

# St. Dominic's Primary School Camberwell East



### **School Newsletter No. 19**

### Friday 8th December, 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.

# **End of Year Reflection**

Gracious God,

May we who have been blessed in this 2023 school year,
Remember that you are with us always, Sharing in our joys and challenges,
Caring for us and protecting us on our journey.
Help us to be grateful for all your blessings Which come to us through one another,
And in the love of those whom you send To share the journey with us.

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

#### **DECEMBER:**

- Friday 8th December- Year P-4 Pantomime Incursion
- Monday 11th December- Semester 2 Student Reports available to parents
- Monday 11th December- Circus Performance (all invited- Veritas Hall at 2.30pm)
- 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 (all welcome) & all Years P-5 students finish at 3.30pm

#### JANUARY 2024:

Tuesday 30th January- all Year P-6 students commence Term 1 (Preps finish 1pm)

### **Save the Date!**

Back to School for 2024: Tuesday 30th January

Prep 'Stay at Home' days: Wednesday 31st Jan & Weds 7th, 14th & 21st Feb. 2024

Welcome Mass & Family BBQ: Sunday 11th February

Italian Festa 2024: Saturday 2nd March

### St Dom's Community Christmas Market & Carols



What a magnificent celebration of learning, community and being together!! Thank you all so much for being with us and we had almost every student with someone from their family, which was wonderful!

Our students showcased the products of their learning and the sales of products have raised well over \$1000 (exact total TBC).

Proceeds will be shared between our donation to Kopanang

Proceeds will be shared between our donation to Kopanang Community Trust, as well as to purchase additional STEM resources to support student learning in 2024.

Thank you for bringing the Christmas spirit to St. Dominic's! Christmas Carols 2024 is already in the planning!



### **2024 Family Buddies**

Parents & Carers, In 2024, we welcome several new families into our school community. Our 'Welcome to St. Dom's: Family Buddies' initiative, is a way that you can support these families as they settle into school life and our community. If you are willing to be a 'Family Buddy' and connect with a new 2024 family (either beginning Prep or students commencing

in other levels), please email office@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au Thank you!

## **2024 Staffing**

| Staff Member        | Role/s   |  |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Natalle Kenny       | Principal  |  |
| Helen Anania        | Deputy Principal, Learning & Teaching Leader, Maths Leader             |  |
| Jenny Levitan       | Student Wellbeing Leader & Learning Diversity Leader                   |  |
| Jen Sinclair        | Prep Class Teacher   |  |
| Sophle Miezis       | Year 1/2M Class Teacher  |  |
| Chrls Karalls       | Year 1/2K Class Teacher  |  |
| Sarah Trapanl       | Year 3/4T Class Teacher, DigiTech Leader (Thurs) & STEM                |  |
| Frank Stokes        | Year 3/4T- Thursdays: DigiTech Leader release                          |  |
| Leanne Lee          | Year 3/4L Class Teacher  |  |
| Sarah Perronnet     | Year 5/6PH Class Teacher & RE Leader (Thursday)                        |  |
| Llly Homes-Smith    | Year 5/6PH Class Teacher (Thurs/Friday) & 5/6 Literacy support teacher |  |
| Tom Gorman          | Year 5/6G Class Teacher & Sustainability Coordinator                   |  |
| Jenny Box           | Literacy & Maths Intervention- Years 3-6 & Library Specialist Teacher  |  |
| Maria Mitchell      | Physical Education Teacher & Sports Coordinator                        |  |
| Carmela Dilorio     | Italian Teacher  |  |
| Catherine Archibald | Visual Arts Teacher & P-2 Literacy Support; Playgroup                  |  |
| Lyn Hunt            | Learning Support Officer (LSO)   |  |
| Jenny Stout         | Learning Support Officer (LSO) & Library Technician                    |  |
| Wendy Gagllardl     | Learning Support Officer (LSO) & Admin Support                         |  |
| Christina Victor    | Learning Support Officer (LSO)   |  |
| Andrea Connell      | Administration & Enrolments  |  |
| Karen Cummings      | Administration & Finance   |  |

<sup>\*</sup>As stated in our Bulletin last week, Vivian Dean will be on Long Service Leave throughout 2024.

We look forward to hearing of her travels and all that the year brings for Viv.

It is 'Farewell, but not Goodbye'!

### "Thank You!"

Parents & Carers.

As our 2023 school year comes to a close, St. Dominic's community has so much to be proud of and many many successes to celebrate. Through countless positive learning experiences and opportunities, our staff, students and parents have been able to 'Let their Light Shine' in so many ways in 2023. Mary MacKillop famously said, 'Never See A Need Without Doing Something About It', as this has underpinned so many of these experiences throughout the year at St. Dom's. All in our community, adults and children alike, have stepped in, stepped up, stepped out of comfort zones, stepped aside to allow others to shine, and stepped behind to support those in need. We are SO proud of our school, our community and most importantly, every one of our students.

As Principal, I am so proud and privileged to lead this school community of faith, learning & life. I thank all of our parents & carers for the ongoing partnership in the care, learning and wellbeing of each student. As we navigate these final days of the school year in all its busyness, we are here to support you as needed and to celebrate the achievements of each and every St. Dom's student. It has indeed been a year of 'Letting our Lights Shine'!

St. Dominic's community is blessed with so many who give so generously of themselves and their time:

### Thank you to ....

- Our Students To our students, your care for others, your resilience and grit, your love of learning, your strength, energy and zest for life continues to amaze us. St. Dominic's is a richer place for having every one of you in our school every day and for being such a special part of our school story.
- Our Staff Team To our truly dedicated staff, you are an inspiration to us all. Your energy and desire to provide the best education and care for our students is an absolute credit to you all. Your commitment to St. Dominic's is inspiring and it is a pleasure working with you all.
- Our Families To our parents and carers, thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child/children's learning. Each school year demonstrates to us more and more just how important the strength of this partnership is and we look forward to engaging with you all again next year.
- Our PFA Thank you for your energy and commitment to strengthening our school community and for the many opportunities our community has had to connect and to raise an incredible amount of funds this year. We see where our students get their stamina from! Bring on the Italian Festa in March 2024!
- Our SAC Thank you to each of you for your counsel, forward-thinking and commitment to our school & parish, which was always appreciated by both Helen and I throughout the year. I would also like to thank Fr Paul for being a wonderful faith leader and we are grateful for their contributions to St. Dominic's.
- To Vivian Dean who leaves us (for now!), spending 2024 following her own travel itinerary, making memories with every trip and reconnecting with family across the seas. We look forward to Viv's visits throughout the year.
- Students and families leaving St Dominic's at the end of this year, we wish you love, luck and happiness. I hope this next chapter of your journey is prosperous. Always know that while you may not be physically with us next year, you have left an indelible mark on us all, for which we will always be grateful.
- Rocky, Wendy & Frank, as well as Greg: St. Dominic's is well-supported by many people & Rocky, Wendy
  and team provide us with much support in the form of keeping our school clean, tidy and secure. Greg
  plays an important role in St. Dominic's community and we appreciate the amazing job he does, always
  with a smile and a chat, as well as knowing everyone's name!

#### **YEAR 6 GRADUATION**

On Thursday 14th December, we farewell our Year 6 students at their Graduation. Our students deserve to be so proud of all they have achieved during their time at St. Dominic's. They have been exemplary leaders and will continue to be wonderful and respectful young adults. We wish our Year 6 students all the best for the future.

#### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

A reminder that for students in Prep to Year 5, the last day of school is Friday 15th December.

On behalf of the staff of St Dominic's, I thank you for your contribution to the life of our school community and wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Yours in partnership, peace and good health,

Mrs Natalie Kenny - Principal

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# **Congratulations to our 2024 Student Leaders & Teams**

Throughout Term 4, the Year 5 students have been preparing themselves for leadership in 2024. We began the term with the ASPIRE Higher Leadership workshop led by Unleashing Personal Potential. The day incorporated team building activities where students had the opportunity to discover and put to use their many leadership qualities. Students learned about where their strengths lay and what type of leader they are - People, Prophet or Planner leader. The basis of this learning is to support and build a growth mindset, as well as to develop grit, positive wellbeing, healthy relationship skills and leadership skills.

Following this workshop, the students participated in more lessons and activities. The focus of these was to build a shared understanding of what leadership is. Using the ASPIRE Framework, students created the success criteria for a student leader. This was built upon two key areas - As a leader, who must I be and what must I do? This incorporates the key characteristics and actions of a leader. Students have then been supported in the process of learning about St Dom's leadership structure, roles and teams and how TOGETHER as a year level, they are leaders and will be a TEAM of leaders for the whole school.

More recently, our Year 5s prepared their highly-impressive speeches to our Year 4, 5, 6 students, as well as Mrs Anania, Mrs Kenny and the Year 5/6 Teachers. Following this, students submitted their endorsements for students for specific student leadership roles. Students have also selected their preferred Leadership Teams in the very important areas of school life: Faith & Social Justice, Environment & Sustainability, Arts & DigiTech.

Thanks to our Year 5/6 team and other staff who have guided students and supported this process.

We are proud to present our Year 6 student leaders for 2024!

| School Leaders                                     |  |  |   |  |  |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| Hurshul B  |  | Hudson B                               |   |  |  |
| Sports/Deputy School Leaders                       |  |  |   |  |  |
| Louis J  |  | Milla L                                |   |  |  |
| House Leaders                                      |  |  |   |  |  |
| Aquinas  | Caesarini                                | De Porres                              | Siena   |  |  |
| Jack Mc  | Edith B                                  | Alessia Di                             | Ashton M                                      |  |  |
| Faith & Social<br>Justice Leaders                  | Arts<br>Leaders                          | DigiTech<br>Leaders                    | Sustainability<br>Leaders                     |  |  |
| Aimee<br>Rebekah<br>Greyson<br>Allegra<br>Olivia D | Joseph<br>Bailey<br>Charlotte<br>Hurshul | Lloyd<br>Alexander<br>Josh<br>Nicholas | Charlie<br>Jarad<br>Sophie H<br>Eli<br>Hudson |  |  |

# **2023 Graduating Year 6 Students**

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who are leaving St Dominic's!

We wish you well at your new secondary schools. You have all been valued members of our school and Parish throughout your primary school years with us. We hope you make new friendships, as well as maintain the friendships made here at St.

Dom's. We thank you for the many contributions you have made to our school. We wish you every happiness as you embark on your secondary school journey and the many adventures ahead.



### Our 2023 Year 6 Graduates...

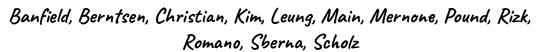
Eva A, Milly B, Cooper B, Poppy B, Madeleine B, Philippa C, Lucy C, Henry D, John E, Eve G, Eliza G, Edward K, Olivia L, Eamon M, Olivia M, Jorin M, Sofia M, Catherine M, Sophie M, Claudia P, Jovanna R, Michael R, Thomas S, Joshua S, Isabella S

### **Farewell to Year 6 Families**

**Goodbye...**We bid a fond farewell to the following families whose youngest child will be graduating from our Year 6 Class of 2023 and they are leaving St.

Dominic's school community.

We thank these families for the many years of support and contribution to the St. Dominic's community and for being part of our story!



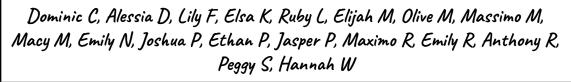


### **Farewell to Students of other Year Levels**

# Good bye and Good luck!

We farewell the following students who are leaving St. Dominic's Primary School. We wish them and their families all the best as they move from our community and transition into new schools.

You are always part of the St. Dominic's Story, and we welcome your visits!





### **Welcome to New Families in 2024**



We warmly welcome the following families to our school community, as their children begin schooling at St. Dominic's:

Aljian, De Silva, Devasia, Gasali, Hackett, Kotzapavlidis, Krishnan, McDonald, Ma, Mirchandani, O'Donoghue, Rebbechi, Schofield, Steyn,Urquhart

## **Semester 2 Reports**

Your child's Semester Two Report will be available on the nForma Parent Portal next week. We encourage you to sit down with your child, view it together and celebrate their achievements. We hope that your child/ren are proud of everything they have achieved throughout the semester. So much wonderful learning has taken place both in and out of classrooms, so many goals achieved, and stepping stones put in place for learning to continue in 2024.



Once the Semester Two Reports have been uploaded, you will receive an Operoo message saying they are available for viewing.

### You are invited to join our 2024 School Advisory Council (SAC)

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 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 SAC
- how council members can support the principal
- the appropriateness of their readiness to serve.

An information pack will be shared 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.

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If you are a member of our school community who would like to be an integral part of making St. Dominic's Primary School the best possible place for children and families to grow, learn and work together, then you are invited to join the SAC.

### **2024 School Fee Schedule**



ST. DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 2024 SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES

Dear Families

#### RE: 2024 Fee Schedule

Attached is St Dominic's School Fees and Levies for 2024.

All fees and levies are billed at the start of the school year and families of year 4-6 students are advised that the 2024 Camp fee is billed separately and must be paid prior to attending closer to date.

Parents, by enrolling your child/children at St. Dominic's Primary School you are undertaking to pay.

- School Fee (includes Maintenance Fee)
- Capital Fee
- Other Levies (listed below)

| School Fees                                     | Charged per family (1 Child)<br>Charged per family (2 + Children) | \$2,765<br>\$3,825  |
|---|---|---|
| Capital Fee                                     | Charged per family  | \$520   |
| Curriculum Levy Year P - 6                      | Charged per student   | \$585   |
| Excursion/Incursion Levy<br>Year P - 6          | Charged per student   | \$100   |
| Excursion/Incursion & Sports Levy<br>Year 5 & 6 | Charged per student   | \$130   |
| Swimming P - 6                                  | Charged per student   | \$100   |
| Camp - Year 3 & 4                               | Charged per student   | TBC – invoiced separately<br>and must be paid prior to<br>attending |
| Camp – Year 5 & 6                               | Charged per student   | TBC – invoiced separately<br>and must be paid prior to<br>attending |

#### School Fees

School fees pay for the running costs of the school to meet the difference between the actual running costs and the amount granted by the Commonwealth and State Governments. Running costs include staff salaries, printing, utilities, internet, IT services, security, maintenance of buildings, grounds and equipment, Insurance etc.

Please note, for 2024, this includes the annual maintenance fee charged per family where in prior years this was charged separately.

#### Capital Fee

Capital levy goes towards the development and improvement of the school buildings, loan repayments and new capital purchases.

#### Curriculum Levy

The Curriculum levy covers all curriculum resources such as stationery and materials for classrooms, curriculum resources, photocopying, specialist program requirements, IT such as computer leasing for laptops and ipads, booklist, software licenses and subscriptions.

#### Swimming/Excursion/Incursion/Sports Levy

These levies cover costs for swimming program, excursions/incursions and interschool sports program for Year  $5\,\&\,6$ .

#### Payment Option

We recognise that for many families, school fees can represent a significant portion of your family budget and many of our families would welcome greater flexibility around the management of these payments.

St Dominic's has partnered with specialist provider, Edstart, to make managing your school fee payments easier. Edstart offers an easy, flexible and zero-cost way for you to pay your St Dominic's school fees in periodic instalments that suit your family budget, with no credit checks.

This payment platform will allow you to spread your fees into weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments over 12 months, with the ability to choose your preferred day for when payments are made. Families will also have the ability to pay annually or termly through Edstart.

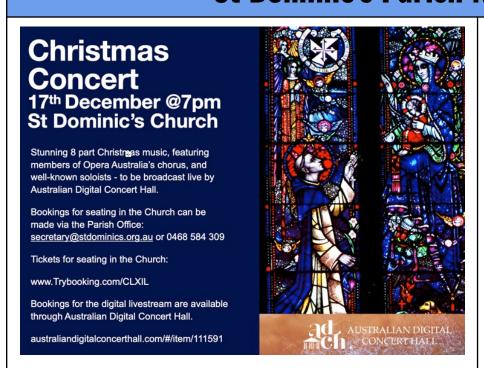
With your child's outcomes at the heart of what we do, school fees are crucial to the school's sustainability. While we put our resources into guiding and supporting our students in their learning, wellbeing and faith, Edstart are the experts in their field and are best placed to assist our families with school fee payments.

#### School fee payments via Edstart is our preferred payment option.

We ask that all new or existing families who have not yet created an Edstart account to do so before the end of 2023 school year, Friday 15 December 2023, to ensure a smooth start of the 2024 school year. For more information and to set up your account please visit <a href="https://edstart.com.gu/sdcambervelleast">https://edstart.com.gu/sdcambervelleast</a>.

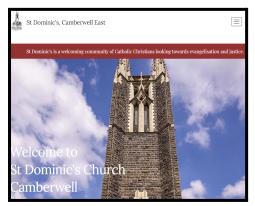
For families that already have an existing Edstart account, please note that no action is required as your account will automatically roll over into the 2024 school year.

### St Dominic's Parish News



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### **The Dominican**



# **2023 Hoop Time State Finalists**

\*\*Check out our St. Dominic's Instagram or Facebook pages for amazing photos of these amazing basketballers!\*\*

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate both of our Hoop Time Girls' teams on their success at the Hoop Time State Championships earlier this week.

On Monday, 4 December, our 3/4 Junior team - The Dream Team, played strong and exciting basketball all day. They demonstrated cooperation and determination throughout each game, finishing in a thrilling quarter final which was decided in the final seconds when they went down to the eventual State Champs by two points.

The 5/6 Senior team played on Tuesday in some very close games, against some very physical and skilled opposition. The team won its way through to the elimination final with its fast and powerful game style. The girls played with their magnificent fighting spirit all game and were ultimately beaten by 2 points in a nail biter finish.

I feel so privileged to have been able to coach both of these teams. These extraordinary girls supported each other through every game, played together as a team to follow the game plans and continued to show respect, true sporting spirit and resilience toward each other, opponents and officials during the most challenging moments. I am so proud of each and every one of them.

Thank you to all of the family members who came along to support, score and generally help out at all of the tournaments. Without your help these events can't happen and your contribution is much appreciated.

That's a wrap for 2023 – bring on Hoop Time 2024!

### **Get onto our Socials!**

### 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!

### 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!

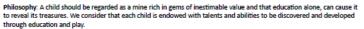
### OSHC Update - Introducing our New Provider: Beyond EduCare

2024
OSHC
enrolment
information
will be sent
to all
families
next week!



#### Beyond EduCare Empowering Children





Vision: Beyond EduCare Pty Ltd aims to provide High Quality Play Based Child Care. We endeavour for children to thrive, learn and grow to become citizens who actively contribute towards a vibrant and more harmonious local and global communities.

Our Service is committed to

- Providing a Play-based Learning Program that is both flexible and responsive to individual, family and community needs.
- A guiding philosophy and pedagogy that reflects current evidence, research and professional thinking that is guided by the core principles enshrined in National and State Learning Frameworks.
- Establishing and maintaining a strong team of qualified educators who engage in ongoing learning and reflective practice and are committed to improving outcomes for children.
- Providing quality individual and collaborative play-based learning across the entire OSHC environment.
- Promoting an anti-bias environment that is inclusive of all children, family and educators regardless of culture, language, ethnicity, beliefs, gender, social standing and ability.
- A collaborative approach to childcare that includes building partnerships with families, the school, wider community and industry professionals.

#### **Guiding Principles**

Community – Sharing in a sense of belonging.
Service – striving to always be helpful to your peers
Resilience – when encountering challenges, learning to overcome them positively
Honesty – we are truthful in what we say and do
Respect – act in a way that shows care for how your actions may impact others
Perseverance – the ability to continue on a path despite obstacles
Purpose – your own unique way of being and contributing to those around you

At Beyond EduCare we recognize the importance of the partnership between families and the service. This enables us to provide the best care for the children and offer a program that is designed specifically to meet all their needs.

We always aim to go above and beyond for the children and community and always pay attention to detail. We ensure that there is a seamless transition from school to OSHC and pride ourselves on the fruitful relationships we have with our families. We ensure that we are there to help guide newcomers through every step of the way from the enrol ment process to being able to share in the milestones their children reach whilst with us at OSHC.

Our services are all treated as a home away from home where children can feel safe and supported whilst having new exp eriences and tapping into their limitless capacities! We treat our OSHC as one big family and take pride in being able to teach life skills to the children as they learn through play. The children love it so much they end up coming back to work with us after graduating!



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### St Dominic's Netball Club





### **ITALIAN FESTA NEWS!**



### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



#### **Boroondara City Council**



#### **Public Toilet Strategy**

Help us improve Council owned public toilets in Boroondara. Have your say by 9am Monday 5 February 2024.

How can we improve your experience of Council-owned public toilets and identify where new toilets may be needed? Please share your feedback to help shape our new Public Toilet Strategy.

Find out more and complete the survey **here**.

## 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.

- <u>Double-parking</u> 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 <u>Kiss and Ride areas</u> 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.













