



St. Dominic's Primary School

Camberwell East



School Bulletin No. 20

Thursday 30th November, 2023



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](#)

What to **LOOK** out for in next week's School Newsletter!

DECEMBER:

- Friday 1st December- *SCHOOL CLOSURE- Staff preparation for 2024*
- Monday 4th December- Hooptime State Finals- Year 3/4 Girls' Team
- Tuesday 5th December- Hooptime State Finals- Year 5/6 Girls' Team
- **Tuesday 5th December- COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MARKET & CAROLS (5-7pm)**
- Wednesday 6th December- End of Year School Mass (10am, St. Dominic's Church)
- Thursday 7th December- Year 5/6 End of Year excursion (Funfields)
- **Thursday 7th December- Final 2023 Sunflower Kids Playgroup (9-10.30am)**
- Friday 8th December- Year P-4 Pantomime Incursion
- Monday 11th December- Semester 2 Student Reports available to parents
- Tuesday 12th December- 'Step Up' Student Orientation Session for 2024
- **Wednesday 13th December- Year 6 & Staff Buddy Breakfast**
- Wednesday 13th December- Year 3/4s Woodworking Incursion
- **Thursday 14th December- Year 6s Final Farewell & Guard of Honour (2.30pm)**
- **Thursday 14th December- Year 6s Graduation (Mass, Dinner & Celebrations)**
- Friday 15th December- Final Farewell Assembly, 2.45pm & P-5s finish at 3.30pm

- 2024 Year 6 Student Leadership
- Year 6 Graduating Students
- Farewell to families leaving St. Dominic's
- Welcome to our new 2024 families
- Meet our 2024 Preps!
- Semester 2 Reports
- St. Dom's School Choir
- PFA Year in Review
- OSHC Update
- Welcome to our 2024 Welcome Mass & BBQ
- Playgroup & Friends Celebration Concert
- Basketball State Finalists
- Community Christmas Market & Carols

St Dom's Community Christmas Market & Carols

YOU ARE ALL INVITED!

On **Tuesday 5th December, 5-7pm** (arrive from 4.45pm),

St. Dom's families are invited to attend our first ever,

Outdoor Community Market & Christmas Carols!

What you need to know!

(further information will be separately sent to all families today)

- All St. Dom's students have been designing & creating, as part of their IBL learning this term.
- Their creative masterpieces will be showcased and sold at our Christmas Market!
- Classes are preparing to perform Christmas Carols for you all, as well as our Student Choir.
- Families are invited to bring picnic rugs, chairs and a light picnic dinner/snacks to enjoy.
- We are very excited to celebrate student learning and our community, together with you!



2024 Staff Updates...

Families,

As you are aware, we have been in the process of preparations for our 2024 school year. Staffing has now been finalised and will be communicated to the school community via next week's School Newsletter, on Thursday 7th December.

Our 2024 staffing decisions and class groupings have been deeply-considered, taking into account student needs, enrolments, friendships & always in the best interests of the school community.

At the end of this school year, we say 'Farewell' but not 'Good-Bye' to **Vivian Dean!**

Viv has been a teacher at St. Dominic's for many years and she will take 2024 as a Long Service Leave year. Viv will spend precious time with family, travel and enjoy every moment! We are so incredibly grateful to Viv for the gifts of faith, love, passion and care that she has brought to our school and to every child and family she has worked with. We will enjoy 'guest appearances' from Viv throughout the year and we all wish her every best wish in this move for 2024. The staff and students will say 'Farewell & not Good-Bye' at the end of term.

Christina Victor will join our staff as an LSO (Learning Support Officer). Christina has been on staff at Mary Magdalene's, Chadstone for 15 years and she will be such a wonderful asset to our team and in supporting our students and their families. We look forward to introducing Christina when she begins.

Sunflower Kids Playgroup

Enrolments at St. Dom's



St. Dominic's
Primary School
Seeking Truth through Prayer, Learning, Service and Community

Join our St. Dominic's
Sunflower Kids Playgroup



At St. Dom's Sunflower Kids Playgroup, all parents, caregivers and their young children from birth to school age are welcome!

Our Playgroup enables parents and caregivers to build social and support networks that assist them in their valuable parenting role. Sunflower Kids Playgroup is based in our school's Community Hub, with an emphasis on providing an engaging, welcoming and inclusive environment for preschoolers and their special adults.

Children learn, connect and socialise through play, creativity, song and story, as they are immersed in play and interaction with other children and adults. To book in, scan our Sunflower Kids QR code.



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"Our St. Dominic's school story grows richer and stronger with every student enrolled, every staff member employed and every partnership formed."

'It's not too late to enrol for 2024!'

If you have friends, neighbours or family who are still making the important decision of where to enrol their child/ren, please refer them to us!

Enrolment enquiries can be made via our website or simply by calling our school office.

We will then arrange a personalised tour, answer any queries and invite families to 'Discover the St. Dom's Difference!'

Expression of Interest for 2025 Enrolments are also welcome! Enquiries can be made by calling our office or registering interest via our website.

Enrolments are also completed via our website. Pop into our office for more information if needed!

Click here to complete an enrolment form



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You are invited to join our 2024 School Advisory Council

Parents & Carers,

All Catholic primary schools have a School Advisory Council (SAC) which comprises a representative group of members of the school community. Our SAC provides advice to school leaders about the operation of the school. No experience is necessary. If you are a member of our school community who would like to further commit to making St. Dominic's Primary School the best possible place for our children and families to grow, learn and work together, you are invited to join the SAC.

The SAC meets twice each term (Tuesdays in Weeks 3 and 8 each Term, 7-8.30pm).

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the St Dominic's School Advisory Council may seek further details from the Principal, Natalie Kenny or Chairperson, Olivia Jones.

As being a member of a School Advisory Council of a Catholic school is a form of Church lay ministry, the process of appointment is preceded by discernment to assist potential members to understand:

- the mission and vision of MACS, the parish and school
- the roles, responsibilities and processes of MACS and the St Dominic's School Advisory Council
- how council members, can support the principal
- the appropriateness of their readiness to serve.



This discernment process commences when expressions of interest are sought for new council members, beginning with an information pack to those interested.

Contact nkenny@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au or office@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au to express your interest or if you have any questions.

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Parish News

Christmas Concert 17th December @7pm St Dominic's Church

Stunning 8 part Christmas music, featuring members of Opera Australia's chorus, and well-known soloists - to be broadcast live by Australian Digital Concert Hall.

Bookings for seating in the Church can be made via the Parish Office:
secretary@stdominics.org.au or 0468 584 309

Tickets for seating in the Church:

www.Trybooking.com/CLXIL

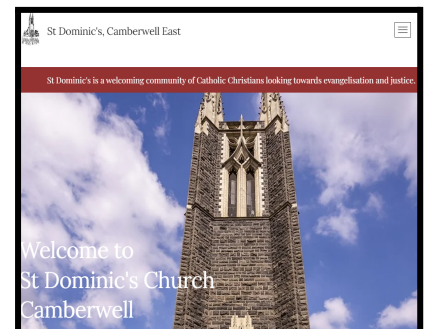
Bookings for the digital livestream are available through Australian Digital Concert Hall.

australiandigitalconcerthall.com/#!/item/111591



St. Dominic's Parish Newsletter

The Dominican



Head Lice

Parents & Carers,

This week, we have had some reported cases of head lice, particularly in Years P-2. Please ensure that you regularly check your child/ren's hair and treat with ointment and/or hair wash from a chemist. Children must not return to school unless they are head lice free. Thank you.

*Source: <https://kidshealth.org>

What Are the Signs & Symptoms of Head Lice?

Lice are tiny, but you can still see them — though it's not always easy. An adult louse is grayish white or tan and about the size of a small sesame seed. Lice move fast, so you're actually more likely to see their eggs than the lice themselves.

Louse eggs are called **nits**. Nits look sort of like dandruff, except they don't brush or fall off as easily as dandruff. Lice attach their nits to pieces of hair, close to the scalp. If you think you have lice and see a small, oval blob on a strand of hair, it's probably a nit.

If nits are yellow, tan, or brown, it means the lice haven't hatched yet. If the nits are white or clear, the lice have hatched and just the egg remains. Lice eggs hatch within 1 to 2 weeks after they're laid.

Besides seeing nits or lice on the head, itching — or the feeling of something moving around on the scalp — is another clue that you might have lice. Like mosquito bites, the itching is a reaction to the saliva of the insect. Some people with lice also get a rash of small red bumps from scratching.

How Are Head Lice Treated?

The two main ways to treat lice are:

- Applying specialised treatment available from a chemist
- Removing by hand or with a lice comb

City of Boroondara News

Helping to make school drop-off and pick-up safer for everyone



Respect the road rules and parking signs

Illegal parking in a school zone is not only inconsiderate to other motorists, it threatens the safety of students. If our parking officers witness a motorist breaking any of the following traffic rules, they will issue them with a fine.

- Double-parking restricts the view of other drivers, obstructs traffic flow, and means children have to get out of the car onto the road. It also blocks the passage of any emergency vehicles that might need to pass.
- School crossings are there to ensure children cross the road safely. Parking within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a designated school crossing is illegal.
- The designated Kiss and Ride areas outside schools are No Parking, with a maximum two-minute standing time. This gives parents enough time to kiss and drop off/collect their kids before moving on to allow the next car to follow suit.
- School zone speed limits are clearly signposted and must be adhered to.

Walk or ride to school with your child

Walking or riding to school with your child is a healthy and enjoyable way to avoid the inevitable traffic snarls at drop-off or pick-up time.

- If you must drive, consider parking a few streets away and accompanying your child on foot the rest of the way.

Get onto our Socials!



St. Dominic's Socials

Follow, like and share with your friends and family!

Thanks to everyone already supporting us!

FOLLOW US

The graphic features the school crest at the top left, social media icons for Like, Share, and Follow, and two QR codes for Instagram and Facebook. A hand cursor points to the 'FOLLOW US' button.

St. Dom's Google Reviews!

We would be very grateful if you took a few moments to add a positive Google Review for St. Dominic's Primary School!

★★★★★ 4 days ago **NEW**

St Dominic's Primary School is a beautiful small school that helps nourish and enable your children to thrive. This school is perfect for children who are both gifted academically or who need specialised help. A truly inclusive school with amazing teachers who enable your kids to flourish. The community is what makes this school an honour to be a part of. It's a special place to be.



We love your positive feedback!

Special thanks to those parents who have been our St. Dom's advocates via their recent Google Reviews. Some of our recent enrolment enquiries have come as a result of word of mouth recommendations and Google Reviews! Thank you!

St Dominic's Netball Club

Open to Preps & Years 1, 2 & 3

Register now:

START PLAYING

LEARN THE BASICS, FIND YOUR FEET AND MAKE A BUNCH OF NEW FRIENDS AT YOUR LOCAL WOOLWORTHS NETSETGO CENTRE.



Woolworths
net set go

Tuesdays - 3:45pm to 4:30pm
Healthy afternoon tea provided
St Dominic's Primary School



Are you in year 3, 4, 5 or 6?

St Dominic's Netball Club IS LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS IN 2024



Boys and Girls

All abilities welcome

Commencing February 2024

Training Tuesday nights at St Doms

Matches are played locally at

Ashwood on Saturday mornings

For more information visit:

<https://stdominicsnetball.club/>

ITALIAN FESTA NEWS!

ITALIAN FESTA UPDATE



Dear Families,

WANT TO SPONSOR OUR FESTA?

We have a range of sponsorship packages available. Please reach out to Emma Young if you are interested!
emmayoungelive.com.au

The Festa Committee has been busy working away locking in rides, sponsors, stalls, food and entertainment for next year's Festa! We wanted to thank all the families who kindly donated wine and olive oil. We have close to 100 bottles!!! Your donations are going to make for one exciting lucky dip. Next week we are going to be asking families to donate a "Jazzy Jar". Don't know what this is? See below for all the information you need. Have a lovely long weekend and we'll be back with more Festa updates soon!

GET EXCITED FOR THE RIDES

Zorb Chamber
Laser Tag
Ninja Warrior
Fire Rescue
Meltdown

Contact the Festa team

stdomscamberwellegmail.com
Astrid 0403 448 386

The Festa Committee

FOLLOW US ON THE SOCIALS



[italianfestacamberwell](https://www.instagram.com/italianfestacamberwell)



St Dominic's Primary
Italian Festa

HAVE A BUSINESS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SET UP A STALL AT THE FESTA?

For \$100 you could showcase your business for the day. Contact us to find out more!

HOW TO MAKE A JAZZY JAR

1. Find an old jar with a lid (Make sure it's squeaky clean) or pick one up at Kmart.
2. Fill the jar with something you or your children would like to buy. Maybe it's full of lollies or chocolates, stickers and trinkets, beads and string to make charm bracelets. Get creative, your children will probably have more ideas than you!
3. Return to school and place in the bucket located in your child's classroom.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SALESIAN COLLEGE 2024 COLLEGE CAPTAIN & VICE CAPTAIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Salesian College Chadstone is delighted to announce the 2024 College Captain is awarded to Benjamin Brooks and College Vice-Captains Dylan Bayan and James Mearns.

INFORMATION EVENING FOR FUTURE FAMILIES

The evening offers prospective parents a valuable opportunity to gain a deep understanding of Salesian's core values and specialised boys-only balanced approach. Meet our College Principal, Mr Mark Ashmore, students and Assistant Principals across all College areas and learn more about how we guide our boys to achieve their full potential in a safe and inclusive learning environment.

WEEKLY MONDAY MORNING SCHOOL TOURS

Guided by our approachable Principal, welcoming Registrar and informative Tour Guides, our weekly Monday Tours provide families with the opportunity to learn more about our outstanding 2023 Results, College facilities and our broad curriculum and program offerings.

YEAR 7 2025 ENROLMENT

If you have not yet applied, but would like to please note at this time we are still accepting applications. Apply online today via www.salesian.vic.edu.au/enrolment.

Book an in-person Monday tour via www.salesian.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/ or book us on www.salesian.vic.edu.au/book-us-on/ for our Thursday 9 November Information Evening on www.salesian.vic.edu.au/book-us-on/.

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View our full 2022 Highlights and Results via salesian.vic.edu.au

ESC PRESENTS: PRE-CHRISTMAS SPORTS CAMPS

MARCELLIN COLLEGE SPORTS CAMPS

EXPERT SECONDARY PE STAFF
19th and 20th DEC
9am - 3pm
BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 6-15
Marcellin College 160 Bulleen Rd Bulleen 3105

Cost:
2 Day : \$160
1 Day : \$90

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Soccer

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The Social Domain Skills For Life

SOCIAL SKILLS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Run by Speech Pathologists

Group 1

5-7 years

Group 2

8-11 years

Dates: Wednesday 10th and Friday 12th of January

64 Glenferrie Road, Malvern

Topics Covered

- ✓ Conversation Skills
- ✓ Perspective Taking
- ✓ Forming and Maintaining Friendships
- ✓ Handling Teasing and Bullying
- ✓ Problem Solving and Reasoning
- ✓ Resilience and Managing Feelings

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Pre-order today so you don't miss out



- Open phone camera
- Scan QR code
- Order & pay

Every weekend in December, or until sold out

Lynden Park Scout Group hall or Bunnings Hawthorn

AUDITION for the Australian Youth Choir 2024.

Enrolments for 2024 are now open to boys and girls from 8 years of age.

An opportunity to develop:

- singing
- musicianship; choral repertoire
- confidence
- self-esteem
- new friendships

Weekly rehearsals in Canterbury during school Term with concerts included in the year.

AUDITION NOW FOR 2024

Appointments are available throughout December by contacting us on:

EMAIL: office2@niypaa.com.au

CALL: 98362877 (leave a message for a return call)

Est. 1975, the Australian Youth Choir is a division of National Institute of Youth Performing Arts Australia (NIYPAA) ABN 28 007 124 629

Carols in Canterbury

Celebrate Christmas with your Local Community

Sunday 10th December 2023

Canterbury Gardens
Canterbury Road (Near Canterbury Station)

Children's activities from 5pm
Music starts 6pm

LIVE LOCAL MUSIC | FACE PAINTING | COFFEE VAN & FOOD | FREE ENTRY

In case of wet weather, event will be held across the road at Canterbury Baptist Church

Heavily supported by the City of Boroondara

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

AGES 8 - 13, ALL SKILL LEVELS

POLYMER CLAY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Monday, 18 December, 9AM - 3PM

Roll, ball and then decorate your very own Christmas ornament

\$50

CHRISTMAS CARD PAINTING

Wednesday, 20 December, 10AM - 2PM

Design, paint and decorate your very own Christmas cards

\$50

INTRODUCTION TO ACRYLIC PAINTING

Monday, 15 January, 9AM - 3PM

Learn the fundamentals of painting and paint on original piece inspired by van Gogh and Monet

\$50

WATERCOLOUR FLOWERS

Wednesday, 17 January, 10AM - 2PM

Learn to paint watercolour flowers and leaves

\$50

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Weekend Mandarin classes

Kaixin Chinese Learning Hub

Enquire for a FREE TRIAL class



Suitable for non-native speakers | Learning with FUN | Small class sizes

Activity-based & play-based learning | Specially-developed curriculum, books & audio

Term dates

Term 4, 2023
7 Oct - 2 Dec 2023

Term 1, 2024
3 Feb - 23 Mar 2024

Locations

- Box Hill
- Camberwell
- Glen Waverley
- Kensington

Contact us at Kaixin Chinese Learning Hub
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