

St. Dominic's Primary School Camberwell East



School Newsletter No. 5

Wednesday 24th April, 2024



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

UPCOMING DATES:

- ANZAC Day- Thursday 25th April (School Closure Day)
- Staff Formation Day- Friday 26th April (School Closure Day)
- Sacrament of First Eucharist Commitment Masses- Sat. 27th April (6pm) or Sun. 28th April (9.30am)
- UPP- Unleashing Personal Potential Student Leadership Workshop- Year 6s- Monday 29th April
- ANZAC Service (P-5 students)- Monday 29th April, 9am
- School Advisory Council Meeting- Wednesday 1st May (7pm)
- Year 5/6s Level Mass, in St Dominic's Church- Thursday 2nd May (2.30pm)
- 2025 School Enrolment Tours- Friday 3rd May
- 2025 School Enrolment Tours- Monday 6th May
- Mother's Day Stall- Monday 6th May
- Camp Kangaroobie- Year 5/6s- Tuesday 7th May-Friday 10th May
- Annual Walk to School Day- Friday 10th May (further information soon!)

Term 2 Level Masses:

Ш	Year 5/6s- Thursday 2nd May (2.30pm)
	Year P & 1/2s- Thursday 16th May (2.30p

Year 3/4s- Thursday 13th June (2.30pm)

Parents, we ask you to regularly check on school dates, via Google Calendar, our weekly Newsletter/Bulletin, as well as via your Audiri app which is linked to the Google Calendar. If you need assistance with accessing any of this information, please contact our school office staff. Thank you

Prayer

A Prayer of Gratitude

Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father

We remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us and time of war.

We pray that the offering of their lives will not have been envying.

We are thankful while they have gone their memory lives on as in some way they do too.

We thank you that their sacrifice has enabled us to be able to live peaceful and prosperous lives.

May our lives eco that same spirit of sacrifice midship and concern for one and other.

May your grace enables us this day and into the future to dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom, and peace.

Give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world for the honoring glory of your name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen





What a start to Term 2!

Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to all families! Last week was filled to the brim with engaging learning, community interactions, sport and reconnecting after the holidays. We welcomed our 4 new St. Dom's students, Eleanora, Alice, Emilia and Hugo, who have all settled in, have been so warmly welcomed by staff and students and made new friends!

We began Term 2 with a BANG, with our Mad About Science incursion (you can read more in this Newsletter).

Our Staff have been engaged in intensive professional learning with Seven Steps to Writing Success, MACS Vision for Instruction, Semester 1 Reporting and the pilot, Mission Ambassador Program.

All students gave their very best at our House Cross Country Carnival last week also and we congratulate Caesarini for coming 1st place, as well as Siena House for winning our annual Spirit Award.

Last week we also welcomed 6 prospective families for school enrolment tours, with another 8 visiting our school next week. Principal for a Day was a hit with everyone at St. Dom's last week and I know Principal Iggy worked very hard all day & was exhausted!

We are so proud of each one of our St. Dom's students, who have commenced their Term 2 learning with eagerness and a 'can do' attitude. We will gather together to commemorate ANZAC, next Monday 29th April. I wish you a wonderful weekend ahead, with our Closure Days- ANZAC Day, Public Holiday tomorrow, Thursday 25th April, then our School Closure Day on Friday 26th April.

Thank you for your commitment to our community, our partnership, our educators, and for your ongoing support.

Mrs Natalie Kenny - Principal

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Principal for a Day- 'Principal Iggy'!! What a Day!













"Hi, Principal Iggy here!

I was very tired after the special day and I had lots of fun!

My friends and I ate cookies at recess time in the staff room. This was pretty cool!

It was always my dream to speak on the microphone and it came true!!

It was a special treat to go to Dish & Spoon for lunch with my family. Mrs Kenny and I organised an assembly, which we had in the hall. I had a very tired voice at the end of the day because of all that speaking! I finished my work for the day and I was all puffed out!

Thank you for letting me be your 'Principal for the Day'!"

Prep Gate



Families.

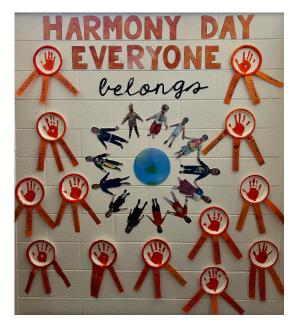
Commencing next Monday 29th April, our 'Prep gate' next to the school office, will be closed at morning drop off time. Prep students and their families are asked to enter their classroom via the driveway and garden area in the mornings.

There is no teacher supervision in the Prep playground in the mornings, so keeping this gate locked is a safety issue (especially as this space faces the street).

Each afternoon, Prep parents can enter the Prep gate and pick up their children as usual.

Note- on wet weather days, Jen Sinclair will meet you under the covered walkway area, at the start or end of the day.

LEARNING ABOUT 'HARMONY DAY' & CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN OUR COMMUNITY



A beautiful display from our caring and friendly Prep students!

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity, With a focus on inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.



TERM 2 ASSEMBLY DATES

WEEK 3: FRIDAY 3rd MAY- Year 3/4s Level Assembly (venue TBC) WEEK 4: FRIDAY 10th MAY- NO Assemblies- Year 5/6s on Camp

WEEK 5: FRIDAY 17th MAY- NO Assemblies- Mothers Day High Tea in Veritas Hall

WEEK 6: FRIDAY 24th MAY- WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- "Principal for a Day'- 2.45pm in Veritas Hall

WEEK 7: FRIDAY 31st MAY- Year 5/6s Level Assembly- 2.45pm in Veritas Hall

WEEK 8: FRIDAY 7th JUNE- NO Assemblies- P-6 School Athletics Carnival

WEEK 9: FRIDAY 14th JUNE- WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- 2.45pm in Veritas Hall WEEK 10: FRIDAY 21st JUNE- Year P-2s Level Assembly- 2.45pm in Veritas Hall

WEEK 11: FRIDAY 28th JUNE- WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- 12.00pm in Veritas Hall (students finish at 1pm)

This week's 'GEM' Award Winners....

We are SO proud of this week's GEM recipients!



Aimee T 5/6 PH - For always showing gratitude towards her peers and for her learning

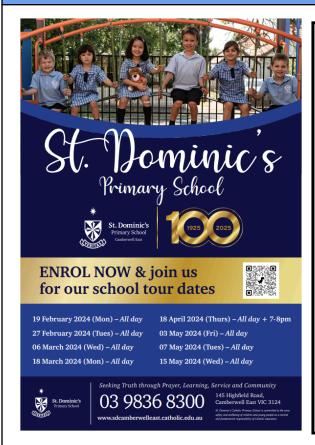


Maggie B 1/2 M- For always being a wonderful friend to everyone around her Teddy B 3/4 T- For always showing gratitude & respect towards teachers and peers

Audrey W 3/4 L- Her willingness to help other students Reeva K Prep- For being a kind friend

Well done to these kind and considerate students.
What a joy and a gift it is to show GEM towards others

2025 Enrolments at St. Dominic's



2025 PREP ENROLMENT ROADMAP		
2025 Enrolment Information Evening This meeting is primarily for those seeking 2025 Prep enrolment, however families looking to enrol their child/ren at other year levels are most welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, parents can book via the event on our website	Thursday 18th April- 7pm	
Closing date for 2025 enrolment applications: Application completed online & must include \$100 enrolment fee for new families or \$50 enrolment fee for families with a sibling currently enrolled at St. Dominic's	Friday 24th May, 2024	
Prep 2025 Placement Offers sent	Friday 31st May, 2024	
Prep 2025 Placement Acceptances due back	Friday 14th June, 2024	
Meet & Greet dates (for all new Prep 2025 enrolments) Parent/s & child/ren Meet & Greet with Natalie Kenny - Principal & Fr Paul Rowse - Parish Priest	Meet & Greet held at St. Dominic's school, during the weeks of: 3rd June, 10th June, 17th June 2024	
Welcome to St. Dominic's Community Welcome & Light refreshments for all new 2025 parents, in Veritas Hall - 7pm	Thursday 24th October - 7pm	
Prep Orientation Mornings For all Prep 2025 students & Parents invited to attend Welcome sessions during these times	Wednesday 30th October, 2024 Wednesday 20th November, 2024 Wednesday 4th December, 2024	

PREP ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE!!

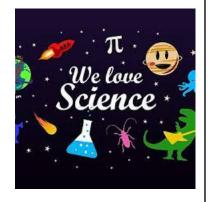
Our Staff LOVE this time of year when the official 'Staff Portraits' are unveiled!



LEARNING & TEACHING IN TERM 2

This term's learning started with a (literal) bang, as our friend, Ken from Mad About Science immersed us in the science of air, electricity and fire. We make some super static electricity with our Van der Graaff Generator. There are levitating beach balls, flying toilet paper, flour fireballs, and hair-raising electricity. Learning in this engaging area of Science has continued in classrooms as each level explores the physical sciences of heat, motion, light and sound.

Our Inquiry-Based Learning focus for this term is Innovation and Discovery. The P-2 students are investigating what technology they might use in the future and began their learning by watching an episode of 'The



Jetsons' (a blast from the past for some of us). The 3/4 students are exploring whether progress is always positive and 5/6 students are investigating the impact that innovations and inventions have had on society. To support our Inquiry-Based Learning, the whole school will be visiting the Lume in Melbourne for the da Vinci exhibit. Stay tuned for more details.

The Religious Education focus is morality and justice and our Year 4 students have begun preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion later in the term.

In Mathematics, teachers are collaboratively planning a unit of work focusing on two-dimensional shapes and transformations, using rich assessment tasks to collect data on what students already know and what misunderstandings they might have. The unit of work, created for each level will be custom-made to support the learning of each student. Location, time, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division will also be covered this term and reported on in the Semester One reports.

Seven Steps to Writing will continue to drive the development of writing skills across the school. Class teachers have participated in Workshop Two professional learning to further deepen their knowledge of, and ability to provide engaging writing activities for the students. Reading groups, which offer explicit teaching and explicit questioning continue across the school, with students making gains in their reading development every day.

Our specialist teachers work closely with our class teachers in planning learning experiences relevant to the planned focus areas when appropriate. Keep an eye on your child's Seesaw platform as teachers share updates of learning throughout the term.

YEAR 6 STUDENT LEADERSHIP



This week, our Year 6s lead Monday morning flag-raising Assembly with our brand new Australian & Torres Strait Islander flags!

We are all so proud of the leadership & positive energy each of our Year 6 students bring to their leadership roles for 2024.

In our next Newsletter, we will feature their amazing acts of service in our community & all about their Student Leadership workshop.

Watch this very important space!

2024 EARTH DAY

April 22nd is EARTH DAY!!

We honour and celebrate our remarkable planet on this special day. Earth Day is recognised globally and is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us all to come together to take action for a healthier planet & brighter future for all!



SUNFLOWER KIDS PLAYGROUP

We offer 2 Playgroup sessions each week at St. Dom's!

Mondays, 2.30-3.30pm & Thursdays 9.00-10.30am

Bookings via the QR code on our posters & board at the front of the school.

We've recently welcomed many new families from our local community to our Playgroup.



Please share with friends and family.....

Thank you, from the 'Sunflower Kids Team'!





Walk Safely to School Day!



Walk Safely to School Day is an annual event when all Primary School

children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is Regular physical activity has many social, emotional, physical and mental health benefits. Walking to school is a great way to incorporate physical activity into a daily routine to support healthy development.

Also, reduced car dependency does lead to cleaner air! **

It is a good opportunity to reinforce road safety rules too *

Please support this event, together with your child, on Friday 10 May

Reminder: Smartphones/watches at school



Parents & Carers.

As per our 2024 Digital Technologies User Agreement, all devices brought to school by students must be housed in a secure box each day and stored safely in our school office.

We thank you for continuing to work with us to support students who bring these devices to school. If you have any queries, please contact our office.



PFA News!







A Message from the 2024 Italian Festa Committee:



Dear St Dominic's community,

Welcome back to Term 2, 2024. It is great to be back at school after a break!

It seems like forever ago we had the St Dom's Italian Festa back on the 2 March 2024. We should apologise for being very quiet after the Festa, as we all adjusted back to our 'previous' life of recovering from illness, working, family and the slightly neglected kids activities!

We heard many positive reviews from everyone after our Italian Festa. After a 6 year hiatus (the last one was cancelled 1 day before the event, due to COVID lockdown), the 2024 Festa was an event that had a feel of community coming together, who all had an amazing time being there. There was a great buzz on the day that was topped by God turning on perfect weather for us all to enjoy.

Some interesting stats for those who are keen: we had 30 stalls/activities, ranging from ticket booths, Italian doughnuts, choc toss, carnival food, karaoke and anywhere in between. They were manned with smiling parents, special friends & extended members of our St Dom's family, all with a smile on their faces. Sure, there were some stressful situations afoot (like losing power at the hall), but most people didn't notice any of this happening, and everyone just rolled up their sleeves and solved problems. AMAZING!!

With just over 100 families in our school, and 30 stalls/activities & other jobs, this means a lot of parents did multiple shifts and worked more than 4 hours during the Festa Day. This is another amazing effort from the parent community at St Dom's. This is generosity like none other. This event wouldn't have been the success that it was without all your help. Thank you.

Finally, we bet you all are dying to know how we did financially. As a bit of context, we had a forecast (target) profit of \$35K, which was aligned with results from previous Festa's. Also of note, our school community was a bit larger back then with about 150 families at school at those times. So, with a smaller number, we are happy to report we smashed our target profit and (drum roll, please!!......) returned a profit of \$40K from the day. Again, SMASHING results that wouldn't have happened without all your support.

From the Committee's perspective, it would be great that we capture as much learning from this experience as possible. We know it is important to capture what works well as well as what we can learn, for the 'next generation' of the Festa Committee. So, we will be grateful if you can find some time to fill out the survey which will be sent soon.

Forever grateful,

2024 Festa Committee

St. Dom's Google Reviews!



At St. Dom's, we are grateful if you took a few moments to add a positive Google Review for our school!

We all know the value of honest & positive reviews...... whether it be your favourite restaurant or cafe, sporting club or holiday destination! We all read them, right?

Word of mouth goes a long way to marketing our wonderful school to prospective families, as well as to acknowledge all that we are!

Thank you, in advance!

Parenting Matters.....

Some important information about eSafety for parents from Inform & Empower





We are excited to introduce you to a vital resource that promotes the safety and wellbeing of our children in the digital world – the Australian eSafety Commissioner. In this day and age, it is essential to equip ourselves and our children with the necessary knowledge and tools to navigate the online landscape safely.

The Australian eSafety Commissioner is an independent government agency focused on promoting online safety for all Australians, especially children and young people.

eSafety Parents

The eSafety Commissioner website has a whole collection of useful, searchable, help articles for parents. They cover topics including gaming, social media, first mobile phone, tricky conversations, parental controls and much more.

Follow them on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Instagram</u> for timely updates.



Reporting and Removal of Harmful Content

If you and your family ever encounter a situation online where you need support, this is the place to come. They can investigate and take action against cyberbullying (children or adult), illegal content and image based abuse, providing a user-friendly reporting system.







FOLLOW US ON OUR SOCIALS!



St. Dom's OSHC provider Beyond EduCare

Chess Coaching 😀







Junior Rockers Guitars & Vocals



We hope this message finds you well. We are excited to announce that Junior Rockers will be offering our engaging and fun music lessons as part of the extra-curricular activities for Term 2.

At Junior Rockers, we believe that music is a wonderful way for students to express themselves, develop confidence, and learn valuable skills that will benefit them throughout their lives. Our program is designed to be inclusive and enjoyable for all students, regardless of their previous musical experience.

Here are some highlights of what our program offers:

Expert Instruction: P Our experienced music instructors are passionate about teaching and are dedicated to helping students discover their musical talents.

Variety of Instruments: . Students can choose to learn a variety of instruments, including guitar, drums, piano, and vocals.

Fun and Engaging Lessons: 🎵 Our lessons are designed to be interactive and enjoyable, making learning music a rewarding experience. Choose from our traditional lessons, or try our new Group Lessons, available from just \$22 per lesson!

Performance Opportunities: P Students will have the chance to showcase their skills in performances throughout the year, boosting their confidence and stage presence.

Convenient Location: 🏫 Lessons are held at school, making it convenient for students to participate without the hassle of traveling to external locations.

We invite you to sign up your child for Junior Rockers music lessons in Term 2 and let them embark on a musical journey full of creativity and growth. To register or learn more about our program, please visit <u>www.juniorrockers.com</u> or contact us at info@juniorrockers.com

Thank you for considering Junior Rockers as part of your child's extracurricular activities. We look forward to welcoming your child to our music program and helping them discover the joy of



PARISH NEWS

St. Dominic's Netball Club

St. Dominic's Parish Newsletter The Dominican





ST. DOMINIC'S TENNIS CLUB



Come join St Dom's Tennis Club

- Open to players of all levels, for social play, night competition, seniors or juniors
- Very affordable annual membership fees
 - Family \$230
 - o Adult \$120
 - o Student \$50
 - One-off joining fee waived for school families
- Mod-grass courts (3) with lights, with access to BBQ and clubhouse facilities.
- New members very welcome, especially from school
- Contact president Peter Davy, davyp@bevwill.cpom.au or 0417 142 464

PIANO LESSONS

Kit has 30 years of teaching experience and is currently in her 13th year of teaching piano at St. Dominic's.



Kit inspires her

students to do their best no matter the level of piano, whether it's for piano exams or for leisure, ensuring that it will be a fun and rewarding experience.

Please reach out to kityenpin@gmail.com OR 0423 499 966 if interested.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

school camps or trips; swimming and school-organised sports programs; outdoor education programs; excursions and incursions.

Application forms: Schools are able to accept and process applications up until 23 June.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund application form 2024 (DOCX)

COMMUNITY NEWS

School Crossing Supervisor Awards are back!! *VOTE 1 for our very own Greg!*

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR AWARD:

- 1. To acknowledge the contribution and dedication School Crossings Supervisors provide by maintaining and providing a safe and enjoyable journey to and from your individual school and all schools throughout Victoria.
- 2. The recipient of the award should model enthusiasm and successful outcomes in a friendly and professional manner.
- 3. This award is open to all Crossing Supervisors. Please consider not only your permanent supervisor, but the large contingent of relief staff who are also very dedicated School Crossing Supervisors.

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

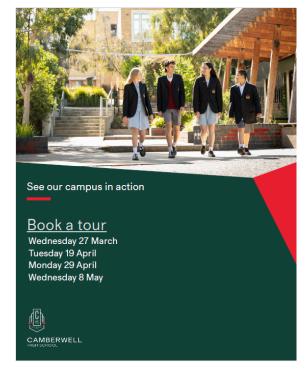
For the upcoming Supervisor of The Year Awards in 2023/2024

Nominations close on Friday 31st May 2024

Follow this link to access the Nomination Form and all further information you need!

www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au/supervisor-year-awards/





Camberwell High School

welcomes you to see our campus in action on a school tour.

Upcoming dates are: Monday 29 April Wednesday 8 May

Register to attend. (Here is the booking URL to hyperlink: https://www.camhigh.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/)

All tours depart at 9am from the Main Office at the centre of the campus. You will be guided by a member of our Principal team.





POP UP SHOP WITH

Village Art Studio are fundraising to help end youth homelessness

Come along to one of our pop up shops and purchase a beautiful item for your home - <u>all profits will go</u> directly to Lighthouse Foundation.

These vital funds will be used to support Lighthouse in providing therapeutic care and homes to young people at risk of, or, experiencing homelessness.

Opening night Friday 3 May, 7pm - 10pm Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday 4 May, 10am-5pm Sunday 5 May, 10am-4pm

130 Highfield Rd, Camberwell VIC

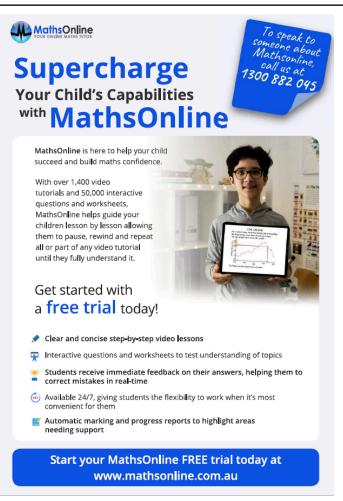
A selection of home and giftware, pots and plants, vases, artwork and jewellery will be available to purchase.



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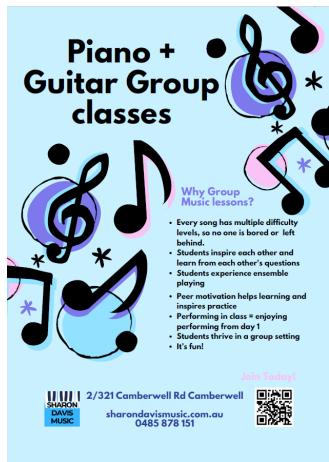














Boroondara Photograph Competition 2024

Young Photographers Competition 5–18 years of age

THEME:

Explore Boroondara

You are invited to enter photos that highlight the people, places, spaces, natural environment and heritage of the Boroondara community.







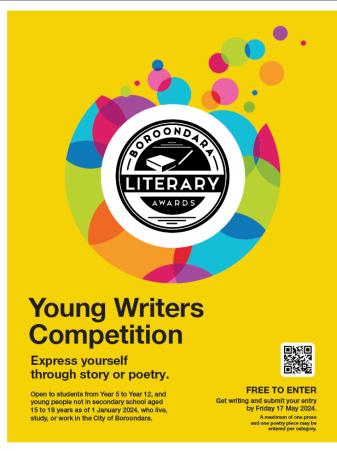


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Help us expand our collection of photos by submitting images of Boroondara, past and prese Enter to be in the running for prizes and to take part in an exhibition at the Town Hall Gallery. To view all the categories and prizes available, and to enter visit www.boroondara.wic.gov.au/photo-compsition or call \$278 4666.





For more information, scan the QR code, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/literary-awards or call 9278 4036.





Volunteer to make meaningful connections



Can you spare I hour a fortnight? Become a volunteer visitor. providing friendship and companionship to isolated older people as part of the Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVVS).

- · Visit an older person in their home or aged care facility
- Make a genuine difference
- Alleviate loneliness and social isolation
- · Feel valued & appreciated
- Training & support provided



For more information about this scheme or Balwyn Evergreen Centre, why not give us a call...