

St. Dominic's Primary School Camberwell East



## **School Bulletin No. 2**

## Thursday 16th February, 2023

St Dominic's Catholic 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 School acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of this land.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### FEBRUARY:

- School Choir Friday 17th February, 8.00am
- Shrove Tuesday Tuesday 21st February
- GIDSSA District Swimming Carnival Tuesday 21st February
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Parent Session Tuesday 21st February 6.30pm
- Ash Wednesday Wednesday 22nd February
- Footsteps Harmony Program commences Thursday 23rd February
- Reconciliation Commitment Masses Sat. 25th February 6.00pm, Sun. 26th February - 9.00am
- Friday 3rd March School Closure Day Staff Professional Learning

We ask all families to regularly access our St. Dominic's School Google Calendar, via our website

## Family Buddies

If you are willing to be a 'Family Buddy' with a new 2023 family, please speak to our Office staff or email office@sdcamberwelleast.catholic. edu.au



# **Expressions of Interest- 2023 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. <u>No experience is necessary</u>. If you are a member of our school community who would like to further commit to making St. Dominic's Primary School is 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 advice 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 the provision of an information pack to those interested.

Contact <u>nkenny@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au</u> or <u>office@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au</u> to express your interest or if you have any questions. **Please contact us no later than Friday 24th February**.

## **Celebrating Our School & Parish Community**

## St. Dominic's Welcome Mass & Family BBQ

"The school story grows richer and stronger with every student enrolled, every staff member employed and every partnership formed."



# **Spread the Word!**



Parents & Carers,

Wherever you can, please promote family involvement and engagement, and follow up any potential enrolments amongst friends, family and neighbours, by directing them to our website and school office.

We invite our families to support with:

• <u>Enrolment & School Tour flyers</u>- delivered to letterboxes within our school boundaries (Weeks 4-5)

• <u>Real Estate Marketing Boards</u>- any families who live on a main road (eg. Warrigal, Toorak, Riversdale, Through, Maling Rds) and would be willing to have a real estate board out the front- Weeks 5-6 installation

• <u>A3 laminated posters</u>- any local business with a shop front, willing to display our current posters (from Week 4 onwards)

## **<u>St Dominic's Website</u>**

I invite you to continue to check in on our school website, read our weekly newsletter/bulletin, and always be up to date on everything happening at our school and the community.

If you have any questions at any time, our doors and ears are always open..... Please ask.

Yours in partnership,

Natalie Kenny Principal

# **SCHOOL PHOTOS**



## 2023 Photo Day

### **Online and Envelope Order Instructions**

Dear Parents and Students,

St Dominic's Primary School (Camberwell East) PHOTO DAY IS 16-03-2023

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

\*\* IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 15-03-2023 \*\*

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school 4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE <u>SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING</u>

Step 1 Click Here. - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [WF2 Q27 9L3]

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

\*\*Online Orders have a 1.5% merchant fee applied when using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal.

Please Note: If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15 late fee per package.

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online 3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

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Family/Sibling photo orders online close on [15/03/2023]

- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with exact cash amount.

#### ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au

Cash - Please enclose correct money - as change is not available

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you <u>Do Not</u> wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order. info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team

# **Discovery Days**

### ST DOMINIC 'S PRIMARY SCHOOL DISCOVERY TOURS

- Wednesday 1st March
- Tuesday 7th March
- Friday 17th March
- Thursday 23rd March
- Monday 3rd April
- Wednesday 3rd May
- Tuesday 16th May





### Please click on the link to book a tour.



## **2023 Healthy Foods Webinar Series**

We thank the many St. Dom's families who accessed the online Healthy Lunchbox webinar last week. The feedback has been so positive.

This was the first in a series of 3 webinars we are registered for this year, and access for our families is FREE! Please add the remaining dates to your calendars and further details will be shared.



# Edstart

Dear Parents,

School Fees have been emailed to all families this week. If you have not received it please email

accounts@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au. We already have over half of our families set up with their Edstart account (this is a one time process), some have been waiting for the statement and others may have questions.



The easier way to manage school fees

**1. Is joining Edstart compulsory?** Yes, St Dominic's goal is to have all families paying fees via Edstart, for all the reasons given below.

- Streamlining the fee payment and administration process to ensure St Dom's is able to focus more time, effort, energy and resources into the core business of learning and teaching for students.
- Providing parents with a one-stop-shop for school fees, including the ability to offer much more flexible payment options for families, including weekly, fortnightly and monthly repayments on the day that best suits each family.
- Ability for families to take payment holidays if they are impacted by unforeseen circumstances, while ensuring that the school is still paid by the termly due date although additional payment options and payment holidays may not be required by all families, Edstart helps the school to streamline all payments and acts as an additional support mechanism for families who rely on more flexible payment arrangements.
- Moving forward, particularly in this time of economic uncertainty, we envisage that Edstart will help provide flexibility for a growing number of families and support St Dom's to achieve sustainable enrolments.

2. Why do we have to answer credit information/card information when I'm not paying anything? No enquiry or account is added to parents' credit file when using Edstart Plus. As Edstart's payment platform is regulated by ASIC, Edstart is required by law to verify parents' identity before setting up their account by cross-referencing the details on their credit report. This does not impact parents' credit file or their credit rating. As an alternative to this method of identity verification, parents can provide a Driver Licence or Passport to complete this process

**3. They keep emailing me reminders to sign up.** Edstart Partner Success Team will make a maximum of 2 calls and 3 emails to follow up families who have started but not completed their account set-up.

### Click here for video highlights.

# **PFA NEWS**

# **ST DOM'S SCHOOL CHOIR**





## **Ongoing Reminders....**

#### Morning Drop off times & Supervision:

Staff playground supervision commences at 8.30am each school morning and classroom doors open at 8.45am. Therefore, until 8.30am each day, we request that no children are dropped off at school, where possible. If work commitments require earlier drop offs, we recommend you contact OHSC Camp Australia, as this may be an option for your family. If you need to discuss this, please call our office.

#### Afternoon Pickup times & Supervision:

Staff supervision after school is from 3.30-3.45pm. This is at the front of the school and all students waiting to be picked up must remain there, supervised by a Staff member until picked up by a family member. Students cannot linger in the playground area after school as this area is not supervised. Any student still at school by 3.45pm will then wait in the office area and a parent will be contacted. We do remind parents that should you be running late, please contact the office to advise and avoid unnecessary worry for your child. If work commitments require later pickups, we recommend contacting OHSC Camp Australia, as this may be an option for your family. If you need to discuss, please call our office.

#### **Communication:**

Clear communication is vital and our key channels of communication are Operoo, SkoolBag, Newsletter, Bulletin & SeeSaw. Please regularly check on all forms of communication, particularly when receiving notifications for Operoo or SkoolBag information, and each Thursday for our Newsletter or Bulletin.

#### Safety:

A reminder that students not come into school in the morning carrying hot drinks up the driveway and across the yard. This presents a safety issue in the event of hot liquid spilling onto themselves or another child. Please DO NOT allow your children to come into school with a hot drink in their hands for this safety reason.

# **CAMP AUSTRALIA**



#### Guiding children's growth

# Virtual Information Sessions

Join us for a free virtual information session to find out how Outside School Hours Care can help your family, and how Camp Australia can guide your child's growth.

These virtual, informative, and interactive sessions will provide insight into how OSHC at Camp Australia operates. The team presenting will discuss programs that are offered, registration and booking process, billing, Child Care Subsidy and more.

### Sessions

Tuesday 21 February 7:00pm AEDT

Thursday 23 February 1:00pm AEDT



To register free for a Virtual Info Session, visit www.campaustralia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions

If you would like more information regarding Camp Australia's services but cannot attend any of the above sessions, please feel free to visit your service and speak with your friendly Coordinator; or you can send us an email at <u>oshc@campaustralia.com.au</u>.



Your OSHC. Tailored Out of School Hours experiences.

Find out more



### **Register with Camp Australia**

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now free



# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## 2023 Father/Special Person and Son Camp

25-26 March 2023 YM<mark>CA</mark> Camp Manyung - 35 Sunnyside Road, Mount Eliza

A weekend of fun-filled activities including flying fox, giant swing, ropes course, tree climb, campfire and more...

We are currently taking expressions of interest for those who wish to attend the annual Father/Special Person and Son Camp. Please email your details (name, and number and year levels of children) to <u>stdomsfsc@gmail.com</u> by 24 February 2023 to secure your place.

Indicative cost for father and first child is \$350, second child is \$150 and third child is \$80 but this will be subject to final numbers and momento.

Please note: 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/special person.

> Contact: Taka Mapfumo 0431 228 313 Bruce Phillips 0433 942 238

#### Bring out the best in your child with singing. Enrolments for 2023 with the



Australian Youth Choir are now open to boys and girls from 8 years of age.



A great opportunity to develop singing, build confidence, self-esteem and make new friends in 2023.

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

#### AUDITION NOW FOR 2023 EMAIL OR CALL TO LEAVE MESSAGE

office2@niypaa.com.au or 98362877 Take your child's singing from the

shower to the stage!

Visit our website <u>www.niypaa.com.au</u> er Australian Youth Choir is a division of National Institute of Youth Performing Arts Australia (NIVPAA) ARV 25 (007 134 69







### Xavier College Scholarships & Bursaries for 2024

- Academic excellence scholarships
- Music excellence scholarships
- Boarding scholarships
- Bursaries (means-based)

Priority and preference will be given to applications from students in Catholic Parish Primary Schools.

Applications close: Friday 17 February 2023 Scholarship testing: Friday 24 February 2023

Visit our website to learn more xavier.vic.edu.au or email admissions@xavier.vic.edu.au



**OPEN DAY** 

Bookings required |Tours and Presentation Register at **whitefriars.vic.edu.au** 156 Park Road Donvale Vic 3111 Belong, Believe, Become.



## Come join St. Dom's Tennis Club

- Open to players of all levels, for social play, night competition, seniors or juniors
- Very affordable annual membership fees
  - 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 too.
- New members very welcome, especially from school
- Contact president Peter Davy, davyp@bevwill.cpom.au or 0417 142 464

