



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.

End of Year Reflection



*Gracious God,
May we who have been blessed in this 2022 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.*

All: Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER:

- Friday 9th December- P-6 School Assembly- 2.45pm (Presentation of 2023 Student Leaders)
- Monday 12th December- Semester 2 Reports sent to Parents
- Tuesday 13th December- 2023 Years 1-6 Student 'Step Up' sessions
- Wednesday 14th December- Year 6 & Staff Buddy Breakfast- 8am (P3); PFA Thank You & Farewell gathering- 9am (P3)
- Thursday 15th December- Year 6 Final day: Farewell & Guard of Honour 2.45pm/ Graduation Mass (6pm at St. Dominic's Church) & Dinner (7pm at Siena College)
- Friday 16th December- Final School Assembly- 12pm; Prep-Year 5 Students finish at 1pm

Second Hand Uniform



PLEASE ENSURE CLOTHES ARE:

- NOT FADED OR STAINED ✓
- NOT IN NEED OF REPAIR ✓
- ARE CLEAN AND FRESHLY LAUNDERED ✓

Clearly name each bag of donations

New Opportunities Coming to St. Dom's in 2023!



THANK YOU!

Parents & Carers,

As our 2022 school year comes to a close, our St. Dominic's community has so much to be proud of and many successes to celebrate. This has been the first 'full onsite year' since 2019 and with this transition back to 'normality' has come some challenges; recalibration in learning, friendships and re-engaging with peers and friends. Through positive reconnections, we have been able to embrace opportunities and savour gratitude for those areas of our lives which may have previously been taken for granted. There is a Chinese proverb- 'Amid Crisis there comes Opportunity', and this has indeed been relevant to so many who have found strength, new learning and growth in many facets of their lives this year, within our families and this community. The many learning opportunities and moments to 'shine' have been in abundance in 2022 and we look forward to the opportunities which await our students, families and staff in 2023.

Thank you for your warm welcome to me this year, as I have now been part of the St. Dom's family for almost a year and am so proud and privileged to lead the school community of St. Dominic's and celebrate the many successes of my first year. I am proud of the ongoing partnership we share in the care, learning and wellbeing of each student. As we navigate these final days, please know 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 *'Growing Together!'*

Our St. Dominic's community is blessed with so many who give of themselves and their time and *'Never See a Need without Doing something about it'* (Mary MacKillop):

Thank You to.....

- **Our Students** - To our students, your strength, energy and zest for learning and life continues to amaze us. St. Dominic's is a richer place for having 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. These past years have shown 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 reconnect this year.
- **Our SAC** - Thank you for your counsel, forward-thinking and commitment which was always appreciated by both Helen and I throughout the year. I would also like to thank Fr. Peter and Fr Paul for being the wonderful faith leaders they are and we are grateful for their dedicated contribution to St. Dominic's.
- **Staff who are leaving:** to Trish O'Gorman our Performing Arts teacher, who will be leaving our community after 16 years at St. Dominic's. We thank Trish for her energy and passion and commitment to music, drama and dance at St. Dom's. To Maria Faccino, LSO, who leaves us after 10 years at St. Dominic's. We thank Maria for her commitment to students and support of their individual learning and needs with great care.
- **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 and always know that while you may not be physically with us next year, you have left an indelible mark on us all.
- **Rocky, Wendy & Team, as well as Greg:** St. Dominic's is well-supported by many people from our community. Rocky, Wendy and their team provide us with so much support in the form of keeping our school clean, tidy and secure. Greg plays an important role in the St. Dominic's community and we appreciate just how vital a job he does, always with a smile and a chat. I know you will join me in wishing Rocky, Wendy (and crew) and Greg a safe and happy Christmas.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

On Thursday 15th December, we farewell our Year 6 students at their Graduation. Our students deserve to be so proud of everything they have achieved during their time at St. Dominic's. They have been exemplary leaders and I know that they 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, 16 December. The students will be dismissed at 1.00pm.

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,



Kind regards

Mrs Natalie Kenny

Principal

principal@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au

nkenny@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au

Congratulations to our 2023 Student Leaders & Teams

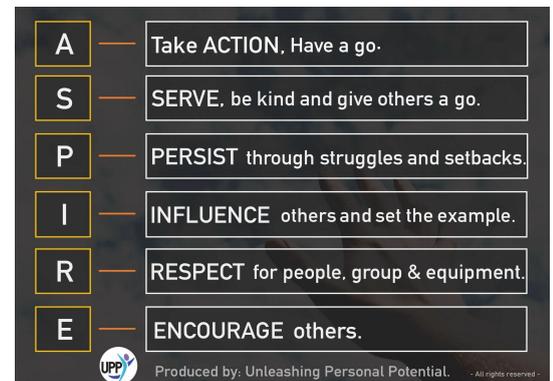
Student Leadership 2023

Throughout Term 4, the Year 5 students have been working hard to prepare themselves for leadership in 2023. We began the term with the ASPIRE Higher Leadership workshop led by Unleashing Personal Potential. The day incorporated many 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.

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.

The Year 5 students led a session with the Year 4 students to help develop their understanding of leadership through discussions and activities.

On Monday 28 November, the Year 5 students presented their speeches to the Year 4, 5 and 6 students, Mrs Kenny, Mrs Anania, Mrs Levitan and the 5/6 Teachers. Following this, the Year 4 and 5 students submitted their endorsements for students who they believe are the best candidates for the student leadership roles.



'I learned a lot about team building and to put trust in others.' - Hudson (Year 4)

'I liked the leadership games, especially the cup game. I also liked learning about ASPIRE.' - Edith (Year 4)

'I liked how people encouraged each other in the cup game. It helped to guide us to succeed. Learning about ASPIRE helped me to learn more about leadership.' - Rebekah (Year 4)

'I enjoyed the games at the ASPIRE Higher Workshop. I learned that we're better when we work together. By endorsing people for leadership positions, it was a fairer process because I could support many people.' - Eliza (Year 5)

'We learned a lot about what it means to be a good leader, to be a servant leader and to not just think about yourself. We learned how to be a good leader and in our speeches we gave examples of how we are good leaders. We then endorsed students who we think are good leaders and now we need to be good leaders.' - Madeleine (Year 5)



We are delighted to present to you our student leaders for 2023!



School Leaders			
Claudia P		Ella S	
Sports Leaders			
John E		Eliza G	
House Leaders			
Aquinas	Caesarini	De Porres	Siena
Cooper B	Milly B	Catherine M	Josh S
Faith and Social Justice Leaders	Arts Leaders	DigiTech Leaders	Sustainability Leaders
Lucy CMcB Olivia M Sophie M Michael R Thomas S	Eva A Pippa C Edward K Jorin M Ella S	Eve G Olivia L Eamon M Claudia P	Madeleine B Henry D Sofia M Jovanna R

2022 Graduating Year 6 Students

Congratulations!

To the Year 6 students and their families 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 them every happiness as they embark on their secondary school journey and the many adventures ahead.



Congratulations to our 2022 Graduates.....

Adam B, Xavier B, Edmund B, William C, Rafael C, Liberty C, Michaela F, Sienna G, Julia H, Isabella H, Joseph H, Milla H, Ashley J, Penelope K, Lucas M, Isaac M, Callum O'C, Sophie P, Charlotte P, Ned R, Tahlia S, Madeleine S, Paige S, Nicholas S, Mia T, Amelia V, Isobel W, Abby Y

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 2022 and they are leaving our St. Dominic's school community.

We wish them well for the coming year as they settle into their secondary schools and embrace new challenges. We thank these families for the many many years of support and contribution to the St. Dominic's community and for being part of our story!



Bafunno, Barone, Chadd, Costabile, Foale, Gagliardi, Hakme, Hawkins, Holbrook, Jones, Klarica, Mallios, Marion, O'Connell, Pill, Rigon, Shane-Spiteri, Sleep, Smarrelli, Somerville, Tricarico, Vo

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.

Liam B, Ignatius C, Archer D, Zac E, Luca G, Parker H, Liliana I, Ava J, Hannah L, Kiera L, Conor Mc, Elizabeth N, Matthew P, Lucas P, Sadie R, Kit S, Zoe V, Gemma M, Harrison W, Miller W



School Advisory Council (SAC) 2023

Expressions of Interest are invited for those interested in joining our SAC in 2023. If you have considered nominating yourself to take on this important consultative & advisory role, please speak to one of our team in the office. We will be in touch as soon as school recommences in Term 1, 2023.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) 2023

Our School Vision

St Dominic's: where all are valued; a leading place of faith and learning, empowering our community to be active citizens to positively impact our world.

Veritas means "truth".

The life-long pursuit of truth should be the goal of every Dominican

School Advisory Councils (SAC) are an essential component of governing and operating Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. They provide a forum for consultation and participation for parish and school communities. The School Advisory Council provides an important connection between the school community, school leaders and parish.

The members inform and advise the school leadership by offering support and sharing their wisdom, including:

- Promoting the school's vision, Catholic ethos and culture
- Promoting faith formation
- Supporting school policies
- Giving advice about school improvement and the Master Plan
- Provide a link between the parish, Principal, parents and staff in relation to the provision of Catholic education in the school community



Role of the School Advisory Council (SAC)

The School Advisory Council (SAC) exists to provide a structure that:

1. Allows for the discussion and development of education policy and planning in relation to curriculum, as well as the physical environment of St. Dominic's Primary School.
2. Assists the Parish Priest and School Principal with advice regarding policy and issues specific to St. Dominic's Community.
3. Liaise with other parish groups associated with the school.

Practical Considerations:

- The Council meets twice each term during the school year
- The Council elects the Chairperson.
- Meeting Agenda & Principal's Report are shared with the SAC members prior to each meeting
- Minutes are kept for all meetings.
- Action resulting from meetings is undertaken by Council members or others
- Members of the SAC serve a 3-year term

Adopt-a-Yabby!



Mr Gorman has several lovely, well behaved and very interesting pet yabbies that are available to go to a good home. (They are NOT risotto yabbies!)

Each yabby will need to be kept in a small tank (minimum 30cms long) with an air hose and filter if possible - and a lid (to deter migration!). Some small stones or substrata are needed on the floor of the tank too.

Yabbies are hardy pets and don't need much feeding. They can live for a number of years.

Please see Mr Gorman if you are interested in adopting a yabby.

2023 School Fee Schedule



ST. DOMINIC'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL 2023 SCHOOL FEES

Dear Families,

RE: 2023 Fee Schedule

Attached is St Dominic's Parish's School Fees and Levies for 2023.

All fees and levies are billed at the start of the school year, Families of Year 3-6 students are advised that the 2023 Camp fee is billed separately closer to the date and must be paid prior to attending.

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

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

School Fees	Annual per family (1 Child) Annual per family (2 + Children)	\$2,485 \$3,490
Capital Fee	Charged per family	\$520
Maintenance Fee	Charged per family	\$140
Curriculum Levy Year P - 6	Charged per student	\$560
Swimming + Excursion/Incursion Levy Year P - 4	Charged per student	\$145
Swimming +Excursion/Incursion Levy (incl. interschool sport) Year 5 & 6	Charged per student	\$175
Camp - Year 4	Charged per student	TBC - invoiced separately and must be paid prior to attending
Camp - Year 5 & 6	Charged per student	TBC - invoiced separately and must be paid prior to attending

A. School Fees

School fees pay for the running costs of the School. They meet the difference between the actual running costs and the amount granted by the Commonwealth and State Governments. (Running costs include: staff salaries, printing, phones, electricity, maintenance, Insurance etc.)

B. Capital Fee

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

C. Maintenance Fee

This levy pays for items necessary to maintain buildings, grounds and equipment.

D. Curriculum Levy

The Curriculum levy covers all curriculum resources, RE Texts, consumables, photocopying, specialist program requirements, audio-visual, Information & Communication Technology, and CCI School Care Cover.

Please note, for 2023, this includes Technology and book levies, where in prior years these levies were listed and charged separately.

E. Swimming/Excursion/Incursion Levy

This levy provides support for areas of study/learning within the total school curriculum. It enables students to be involved both within and beyond the school environment in experiences which challenge, extend and motivate.



St Dominic's Primary School is always on the lookout to improve services for our families. We recognise that for many of 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.

We are therefore pleased to announce that 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 new 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 moving forward.

From next year, we are pleased to announce that all school fee payments will be made via Edstart. We are always here to help with any queries and will work closely with Edstart for a smooth transition.

To set up your account, please visit <https://edstart.com.au/sdcamberwelleast>.

For more information about Edstart Plus please refer to the [Edstart Plus Parent Fact Sheet](#).

Parents are encouraged to set up their Edstart account by the end of the 2022 school year, Friday 16 December, to ensure a smooth start to the 2023 school year.

St Dominic's Primary School, Camberwell East



IMPROVED SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS - EDSTART

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To set up an Edstart account is, simply visit <https://edstart.com.au/sdcamberwelleast> and submit your details. Once your account has been set up, Edstart will pay your fees to the school and provide you with the flexibility of choosing your preferred payment method and frequency.

For more information about Edstart Plus please refer to the [Edstart Plus Parent Fact Sheet](#). You can also contact Edstart on 1300 139 445 or email contact@edstart.com.au if you have any queries or require assistance with setting up your account.

[Please click here to open Edstart Plus Parent Fact Sheet.](#)

Vinnies' Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

On 11th December the St Vincent de Paul Society will hold its traditional Christmas Appeal to support poor families and individuals and bring joy to their Christmas. The St Dominic's Conference of SVdP is active in supporting the poor of the parish, and also a large number of people in the public housing areas of central South Melbourne. Some of your gifts are also distributed to those assisted by our Soup vans.

Donations of Funds

The appeal will be held using four ways of donation. (The first 3 are available to you at any time)

1. The first way is by using the on-line format where parishioners can donate through:
<https://my.fundraiseforvinniesvic.org.au/vinnies-christmas-appeal-2022/camberwell-east-conference>
2. Secondly, parishioners can also call the St Vincent de Paul **donation telephone number 131812**. If you ring, then please ask that your donation is directed to the East Camberwell conference #402.
3. Thirdly you can deposit directly into the **St Vincent de Paul Society bank account:**
Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Gift Fund BSB: 063 000
Account No: 106 07556 Reference: X22 + 402

For a receipt, please email the Fundraising Team at: donation@svdp-vic.org.au advising of deposit date, amount, donor name, phone and address details

4. Fourthly the traditional SVDP envelopes will also be available in the church this year on the weekend of the 10/11th December. Please place the donations in the Appeal envelopes and hand them to the Collectors at the end of Mass or leave donations at the Parish Office.

Donations of Gifts and Non-Perishable Food

Donations of Gifts for Children up to the age of 8 years, Gift vouchers and Non-Perishable Food parcels would be gratefully received at the Church up until Sunday the 18th of December. Please donate earlier if possible as we need time to organise distribution. We will also accept the single use Toiletry items left over from Motels/Hotels. Your support will be greatly appreciated by the families we assist and make this a joyful and happy time for them and reflect that they, like us, are all God's children.

Bob Solly: President - Camberwell East Conference

St. Dominic's Parish News



The Word Made Flesh Reflections on 'The Angelus'

Mass | Spiritual Talks | Confessions | Adoration/Benediction

with
Sr Birute Arendarcikas, RSM
Sr Mary Sarah Galbraith, OP
Fr Paul Rowse, OP



Saturday, 10th December 2022

Starting with 9:00am Mass and conclude with Benediction by 5:00pm

St Dominic's Parish, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell

Lunch will be provided

For more information and registration, contact Carlo David on pastoral.associate@stdominics.org.au or 9912 6870 ext 320

PFA Update



ST DOMINIC'S PFA 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



**IT'S BEEN A BUSY
YEAR FOR OUR
PFA,
ORGANISING
MANY EVENTS
FOR OUR
SCHOOL
COMMUNITY**



2022 EVENTS

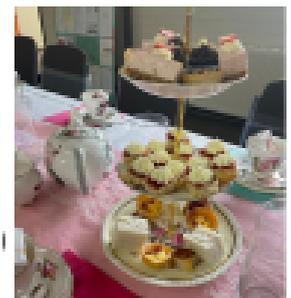
Cocktail party
Mother's & special friend's hightea
Father's & special friend's dinner
Mother's & Father's Day stalls
Student school holiday movies
Student disco
Colour run
Federal & state election BBQ + cake stalls
Parent's tennis morning
Student hot chocolates (T3), ice creams (T4), lunches

**THIS YEAR FUNDS RAISED BY THE
PFA HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO:**

- EduMarking playground markings
- New playground
- Library refurbishment
- Resilience Project
- Elephant Ed Program



**THE
RESILIENCE
PROJECT.**

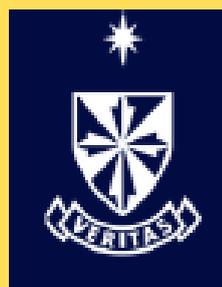


PFA MISSION



St Dom's PFA aims to bring the school community together through organising fun activities for students and families, while raising funds for the school.

The PFA is a social group and a great way to meet other families in our school.



WE NEED YOUR HELP IN 2023

We would love to hear from anyone interested in joining the PFA or helping with an event- please contact Carla at csgordon82@yahoo.com.au

OSHC Update



Guiding children's growth

Newsletter

Term 4 – Week 10

Contact
Customer Care: 1300 105 343
CA St. Dominic's: 0428 522 449

Some highlights during week 8 and 9. Freya, Macy and Sadie baked apple cinnamon muffins according to the healthy cookbook, and, of course, we enjoyed eating them. Zoe also enjoyed making pancake, Conor showed his advanced skills in holding origami, created a beetle, dragon and more. Sophie created 'Art things' in which she displayed and labelled what we can use in art. Audrey and Sophie created Christmas forest with felt and glitter. Henry loved outside play 'Laundry,' Max and Austin enjoyed playing soccer, and Amelia and Zoe had fun imaginary play in the sandpit. Many of them enjoyed Christmas arts and crafts, and our place have been decorated delightfully.

I would like to thank you all for coming and enjoying before and after school care this year and hope to see you many more next year.

I hope you all have a nice and warm holiday with your families and friends 😊

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. Haruka

YOUR PASSPORT TO FUN!
BUILD YOUR ULTIMATE SUMMER HOLIDAY ADVENTURE.
TRAVEL THE WORLD WITH EXPERIENCE LIKE!
EXPERIENCE TAKEOVER: TAKE ME TO BASS CAMP
Be the first to learn the three who's who to the new Rocketeers song!
www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers

Reminders and Notices

- Please leave us Feedback at the service.
- When the school gate is closed, please contact the Camp Australia St. Dominic's service phone (0428 522 449)
- We are open 1-6pm on the last day of school on Friday 16th December.

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at www.campastralia.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.



School Holiday Program: ROCKETEERS!

Camp Australia is now taking bookings for Rocketeers! Book via the Parent Portal or visit <https://www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers>.

Holiday Program, ROCKETEERS do not take place at St. Dominic's Primary School, but they are around us. ROCKETEERS service suggestions are below. Join our fun holiday program!!

[Our Holy Redeemer School](#)

311 Mont Albert Rd. SURREY HILLS VIC 3127

[Auburn South Primary School](#)

419 Tooronga Rd. HAWTHORN EAST VIC 3123

To register and book, visit www.campastralia.com.au

Your
OSHC.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Our Rising Stars!



Past student *Honey* is performing at the Regent Theatre in Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor DreamCoat.

It is a dream come true for her. It was only 12 months ago that she was flipping across the playground at St Dominic's and cartwheeling from her classroom to assembly and now she is performing those same flips across the stage of Melbourne's Regent Theatre.

The children's cast are on stage for the majority of the musical. Honey plays the role of a child, a wife, a scribe and a show stopping GOAT!



Honey's performance dates:

Fri 9th December 7:30pm
Sun 11th December 1pm
Thurs 15th December 7:30
Sun 18th December 1pm
Tue 20th December 7:30pm
Fri 23rd December 1pm
Wed 28th December 1pm
Fri 30th December 7:30pm
Wed 4th Jan 1pm
Sat 7th Jan 7:30pm
Wed 11th Jan 7:30pm
Sat 14th Jan 7:30pm
Wed 18th Jan 7:30pm
Sun 22nd Jan 1pm



Milla was selected to be in the Australian Conservatoire of Ballet's production of the Nutcracker. This is an invitation only event and Christine Walsh who has selected Milla once danced with the Australian Ballet, so it is a great honour to be selected.

It is a privilege to perform Christine Walsh's choreography of the Nutcracker at Hamer Hall, Arts Centre Melbourne in front of a public audience.

It is a beneficial and challenging event for any student as it is as close to a professional performance as they will experience. It requires many hours of rehearsals on top of Milla's already busy dance schedule and end of year ballet school performance rehearsals.

The Nutcracker performance will feature international guest artists, 65 dancers and 60 musicians.

The Nutcracker performance dates: 21st and 22nd December.

We are all very proud of your hardwork and dedication Milla and Honey.

😊 *What an achievement!* 😊



WELCOME MASS

& family fun day

ST DOM'S

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

ENTERTAINMENT

Mass: 9.30am

Family Fun Day: 10.30 am

sunday
12 FEB
2023

parent connect

Parent Engagement in learning at home

Upschool is an Australian based educational social enterprise focused on delivering quality education that inspires children to realise their potential to improve the world.

This online learning platform www.upschool.co seeks to provide purposeful education for a better tomorrow, using the power of education and accessibility through technology to encourage young people to use their learning as a tool to improve their lives and the lives of others. Aligned with the Australian curriculum, Upschool's learning materials provide unique opportunities for parents to encourage impactful learning at home.

Upschool provides free courses, resources and tools for teachers, parents and students wanting to access a quality education imbued with real-world learning, purpose, and relevance to the lives of students, whilst making a tangible difference.

Upschool has a deep desire to empower students to find their voice, refine and develop their message and teach them how to collaborate with each other, to create the change they want to see in the world. Visit www.upschool.co

upschool

Enabling children to have a global impact

Upschool is inspiring children to realise their potential to improve the world. Recently, an entire school community at Delhi Public School, Dwarka Engineering, India, completed one of Upschool's free courses, Be the Change, working collaboratively to create change in their local community through participation in over 70 actions aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

As part of their effort to address Climate Change (SDG 13), they undertook a Forest Plantation Initiative, whereby children wrote persuasive letters to a landholder of an unused, barren urban plot beside their school and convinced that person to donate it to them. They are currently in the process of transforming it into a flourishing forest to provide shade, improved air and soil quality, and to house local wildlife. A measure of the project's success will be when the first birds arrive to nest in the forest, with the children establishing a birdwatching club to capture the moment it occurs.

Through collaboration with organisations such as Cerve and 12 charity partners, including the Jane Goodall Institute, Rainforest Rescue and Seabin Foundation, Upschool provides free courses, resources and tools for teachers, parents and students wanting to access a quality education imbued with real-world learning, purpose, and relevance to the lives of students, whilst making a tangible difference.

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St Dominic's Tennis Club

10 Wirringa Ave Camberwell

School Holiday Tennis Clinics

Clinic 1: Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd December
10.00am - 2.00pm

Clinic 2: Monday 16th to Thursday 19th January
10.00am - 2.00pm

Clinic 3: Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th January
10.00am - 2.00pm

EASTERN TENNIS ASSOCIATION
Peter Caruana Ph. 0480 096 047
E: team@eta.tennis W: eastertennis.com.au

PLAYBALL BASKETBALL
TRAINING @ AQUALINK TERM 1 2023
FRIDAY YEARS 1-3

BASKETBALL TRAINING

Playball is now taking registrations from current PREP to Year 2 Boys & Girls to commence training, Term 1 at AQUALINK Box Hill. 40 minute weekly Training by Playball Coaches prepares children for Friday competition in Terms 2,3,4.

REGISTER FOR TERM 1 2023

Register a training team at www.playballbasketball.com under 'Registration' Tab. Teams guaranteed commencement. Individual children can register online.

TERM 1 TIMES & DATES
YEARS 1-4 FRIDAY 4:00 - 6:30PM. Rings lowered to 8.5ft - YR1's
3 Feb - 31 March (9-weeks)

COACHES WORKSHOP
In assoc with Melb. Jnr Tigers Sundays in Term 2.

CONTACT
PH: 9555 7448 info@playballbasketball.com
Playball: An affiliated association of Basketball Victoria

PLAYBALL BASKETBALL 9555-7448

SIENA SNAPSHOT

Welcome to the December edition of Siena Snapshot. This newsletter has been created especially for primary schools in our community. At Siena, we are all about connections and welcoming people to our Dominican family.

Siena College was established in 1940 as an independent, Catholic school for girls in Years 7 to 12. The Dominican Sisters who founded the College built a school where young women could be inspired by the human person of Jesus Christ, follow their academic and cultural interests, believe in their potential and become passionate. No long learners. It is a place where the diversity and unique gifts of the young women in our care are acknowledged and celebrated, and where we aim to empower young women to go out and make a difference in the world.

In this edition of Siena Snapshot, we feature some highlights from the Antonio de Montesinos Award Night, Graduation Eucharist Ceremony, Rising Stars Concert and Open Evening. We also introduce to you our newly elected 2023 College Captains and share with you the good news of being recognised as a 5-Star Innovative School by The Educator.

We hope you enjoy this edition of Siena Snapshot!

Elizabeth Hanney
Siena College Principal



A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN THE DOMINICAN TRADITION, YEARS 7 TO 12

Siena College is a 5-Star Innovative School

We are delighted to announce that we have been selected as one of The Educator's 5-Star Innovative Schools for 2022. This award recognises schools who have demonstrated innovation and creativity, driving the education industry forward. From teaching approaches to learning spaces and curriculum design, the Innovative Schools report recognises institutions that are shaping the educational landscape of the future.

Read the full article here:
<https://bit.ly/3OTM7C9>



Introducing our 2023 College Captains



We are excited to announce our College Captains for 2023: St Benedict's alumna, Majella H and Camberwell alumna, Hannah R (pictured left, L-R!).

We congratulate all five courageous and passionate Captain applicants for their engagement with the leadership process and very much look forward to supporting Majella and Hannah in their leadership roles in the coming year.

2022 Antonio de Montesinos Award Night

After a series of recorded qualification speeches, six students represented their year level in the Antonio de Montesinos Award Night. The topic of the night was the 2022 College Theme, In Truth and Action and the impromptu topic was Class Hall Full. Congratulations to overall winner, Year 7 student, Gabriella V for her well addressed and memorized speech on "The Truths of Veganism and Animal Cruelty". Year 9 student, Alana S and Year 11 student, Sophia V also received runner up and encouragement awards in what was an extremely close and hard fought competition by all six students.

Gabriella V, Alana S and Sophia V (pictured right, L-R)



Graduation Eucharist and Ceremony

The Graduation Eucharist Ceremony was a beautiful and meaningful celebration of our students, family and staff who have journeyed alongside the Class of 2022. It was a culmination of their years at Siena College and it reminded the Class of 2022 that they will forever be members of the Siena community.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 on their successes over the last six years and we wish them all the very best as they journey into their bright futures after their VCE examination.



Shining Bright at the Rising Stars Concert

A highlight of the Term 4 calendar is our Rising Stars concert, where our Junior musicians were given the opportunity to shine in front of an audience, and share their skill. Students performed solos, duets, in small groups, as well as part of our Junior Guitar, Junior Band, Junior Choir, Junior Strings and more.

Well done to all performers and the Music Department for the beautiful evening. We are so incredibly proud of the progress our budding musicians have achieved on their instrumental music journey.



2022 Open Evening

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Open Evening! The Siena spirit was on full display with our interactive faculty displays, student-led tours, cabaret performances and sausage sizzle running continuously throughout the evening.

A panel discussion between Principal, Elizabeth Hanney and student leaders was also attended by close to two hundred families in attendance.

A special thank you to our student tour leaders, performers, helpers and Siena staff, who enthusiastically showcased everything Siena College has to offer. A wonderful evening was had by all!



Visit our College

We invite you to join us for one of our regular Open Mornings or Tours in 2023 to learn how Siena College can inspire a lifelong love of learning in your daughter.

Open Mornings 2023

Fri, 10 February • Fri, 24 March
Thu, 19 May • Mon, 22 May
Mon, 5 June • Thu, 20 July
Fri, 28 July • Mon, 14 August
Fri, 8 September • Fri, 6 October
Thu, 19 October • Mon, 6 November
Wed, 29 November
9.30am – 11.00am

Campus Tours

Tours will run throughout the year with a number of times available to suit you!



Scan the QR code to register for an Open Morning or College Tour.

Enrolment Enquiries

Please contact Head of Admissions, Tracy Lawson on 0832 0030 or via email at admissions@siena.vic.edu.au.



YEAR 7 2024 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN www.siena.vic.edu.au

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FAMILY EXTRAVAGANZA

LIGHTS MUSIC GLOW

TUESDAY, 17TH JANUARY
1:30PM – 3PM

LIGHTS, MUSIC, GLOW! IS A MULTI-SENSORY, FITNESS CONCERT WHERE KIDS CAN LEARN CHOREOGRAPHED DANCE MOVES, WITH GLOW STICKS!

PETER MCINTYRE GYMNASIUM
TRINITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL
40 CHARLES ST, NEW VIC 3101, AUSTRALIA

THE NIKKI VISA J MOVEMENT

BOOK YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Parents or carer must accompany child*

BE TAKEN ON A JOURNEY THROUGH DIFFERENT DANCE STYLES. FROM BEATS OF THE AFRICAN DRUM TO 'CROSS AND JAB' COMBAT MOVES, HIP HOP AND BREAKDANCE. ALL THIS, AND GLOW STICKS!

We have created a safe and welcoming space that encourages children to express themselves to the power of uplifting music, played by the shows DJ and powerful live drums. An opportunity to dance as if no one is watching with their glow sticks raised high and bright.

This will be a one of a kind experience for any child! The energetic show is taught by experienced dance teachers from diverse backgrounds, and leaves children feeling inspired and uplifted through movement and storytelling.

LIGHTSMUSICGLOW.COM.AU

Let's celebrate the most

wonderful

kinder teacher

Please join us in wishing Michele Daniel a very happy retirement and recognising the incredible contribution she's made to our kids over the years!

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER
HIGHFIELD PARK
3PM ONWARDS

BYO drinks. Feel free to bring a plate to share. There will also be a sausage sizzle and a face painter for the kids.

All current and past families of St Dunstan's Anglican Kindergarten can contribute to the farewell gift, write a message and add a picture via this GroupTogether link.

<https://app.groupstogether.com/MicheleDanielsFarewell>



HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

21 - 23 DECEMBER
8:30AM - 3:00PM

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE
355 Station St, Box Hill South

DAY 1

Capture the Flag
Legs Masters
Soccer World Cup

DAY 2

Nerf War
Minor Games
Downball Championship

DAY 3

Basketball All Stars
Dodgeball Battle
Sport Board Games

All programs are run by qualified coaches and PE teachers and support coaches.



Single and three day programs available

Facebook.com/sportingmindsprograms | @sporting_minds | 0402 711 444

CHRISTMAS TREES



Support 19th Camberwell Scout Group and buy your Christmas Tree from us.

- November 26 - 27
- December 3-4
- December 10-11
- December 17 - 18

Location: 909 Riversdale Rd, Surrey Hills



2023 REGOS OPEN

GO ASHY!



Your local community junior footy club, the Ashy Redbacks, invites you to join in the 2023 footy fun.

The Ashy Redbacks is a friendly, progressive and inclusive footy club with boys, girls and mixed teams ranging from ages 8-18 yrs.

ashyrebacksof.org.au
ashyrebacksof
Ashy Redbacks

We are part of the Yarra Junior Football League (YJFL) and play footy on Sundays. Our 'home' grounds are Burnwood Reserve, Fendale and Anderson Parks. Once registered, you will start pre-season training with your team in February, with your first game of the season in April.

Registrations for most teams will remain open until 8th February.

Like more information? We'd love to hear from you on-line.

registrat@ashyrebacksof.org.au

REGISTER NOW!

You can register via:

www.playhq.com/af/register/071eb3



BIG SCHOOL Ready SUMMER PROGRAM

Supporting your child to make a happy transition to primary school

SKILLS IN FOCUS

INDEPENDENCE

Self-reliant children are curious explorers of new environments & relationships.

CONFIDENCE

When children feel good about themselves, they're more likely to try new things.

RESILIENCE

Things don't always go to plan so bouncing back from challenges is a lifelong skill.

FAMILIARITY

Whether it's a familiar face or a place, when children are at ease, they can focus.

FRIENDSHIPS

Best friends share, take turns, cooperate, listen, treat others with respect and kindness.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Big changes in a little person's life can feel overwhelming. Our **BIG SCHOOL Ready** Program runs through the Summer School Holiday Program and supports school readiness through a fun program practicing the important skills your child has begun to learn at Kinder, Preschool & Day Care.

*CONTACT OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE TEAM FOR MORE INFORMATION.



WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOUR FAMILY IN SUMMER!

LET THE FUN BEGIN!

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TEAM KIDS HARTWELL PRIMARY

7:00AM START 6:15PM END PLEASE ARRIVE BY 5AM ON EXCURSION DAYS

IN-HOUSE INCURSION EXCURSION

8 th JAN - MON	9 th JAN - TUE	10 th JAN - WED	12 th JAN - THU	13 th JAN - FRI
BATTLE OF THE BANDS + CLOUD DOUGH + OMAHOPPER FROGS	COMIC BOOK HEROES + DRY CARACTERS	SPLASTASTIC + THE "BEST" GAME	ROUNDS + HOPPING SPINNING TOP	SANDSTASTIC
And one, and a two and... let's ready to go! Grab your crayons and get ready to go! We'll be exploring the world of comic books and creating our own superheroes. We'll be using our imagination, pick up a few pencils & a comic character and see who will be the greatest!	Today, we're transforming bits of clay into our very own clay figures. We'll be using our imagination, pick up a few pencils & a comic character and see who will be the greatest!	Can you win with this super hot? We'll be using our imagination, pick up a few pencils & a comic character and see who will be the greatest!	The day's the best of the best! We'll be using our imagination, pick up a few pencils & a comic character and see who will be the greatest!	What did the sea say to the sand? Today, we'll be using our imagination, pick up a few pencils & a comic character and see who will be the greatest!
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14 th JAN - MON	15 th JAN - TUE	16 th JAN - WED	18 th JAN - THU	19 th JAN - FRI
HIGH ACROBATS + HOOP GLOBES	EVERYTHING SCIENCE + CANDLE MAKING KIT	MOVIE - PUPPIES IN BOOTS + ALPHABET CHAT	AMUSEMENT PARKS + OMBRAID BIRDS	WOODEN CAR MAKING + PAPER PLATE HEADPHONES
Back hands and handstands and flip... We'll be using our imagination, pick up a few pencils & a comic character and see who will be the greatest!	Science gets it's time to get up and about! Today we'll be using our imagination, pick up a few pencils & a comic character and see who will be the greatest!	Movie night! Today, we are off to the movies to see the highly anticipated animated film, PUPPIES IN BOOTS. The Last Will, which would make them up on some stage and learn how to give a costume - yay school!	Today, we'll be using our imagination, pick up a few pencils & a comic character and see who will be the greatest!	Today, we'll be using our imagination, pick up a few pencils & a comic character and see who will be the greatest!
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*Child Care Subsidies may apply. **Adult Fee per family. \$1.50 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available. ***Experience/Activity Fee. Program may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Form apply. See terms and conditions for cancellation policy.

REGISTER TODAY! We're Easy! **FIND A VENUE** teamkids.com.au/venues // **CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE** Book Today! TEAMKIDS.COM.AU 1300 035 000

TEAM KIDS HARTWELL PRIMARY

7:00AM START 6:15PM END PLEASE ARRIVE BY 5AM ON EXCURSION DAYS

IN-HOUSE INCURSION EXCURSION

23 rd JAN - MON	24 th JAN - TUE	25 th JAN - WED	26 th JAN - THU	27 th JAN - FRI
WEEKLY MONDAY DAY + AIR HOOP KICKS	LEARN TO READERS + WOOLLY WOON PUPPETS	BUCKETS OF FISH + ZOMBIE TAG GAME	Public Holiday	HAPPY A BREEZE + MAIN MONSTERS
How are you ever wanted to go today, we'll be using our imagination, pick up a few pencils & a comic character and see who will be the greatest!	Today, we'll be using our imagination, pick up a few pencils & a comic character and see who will be the greatest!	Today, we'll be using our imagination, pick up a few pencils & a comic character and see who will be the greatest!	Public Holiday	Today, we'll be using our imagination, pick up a few pencils & a comic character and see who will be the greatest!
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GETTING READY TO ATTEND...

Please ensure children are signed in no later than 5am.

What to wear
All teamkids we have to get outside, so please consider to pack a full - clearly marked and wear suitable footwear for running around. We're possible small weathering, change and open top shoes.
Monday, please apply questions before coming to the program, and the children will be charged accordingly. Cancellations made with more than 14 days notice will not be charged. In the event of a medical illness, please send a medical certificate to high@teamkids.com.au within 48 hours of the absence to avoid being charged for the booking. Please refer your website for full cancellation T&C.

Double Check Teamkids Room Location
It is very important to double check our website prior to attending in case of a room change. We are sometimes required to temporarily change rooms due to school building maintenance and the school holidays. Last minute changes will be announced via SMS to all attending families.

Medical Information? Have a Plan
If your child has allergies, allergies, or any other medical condition, please inform us of this information and bring along a completed Medical Information form, based on our website. Please provide required medications to your nurse coordinator on the first day of attendance. In the original packaging, clearly identify any your child's name and date of birth.
*Please ensure children are unable to attend our activities without their medication and action plan.

Receiving Child Care Subsidy
After your teamkids booking is placed, you must log into your Myline account to check you have confirmed attendance.

Extended Hours of Operation
During the school holidays, our customer service team are available from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm.

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