excellent care and has been advised to take time to rest. Understandably, she deeply misses her students, as well as our staff and school community. I know you will join me in sending Sarah and her baby our warmest thoughts, love, and prayers during this time. To ensure continuity of learning, care and wellbeing—particularly for the students in Year 3/4T—some staffing adjustments have been made. A letter with further details will be sent via Operoo later today. We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Next Monday 11th August, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Dominic, with a Kaboom incursion, level liturgies and a variety of classroom activities. Students are invited to come to school dressed in black and white on this day to honour the Dominican tradition. We look forward to a joyful celebration!

A reminder that our LIP Chats are taking place next Tuesday 12th August. If you haven't yet booked a time to meet with your child's teacher, please do so as soon as possible. These chats are a valuable opportunity to celebrate student growth and plan ahead together.

We're very excited for our whole school excursion to CERES Environmental Education Centre, next Friday 15th August. This experience will support our students' learning in Sustainability and reinforce our commitment to developing active and responsible global citizens.

As always, thank you for your continued support and our partnership. We look forward to an exciting and enriching Term 3, filled to the brim (and overflowing!) with rich learning experiences, sporting and arts immersions and community events!

Natalie Kenny - Principal

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Student Achievements



Alannah (Year 6) competed in the ATOD National Competitions held in Melbourne. Alannah placed 3rd in Australia for Sub-Junior Tap!





Isabelle (Prep) after successfully completing her Primary Ballet exam at Glen Iris School of Dance.



Learning in Partnership (LIP) Chats for 2025

We invite you to attend our second 'Learning in Partnership' (LIP) chats for 2025. These meetings are for parents/carers and teachers only, and provide an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate successes and identify areas for future growth.

Learning in Partnership chats will be held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>12th August</u>, <u>from 1.40 pm - 7.00 pm</u>. Students will remain at school until 3.30 pm so that the regular learning and teaching programs are not affected. Leadership Team members, specialists and intervention teachers will be in rooms to release class teachers for the chats.

From 1.40 pm to 3.30 pm, the chats will take place in Veritas Hall. From 3.30 pm onwards, class teachers will move to their classrooms for the remainder of the day. Please note where your chat will take place once you have booked a time.

Bookings for all LIP Chats can be made via the link:

https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/bffzf

For new families, simply click on the link, enter your details and choose a time. Please note that bookings will close at 4.00pm on Friday 8th August.

If you would like to meet with a specialist teacher, please contact the school office, and this can be arranged for you at another time.

We look forward to sharing this engaging and enriched learning journey with you and your child in 2025.

Book Week - Book an Adventure

Book Week is always an exciting week at St Dominic's. This year it will be celebrated during Week 5. The theme for 2025 is 'Book an Adventure'. Students will have the opportunity to dress as their favourite book character and complete art activities led by our wonderful staff in Multi-age groups.



Students will be reading books on the CBCA shortlist, before and during Book Week, and we will wait with anticipation to find out the winning books in each category. Students will also have the opportunity to enter our 'Book an Adventure' colouring competition. The Colouring Competition will start this Friday 8th August and entries will be collected on Tuesday 19th August. Winners will be announced later that week with a book prize to be given to each class winner.

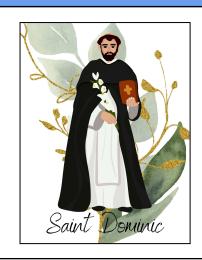
Thursday 21st August: Book Week Parade and Activities

Feast of St Dominic's

We are looking forward to celebrating the Feast of St Dominic next Monday, 11th August. The day will begin with a whole school Kaboom tabloid sports session. Each level will then hold their own Liturgy and contribute to a joint school artwork.

Students are invited to wear black and white in honor of the Dominican Order. As the students will be participating in physical activities led by Kaboom, students will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Keep an eye out for our new Saint Dominic artwork, coming to the school soon!



Term 3 Performing Arts: It's School Production time, with Kinect 2 Dance!

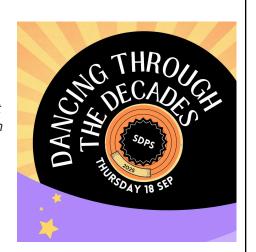
Support the Show - Sponsor Our School Production!

We're inviting local businesses to be part of something special—our upcoming school production! This event brings together students, families, and staff to celebrate the Performing Arts in a vibrant, end-of-term concert.

Sponsoring our show is a wonderful way to promote your business, support education, and inspire the next generation of performers. From helping with costumes to lighting up the stage, your contribution makes a lasting difference—and comes with great promotional benefits!

Sponsorships start from just \$100 and include exposure across programs, social media, and on the night. Or, donate a prize for our concert night raffle and be part of the magic in a different way!

Thanks so much for supporting St. Dominic's Primary School and the Performing Arts!



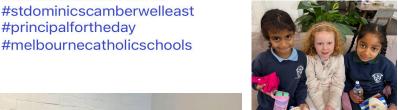
Principal for a Day: Friday 25th July... What a Day!

stdominicscamberwell Today, we had 2 very special Principals for the day! Ava and Zara took charge and made some BIG decisions! They extended recess , attended a business lunch , and even ran a whole school assembly ! What a day! Well done, Ava and Zara! #stdominicscamberwell #stdominicscamberwelleast #principalfortheday



















St. Dominic's Parish News



St. Dominic's Parish Newsletter 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.



Australian Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to the following students: Lucy Y, Deana, A, Patrick M, Aiden D, Benji Y, Oisiin H, Will A, Thomas M, Sophie L, Oliver O, Aiden K, Tom W, Audrey W, James A, Millie Y, Emily M, Madeleine A, Lucy N and Zoe L for participating in the Australian Mathematics Competition today. The competition is Australia's longest-running, largest and most well-known maths competition for school students and contains unique problems designed each year by leading educators and academics to challenge and extend students' problem-solving skills.

Here are some sample AMC questions you might like to try at home:

Middle Primary (Years 2-4)

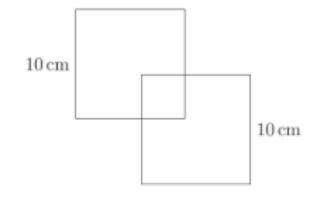
A party game played with a six-sided dice is fair if the chance of winning is equal to the chance of losing each time the dice is rolled. Which one of these games is fair?

- (A) You win if you roll a 6.
- (B) You win if you roll a 2 or a 5.
- (C) You win if you roll a number greater than 4.
- (D) You win if you roll a number less than 3.
- (E) You win if you roll an odd number.

A number is *palindromic* if it reads the same forwards as backwards. For example, 686 is palindromic. How many numbers from 100 to 300 are palindromic?

Upper Primary (Years 5-6)

These two squares, each with a side length of 10 cm, overlap as shown in the diagram. The shape of the overlap is also a square which has an area of 16 square centimetres. In centimetres, what is the perimeter of the combined shape?



(A) 40

(B) 56

(C) 64

(D) 80

(E) 92

Five different whole numbers, chosen from the numbers from 1 to 30, add up to 30.

What is the greatest possible value of the largest of these numbers?

(A) 6

(B) 10

(C) 15

(D) 20

(E) 26

Visual Arts

Last Term the students from Prep to Year 6 created artworks in connection with their inquiry relating to 'Self Expression'. They explored the work created by Expressionist artists such as Wassily Kandinsky and Edvard Munch. The students created their own artworks in response to their observations. They explored how colour, line, shape and form can be used to express emotions in their artworks. Here are some examples of some of their amazing creations from the art room!

In Term 3, the students from Prep to Year 6 will be creating artworks in connection with their IBL relating to 'Biological Science' and 'Sustainability'. Stay tuned....!

Year 1/2 students wearing their masks depicting different emotions!





Expressionism

Here are the students from Prep to Year 2 creating 'Expressionist' masterpieces!



Visual Arts

Some artworks created by Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 students, influenced by 'Expressionism'.



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Wellbeing Matters....

Bullying No Way is happening next week

The theme this year is

Be bold. Be kind. Speak up

Bullying No Way Week is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative for schools. It provides an opportunity for schools to create a shared understanding about bullying behaviours and share their bullying prevention policies and strategies.

Students can be bold, kind and take a stand to support others being bullied. While parents and teachers are there to support children and young people learn how to behave in a positive way.

In our community and in our school, we want a place where **everyone can belong**, a place that celebrates everyone, and where bullying is never accepted.

This Bullying No Way Week, we're asking students, schools, families and communities to be bold and say something, be kind and support someone, and be proud to take a stand against bullying. Our students will be invited to participate in a school wide Bullying No Way Competition, next week. Watch this space!

Be Bold. Be Kind. Speak Up.

BULLYING NO WAY WEEK 11TH-15TH AUGUST 2025

Homework Survey



On behalf of our St. Dom's Staff, I thank all parents who took the opportunity to recently complete our Homework Survey. The results of this survey have been compiled and discussed with our School Advisory Council (SAC), as well as our teaching staff.

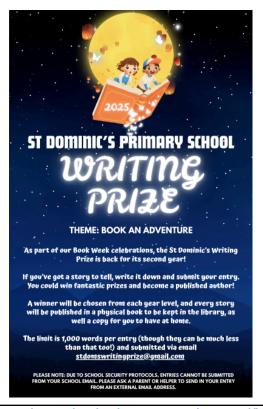
We are grateful for the constructive, future-focused feedback and recommendations, which will contribute to moving forward with redesigning our Homework policy and practices. The vision of this survey was to capture viewpoints and recommendations to plan for a whole school consistent, rich, relevant and robust Homework practices, which we are now in the process of 'reimagining' and preparing for our students. You will receive updates in the coming weeks.

Thank you once again. Natalie and Staff

St. Dom's PFA Report







Beyond Educare- our OSHC



ST DOMINICS OSHC FORTNIGHT NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Families & Friendships Weeks of 22nd July – 1st August 2025

Over the past two weeks, our OSHC program has celebrated the meaningful relationships we share with our families and friends, in recognition of World Parents Day and Global Friendship Day. Children engaged in a wide range of play-based experiences that fostered connection, gratitude, teamwork, and fun—creating a vibrant and inclusive environment for all.

Creative Connections

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Children expressed their appreciation for loved ones through heartfelt cards and creative craft projects. Using coloured card, stickers, glitter glue, and more, they designed personalised gifts to celebrate the special people in their lives. Some extended their creativity by crafting pencil holders and designing keepsake cards. These experiences supported not only fine motor skills and creativity, but also encouraged emotional expression and reflection on the importance of relationships.

Imaginative Adventures & Dramatic Play

Our play spaces came alive with rich storytelling and imaginative volu-play. Viking raids, castle-building, and medieval fantasy scenes saw educators becoming royalty and children taking on roles like knights, hairdressers, and villagers. A elightful reinterpretation of The Very Hungry Caterpillar brought laughter as tunnels were transformed into giant fruits and surroundings were joyfully "eaten." These moments nurtured creativity, cooperation, and shared

Games that Build Bonds

Group games played a central role in building friendships and encouraging cooperation. From Uno, Old Maid, emory, and Jenga to physical group games like The Floor is Lava, children practised turn-taking, teamwork, an strategic thinking, all while having fun and sharing lots of faughter.

Physical Play & Outdoor Exploration

Children enjoyed a variety of movement-based experiences, including gymnastics, cricket, Bounce, and tag. These activities promoted gross motor development, coordination, condidence, and physical wellbeing, while also encouraging collaborative play and active participation.

Art, Friendship & Reflection

During a special friendship-themed painting session, children explored what friendship means to them through colour and symbols. This reflective activity encouraged empathy and emotional literacy, sparking meaningful conversations and building deeper connections among peers.



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Chess Club



Community News

Live Your Best Life in Love... A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...



Every married couple deserves this very special weekend.

Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from life's distractions.

The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive.

No group sharing is required.

The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are very welcome.

Please check our website for details and to book your special weekend:

We have 2 further weekends on offer this year

October 3-5 at Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn - a great weekend getaway
October 10-12 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au













