

# St. Dominic's Primary School Camberwell East



#### **School Newsletter No. 11**

#### Thursday 27th July, 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.



#### **Prayer**

#### Grandparents are God's Gift to us all

Each year on 26th July, we acknowledge the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne (grandparents of Jesus), and we celebrate them and look to them as role models for all grandparents.

This feast day is a day when we honour and thank all grandparents for the significant blessings & contributions they make to our lives. May we thank them for the many gifts they have given us and the love and care that they share with us.

We Pray....





For all grandparents: that their presence be a sign of God's love for their grandchildren. We pray that the memories they share help younger generations connect with their family story.

For all grandparents: may they continue to pass on their faith and the wisdom of their life experiences. For grandparents helping to raise young children: that their love and commitment be recognised and supported by those around them.

For grandparents we share our lives with: may they be blessed in the affection and gratitude of their grandchildren and always blessed with respect and love.

For children without grandparents in their lives: that they may find the love, friendship and support of seniors in our school and parish community.

For those grandparents who have died: that their families will be blessed with the precious memories of their loved ones.

We pray to the Lord. Lord, Hear our prayer.

## IMPORTANT DATES St. Dominic's School Google Calendar

- Thursday 27th July- Sunflower Kids Playgroup (9-10.30am)
- Thursday 27th July- Sacrament of Confirmation Retreat Day: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre & St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Friday 28th July- Swimming Lesson 2 (Years 3-6 students)
- Friday 28th July- Prep '100 Days of Prep' celebration day
- Sunday 30th July- St. Dominic's Parish Centenary Launch- see information in Parish News
- Monday 31st July- Swimming Lesson 3 (Years 3-6 students)
- Tuesday 1st August- Swimming Lesson 4 (Years 3-6 students)
- Wednesday 2nd August KABOOM & St. Dominic's Day celebrations
- Thursday 3rd August- Sunflower Kids Playgroup (9-10.30am)
- Friday 4th August- Swimming Lesson 5 (Years 3-6 students)
- Saturday 5th August- Feast of St. Dominic
- Weeks 5-6: Prep & 1/2s Swimming (dates & details sent to families next week)
- Tuesday 8th August- Feast of St Mary MacKillop
- Tuesday 8th August- Year 3/4s Hooptime
- Wednesday 9th August- Year 5/6s Hooptime
- Thursday 10th August- Sunflower Kids Playgroup (9-10.30am)

#### Save the Date!

St. Dominic's Italian Festa is back in 2024!



Saturday 2nd March 2024



### The 'Buzz' of our community!



#### Parents & Carers,

There is a certain 'St. Dom's Buzz' in the air!!!! All P-6 students have been happily immersed in their learning, sharing their achievements with parents at our Student Led Conferences this week, engaging in Inquiry-based learning, exploring new ways of structuring their writing, trying new Maths strategies, challenging themselves physically and academically. We are so proud of every one of our students, particularly for the ways that they have settled into Term 3, welcoming our new students and always 'Letting their Light Shine'.

Our Prep students have been counting the days until they celebrate 100 Days of Prep!! No-one parties harder than excited, clever Preps.... They are superstars and we look forward to sharing their celebrations with you in our next newsletter. We've recently commenced our Footsteps Concert program, our Year 6s are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and we have celebrated many many sporting achievements.

Special thanks to our PFA, who held the Trivia Night event last week. It was a very successful event, filled with fun for parents which we all know is always a positive! Thanks for bringing our parent community together.

We will be celebrating St Dominic's Day next week, with a day of fun on Wednesday 2nd August. This will include a liturgy in the morning and activities learning about St Dominic. We also have Kaboom during the day which is a tabloid sports experience full of fun and engaging activities. Students are invited to wear black and white on the day for a gold coin donation which will go to our St. Dominic's Parish Vinnies Appeal.

Let's keep the Buzz of our community humming!

Thank you for your support and our partnership.

Mrs Natalie Kenny - Principal

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## **Parenting Matters.....**

# This week, International Self Care Day was recognised worldwide.

As the adults in the lives of our St. Dom's students, each one of **us** can enhance our resilience, productivity, and overall quality of life by investing time and effort into maintaining our OWN mental well-being.

When the focus is so often on the 'little ones' in our lives, it is easy to sometimes overlook our own mental health.

Here are reminders to nourish your own mental health, happiness and fulfilment and find ways to support others in your families and our school community......

Reach out to our Staff for support as needed.

Your self-care is critical to the care of your families & we are here for you too!







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### Stars of the Week!

# ★ CONGRATULATIONS ★



# District Champs win Division Championships

A huge congratulations to St Dom's 5/6 soccer team. After finishing on top of the GIDSSA Soccer ladder they progressed to the Division finals which were played at Hislop Park, North Balwyn on Tuesday 25 July. The team was undefeated on the day, finishing top of the Division Ladder, progressing to the Regional



Championships to be played on 16 August. A big thank you to Mr Frank Stokes and Taka Mapfumo (Lloyd's dad) for coaching the team. Wishing our Soccer stars the very best of luck for Regionals.



# State Championships WOW! What a Champ, Aimee!

Aimee was 42<sup>nd</sup> out of almost 90 athletes in the 9 and 10yr old 2km event. Given Aimee is only 9, she will be eligible to race in the same age group again next year.

We are all so very proud of her and Aimee absolutely loved the experience. She had a grin from ear to ear all day!

### Our SUPER Star Basketballers, off to State Championships!

#### We are proud of you, Josh & Maddy!

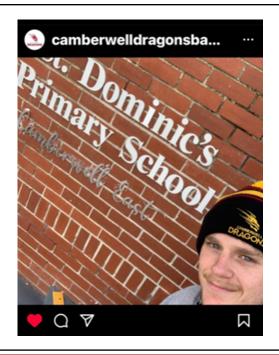
Congratulations to Maddy and Josh, who's 3x3 basketball teams qualified for the State Championships to be held later this year.







We wish you and your teams the very best for the State!



#### CAMBERWELLDRA... Posts

camberwelldragonsbasketball Thanks for having us, St. Dominic's Primary School, and great to see you again!

Camberwell District Basketball
Association Community
Development Officer Ben Crowe
went back to school with the
students at St. Dominic's last
week, and enjoyed the
opportunity to catch up with some
familiar faces and meet some new
friends as well.

The two-day visit and series of clinics was part of the CDBA's Term 3 Schools program. To find out more about what we're doing with the schools in our area, contact Ben at: ben.crowe@camberwellbasketball



### **Sacrament of Confirmation**



On Thursday 27th July, our Year 6 students and candidates from St. Dominic's Parish, experienced their Sacrament of Confirmation Retreat Day. We had a full day of learning & immersion, visiting Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, Fitzroy Gardens and St. Patrick's Cathedral. We look forward to sharing this experience with you in our next newsletter, as well as further learning as we near the receiving of this Sacrament in late August.











## Introducing our 'super special' Specialist Teaching Team

## Carmela Dilorio Italian teacher

Ciao a tutti!

Mi chiamo Carmela Di Iorio. Sono la maestra d'Italiano da 15 anni.

St Dominic's è una scuola fantastica!

Lo staff è simpatico, gli studenti sono bravi, intelligenti e cortesi. St Dominic's è una grande famiglia felice.

Il mio club di football AFL.....CARLTON!



#### Catherine Archibald Visual Arts teacher

I love working at St Dominic's and having the opportunity to see everyone from Prep to Year Six in the Art room each week! Such creative beings! We are lucky to have such a beautiful community at St Dominic's.

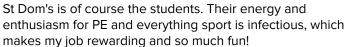


I am really enjoying getting to know lots of 'little people', mums. dads and grandparents at the Sunflower Kids' playgroup on Thursday mornings! Such fun!

I have also been introduced to lots of families' dogs after school! An extra bonus for me! I love dogs! I have two Whippet girls at home...Lila And Sabine.

# Maria Mitchell Physical Education teacher

Hi, I am Maria Mitchell. I teach PE and organise the sporting events we have at St Dom's. This is my second year here and I thank everyone for warmly welcoming me into this lovely community. One of my favourite things about being at

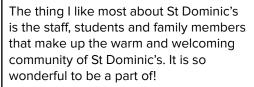


I am the mother of three human teenagers, who keep me very busy, and a cute cavoodle - Rocky, who has already met and been cuddled by some of you.

I am a crazy Pies supporter and am very happy they have been going so well this year. It is exciting to discuss the footy results with the many other clever Magpie fans here at St Dom's . I think I will ask Mrs Kenny to have a School Party if they win the Flag this year.

#### Sarah Iwaniw Library teacher

My name is Sarah.





I grew up in Adelaide, so I barrack for the Mighty Adelaide Crows! How good were they last weekend?!

I have a black English Cocker Spaniel named Penny, who is 7 years old. She is a very spoiled doggy who sleeps on the end of my bed with a pillow - she thinks she's a person!

# **Master Plan 2023**

#### Master Plan 2023- Preparing for our future/ 'Let our Light Shine':

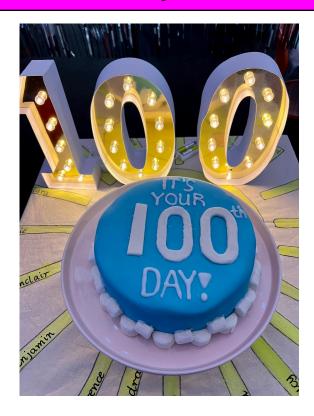
We have very recently initiated support from Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) Infrastructure and Capital Funding team, who will guide us through the process of completing our educational brief, appointing an architect, and completing a Master Plan in preparation for applying for a funded Capital Grant in October 2023.



- The proposed project is for the upgrading of our facilities and some necessary refurbishments.
- St. Dominic's project team will take a long-term, holistic overview when determining future property needs, and a master plan is an effective way to do this.
- A master plan is a 'blueprint' or plan of the desired future configuration of our school's facilities, and a means to communicate goals for the future and how we will achieve them.
- Our educational brief will be the reference document when determining goals and measuring performance.
- Architect Site inspections & Interviews- in Weeks 3- 6, then appointment of architect
- Priority on classroom refurbishments, redevelopment of hall & art room, staged upgrade to main office

We look forward to consulting with our community and sharing the progress of this work in the coming months.

# Prep 100 Days of Prep! Stay tuned for more FUN in our next newsletter







## **Performing Arts Program: Footsteps Concert**

St. Dominic's School Concert season is here!

We are working with the team at Footsteps for our School Concert this term. They run a well-renowned Concert Program, which involves a weekly session with their staff who choreograph students.



All of our P-6 Classes will take part in these sessions throughout Term 3.

- Our School Concert will be performed on Monday 11th September, at Salesian College, Chadstone
- Our concert theme is, 'Amazing Race around the World', which will showcase culture and dance from around the globe, along with a witty script and opportunities for some older students to have spoken/Host parts.
- Parents, you are invited to assist in sorting and sourcing costumes suited to our 2023 concert.
   Please notify our office if you are willing to assist.



#### **NAPLAN**

Naplan results for 2023 are now available for parents and the school. Parents and carers of students in Years 3 and 5 received the results for their child/ren on Thursday. Staff have begun analysing the data, exploring trends in question accuracy and difficulty as well as using the data to inform learning and teaching for the remainder of the year.

While this is still in its early phase, initial analysing has shown that the students in Years 3 and 5 have performed extremely well, with the majority of students sitting in either the 'Strong' or 'Exceeding' bands. What a great outcome and a result of all the hard work carried out by the students and staff.

## St. Dominic's Bullying No Way! Day Competition



The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (Bullying No Way Day) theme is '**Growing Connections**'.

This year, we ask all students of St Dominic's to join our competition! This competition is connected with our STEM and Digital Technologies and it shows how wonderfully St Dominic's combats bullying and is a friendly, kind and safe place for ALL to be included!

What: Create a temporary logo for our school! The logo must include 'St Dominic's' and a connection to the theme of 'Growing Connections'. This logo will be used around the school, in our newsletter, included in all teachers email signatures, AND on the school website!

#### **Due by: Friday 11th of August**

How: You can create your logo design in ANY way you would like! Get inventive and imaginative. You might like to use design tools such as Canva or Photoshop, you might use Google Slides! You might plan and build a 3D physical logo that can be photographed, you can draw or illustrate your logo and take a picture to be uploaded!

\*\*All logos are to be sent to Miss Trapani - <a href="mailto:strapani@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au">strapani@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au</a>

#### St. Dominic's Parish News



St Dominic's Parish of Camberwell East invites everyone to celebrate this year's patronal feast day.

This year's feast day will be the pre-launch of the Parish Centenary Celebration (2023-2024).

- Parish Morning Tea after the 9:30am Mass
- Commissioning of the new Parish Pastoral Council at the 11am Mass
- . Parish Luncheon after the 11am Mass
- Solemn Vespers at 7.00pm

The new Parish Website will be launched at the Morning tea and Luncheon.

ALL WELCOME



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2023

Each year, our Winter Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society We thank you for your generous support over the past 12 months and we hope to again achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community.

Over the past six months, the Society has provided over \$5 million in material assistance, including food, clothing, furniture and financial support, to families and households in need throughout Victoria. Your Conference of Camberwell East over the last year made 335 visits mainly to social housing in South Melbourne to provide over \$45,000 in food and clothing assistance in addition to help with utilities debt, furniture and education expense's

One disturbing aspect of our work today is that older women are becoming homeless in record numbers, up 37% over the past decade, almost double the growth rate for people experiencing homelessness in Australia over the same period.

However, the problem is likely to be hugely under-reported, as many will stay with their children or friends, live in their car, or stay in unsafe relationships to avoid sleeping rough where they spend the night in fear of violence

Research shows that most of these women – mothers, sisters, aunts and grandmothers - have never been homeless before. For many of these women, homelessness is triggered by a crisis such as the death of a spouse, divorce, serious illness, rent increase or eviction. Intimate partner violence or elder abuse also lead to older women being forced to flee their homes. But at the heart of all homelessness – including for older women – is poverty

They've cared for others now we should make sure they are cared for in their time of fear loneliness and despair.

Please do so by donating to SVDP Society via our Camberwell East Conference

online via

https://my.fundraiseforvinniesvic.org.au/vinnies-winter-appeal-2023/camberwell-east-conference

or calling 13 18 12 and quoting Conference No 402

or Scan the QR Code to access the weblink





# **Family Communication**

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

As from 1 May, 2023 Skoolbag moved to a new brand - Audiri (Meaning - to be heard). Audiri is a free



app helping parents, schools and the broader community stay connected. At St Dominic's, we use this tool for communicating from the school to families for alerts, newsletters, calendars.

Parents will simply need to update their Skoolbag app.

We use Operoo to collect data that has previously been requested in hard copy. Operoo is an electronic form system that will automatically



collate medical and emergency details which makes this important information instantly available to authorised staff via computers, smartphones and tablets. We also use Operoo to send e-forms, excursion forms, permission forms etc.

\*\*Operoo allows only one 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 sometimes specific messages for your class.



#### Whats App

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



## **2024 Enrolments at St. Dom's**

#### • We are saving a Place for YOU! •

\*Please click here to complete an enrolment form, for all new St. Dominic's enrolments\*

We look forward to welcoming all new students and their families, as they begin their educational journey with us at St. Dominic's Primary School.



#### PFA

# SDNC







# Our 2023 St. Dom's PFA Trivia Night Champions!

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who supported this event & especially to our PFA for coordinating this brilliant community event!

## **Camp Australia**

**Outside School Hours Care** 

#### Newsletter

24/07/2023

St. Dominic's Primary School











A message from your Coordinator

Some highlights from last couple weeks. It was great to see James, William and Eva playing with their friends at CA. Ivy and Poppy played catch and hot potato, Ellie, Amelia and Sophie enjoyed floating chalk activity and drawing with chalks, while Freya, Declan, Henry, Rebecca and Madeline enjoyed making and playing with slime. Outside, Sadie and Henry enjoyed imaginary play while Macy, Ellie, Amelia and Sophie played basketball against Haruka. We are also working on an art project for National Principal Day. See you all before and after school





### Activities coming up

- Tidy the Yard
- Hide and Seek Object
- Playdough Animal

#### Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

#### Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at <u>pp.campaustralia.com.au</u> or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.







Find out more and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au

## **Chess Coaching**





### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



#### Boroondara Library Service: Wurundjeri Storytime



Join us on Friday at 10am for our monthly online Wurundjeri Storytime with Rebecca.

Class groups are welcome to join via the Microsoft Teams link below. You are also welcome to share the event with families who don't attend your service on this day.

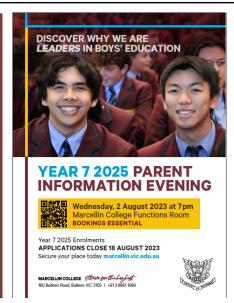
https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/events/wurundjeri-storytime

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

<u>Click here to join the meeting</u> - Meeting ID: 486 396 467 248

Passcode: KAehXn - <u>Download Teams</u> | <u>Join on the web</u>





#### **YEAR 7 2025 INFORMATION NIGHT**

De La Salle College Twerton Campus 1318 High Street Malvern ENTER WA GATE BJ

Enquiries: Admissions Team Ph. 03 9508 2100 enrolment@delsaile.vic.edu.au





#### Thursday 20 July at 7pm

De La Salle College invites you to attend the Year 7, 2025 Information Session. This session will provide you with important information regarding the enrolment process and what your son/s can expect in Year 7, 2025 at De La Salle College.

This session will focus on our personalised pathways and transition from Primary School.

Students are encouraged to attend

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