



St. Dominic's Primary School

Camberwell East



School Newsletter No. 14

Thursday 4th 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](#)

- Father's Day Breakfast- Friday 5th September- 7.45am
- Year 3/4s Level Assembly- Friday 5th September- 2.45pm
- *Father's Day- Sunday 7th September*
- GIDSSA Athletics- Wednesday 10th September
- School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting- Wednesday 10th September (7pm)
- PFA Hot Chocolate - Friday 12th September
- *Dancing Through the Decades' Dress Rehearsal- Monday 15th September (12.30-2.30pm) Local Kinder as audience!*
- *Full School Production rehearsal (at Camberwell GS)- Thursday 18th September (9am-12.30pm) Further information will be shared next week*
- *'Dancing Through the Decades' School Production- Thursday 18th September, 6.30-8.30pm Further information will be shared next week*
- Last day of Term 3:
 - Friday 19th September: P-6 Assembly, 12pm; End of Term, 1pm
- TERM 4 COMMENCES: Monday 6th October

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY...

- ... TO ALL THE WONDERFUL, LOVING, SUPPORTIVE DADS
- ... TO ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A FATHER OR FATHER FIGURE
- ... TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIFFICULT FATHER RELATIONSHIPS
- ... TO THOSE WHO STAND IN AS FATHERS & STEP-FATHERS
- ... TO FATHERS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD (OR CHILDREN)
- ... TO ANYONE WHO CAN'T BE WITH THEIR DAD TODAY
- ... TO NEW FATHERS STILL ADJUSTING TO FATHERHOOD
- ... TO THOSE FACING THE CHALLENGES OF INFERTILITY
- ... TO FATHERS WHO ARE DOING THE BEST THEY CAN
- ... TO ANYONE FEELING PRESSURED INTO FATHERHOOD
- ... TO THOSE WHO DON'T FEEL LIKE "TRADITIONAL" DADS
- ... TO SINGLE FATHERS RAISING CHILDREN ALONE
- ... TO FOSTER DADS WHO CARE FOR KIDS WITH LOVE
- ... TO THOSE WHO WILL SOON BECOME FATHERS
- ... TO FATHERS WHO HAVE POSITIVELY CHANGED LIVES
- ... TO ANYONE WHO NEEDS A LITTLE EXTRA LOVE TODAY

Father's Day Prayer

Loving God,

We thank You for the gift of our dads, grandfathers, and all father figures. They guide us, protect us, and show us love in many different ways.

Bless them with strength, patience, and joy. Help us to show our love and gratitude through kind words and caring actions.

May our families grow in love, peace, and laughter, and may we always remember that You are our Heavenly Father, who loves us more than we can imagine.

Amen.



St. Dominic's Parish News

St. Dominic's Parish Newsletter

[The Dominican](#)



From our Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we step into the new month, as the days grow ever longer and warmer (eventually!) I wish to sincerely thank all of the parents who contributed their time and energy to ensure our Father's Day Stall was a success. It is with your support and generosity that such events are special for our students and of course those receiving their gifts! A heartfelt thank you also to those who have worked to organise tomorrow's Father's Day Breakfast.

We look forward to celebrating the fathers, grandfathers and all special 'father figures' in the lives of our St. Dom's students, as well as in the life of our school community. We wish you a joyful day and know you are loved and appreciated!

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate all candidates who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It was a truly special occasion and we continue to hold these students in prayer as they continue on their journey of faith.


We also congratulate our Year 3/4s and Year 5/6s who represented St. Dom's in recent Hooptime competitions. We are so proud of their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship and the ways they represented us both on and off the court!

Another major milestone for our school was the recent Centenary Book Launch- a significant event in the celebration of our 100 year birthday. This stunning publication is a tribute to our rich 100 year history and I wish to again extend a thank you to Naomi O'Bryan for her tireless dedication and hard work over so many months, to bring this project to life! It is indeed a gift to our community this year and in many years and decades to come.

Finally, our school performance is fast approaching and we are all very excited! Preparations are in full swing and the excitement is building by the day, as we head towards our big night at Camberwell Grammar School, on Thursday 18th September. All information you need for this will be shared early next week and tickets can be purchased via the TryBooking link sent to families, as well as in this Newsletter. With gratitude and warm wishes in these final weeks of Term 3.

Yours in Partnership,

Natalie Kenny - Principal




St. Dominic's Primary School

Where **every** child is known, heard and valued. Wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do.

- We know, hear and value every child and every family
- We educate compassionate, resilient, informed and inquiry-driven students
- We are committed to smaller class sizes and supported differentiated learning
- We value the differences, gifts and talents of every individual child
- We offer a mapped pathway into Catholic Secondary schooling opportunities
- We offer a range of extra-curricular learning including: guitar, vocals and keyboard, chess coaching, STEM, garden and sustainability, student leadership and choir
- We know your child.

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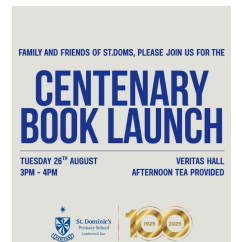


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Celebrating our Centenary Book Launch!

Every image tells the story of a most wonderful celebration....

Almost a year in the making! We are forever grateful to Naomi O'Bryan for our truly magnificent Centenary Book and to the team of parents, staff and alumni who have contributed in some way. This publication is now part of our history, part of our story...it is our story!



Get your Copy Now!

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1454763>



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Celebrating 100 Days of Prep!



Book Week at St. Dom's!

What a great day we all had on Thursday 21st August when our school celebrated Book Week 2025 'Book an Adventure'! Nearly everyone dressed up on that day for our Book Parade at 9:00am. Between 10:00am and 1:40pm the students participated in 3 x one hour rotations of Multi-aged groups P – 6, with staff using the CBCA shortlisted books 2025 for creative activities such as Tooth Fairy Houses; creating beetles, cats, spiders and their web, and zoo animals; wobbly bikes with pipe cleaners and seabird sketches. In the afternoon, students shared and reflected on the activities and celebration of Book Week 2025. This was a chance to see and hear about the amazing learning students accomplished and the fun they had during the day.



Thank you to all the parents who helped get their child/ren ready for our celebration and to our staff who organised wonderful activities for the CBCA short listed books and for getting into the Book Week spirit by dressing up as well. Thank you also to the Year 6 Curriculum Leaders and some of the Library monitors for their invaluable help on this day.

Jennifer Box
(Teacher Librarian)

Sacrament of Confirmation



On Sunday 31st August, our Year 6 students celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was an absolutely beautiful mass, presided over by Bishop Thinh Nguyen. We congratulate these students on taking this important step in their faith journey.



Sports Update

Hoop Time Seniors and Juniors

The past two weeks have been a wonderful celebration of everything basketball with the St Dom's students finessing their basketball skills and competing at the Basketball Vic Hoop Time Championships.

The Senior day, on Tuesday 19 August, was attended by all year 5/6 students. Five teams competed during the day. Balls were bounced, passed and intercepted, steals were made, baskets were shot, our team defence was intense and all this with players trying their hardest and showcasing great team/school spirit and sportsmanship. Some students elected not to play but were very involved in the day by taking on team management and scoring duties. Overall a fun and successful day was had by all of us with some new friendships made and voices lost.

Special congratulations to the Girls All Stars and Mixed Future Stars Blue who will progress to the Regional Championships next term.

On the following Wednesday, 27 August, the years 3 and 4 All Stars teams ventured to the State Basketball Centre where they faced fierce opposition and played some excellent team basketball. The Boys were valiant, never giving up. They won 2 games and lost 2 whilst the girls had a magnificent day, winning all their pool games and making it to the grand final. Players showed their dribbling, passing and shooting prowess as well as their sporting and team spirit during the day and we are so proud of all of them.

The Girls Grand Final was a hard fought out game between two very equal teams and unfortunately the opposition won by 2 points. We are waiting on a possible Wild Card invitation to potentially progress to the Regional Championships next term.

Congratulations to everyone who represented St Dom's so proudly and a special thank you to all the parents who came along and assisted with scoring, team management and support. We value your contribution. Go St Dom's!



Netball Victoria School Championships

The Netball Vic School Championships were held at the State Netball Centre on Friday 8 August. Spirits were high, the energy was electric and players were ready and excited. St Dom's had 2 teams entered in the primary division and competed against schools from all around Victoria. It was a very busy day with many tough games against strong opposition. Both teams displayed great netball skills, amazing teamwork and fair play in their highly fought out games. Well done to Diamonds who finished second in their pool and the Dream team who came equal third in theirs. The coaches were very proud of your amazing efforts.

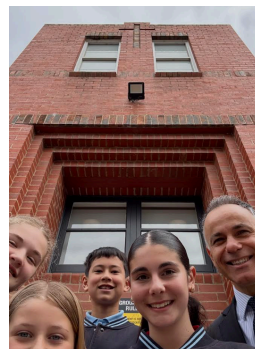
Thank you to Gabi M and Kirsten B who acted as team managers and scorers for the teams on the day. Your assistance is much appreciated.

Netball was such an amazing day filled with fun, teamwork and a lot of goals! Each and every player tried their best and encouraged each other and had an awesome day together with our friends and classmates! Lily M



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John Pesutto Visit to St. Dom's



This week we had a school visit by John Pesutto, Local member for Hawthorn.

Special thanks to our school leaders, Millie, Emily, James and Grace for co-leading a special tour for John.

John will be supporting our school and he looks forward to dancing the tarantella at our 2026 Italian Festa!

Celebrating our 2025 Centenary: Purchase your Merch TODAY!



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eSafety

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reputation

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to and reporting
cyber bullying

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Performing Arts: It's School Production time, with Kinect2Dance!



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Dear Families,
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purchase!

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<https://www.trybooking.com/DEMZD>

Date of Performance: Thursday 18th September

Venue: Camberwell Grammar School

Start Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Ticket Price: General Admission \$30, Child (under 12) \$15

Accessible Seating

Accessible seating is available for audience members who require it. Each accessible booking includes: **1 wheelchair space & 3 accompanying seats**
To ensure fairness, **accessible seating must be reserved in advance.**
A total of **4 tickets per booking** will be allocated.

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!

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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.



Jellis Craig

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

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Charlie

Charlie has been studying with the [Australian Boys Choir](#) (as part of the Australian Boys Choral Institute) for 3.5 years and has recently been promoted to the performing squad.

Charlie recently performed in Bendigo and St Patrick's Cathedral and has many more concerts coming up.



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Beyond Educare- our OSHC



At Beyond EduCare, we believe that even the smallest act of kindness can make a big difference—whether it's helping a friend at school, caring for our environment, or reaching out to those in need across the world.

From the very beginning, part of our mission has been to give back to our local and global community. This isn't just something we do quietly—it's something we want the children in our programs to see, understand, and feel inspired by. When children learn that their actions matter, they grow into compassionate and responsible adults.

Here are some of the ways our community has helped others recently:

Helping in Sudan

In Sudan's North Darfur, famine has been declared—something that happens only in the most severe emergencies. More than 400,000 displaced people in the Zamzam Camp are at risk, and children are already dying from hunger and malnutrition. Across the country, 13 million people face extreme food shortages, and 3.7 million children under five are expected to suffer life-threatening malnutrition this year. Through our donations, we are helping provide emergency food and medical aid to children and families who desperately need it. This is about more than just food—it's about giving children hope and a chance to survive. Learn more or donate: unicef.org.au



Feeding Gaza's Orphans

In Gaza, we've helped provide meals for 100 orphaned children through the MATW Project (Muslims Around the World), an organisation working in over 15 countries to provide food, shelter, education, and long-term community support. Many children in Gaza are starving, too weak to stand. Our contribution gave them food, comfort, and the knowledge that they are not forgotten. Learn more or donate: www.matwproject.org

Supporting Our Local Community

Giving back starts close to home, too. We've supported Chalcot Lodge Kindergarten's Bush Kinder Program by donating high-quality raincoats and pants from MK Nordica. This means the children can enjoy outdoor learning—exploring nature, jumping in puddles, and playing in the rain—while staying warm and dry.

Why We Share This With You

We want the children in our care to know that kindness has no borders. Whether we are helping a neighbour or someone on the other side of the world, our actions have the power to change lives.

These acts of giving are not just about money—they're about empathy, compassion, and being part of something bigger than ourselves. We encourage families to talk with their children about these stories, to ask questions, and to think about the ways we can all be of service to our community—near and far.

Together, we can inspire a generation that understands:
If you can help, you should help.



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Community News

SAVE THE DATE!

2025 FATHER – DAUGHTER CAMP

25-26 OCTOBER 2025

Golden Valleys Adventure Camp – 151 Baldrys Rd, Flinders

More details to follow...

While this event is exclusive to St Dominic's families, it is run independently of the school and PFA. Child safety is the responsibility of each individual father.



IT'S TIME TO CLAIM VICTORY

A preventer can reduce your child's risk of an asthma attack. If they're using a blue puffer more than twice a week, speak to your doctor.



Attack asthma and help them thrive. Scan the QR code to visit Asthma Australia at asthma.org.au/attack



ASTHMA AUSTRALIA

This Asthma Week (September 1-7) Asthma Australia is asking parents to help flip the script and Attack Asthma for their child. It's time we Attack Asthma before the symptoms start!

Asthma is one of the leading causes of children ending up in hospital. New research by Asthma Australia shows that while most parents feel like they are confident in managing their child's asthma, nearly two

thirds live in constant fear of an asthma attack. But it doesn't have to be this way.

A daily preventer can help keep your child's asthma under control, reducing the chance of an attack.

This means less time feeling sick or in the hospital and more time for them to just be a kid. Instead of waiting for symptoms like wheezing or difficulty breathing, use a preventer every day to help your child breathe normally.

Learn more about how to Attack Asthma here: www.asthma.org.au/attack

COME & PLAY SUMMER TOUCH

MONDAYS 8 SEPT - 1 DEC

MONDAYS 13 OCT - 1 DEC

Girls & boys

Under 6 - 9
6pm - 7pm

Girls & boys

Under 10 - 18
6.30pm - 7.40pm

Social mixed adults & families

7.45pm - 8.30pm



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Saturday 18th October
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- Kids activities
- Cake stall & sausage sizzle



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- Try out the latest electric tech, from induction cooktops to e-bikes
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- Learn about government rebates that reduce your upfront costs
- Bring the family along to enjoy activities for children.

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- 04 Guest appearances at selected programs

LOCATIONS

- Camberwell Grammar School, Canterbury
- Auburn High School, Hawthorn
- Hays Paddock, Kew East
- Box Hill High School, Box Hill
- Trinity Grammar, Maries Playing Fields, Bulleen
- M.L.C. Kew
- Camberwell Hockey Club, Canterbury
- Doncaster Secondary College, Doncaster
- Boroondara Sports Complex, Balwyn North

SEE WEBSITE FOR DATES

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It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants

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