

St. Dominic's Primary School Camberwell East



School Newsletter No. 3

Thursday 7th March, 2024



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

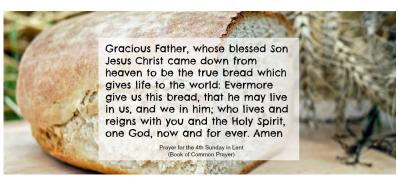
UPCOMING DATES:

- Year 5/6 Level Assembly- Friday 8th March, 2.45pm in Veritas Hall
- Catholic Education Week- 10th-17th March 'In the Light of Christ'
- SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY / PUBLIC HOLIDAY- Monday 11th March
- PFA Meeting (7pm)- Tuesday 12th March
- NAPLAN commences- Wednesday 13th March (Year 3 & 5 students)
- School Photos- Thursday 14th March
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation Session, at the Parish- Thursday 14th March (7pm)
- Year 5/6s Surf Lifesaving Swim Program- Friday 15th March
- Father Son Camp- Saturday 16th-Sunday 17th March
- 2025 School Enrolment Tours- Monday 18th March
- Footsteps Harmony Dance Performance- Monday 18th March- 2.45pm- All Welcome, in Veritas Hall!
- School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting- Monday 18th March (7pm)
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Retreat Day- Thursday 21st March
- Sacrament of Reconciliation- St. Dominic's Church- Thursday 21st March (7pm)

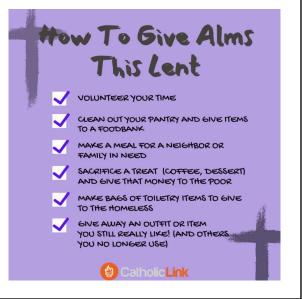
Parents, we ask you to regularly check on school dates, via Google Calendar, our weekly Newsletter/Bulletin, as well as via your Audiri app which is linked to the Google Calendar. If you need assistance with accessing any of this information, please contact our school office staff. Thank you

Catholic Education Week 2024 In the light of Christ 10–17 March

Prayer for our Lenten Journey







What a Community! What a Year (so far)!

Parents & Carers,

As our 'post-Festa' becomes a reality, and we bask in the joy of every moment that our St Dom's Italian Festa brought to our community, we have also been met with some illness amongst our student, staff and parent community this week. As we shared in the festivities, many of our students also shared 'the bug' that seems to be rife in our local area at the moment. To those families experiencing illness at the moment, I wish you good health and a speedy recovery.

We have much to be proud of, to enjoy, to treasure and much to continue building upon in our wonderful school community. Words cannot capture the gratitude we all feel after the most significant community event on our calendar for many years- the 2024 Italian Festa!! We welcomed so many local families into our school at the Festa, and this week some have visited us for school tours and our playgroup as well, telling us that they 'fell in love' with St. Dom's at the Italian Festa! Thank you all for that!

On behalf of our staff, I acknowledge the exceptional efforts of our parent community, without whom this Festa would not have been the great event it was. **Every** family contributed in some way, whether it was as part of the Festa team, being a coordinator of stalls, liaising with and securing sponsors and auction items, donating requested items, setting up or packing up (or for many, it was both!), sourcing and purchasing what was required (including the most *bellissime* food!), looking after one another's children as they attended a Festa meeting, follow up or set up, and last but by no means least, for the hours, days, weeks and months of planning and working **together** towards an end goal- the most *fantastice Italian Festa!!*

The goal of such an event is 3-fold: to build & celebrate our school community; to extend welcome to the wider community; to raise funds to enhance learning for our students. In the coming week, as total funds are finalised, we will share this with you, as well as where raised funds will be spent for the benefit of all St. Dom's students.

To our 2024 Italian Festa Team, WOW!

To Astrid, Donna, Sarah B, Megan, Emma, Nazlie, Alfani, Daniell, Sarah Ph, Lelan, Gretchen, Chantel, Nathan, Sarah H, who are truly an inspiration to the community spirit that St. Dom's has enjoyed and been so proud of, for so many decades. Our students, your children, have just experienced and been witness to, the strength of community spirit and how the act of volunteering is a gift which strengthens and enriches the community. Grazie!

To our students, particularly those who performed as part of our Festa Entertainment. We are so incredibly proud of our School Choir, who sang two Italian songs, Palladino Blue & That's Amore; thanks to Maddie, Natalie and Astrid for leading and inspiring them each week and through every performance opportunity; to our Year 1/2s who made gorgeous Pinocchio puppets and performed for us; to all P-6 students who had been practising the Tarantella and danced with such joy, not only once but twice at our Festa! To our Year 3/4s, whose preparation of the BEST crostoli this side of Roma, was very much appreciated and sold out at our Festa! To our wonderful Italian teacher, Carmela (Maestra Dilorio), who we are so grateful for as she immersed her students in learning about Italian culture through cooking, dance and puppet performing- Grazie! There were so many highlights, and I am sure you will agree that experiencing our children on stage and showcasing their learning is always a treat! To our staff, who give of their time, energy, care and generosity so often and with such heart and community spirit, I am always grateful.

As Mother Teresa once said, "I can do things you cannot, You can do things I cannot; TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS!" In the spirit of companionship, our Italian Festa was the definitive version of 'doing great things' AKA 'phenomenal things'!

Enjoy the upcoming weekend, stay well and we look forward to being back together next week!

Thank you for your support & our partnership,

Mrs Natalie Kenny - Principal

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ITALIAN FESTA









Dear St Dominic's community,

We hope you have recovered from the weekend, and your family are well, or well on their way to recovery, after the Festa.

We would like to express a huge thank you to the school community, for your help on the Festa Day. We needed close to 200 spots filled, out of 100 families (at the school). And, as a community, we came together and filled every spot, and some! What a tremendous effort.

We would also like to thank those who helped on days and hours leading up to the Festa, and the sombre tidy up on Sunday. On Monday, the school looked as if "nothing had happened". Thank you to classroom teachers who came early to set up their rooms. What an awesome team effort!

A massive thank you to Natalie, teachers and staff for your support and being flexible especially in the days leading up to the Festa. This event wouldn't be as successful without your ongoing support. The way you approach things made it so easy for us to work with you.

Lastly, to the Festa Committee and sub-committees. Thank you doesn't even begin to express how we feel and appreciate everything you have done, to make the event successful.

We hope everyone got to enjoy the event. We were hoping for about 500 children to attend, and we believe we achieved that. We are still counting the results, and will publish this shortly.

Feeling loved from, Your 2024 Festa Committee

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ITALIAN FESTA

Festa work by the Preps





























LET'S HEAR FROM OUR PREPS!

"What do you love most about being at school?"

William- "climbing on the climbing wall"

Jonathan- "making outside secret gardens and pretend art"

Quinn- "building castles outside"

Amelia W- "art time and when we learn to paint"

Amelie- "playing shops in the cubby house with my friends"

Sophia- "learning and playing with all of my friends outside"

Amelia M- "drawing gardens and rainbows"

Benjamin- "doing arts and crafts and learning stuff"

Beatrice- "going in the cubby house"

Harry- "learning about everything!"

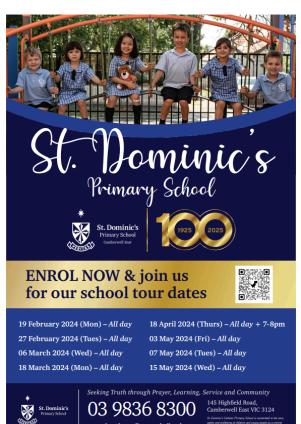
Emma- "painting with purple and pink and yellow"

Morris- "learning how to read"

Reeva- "playing outside playing police officers with my friends"



2025 Enrolments at St. Dom's (Spread the word!)



2025 PREP ENROLMENT ROADMAP				
Closing date for 2025 enrolment applications: Application completed online & must include \$100 enrolment fee for new families or \$50 enrolment fee for families with a sibling currently enrolled at St. Dominic's	Friday 24th May, 2024			
Prep 2025 Placement Offers sent	Friday 31st May, 2024			
Prep 2025 Placement Acceptances due back	Friday 14th June, 2024			
Meet & Greet dates (for all new Prep 2025 enrolments) Parent/s & child/ren Meet & Greet with Natalie Kenny - Principal & Fr Paul Rowse - Parish Priest	Meet & Greet held at St. Dominic's school, during the weeks of: 3rd June, 10th June, 17th June 2024			
Welcome to St. Dominic's Community Welcome & Light refreshments for all new 2025 parents, in Veritas Hall - 7pm	Thursday 24th October - 7pm			
Prep Orientation Mornings For all Prep 2025 students & Parents invited to attend Welcome sessions during these times	Wednesday 30th October, 2024 Wednesday 20th November, 2024 Wednesday 4th December, 2024			

Congratulations! Tennis and Swimming

GIDSSA Tennis was a huge hit!

Congratulations to the students who represented St Dom's at the GIDSSA Tennis Competition which was held on Fri 23 March.

Lily, Lucy and Xavier played great tennis, demonstrating grit, determination and great skills against strong competition with many games being decided on tie breaks.

A special mention to Lily who won the Girls' Seed 1 Section and will be representing our school and Glen Iris Schools district at the Yellow Ball Division Championships on Wednesday 27th March. Congratulations and good luck Lily!





Division Swimming Championships

Well done to our school swimming champs Regina and Aiden who participated at the Boroondara Swimming Division Championships on Friday 1 March.

Regina and Aiden gave their all and achieved some PB times while representing St Dom's and Glen Iris Schools District.

We are so proud of you Regina and Aiden. *Congratulations!*



This week's 'GEM' Award Winners....

We are SO proud of this week's GEM recipients!

Josh M- showing empathy towards others

Patrick M- showing patience to all of those around him

Benji Y- showing mindfulness while completing class tasks

Georgia M - showing mindfulness and focus during learning tasks

SCHOOL CHOIR NEWS

We were all treated to the beautiful singing of our very own St. Dom's School Choir at our Italian Festa on Saturday 2nd March! Wow, they are SUPERSTARS!!!

We are all SO proud of every one of our choir members, who sang with gusto and in full voice for everyone to enjoy! Grazie, Grazie,!

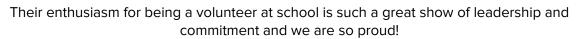




LIBRARY NEWS

This year, we have introduced a student Library Monitor timetable.

We are thrilled to have 20 student volunteers who will be busily assisting us with: collecting library books, tidying shelves, returning books and helping with library displays.





NAPLAN TESTING

Next week, students in Years 3 and 5, along with many other students in Australia will sit the NAPLAN testing online. The students in Year 5 will complete all testing using the online platform, whereas students in Year 3 will complete the Writing test using pen and paper, and all other testing using the online platform.

The students have been preparing for NAPLAN testing by becoming familiar with the online testing platform as well as working through previous and typical NAPLAN style questions during learning time. If you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN testing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Below is a schedule for the NAPLAN testing at St Dominic's:

Date	Time	Test	Year Level
Wednesday 13th March	9.30am	Writing	3 and 5
Monday 18th March	9.30am	Reading	3 and 5
Tuesday 19th March	9.30am	Conventions of Language	3 and 5
Wednesday 20th March	9.30am	Numeracy	3 and 5

Footsteps Harmony Program



This term, all P-6 students are learning new dance steps with the Footsteps team!

Parents are invited to attend our special Harmony Week performance, on

Monday 18th March- 2.45pm, Veritas Hall.

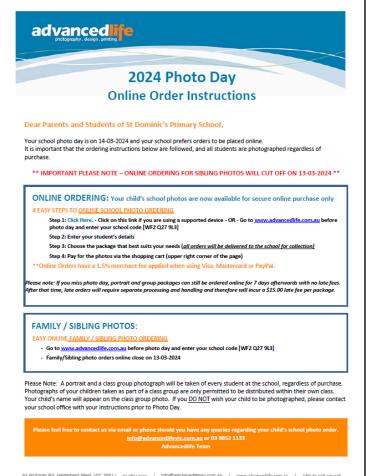




SCHOOL PHOTOS







Parenting Matters:

Inform & Empower Parent Resources

Should you have any questions please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

Parents & Carers.

As we work together to raise, support and empower children in our digital world, we are encouraged to access parenting resources via the link above. Our students have begun their CyberSafety sessions with Inform & Empower, and it is vital that you chat with them about their learning and how you can support them.



Further FREE parent resources are also available here

Stay tuned for details of Inform & Empower parent sessions we will be offering throughout 2024.

St. Dom's Google Reviews!



We all know the value of honest & positive reviews...... whether it be your favourite restaurant or cafe, sporting club or holiday destination! We all read them, right?

At St. Dom's, we are grateful if you took a few moments to add a positive Google Review for our school!

Word of mouth goes a long way to marketing our wonderful school to prospective families, as well as to acknowledge all that we are!

Thank you, in advance!

Parent Communication Reminders

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



<u>Audiri</u> is a free app which supports more immediate, school/level-wide communication.

**We use this app for communicating from the school to families for instant messages, school calendar.

Operoo is an electronic form system that automatically collates medical and emergency details.

This makes this important

information instantly available to authorised staff.

**We also use Operoo to send e-forms, excursion forms, permission forms, etc. Operoo allows only <u>one</u> 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 specific messages for your class.



Whats App

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



St. Dom's Social media-

Facebook

Instagram -@stdominicscamberwell



St. Dominic's Primary School Website

Edstart- paying your school fees with ease

Parents/Carers

If you require your repayments to be recalculated or need any assistance with your account, please reach out to the Edstart team, on contact@edstart.com.au or 1300 139 445 & they can assist you.

If you need to set up your account, you can do so by visiting www.edstart.com.au/sdcamberwelleast



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like: school camps or trips; swimming and school-organised sports programs; outdoor education programs; excursions and incursions.

Application forms: Schools are able to accept and process applications up until 23 June.

• Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund application form 2024 (DOCX)

SUNFLOWER KIDS PLAYGROUP

We offer 2 Playgroup sessions each week at St. Dom's!

Mondays, 2.30-3.30pm & Thursdays 9.00-10.30am

Bookings via the QR code on our posters & board at the front of the school.

We've recently welcomed many new families from our local community to our Playgroup.

Please share with friends and family.....

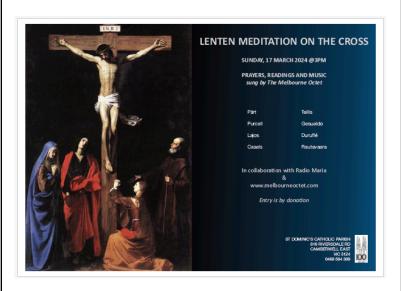
Thank you, from the 'Sunflower Kids Team'!



PARISH NEWS

St. Dominic's Parish Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy of the Word

is at 9:30 am Mass on most Sundays of the school term.

Primary school age children are led through age-appropriate readings, activities, and prayers – all are warmly invited to join.

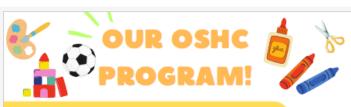


Teacher and parent helpers are most welcome to support the volunteer team.

The dates for Term 1 2024 are as follows:

- March 17
- March 24

Beyond EduCare: Our St. Dom's OSHC provider



Beyond EduCare is proud to now be operating the OSHC program

Educators Shayan and Claudia have had so much fun getting to Know several St Dominic's students and exploring a range of fun and exciting activities and games during the before and after school care sessions.

The educators of Beyond EduCare recognise that the primary years of schooling is an eventful period of learning and development, as children are exposed to new challenges and opportunities, while rapidly expanding their physical, social, emotional, cognitive and language domains of development Through this recognition, is an understanding of the value and importance of a space where children feel safe to explore their passions and ideas and learn to make decisions.





ideas for the program and in conjunction with engaging in planned activities, have opportunities to initiate their own p and learning. This ensures that activities during OSHC are meaningful to the children and provides a sense of belonging and responsibility.

While we are half way through term 1, the educators and children attending OSHC have been super busy, engaging in a variety of fun and creative activities. From creating cardboard cities, to putting on Taylor swift concerts and competing in obstacle courses, the OSHC service at St Dominic's Primary School offers valuable opportunities for child exploration and development. Over the last few weeks at OSHC, the children have particularly enjoyed playing with the remote control raily cars, creating some fabulous artwork, constructing buildings and cars out of magnetic blocks and participating in some fun and competitive sport games and challenges.

We have been having so much fun at OSHC and the educators at Beyond EduCare look forward to meeting more students of St Dominic's.

TO BOOK A BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL SESSION WITH US

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Meet Your Educator

CLAUDIA DABB

children and delivered the most effective way.

sense of belonging and responsibility.

Encouraging the children to put forward their own ideas for the program and initiate their own learning, ensures

that the activities are meaningful to them, encourages a

children in the program should be curated carefully, considering the social skills, physical abilities, behaviour and learning styles of the children involved.

It is essential that all children feel safe to explore, express themselves and make decisions, as they embark on their

own journey to self-discovery and develop confidence in

It must also be understood that all children are individual,

and their needs, interests, goals, and ideas are diverse. In

the role of an educator, I value each child's individual strengths and work to ensure all children are provided

The activities and routines that are available to the

As children progress through their early years of life and enter the school environment, they are immediately exposed to a plethora of new opportunities, challenges, and concepts.

The ideas and learnings that arise from new concepts assist young children in expanding their physical, social, emotional, cognitive and language domains of development. Children possess a strong sense of curiosity and are constantly learning from their environment and those who surround them.

In this eventful period of learning and development, it is essential that children receive appropriate guidance, support, and opportunities to extend their understanding and capabilities. I believe that the environment a child is exposed to, plays a significant role in their early learning. As an educator, I therefore understand the valuable role I play in providing a safe environment for children to feel comfortable and simultaneously explore their passions and ideas.

Facilitating regular and engaged conversation with the children is a vital strategy in ensuring the program

Education

their learning.

Bachelor of Education (Primary)

with equal opportunity and care.

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Australian/Italian

Something you might not know about me:

Experience



ST. DOMINIC'S TENNIS CLUB 🎾



Come ioin St Dom's Tennis Club

- Open to players of all levels, for social play, night competition, seniors or juniors
- Very affordable annual membership fees
 - o Family \$230
 - Adult \$120
 - Student \$50
 - One-off joining fee waived for school families
- Mod-grass courts (3) with lights, with access to BBQ and clubhouse facilities.
- New members very welcome, especially from school
- Contact president Peter Davy, davyp@bevwill.cpom.au or 0417 142 464



PIANO LESSONS

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



Junior Rockers Guitars & Vocals

Chess Coaching 😀







ST. DOMINIC'S NETBALL CLUB





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COMMUNITY NEWS

School Crossing Supervisor Awards are back!! *VOTE 1 for our very own Greg!*



SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR AWARD:

- To acknowledge the contribution and dedication School Crossings Supervisors provide by maintaining and
 providing a safe and enjoyable journey to and from your individual school and all schools throughout Victoria.
- 2. The recipient of the award should model enthusiasm and successful outcomes in a friendly and professional manner.
- This award is open to all Crossing Supervisors. Please consider not only your permanent supervisor, but the large contingent of relief staff who are also very dedicated School Crossing Supervisors.

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

For the upcoming Supervisor of The Year Awards in 2023/2024

Nominations close on Friday 31st May 2024

Follow this link to access the Nomination Form and all further information you need!

www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au/supervisor-year-awards/























