



**St. Dominic's**  
Primary School  
Camberwell East



*St Dominic's Catholic Primary School is committed to the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of Catholic education.*

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

**Newsletter No. 1**

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## REFLECTION

*Loving God, As we reconnect, work, learn, pray, celebrate and grow together,*

*May our eyes see the goodness in others,*

*May our ears be open to Your Word and the example of Jesus in the Gospels,*

*May our hearts be open to love and care of others, kindness, reaching out to those in need.*

*May St. Dominic's orange tree inspire us to ensure that the branches of our Dominican family remain rich with cultural diversity, strong in shared vision and determined to "dare to see what is before our eyes".*



## **'Growing Together in 2022!'** **(A New Chapter in our Story)**

Dear Families,

Welcome to our 2022 school year! As your new Principal, it has been such a privilege to be welcomed into the St Dominic's school community. The warmth, generosity and strong connections amongst our 'St Dom's Family' is such a blessing. The 2022 School Year has begun positively as a result of the planning and preparation of our staff, through their informed and contemporary education of our students, attention and care for student wellbeing and commitment to our community. We especially welcome new Staff members, Sarah Rak, Amanda Disilvestro, Chris Karalis and Maria Mitchell. We also welcome Sally Clarke who will support our work throughout Term 1. We are so proud of our brand new Prep students, especially the way they have settled into school life at St Dom's.

### **'Growing Together- A New Chapter in our Story'.**

Our 2022 school theme recognises that we all grow in different ways and at different times; encouraging one another builds opportunities for each individual and strengthens the life-long skills of working together. 'Growing Together' means setting ambitious personal and collective goals and striving to achieve them in all areas of life- in and out of school. In doing this, we are also embarking on a 'New Chapter in our Story' in 2022. The history of St Dominic's Primary School is a long one, and our school has been proudly educating children in our area for almost 100 years. We celebrate this every day in the ways we demonstrate and live our Dominican Charism- 'Prayer', 'Learning', 'Service' and 'Community'. Throughout 2022, our staff and students will be exploring and showing explicitly what this 'looks like' in our daily life, through our learning and developing our faith at St Dominic's. We look forward to engaging our parent community in this as we learn and grow together this year.

Last Friday 28th January during our Staff professional learning day, each staff member was gifted a succulent plant for their classroom, office or learning area. Just like these plants, our Staff are resilient, hardy, adaptable and able to thrive under often challenging conditions! Our succulents will be significant classroom symbols of growth, togetherness and resilience, and our students also will be exploring how they can 'Grow Together' in all areas of school life.

Some thought-provoking sayings about our 2022 St Dominic's theme.....

*'Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later'. (Og Mandino).*

*'If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together'. (African Proverb)*

*'I can do things you cannot; you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things'. (St Mother Teresa)*

*'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much'. (Helen Keller).*

As an educator becoming a teacher is a privilege, making a difference in the lives of students and their families is always fulfilling, and leading alongside incredible educators in our welcoming community is an honour. I thank you all, for the positive and energised start to our 2022 school year.



Mrs Natalie Kenny

Principal

St. Dominic's Primary School

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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## \*COVID UPDATES & REMINDERS\*

*Note: the following information has also been shared with all families via Operoo in the last week, and it is expected that Parents/Carers have read this. Please contact our office if there are any concerns or questions.*

*Our school is responsible for ensuring the safety of our community, and all COVID Safe measures are in accordance with current health directives and advice from MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools).*

Parents/Carers,

The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria continues to actively monitor developments, and is working closely with the Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) and Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to ensure school practices reflect current advice and support the needs of their school communities.

In order for St. Dominic's School to remain safe and open, this information outlines our Back-To-School plan and ensures all risk assessment and necessary safety measures are adhered to. All staff, families and students are expected to operate in accordance with COVID Safe measures.

#### Rapid Antigen Test kits-

- This week, Rapid antigen test kits were provided for all of our students. This first kit is for Weeks 1-2, then in early Week 3 you will receive another kit (per child) for Weeks 3-4.
- Rapid antigen testing (RAT) is voluntary for all school students and staff. It is highly recommended that all Primary school staff and students use a RAT twice weekly (on school days: suggested either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday)
- It is NO LONGER a requirement to report all Rapid Antigen test results, UNLESS it is a POSITIVE result and your child has COVID-19.
- Parents MUST not send a child with a positive COVID result to school, and immediately advise DHHS as well as email me immediately [nkenny@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nkenny@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au)
- All positive cases AND all household contacts must complete 7 days of isolation.

#### Student attendance/absence-

- All students are expected to attend school, and parent preference is not an approved reason for students to be absent due to COVID-19 (unless of course, they or a household member contracts COVID).
- Students who are required to isolate or quarantine will be supported in the same way as students with an extended absence due to illness or injury. Learning materials (St Dom's COVID Support Learning Grid) will be provided to support their continued learning. Teachers will contact you if/when this is required.
- Schools are not expected to provide a full remote learning program in these circumstances.

#### Managing positive COVID cases-

- Parents/carers MUST contact DHHS if their child tests positive to COVID-19 (via a PCR or rapid antigen test).
- Parents/Carers must immediately inform the school, either by phone during school hours (9836 8300) or written notification: [nkenny@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nkenny@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au) or [office@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au)
- Your child must stay home and isolate for 7 days and not attend school during that period.

- If isolating due to a positive result, your child must ONLY return to school if NEGATIVE and there are no symptoms after the 7 days of isolation.
- In this case, everyone in your household is a close contact and must be isolated for 7 days. Siblings of a positive COVID case MUST isolate at home for the 7 day period and not attend school.
- Where a student is a household contact of a positive case they must inform the school and isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period (eg. if an older sibling or relative who lives with you).
- In the event of any positive case/s at St Dominic's, all parents of relevant class/cohort will be notified and asked to monitor their own child/ren for any symptoms in the following days.
- Students who have a positive COVID result (as well as any siblings) will be provided with supplemented learning materials (see above).

#### Vaccination & Physical Distancing-

- All visitors attending St Dominic's, including for drop-off and pick-up, must adhere to physical distancing, density limit and face mask requirements, and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.
- All visitors who enter school buildings (eg. needing to attend the school office) must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have a valid medical exemption.

#### Pick Up and Drop Off-

- Parents/carers must adhere to physical distancing when picking up and dropping off their children. No congregating is allowed.
- Please ensure a quick drop off in the morning (ie. 'kiss and drop')
- Parents are to make use of entry points of our school- Prep students via the front P1 gate where possible, the back gate and the main driveway.
- At this stage, no parents are allowed into classrooms and we will advise if/when this changes.

#### Ventilation-

- Our Staff ensure that there is increased fresh airflow into indoor spaces (including shared spaces, staff areas and thoroughfares) whenever possible and to maximise the use of outdoor learning areas or environments

#### Air purifiers-

- The Victorian Government has now delivered air purifier units to all schools. Air purifiers have been installed and prioritised for higher risk areas, including where there are high levels of mixing of people and less ventilation.

#### Staffing-

- Learning, wellbeing and settling into the school year are of the highest priority for our students. We are mindful however, that there is potential for some staffing changes throughout this term. We assure you that minimal disruption will occur in the event of some staff being unable to attend school.

#### QR check in-

- Visitors are required to check in with a QR code when entering school buildings (eg. school office area), but not when entering the school grounds.

#### Community Events-

- Until advised, school events in the first 4 weeks of Term 1 will be rescheduled. Our Welcome Mass & BBQ has been postponed and an alternative date will be shared with you ASAP.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support, as we settle your children into the school year in a welcoming and COVID Safe way. If you have any questions, please call our office.

Yours in partnership,  
Mrs Natalie Kenny (Principal)



**We are  
SunSmart -  
Hats On!  
Remember....  
no hat, no play!**



**Slip**



**Slop**



**Slap**



**Seek**



**Slide**

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# ST. DOMINIC'S STAFF 2022

Principal:	Natalie Kenny
Deputy Principal:	Helen Anania
Learning and Teaching Leader:	Helen Anania
Student Wellbeing & Learning Diversity:	Jenny Levitan
Mathematics Leader:	Helen Anania
Number Intervention:	Sarah Perronnet
Reading Recovery/Literacy Support:	Catherine Archibald
Literacy Leader & Literacy Support:	Sarah Iwaniw
Religious Education Leader:	Vivian Dean
Office:	Andrea Connell, Karen Cummings, Wendy Gagliardi
Foundation teacher	Jenny Sinclair
Year 1/2 teacher	Jenny Box
Year 1/2 teacher	Chris Karalis
Year 3/4 teacher	Viv Dean
Year 3/4 teacher	Sarah Trapani
Year 3/4 teacher	Amanda Dilsilvestro
Year 5/6 teacher	Tom Gorman
Year 5/6 teacher	Sophie Miezis
Year 5/6 teacher	Sarah Rak
Learning Support Officers:	Maria Facchino, Annette Hayes, Lyn Hunt
Performing Arts teacher:	Trish O'Gorman
LOTE Italian teacher:	Carmela Di Iorio
Art teacher:	Catherine Archibald
Physical Education teacher:	Maria Mitchell

***Welcome to our 2022 Prep students!***



# STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2022

## Civics and Citizenship Leaders

### School Leaders

Joey  
Abby

### Deputy School Leaders

Xavier  
Liberty

### eSmart Team

Nick  
Maddie  
Isaac  
Ned

## Social Justice Team Leaders

Julia  
Sophie  
Lucas  
Amelia  
Paige  
Milla  
Penelope

### Arts Team

Edmund  
Adam  
Isabella  
Callum  
Tahlia  
Rafael

## Sports House Leaders

### Siena House Leaders

Sienna  
Isobel

### Caesarini House Leaders

Ashley  
Michaela

### Aquinas House Leaders

Will  
Mia

### De Porres House Leaders

Milla  
Charlotte



*Year 6 Student  
Leader Badge  
Presentation-  
Congratulations!*

*What is the best thing about St. Dominics ?*

### Year 1/2K students

- ❖ Art
- ❖ Sports
- ❖ Learning
- ❖ Making friends
- ❖ The building blocks
- ❖ Performing arts
- ❖ The staff, students and Principal because they are nice
- ❖ Old friendships and new friendships
- ❖ The classroom and the books
- ❖ Our tub labels
- ❖ The reading nook



## Year 5/6R students

### What is the best thing about St Dominic's?



## PARISH & RE NEWS



St Dominic's East Camberwell Parish  
ABN: 84 821 310 940  
816 Riversdale Rd, CAMBERWELL, VIC, 3124  
Tel: 9912 6870  
Email: [parish.priest@stdominics.org.au](mailto:parish.priest@stdominics.org.au)

### POSITION TITLE: SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

#### Responsibilities and regular activities:

The Sacramental Coordinator serves in a key parish position forming part of the Parish Team with the Parish Priest to prepare for the Sacramental Program.

#### Sacramental Life:

- Assists in the preparation of parish sacramental celebrations.
- Is a visible participant in Sunday masses, parish events and programs.

#### Education:

- Works with families in the parish/school for the preparation of adults/children for sacraments, namely Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion, Confirmation and RCIA.

#### Community Spirit:

- Fosters a sense of community spirit within the parish in which new members and established parishioners feel a sense of belonging to each other, the parish and the larger Church.
- Assists parish to find ways of affirming family life.

#### Qualifications:

- The successful applicant would be expected to meet the guidelines for accreditation by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

#### Other essential requirements:

- Working with children check.
- Police check.
- Reference checks.
- Safeguarding committee.

#### Additional Information:

- The position is part time, beginning with a three day working week including flexibility to work weekends (a total of approximately 21 hrs per week). Increased working hours will apply in the future if needed.
- Commencement date: early March 2022.
- Salary will be in accordance with the Archdiocese Guidelines of Terms and Conditions for Sacramental Coordinator Grade 1.
- Applications are to be emailed to [parish.priest@stdominics.org.au](mailto:parish.priest@stdominics.org.au) by 18 Feb 2022.
- For further information contact Father Peter Toan Nguyen (03) 9912 6870 Ext 300 or [parish.priest@stdominics.org.au](mailto:parish.priest@stdominics.org.au)

## Sacraments 2022

### REGISTRATION FORMS FOR YEAR 3 STUDENTS INTENDING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE SENT HOME BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK

A registration form will be given to all students participating in this Sacrament at St Dominic's Primary School. This form must be returned to the School Office on completion. Students not attending St Dominic's School can collect a form from the Parish Office. Applications close on 28th February. For further information contact the Parish Office 9912 6870 ext 310 or email [secretary@stdominics.org.au](mailto:secretary@stdominics.org.au)

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**PLAY NETBALL  
FOR ST DOM'S  
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**ST DOMINIC'S NETBALL CLUB IS LOOKING FOR  
BOYS AND GIRLS IN GRADES 4, 5 AND 6 IN 2022**

Netball is a great way to be active, play with friends and have fun.  
All abilities welcome.  
Matches are played locally at Ashwood on Saturdays, training is before or after school on weekdays at St Doms.  
Season starts - 26th February  
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### Yenpin KIT

I am currently in my 11th year of teaching Piano at St.Dominic's. An accomplished Piano and Vocal teacher with the following qualifications from London College of Music; namely, GLCM (Graduate of London College of Music), ALCM (Associate Teacher's Diploma London College of Music), LLCM (Licentiate Teacher's Diploma London College of Music)

I previously studied under the renowned Neil Immelman from the Royal College of Music, London. In addition to my school and teaching commitments, I also have experience working with the children's choir in church.

I encourage my students to sit for AMEB exams if they are ready for it and I would like to inspire my students to do their very best.

Please contact if interested:  
Kit - 0423499966  
Email - [kityenpin@gmail.com](mailto:kityenpin@gmail.com)

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