

St. Dominic's Primary School Camberwell East



School Newsletter No. 7

Thursday 18th May, 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 Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of this land. We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future and acknowledge their spiritual connection to Country.

Reflection



Risen Lord, You come to meet us in so many ways, hidden, but always present in our human encounters. Give us eyes to see you, open our ears to hear your voice, and our hearts to recognise your presence among the signs you give.

Amen

IMPORTANT DATES

- WSTSD- Walk Safely to School Day!- Friday 19th May (fruit supplied for children as they arrive at school 8.30-8.45am)
- Mother's Day High Tea- Friday 19th May (1.30-3.30pm)
- National eSmart Week- 'Be Your Best Self Online'- 22-26/5
- Performing Arts African Drumming Incursion- Monday 22nd May (performance for families at 2.30pm)
- GIDSSA District Cross Country Tuesday 23rd May
- Sunflower Kids Playgroup- Thursday 25th May- 9.00-10.30am
- Sunflower Kids Playgroup- Thursday 1st June- 9.00-10.30am
- Parent Webinar- Empowering Healthy Families (see advert below)- Thursday 1st June
- Sacrament of Eucharist Retreat Day- Friday 2nd June
- Sacrament of Eucharist Celebration- Sunday 4th June

NOTE: Our School Athletics Carnival date has changed to Thursday 8th June

We ask all families to regularly access our <u>St. Dominic's School Google Calendar</u>

Lighting Their Path.... For every child

Parents & Carers.

Today, I had the privilege of attending the MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools) Principal's Forum, with 300 Principals and the MACS team. I look forward to sharing further information with our parent community over the coming months, about the strategic direction of MACS and all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne as well as how we as a community 'Light the Path' for each and every one of our St. Dominic's Primary School students. What will that mean for us in our context? How can we enrich the learning experiences and outcomes of each of our students? How do we work together in partnership to form lives to enrich the world? I will leave you with both the Purpose and Vision of our MACS schools:



Purpose: Forming Lives of Faith, Hope and Love in the light of Jesus Christ Vision: Every student is inspired and enabled to flourish and enrich the world

In the context of our St. Dominic's Primary School, these are our guiding principles and underpin our work now and as we move and learn towards our future years. For more information, parents may visit MACS website: **www.macs.vic.edu.au/**

Yours in partnership, peace and good health,

Mrs Natalie Kenny - Principal principal@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au nkenny@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au

Walk Safely To School Day (WSTSD)

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS

St. Dominic's Primary School is taking part in National Walk Safely to School Day,

on Friday 19 May 2023.

Walk Safely to School Day encourages positive environmental action, better use of public transport with reduced car-dependency and encourages parents and carers to walk more, reducing dangerous traffic congestion around schools.

Being active every day, including walking to school, can help make a difference for many Australians. Whether you're a parent, teacher, or carer - everyone has a role to play in helping children and young people to lead active healthy lives.



Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids!

A piece of fresh fruit will be available for all students when they arrive at school tomorrow!

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS



FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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The objectives of WSTSD are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

For more information visit www.walk.com.au

2024 Enrolment Timeline

Closing date for applications Application to include: Friday, 19 May 2023 \$100 enrolment fee for new families or \$50 enrolment fee for families with a sibling currently enrolled at St Dominic's **Interview Dates** At St Dominic's School during the (for all new Prep 2024 enrolments) weeks of: Parent/s & Child/ren Meet n Greet with 29th May & 5th June Natalie Kenny, Principal (dates provided to newly enrolled families) & Fr Paul Rowse, Parish Priest Prep 2024 Placement offers sent Friday, 26 May 2023

Please click here to complete an enrolment form

Prep Gate

The 'Prep gate', next to our school office will be closed at morning drop off time. Prep students and their families are asked to enter their classroom via the driveway and the garden area in the mornings.

In the afternoons, parents can enter the Prep gate and pick up their children as usual.

'St. Dom's Staff 'Wear Jeans 4 Vinnies' Days!



St. Dom's Staff are 'doing their bit' to support our Parish Vinnies Winter Appeal.

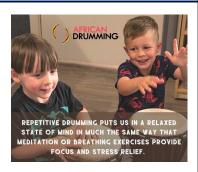
Each Friday, they are invited to 'Wear Jeans (or something denim!) 4 Vinnies'! Staff are donating to this cause, as well as bringing along any clothing which can be donated to the Winter Appeal, to help out those in greatest need of warm clothing for Winter. These will be collected by our Parish Vinnies team. In Term 3, we will be inviting school families to do the same so that collectively, we can make a difference to others in our community and beyond.

African Drumming Performing Arts Program



Our talented and very excited students will have the opportunity to showcase their learning with a performance on

Monday 22nd May, at 2.30pm in Veritas Hall.
You are all invited to attend!



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 <u>one</u> 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.



St. Dom's Social mediawatch this space!





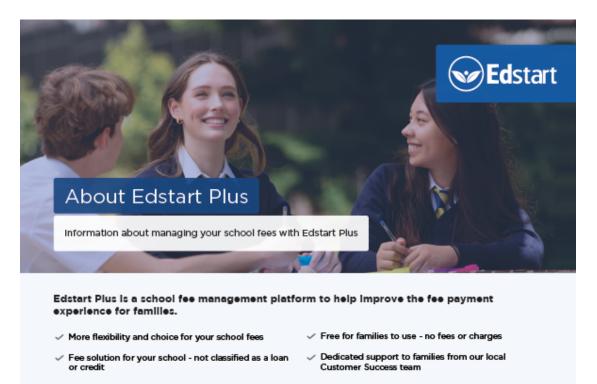
St. Dominic's Primary School Website

Edstart Communication

St Dominic's Primary School has partnered with specialist provider, Edstart, to make managing school fee payments easier and provide more flexibility to families. Thank you to the 96 families who have opened an Edstart account. All school fee payments are now paid through Edstart so it is important that all families at the school have an active Edstart account.

We ask that all families who have not yet created an Edstart account to do so by visiting https://edstart.com.au/sdcamberwelleast. There are no credit checks associated with using this service, and it is free for all families at the school to use.

For further information please refer to the Edstart Parent Fact Sheet.



How do I get started with Edstart Plus?

Set up your Edstart Plus account by visiting our dedicated website for your school (edstart.com.au/sdcamberwelleast).

After submitting your details, the Edstart team will contact you to finalise the set up of your account.

What are my payment options?

You can choose the payment option that best fits your budget by selecting your preferred payment method and schedule. You can adjust your payments at any time if there are changes to your budget.

What are the costs of using Edstart Plus?

As part our arrangement with your school, there are no fees or charges for using Edstart Plus for your fee payments.

What happens if I want to change my payments?

Simply contact us and we'll adjust your payments based on your preference. There are no fees or charges for implementing these changes.

Is Edstart Plus a loan or credit?

Edstart Plus is a solution for your school fee expenses and your payment to Edstart is exactly what you would normally pay to the school. It is not classified as a loan or credit, and no enquiry or account is added to your credit file.

Is the school receiving financial incentives to promote Edstart?

No. Your school has engaged Edstart as a partner to provide parents with as much flexibility with their school fees as possible. Your school is absorbing all transaction fees to make this possible.



ResourceSmart Schools program

We are a ResourceSmart School





St. Dominic's Primary School has joined the Victorian Government's ResourceSmart Schools program.

ResourceSmart Schools is an award-winning program, led by Sustainability Victoria on behalf of the Victorian Government, that assists schools to embed sustainability in everything they do.

The ResourceSmart Schools program provides practical support to schools to reduce resources and costs by integrating sustainability into the curriculum and sharing learnings beyond the school gate.

The program provides students the opportunity to learn about sustainability in a real-world setting – our beautiful school grounds and community.

It also complements our current St. Dominic's initiatives such as sustainability, composting, indigenous planting, solar energy, water tanks, etc. ResourceSmart Schools (RSS) offers a dedicated facilitator who can support our school to participate in the program by offering staff professional development, expert curriculum advice to apply the program themes, sustainability resources and regular communication updates.

The RSS Program includes the Core Module, followed by Energy, Waste, Water and Biodiversity resource

modules. Each of the Modules has actions to guide the school in the areas of school operations, teaching and learning and community connections. Certificates are provided for each successfully completed module. We have access to ResourceSmart Schools Online to capture all that we do on our sustainability journey. The platform provides the framework for our actions. Achieving 5 Star Certification is the pinnacle of ResourceSmart Schools and is awarded to schools that have fully embedded sustainability in everything they do, with ongoing, proven results. Our goal is to become such a school.

As always, we will provide our community with regular updates on our sustainability work through our school newsletter/website.

We will be looking to form a St. Dom's RSS Team (including some staff, parents and students) in Term 3. If you would like more information about the program or you are interested in assisting with this work, please contact our school office.

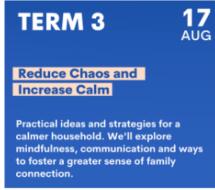
Parent Webinar Series



From **Inform & Empower**, Carley McGauran is a dynamic & engaging presenter who has built her reputation over almost 20 years working in the private and public sector. She is a practising psychologist who draws upon her experience working with children, young people and adults to ensure her presentations are relatable but also evidence-based.

Save the dates!









Register now for June 1!

www.bit.ly/1june2023

https://www.informandempower.com.au/

Inform & Empower: Digital Safety and Wellbeing

Last week, the Prep and 3/4 students participated in their second online incursion with Inform & Empower.

The focus for this session was:

<u>Prep -</u> Getting started on the Internet, Balancing screen time, Trusted adults <u>Year 3/4 -</u> Balancing screen time, Healthy digital habits, How different tech makes us feel



Hear what some of the students have to say!

<u>Prep</u>

The Internet is like a theme park because:

- The Internet and theme parks can be fun
- Sometimes we need an adult
- Sometimes things can pop up and make us feel worried, scared or confused

We chose 5 trusted adults in our lives. Ask us to show you the 'trusted adult' sign!

We can play outside when we have green time. We need to balance our screen time and green time.



Year 3/4

I thought it was great because we got to do a cool activity about 'Green Time' - Lucy

We learnt about many green time activities which you can do not only outside but inside as well - Mimmy



You don't have to always be on a screen - you have more time to play with your friends - Leo

I thought it was interesting because we learnt how to have a healthy balance with screen time and green time - Emily

Make sure you check your child's Seesaw for more parent information about these sessions!

eSmart & Digital Technologies User Agreement

Monday 22 - Sunday 28 May 2023

Featuring the theme 'Be Your Best Self Online', this year's event invites children and young people to explore what it means to be a positive digital citizen.

This year's topics include:

- What you can do and say to be positive online
- How algorithms, echo chambers, customised messaging impact our view of the world
- How to use technology purposefully
- How to use your agency to influence change in the online environment



Register now for 'Parenting in a Digital World' online webinar: Monday 22 May, 7.30 - 8.15pm 'Parenting in a Digital World' provides insight into the online worlds of young people including the latest trends, risks and research, and includes a strong focus on social media. It also offers advice parents can use to help manage a child's life online.

Book via this link:

https://www.alannahandmadeline.org.au/what-we-do/prevention-programs/esmart/national-esmart-week

Digital Technologies User Agreement

A reminder to all families of a crucial part of the Digital Technologies User Agreement, we are <u>all</u> (students, teachers and parents/carers) committed to staying informed and up to date with the latest strategies for helping our kids to be safe online.

To ensure that your child has full access to Digital Technologies at St Dominic's, please register and complete one of the following webinars facilitated by the eSafety Commissioner

(if you have not already attended one of the parent information sessions held at St Dominic's).

eSafety Commissioner Parent Webinars

https://www.esafety.gov.au/

Parents, please forward your certificate/evidence of completion to the school office

eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school

- 24 May, 7.30 - 8.00pm

Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school

- 22 May, 12.30 1.00pm
- 8 June, 12.30 1.00pm

Setting your child up for success

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school

- 31 May, 7.30 - 8.00pm



CAMP AUSTRALIA

Outside School Hours Care

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St. Dominic's Primary School



Customer Care: 1300 105 343

CA St. Dominic's: 0428 522 449



Your



A message from your Coordinator

Last few weeks, we have been going outside whenever we can and enjoyed this beautiful season. Poppy, Ivy, Madeleine, Rebecca and Henry played musical chair while Sadie document the fun moments. Sophie and Amelia have been expressing their imagination and creativity through arts and crafts activities.

My dog, Sheba, also enjoys autumn walks!

Looking forward to see you all,













Activities coming up



- Autumn leaf art: investigating shapes and colour of autumn leaves. tracing, and colouring.
- Octopus: move physically and take responsibility on our healthy body.
- Big art week 12-23 June

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 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Click here to register

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about new technology in your child's education?

No dobt you will have been hearing about new technology throug your own work, on social media or in the broader media. While it's important for education to keep up with technology, it's also critical that parents are aware and included in decisions about technology.

urne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) is preparing a Digital Ambition Plan to design outcomes and principles by which Degital Ambition Plan to design outcomes and sprinciples by which decisions will be made for new technology in Catholic schools. Parents are invited to contribute to the Digital Ambition Plan and your voice is critical to ensure that technology reflects the needs of students and school communities into the future.

to be held on Monday 22nd May from 7pm-8pm for parents of children in Catholic schools to share your views on the draft plan.

Click here to register for this online event or scan the QR Code to read



Occupational therapists work with children and young people of all abilities to supp participation at school to achieve their best outcomes from their education.

Each person is an individual, so their needs will be to.

MOIRA's occupational therapists conduct assessments to identify individual goals, strengths and barriers to learning, then recommend strategies or changes to the environment to increase a student's capacity to participate.

- · Working with children to manage strong emotions and self-regulate effectively
- Addressing sensory processing difficulties through se
- . Supporting students with additional needs to complete self-care activities as independently as possible
- Improving executive functioning skills needed to plan, focus attention, remember instructions and multitask effectively

- · Provide tailored one on one therapy with individual students
- Deliver group therapy programs with a class or small number of students
- nend, implement and monitor school-wide strategies
- Provide capacity building and coaching to upskill families and teaching s to support students

Services are currently available in within the Bayside, South, South-East

Call: 03 8552 2286







St Dominic's Netball Club IS LOOKING FOR NEW **PLAYERS NOW**

Boys and Girls All abilities welcome **COMMENCING 22ND JULY 2023 Training Monday nights at St Doms** Matches are played locally at **Ashwood on Saturday mornings**

For more information visit: https://stdominicsnetball.club/



Practical ideas and strategies for understanding, and better supporting, your tween struggling with big feelings, including anxiety.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Is this anxiety and if so, how do I best support my
- What's "normal" and what's not? Should I be worried? How do I manage meltdowns, especially anger?
- When I grew up no one really talked about feelings so
- how do I best support my tween?
- What's some resources you can recommend?

ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

www.bit.ly/1june2023

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

Carlev Psychologist and Mum to 3 primary and secondary



THURSDAY

1JUNE

7.30PM

(60 MINS)

INFORM&EMPOWER

www.informandempower.com.au



Family Week - Circle of Inclusion



Circle of Inclusion

15 - 19 May

REGISTER TODAY

www.catholiccarevic.org.au/FamilyWeek

ALL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATING FAMILIES!

The circle of inclusion is about understanding the needs of families in our school and local communities.

Family Week is a great opportunity for schools and communities to put faith in to action and help support some of the most vulnerable families. Fundraising efforts this Family Week will go towards supporting families who are most in need across Victoria and there are many. If your school is participating in fundraising for Family Week, we encourage you to support this so that all families can be supported. Watch the video from CatholicCare Victoria to learn more.



Watch Video

CSPV Advocacy - Curriculum



REVIEW OF NAPLAN FROM A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

This year the NAPLAN test was held earlier in March and a few changes were included. Monash University are conducting a small-scale study seeking views on NAPLAN 2023 from children who sat for the test this year. Australian students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are required for this short Monash University open-access survey. This project has been approved by Monash University Human Research Committee. Parents are invited to assist their children to complete this 10 minute survey. An explanation for this study is included at the start of the survey. Click on the QR Code or link below for the survey.





Complete Survey

Parent Engagement Webinar



Anne T. Henderson
Founder and Sint consultant
with the National Association
for Family, School and
Community Engagement
(MAFSCE)
Whether to DC

EVERYONE WINS!

Join three conversations with Anne Henderson focusing on the evidence for family-school-partnerships based on her new publication, spotlighting



DID YOU MISS THIS WEBINAR? THAT'S OK WE HAVE THE REPLAY!

A group of primary schools in Melbourne's West recently collaborated to engage in conversations with Anne Henderson about her new publication "Everyone Wins!". Spotlight on Children webinar included reflections of Catholic primary school students and focused on children, families and educators in collaboration. We heard from students about what is important for them when it comes to parents having conversations with them about their learning at home. Click on the link below to watch the replay. Webinar 2 in Anne Henderson's FSP seminar series will be held on Wednesday 14th June, 9:15am - 10:30am.

Watch Replay

Register Nov









