



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](#)

We are getting excited!

NOVEMBER:

- Friday 10th November- Grandparents & Special Friends Day
- Friday 10th November & Monday 13th November- Scholastic Book Fair (Library)
- Tuesday 14th November- Hoop Time Division Finals- Year 5/6s
- Tuesday 14th November- PFA AGM Meeting (7pm, in Veritas Hall)
- Wednesday 15th November- Prep 2024 Transition Morning 2 (9.30-11am)
- Thursday 16th November- Sunflower Kids Playgroup (9-10.30am)
- Thursday 16th November-T20 Blast Cricket Day- Year 5/6s
- Thursday 16th November- Student Discos
- Friday 17th November- Whole School Assembly: 2.45pm in Veritas Hall
- Tuesday 21st November- School Advisory Council Meeting (7pm)
- Thursday 23rd November- Sunflower Kids Playgroup (9-10.30am)
- Sunday 26th November- St Dominic's Netball Club Presentation Night (6-8pm)
- Tuesday 28th November- Year 3/4s Queen Vic Market excursion
- Wednesday 29th November- Prep 2024 Transition Morning 3 (9.30-11am)
- Thursday 30th November- Playgroup & Friends Concert (9-10.30am)

DECEMBER:

- Friday 1st December- SCHOOL CLOSURE- Staff preparation for 2024
- Monday 4th December- HoopTime State Finals- Year 3/4 Girl's 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
- Thursday 7th December- Final 2023 Sunflower Kids Playgroup (9-10.30am)
- Friday 8th December- Year P-4 Pantomime Incursion



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

Saturday 2nd March

Follow Us on Socials!
Instagram:
italianfestacamberwell

Reflection for Peace in our World

Remembrance Day (prayer from our Remembrance Day Service)

On Remembrance Day, the 11th day of the 11th month, we pause to remember those who have fought for our country, and those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

We pray..... that we value the freedoms enjoyed today and commit ourselves to creating peace in our world.

We recognise..... that peace begins in our own families, classrooms, schools and communities and begins with us.

We stand side by side.... to make a peaceful world.

God of peace, through your Son Jesus, you show us how to be people of kindness and forgiveness. Help us to be more understanding towards each other so that we may build right relationships and live with compassion and understanding.

May we be true peacemakers who want to make a difference in our world.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let's We Forget

Community of Kindness

Parents & Carers,



Tomorrow, we celebrate our St. Dominic's Grandparents & Special Friends' Day. We will gather together in prayer and celebration in St. Dominic's church at 9.15am, then our special visitors will enjoy Morning Tea and listen to our school Choir in Veritas Hall. They will then visit classrooms, and gather once again for our 11am Remembrance Day Service. This day is a special occasion for our most significant people in the lives of our students & families.

The month of November is often known for 'Movember' – when many men across Australia grow moustaches to raise awareness around men's health issues, including men's mental health. The month of November is also about kindness and compassion – with World Kindness Day on 13th November and World Compassion Day on the 28th. While no-one would argue against the importance of kindness and compassion, their role in the workplace (and in our community and the broader society) may be seen as a 'nice to have' rather than a 'must have'. Yet evidence suggests otherwise.

What is compassion? It's defined as empathy plus action. Empathy is the ability to sense and understand others' feelings. If we then add insightful and responsive action where our motivation is to assist – an authentic desire to help - then that creates compassion.

In a recent article in the Harvard Business Review, the authors discuss the vital roles of kindness and compassion:

- *Showing more compassion is associated with less likelihood of burnout. In other words, compassion can have beneficial effects not only for the receiver of compassion, but also for the giver. For those who are compassionate it can lead to a longer life by reducing risk of cardiovascular disease. It can help maintain cognitive function and contribute to our overall levels of happiness and sense of wellbeing.*
- *Those who are generous and agreeable are more likely to be promoted. Leaders who are primarily focused on the wellbeing of their employees have employees with greater reported job satisfaction and greater trust in the organisation, which leads to improved retention. It also has been linked with improved employee job performance and better team performance.*

Maybe above all, being kind and compassionate simply feels good. It opens us to the world and to other people. It connects us to each other and expands our sense of who we are. And it's important we don't forget kindness and compassion towards ourselves and our vulnerabilities.

So in November, as we think about world compassion and kindness days, take a gentle breath in, and as you breathe out, nurture a sense of gentle kindness towards yourself and those around you.

Our world needs it.

(Source: AccessEAP®)



Thank you for your support & our partnership in the care, wellbeing and learning of our students.

Regards,

Mrs Natalie Kenny - Principal

principal@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au

nkenny@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au

Grandparents and Special Friends Day



TOMORROW, Friday 10th November

9.15am- Liturgy at St. Dominic's Church, Riversdale Rd
(grandparents can sit with their grandchildren)

10-10.50am- Morning Tea, Choir Performance & classroom visits

10.50-11.00am- Remembrance Day Service

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2024 Enrolments at St. Dom's



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Parents & Carers,

'It's not too late!'

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!'

Click here to complete an enrolment form

St. Dominic's Netball Club (SDNC) News

NETFIT netball came to St Doms on Monday.

Over 80 players from St Dominic's netball club had the opportunity to train with Elite netball players from the Melbourne Vixens Kate Eddy and Jacqui Newton from the Magpies.

It was a great afternoon and one they will all remember.

St Dominics netball club has been running since 1984 and in 2024 promises to be even bigger.

If you are thinking of joining you can give it a go on Monday afternoons or come join us next year.

We welcome everyone and have teams compete from Grade 2 onwards.

Look at our website for more information : stdominicsnetball.club



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Nudel Kart Action!

The whole school has **LOVED** becoming Engineers while using our Nudel Kart! We have seen animals, cars, planes, uber helicopters, dogs, a ride on a turtle and even a 'Bath-shower-boat-water-spraying-ice-monster' named Edward!

Seeing the creativity, teamwork, problem solving and of course **SMILES** has been the teachers' favourite part!

The most common phrase we hear is "Nooo! I don't want to pack up yet!!"



Term 4 Performing Arts- 'Circus Crew' program

Our super special Term 4 Performing Arts program has us all joining the circus! Activities include juggling, floor displays, balance routines and much more!

On top of the joy of joining in, student participation boosts self-confidence and concentration levels, builds invaluable teamwork skills, improves coordination and uncovers hidden talents.



Circus Display Performance- Monday 11th December, 2.30pm

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Basketball Super Stars!

HOOP TIME

Junior Girls Dream Team ...to the State Championships we go!

At Hoop Time we experienced the excitement of a fun Regional basketball tournament. Our team name is The Dream Team and we won every game. We had so much fun because we played as a team and everyone encouraged each other. That's how we made it to State. Maddy, Ella and Emily

The day was amazing and very hectic. We got to have a whole day playing basketball!!! It was so fun. *Hannah*

It was so fun and we made it to State because we worked as a team. *Grace*

The day was a bit stressful and very tiring but we won 7 out of 7 and that made it good. *Millie*

In Hoop Time we worked as a team and cheered each other from the sidelines. We made it to State! *Lola*

The day was so fun and a boost that we won. *Lily*

The day was crazy and we made it work. We got into State. Yay, go St Dom's Dream Team! *Victoria*

At Hoop Time we worked together and helped each other when something wasn't working out. By working together, we all made it to State! *Aimee*



Scholastic Book Fair

Dear Parents and Families,

Our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, from Thursday 9-Monday 13 November.

The fair will be open for sales at the following times:

Thursday 9 November - 3.00pm-3.45pm

Friday 10 November - 8.00am-8.30am,
during grandfriends visit, 3.00pm-3.45pm

Monday 13 November - 8.00am-8.30am, 3.00pm-3.45pm



You and your child will have the opportunity to explore a huge range of affordable books, featuring characters and subjects kids love and want to read about. From newly-released books and bestsellers, to award-winning titles and perennial favourites.

This is also a great way for you to learn about and discuss your child's interests. Every book sold benefits our school, adding valuable resources to our library and classrooms.

Scholastic Book Fairs help us to show our students the wonder of reading. After all, when kids choose their own books, they will be more excited to read and they will naturally read more!

*****If you are able to be a helper, please contact our school office urgently*****

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St. Dom's Community Market & Christmas Carols Picnic

YOU ARE ALL INVITED!

On Tuesday 5th December, 5-7pm,
all St. Dom's families are invited to attend our first ever,
Community Market & Christmas Carols!

Our students have been designing & creating as part of their IBL learning this term, and their creative masterpieces will be featured and sold at our Christmas Market!

Classes will also prepare to perform Christmas Carols for you all, and families will be invited to bring picnic rugs, chairs and a light picnic dinner to enjoy.

We are very excited to celebrate learning and our community, together with you!

More details next week.....



Social Media has landed!

St. Dominic's Socials

Follow, like and share with your friends and family!

Thanks to everyone already supporting us!

FOLLOW US

Thank You for your 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!



Word of mouth and especially parent recommendations, go a long way to marketing our wonderful school to prospective families, as well as to acknowledge all that we are!

Special thanks to those parents who have been our St. Dom's advocates via their recent Google Reviews.

We are very grateful and love your positive feedback!

★★★★★ 18 hours ago **NEW**

We have been happy at St Doms with my sons education for the past 5 years. Δ
welcoming school community

★★★★★ 2 months ago

A great school and community that is welcoming and inclusive. Wonderful staff that always go above and beyond to help support children and families. A focus on growth, development and student wellbeing which I know will give our kids the tools to thrive in high school and beyond.

★★★★★ 2 weeks ago **NEW**

Outstanding school for my two sons - great educators (& Admin team), experiences and opportunities to learn beyond the standard curriculum. Highly recommended!

2024 Family Buddies



Parents & Carers,

In 2024, we will welcome many 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!

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Playgroup- Breaking News!



To celebrate our first year of
St. Dominic's Sunflower Kids Playgroup,
we are hosting a
'Little Feet Music' Concert!!

Thursday 30th November
Veritas Hall (meet at our school office)
All of our Playgroup friends, our 2023 & 2024,
Prep students & some local friends are all welcome!

Tickets for our Playgroup Concert:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CNEXG>



Art Supplies Needed!!

If any families have spare newspapers for the Art room it would be greatly appreciated. With all our creativity going on in that room, our supply is running low!!



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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

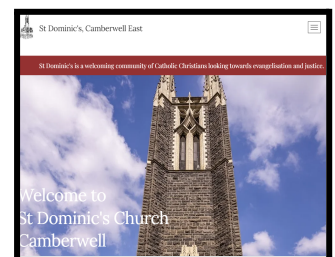
Bookings for the digital livestream are available through Australian Digital Concert Hall.

australiandigitalconcerthall.com/#/item/111591



St. Dominic's Parish
Newsletter-
Sunday 5th November
[The Dominican](#)

Have you discovered the
NEW
St. Dominic's Parish
[website??](#)



Our Beloved Dominican Saints

On November 7th, our Dominican family celebrates the feast of all Dominican Saints. That's one week after the Catholic Church celebrates All Saints Day (1 November), where we honour all the saints, whether they are known or unknown.

The image below is a contemporary illustration of holy men and women from the Dominican family gathered around the Blessed Virgin Mary. The artist, Bernadette Carstensen, wanted to pay homage to the Order's life and mission from every century, different countries, nobility, and poverty.

The blue of the sky is symbolic of Mary's veil enveloping her beloved Dominicans; this is also the reason her head is uncovered. It is meant as a reference to St. Dominic's heavenly vision of the Order sheltered beneath the Blessed Mother's mantle.

Can you identify some of these 'Beloved Dominican Saints'?



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Parenting Matters....



**your kid
and school**



Top tip for school parents right now!

Nat Matulick info@yourkidandschool.com.au

FREE Parent Webinar:

next **Wednesday 15th November, 7.30pm**

The best way to start off the 2024 school year is in **close collaboration with your school, with clear understandings of what our kids need and making sure they are getting it.**

If you have a child starting school next year and are yet to join the more than 1000 parents who have signed up for my free webinar next week, click here to register -

[free webinar](#) AND

If you have recently connected with me and don't yet follow along on social media, I highly recommend you jump over there and like or follow. I post all types of hints, tips, info and tricks to help make your child's school experience the most positive it can be

Come on over to [facebook](#) or [instagram](#) and join in!

**HELP YOUR
CHILD FEEL
HAPPY AND
THRIVE AT
SCHOOL**

Wednesday 15 November
7.30 – 8.30 (AEDT) | Online
FREE

FREE ONLINE MASTERCLASS



Inform & Empower Parent Session

PARENT WEBINAR

TACKLING TRICKY CONVERSATIONS

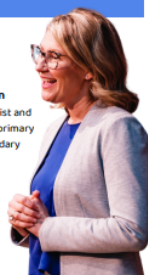
How to feel more relaxed & empowered to have those tricky conversations that are critical to your child's development.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Understanding barriers to healthy communication
- Working out "what" needs to be said and "when"
- Ideas to help you have conversations with kids who just won't talk
- How to encourage your kids to come to you when they have a problem
- Exploration of topics including sexuality, pornography, separation, death, self harm & suicide

**THURSDAY
16 NOV
7.30PM
(60 MINS)**

Carley
McGauran
Psychologist and
Mum to 3 primary
and secondary
aged kids



ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

www.bit.ly/healthywebinar3

Register to attend the webinar live &/or receive access to the replay

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www.informandempower.com.au

Please [click here](#) for link:

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PFA Update

HAVE YOU CAUGHT THE FEVER YET?



ST DOMINICS DISCO

Each child will receive:

- 1 x Zooper Dooper at the end of the disco
- 1 hour of Disco Fun and Games with



Thursday 16th November

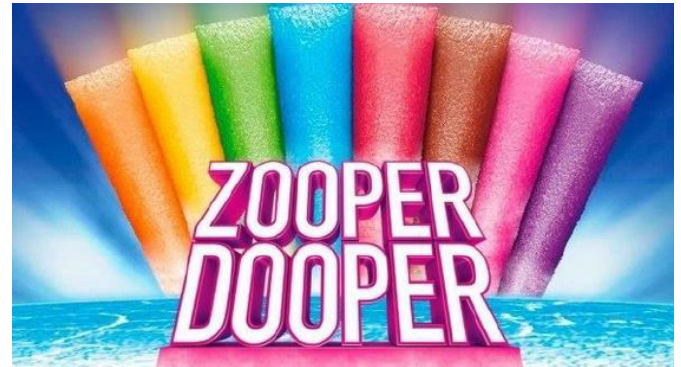
Junior disco (Years Prep – 2 / 5pm – 6pm)

Senior disco (Years 3 – 6 / 6.15pm – 7.15pm)

Tickets \$10 each

Purchase tickets via trybooking by Monday 13 Nov

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



ST DOM'S PFA ZOOPER DOOPER FRIDAYS!

\$1 EACH **20 October 2023**
27 October 2023
\$1 EACH **3 November 2023**
17 November 2023
24 November 2023

Bring cash on the Day
OR

Pre-order online:

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OSHC: CAMP AUSTRALIA

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 8/11/2023
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 CA St. Dominic's: 0428 522 449
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 Your OSHC. **ROCKETEERS**

Rubbish Robots
 Experience the fun in saving the world.
 After School Care
 13-17 November
 Book now

Highlight from week 3-5

In week 3, as it was National Nutrition Week, we discussed about eating and other important habits to help our body and mind healthy and created Healthy Eating Plate poster by cutting out magazines, writing and drawing. Declan and Hery keep creating new objects with Pldron blocks, while Freya enjoyed playing with slime. Sadie crafted toys for her pet while Macy played shop and made glitter bomb. We also spent time outside, Ivy and Poppy were playing Bounce most mornings and Declan, Freya, Henry and Sadie played cooking and hide and seek in the sandpit and played in the playground.

Next week, we are creating St. Dominic's Rubbish Robots!! Looking forward to seeing your creativity and effective teamwork 😊

Haruka



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 pp.campaustralia.com.au 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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

**Do More
Be More**



VISIT US!
Register today for an Open Morning or a College Tour

OPEN MORNING
Wednesday, 29 November
9.30am - 11.00am

SIENA COLLEGE
CAMBERWELL
A DOMINICAN EDUCATION FOR YOUNG WOMEN, YEARS 7 TO 12

Learn more at www.siena.vic.edu.au

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[LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/strikesportsco)

**STRIKE SPORTS CO
PITCH RE-DESIGN
COMPETITION**

To go into the running to win 4 new aluminium soccer goals for your school! Please see competition guidelines below:

- Find a local soccer pitch near you to re-design.
- Re-design your selected soccer field how ever you like with illustrations and a written explanation on your design!
- The best design will win four new soccer goals for your school!
- Entry will close on the 15th of November with the winning design announced on the 30th of November. Submit entries via drop off to 403a Bell Street, Pascoe Vale South or via email at team@strikesportsco.com.au



STRIKE SPORTS

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

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excellence is a musical head start

1yro singer Herbie, aged 8, Melbourne Recital Centre 2019.
Photo by Jane Kupsch.



ESC PRESENTS :
Eastern Sports Camps

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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