



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.

REFLECTION

Together, as the St. Dominic's school community, we mark the beginning of a new journey, the 2022 journey. This journey is made new not only by the beginning of this new school year, but made new by the presence we bring to it.

Loving God, as a faith-filled community, we are ready and willing to celebrate all the blessings that we have been given. We pray that we may look to you as our model and guide as we Pray, Learn, Serve and are one in Community this year.



May the goodness of God fill our hearts.

May good friends share our journey.

May we be valued, loved and cherished, and may God's image grow within each of you.

May the God of community walk with us and beside us this year, sharing our journey and listening to our stories, embracing our pain, rejoicing in our triumphs. May God continue to bless our efforts to grow into a strong and vibrant community where each person accepts the invitation to celebrate all good things. May we continue to GROW TOGETHER, as one. Amen

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".

'New Beginnings'- Onward & Upward!'

Dear Families,

As we near the end of Week 2 of Term 1, we celebrate being back together as a community- 'One Body, Many Parts'. Together in 2022, we will celebrate, be challenged, engage with and learn from one another, face and embrace change. This is our reality and as we 'Grow Together', we always remember that we are partners in the education, care and wellbeing of each of our St. Dom's students. The children are always at the heart of what we do, and when faced with sometimes difficult decisions, they must be the priority.

It has been such a privilege to be welcomed into the warmth, generosity and strong connections of the 'St. Dom's Family'. Our 2022 School Year has begun with great expectations, positivity, energy and dedication by all. There is a calmness about the start of our school year, which assures us of the trust and connections between our Staff and Students, as well as the trust our Families place in the shared partnership of educating your children. Through their informed and contemporary education of our students, attention and care for student wellbeing and commitment to our community, I am grateful to each of our Staff members. Each of them bring strengths and a desire to learn, which has a positive impact for our students.

New Beginnings can be welcomed with excitement and anticipation, along with some anxiety and uncertainty. Our school theme for 2022 is 'Growing Together', and as we can all appreciate that growth of any description requires time and effort. For our Staff, these efforts will be focused on our School Improvement Plan Priorities of: Faith Formation, Collaboration and Data Literacy this year. Throughout 2022, we will showcase what the growth and learning in these areas looks like in reality, through the positive impact each has for our students, our growth and our community.

A significant element of my own 'new beginnings' and growth already this year, has been getting to know students, staff and families. Even as we face some challenging times with COVID, let us not lose sight of the strength of community and the support we gain from collaboration, partnership and a team mindset. These are strengths which all adults strive to teach the children in our lives to help them become risk takers, good friends, and happy and well-adjusted people who can face

adversity, knowing that they are cared for and supported. As the adults in their lives, I look forward to 2022 as the year of 'Growing Together' and of every 'New Beginning' we encounter along the way.... In partnership with you.

'What you plant now, you will harvest later'. (Og Mandino).

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

Lastly, you will have received an Operoo letter regarding permission for photos/video to be used for school marketing and website purposes. Please ensure that you respond to this. We have our first photo session this Monday 14th February, where photos will be taken of a small number of students to use for real estate boards to promote St. Dominic's. Later in the term, we have booked another date where photos will be taken specifically for our new website.



Enjoy the blessings of family and friends over this weekend,
Warm regards,

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



**Scroll down to find out about the 'New Beginnings' of our St. Dom's School website, already 'under construction'!*



IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Wed. 16 February Foundation- at home day
Mon-Thurs. 21 -24 February Parent/Teacher Chats
Wed. 23 February Foundation- at home day
Sat 26/Sun 27 February
Reconciliation Commitment Masses (6pm/9.30am)

MARCH

Tues. 1 March Parent Information Sessions (7-8pm)
Wed. 2 March Ash Wednesday
Thurs. 3 March Enrolment Tours (more details to follow)
Mon. 7 March Enrolment Tours (more details to follow)
Tues. 8 March School Photos
Thurs. 10 March Enrolment Tours (more details to follow)
Mon. 14 March Public Holiday
Tues. 15 March Student Free Day/ Staff PL day
Wed. 16 March Enrolment Tours (more details to follow)
Fri. 18 March Enrolment Tours (more details to follow)



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



Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide



We welcome our 2022 Prep students!



We are all so proud of the fantastic start they have made to school!



Rapid Antigen Test Kits

Rapid Antigen Test kits will be distributed to students TODAY.

These kits are for RA testing over the next two weeks

(see COVID information in this newsletter for more detail if needed)

If the eldest child in your family is in Years 3, 4, 5, 6, they will be given theirs to take home today.
If the eldest child in your family is in Years P, 1, 2, you can collect from the office from 3pm today, Friday 11th Feb. If not collected, they will be available to collect from our school office on Monday morning.

St. Dom's Digital Presence!



Parents/Carers,

We have commenced working together to build and design a new St. Dominic's Primary School website. This process will be collaborative, with input invited from Staff, Students and Families. We are currently planning how to best capture and showcase our wonderful school and all that is on offer. We know that prospective families who are looking to send their child/ren to school in 2023 and beyond, very often 'decide with their eyes', so an engaging website is key.

We are also planning to produce a digital tour, which will showcase our school, grounds, facilities and curriculum. This digital addition to our website will provide prospective families the opportunity to tour our school remotely. We all appreciate the reality of this and the necessity in the limitations of Open Days and Tours over the past two years.

I invite you to visit the website of School Presence, the company who specialise in giving schools a digital presence. School Presence is a Melbourne-based content creation company, who work with Melbourne schools, particularly Catholic Schools, many you will recognise!

School Presence- <https://www.schoolpresence.com.au/>

As mentioned, all families have received an Operoo letter requesting that you consent for your child being photographed for the purposes of school website and/or marketing boards. *This must be responded to as a YES or NO by Friday 11th February. If there is no response, we will take that as no consent*

On Monday 14th February, we will kickstart our St. Dom's marketing with our first photo shoot! The images taken on this morning will be featured on real estate boards to be installed in the next 2-3 weeks. These will feature images and themes which capture the very best of what our school and community have to offer our students. They will also include upcoming Enrolment Tour Dates (see Important Dates section of this newsletter).

We will continue to keep you updated on the timeline for our marketing boards, our Enrolment Tours, and the progress of our Website 'under construction'!



ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

From Little things Big things grow!

NEWS FLASH....

Commencing next week, Mr Tom Gorman will be our 'Environment & Sustainability Coordinator'. Tom will be released one afternoon each week to work with groups of students to source supplies, prepare and plant garden beds, maintain Green Waste, pursue sustainability Star ratings, liaise with council run programs, etc. This is an exciting move for our school and we are so grateful to Tom for his passion and expertise in this area.



Learning & Teaching News

It has been wonderful to see such high levels of peer connectedness, relationship building and engagement in learning so early in the school year. Our first week back focused on our Positive Start program, whereby students and teachers actively engaged in activities that built new, or continued to build on positive relationships. Some of these included sharing our own interests, passions and talents, identifying our family, friends and groups we belong to and revisiting our School Norms - focusing on what they look like, sound like and feel like when in action.

This week, our teachers have begun assessing the students in areas of English and Mathematics. Some of these assessments are administered one on one, such as establishing a reading level. Others, such as spelling and Mathematics can be administered whole class or in small groups. Once assessments are complete, the teachers will work collaboratively to analyse data and plan learning sequences for students, catering for individual needs and learning styles. This data compliments data and knowledge we have previously gathered and contributes to the learning narrative of each student at St Dominic's.

Members of the school's leadership team, teachers, Curriculum Leaders and Learning Support Officers will formally meet weekly, to ensure all students are learning at their point of need and that effective learning and teaching is in place to ensure optimal growth.

Parents, as vital partners in your child's learning, will have many and varied opportunities to be a part of their learning journey. Communication channels such as Google Classroom and Seesaw are being set up to support the partnership and connection between home and school. In the coming weeks, our teachers will be available via Parent Teacher Chats and Information Sessions to continue the conversations about the student's learning journey here at St Dominic's.

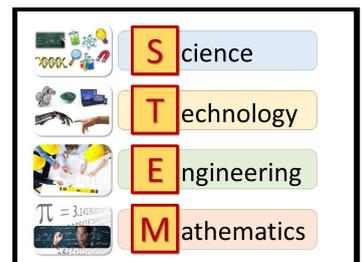


Helen Anania - Deputy Principal

Introducing S.T.E.M. Science Technology Engineering Mathematics

NEWS FLASH (number 2)....

Commencing next week, Miss Sarah Trapani will be our 'STEM Coordinator'. Sarah will be released each Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, 2-3.30pm. Initially she will be preparing, planning and resourcing, then teaching the STEM curriculum alongside our P-6 class teachers. Again, this is an exciting and contemporary asset to the curriculum offered at St. Dom's and a great support to Critical and Creative Thinking skills for our students.



Specialist Program News – LOTE Italian

'Benvenuti in classe!'

This week some very excited students were welcomed to 'La classe d'Italiano'.

Our dedicated Italian classroom will give students across all levels the opportunity to explore, create, showcase and share their language learning.

Easy access to resources and visual displays will provide a weekly mini immersion experience, stimulate spontaneous dialogue and inspire confident use of Italiano in and out of the classroom!

Buon weekend!

Signora Di Iorio



A fresh face for our Newsletter

Families,

We hope that you are enjoying our new and updated Newsletter. Once we launch our new website in Term 2, we will also be developing a school iNewsletter. We hope to have this ready to launch to our school community next term also.



In the meantime, we have some changes to our communication for Term 1:

- Every 'even week' (Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) we will prepare and share our comprehensive School Newsletter, such as you are reading now. This will feature Curriculum news and updates, showcase student learning, sporting achievements, Specialists and Garden News, community news, COVID Updates, Important Dates, etc.
- Every 'odd' week' (Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9) we will prepare a condensed version- a School Bulletin. Our School Bulletin will include Important Dates, COVID Updates and any brief or urgent communication.

Later in Term 1, we will invite your feedback on this communication.

Thank you,

Natalie Kenny

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.

REMINDERS:

NOTE- the following information is relevant for Weeks 1-4, with updates pending any changes.

Rapid Antigen Test kits-

- On Friday 11th February, RAT kits (per child) will be sent home with Years 3-6 students, and/or collected from 3pm for P-2 students. These are 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
- 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 or 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, Years 1-6 via 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-

- There is increased fresh airflow into all indoor spaces (including shared spaces, staff areas and thoroughfares) whenever possible and to maximise the use of outdoor learning areas or environments.

Air purifiers-

- Air purifiers have been installed and prioritised for higher risk areas, including where there are high levels of mixing of people and less ventilation.

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-

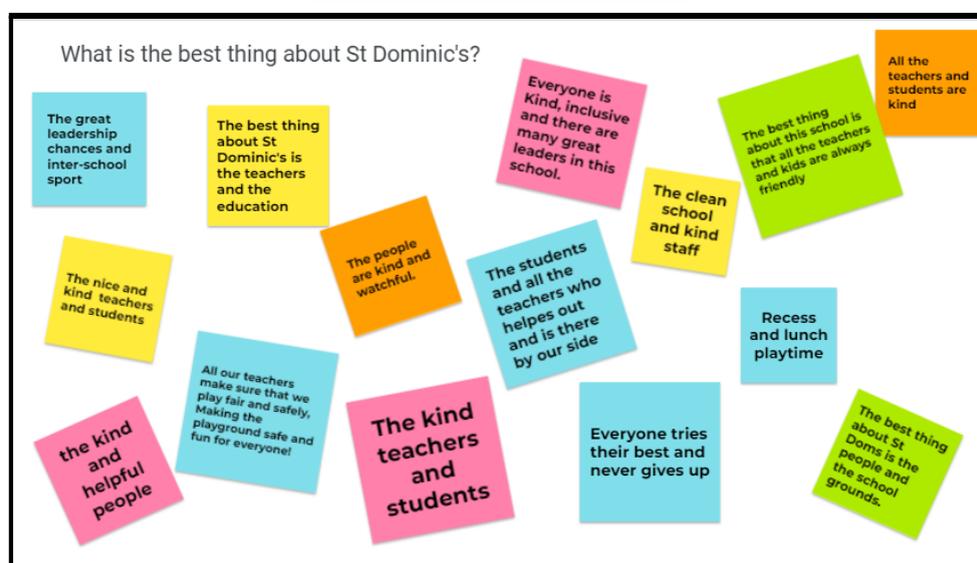
- Until advised, school events in the first 4 weeks of Term 1 will be rescheduled. Further details will be shared ASAP.

If you have any questions, please call our office.

Yours in partnership,
Natalie Kenny (Principal)

What is the best thing about St. Dominics ?

Year 5/6M students



Year 3/4 Dean students

- *It's a smallish school so you get to know people*
- *You can make lots of friends*
- *All the teachers are friendly*
- *It's never boring*
- *There's lots of room / spaces to play*
- *You get to learn new things*
- *All the lessons are fun*
- *It's a friendly place*
- *All the students are different and unique*
- *All the students are loyal, kind, respectful and thoughtful*
- *We tell the truth*
- *It's a school filled with kindness*
- *The students are kind to the teachers*
- *The school provides us with lots of equipment and electronic resources*



PARISH & RE NEWS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR YEAR 3 STUDENTS INTENDING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION HAVE BEEN SENT HOME.

This form must be returned to the School Office on completion.

Applications close on 18 February.



St. Dominic's
Primary School
Camberwell East



SACRAMENT REGISTRATION FORM 2022



Family Name:	
Child's Name:	
Parent's Name/s:	
Parent's Signature	
Email Address:	
Phone No:	

Please attach a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.
A payment of \$30.00 will cover costs related to this sacrament.
Payment can be made through the following link
<https://www.trybooking.com/BXKBC>

Please return top section to the front office by 18 February 2022

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DATES FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Convenient Mass	Saturday, 26 February 2022 @ 6.00pm Sunday, 27 February 2022 @ 9.30am
Rebreat Day	Friday, 25 March 2022 Lunch to be provided
Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation	Wednesday, 30 March @ 7.00pm Thursday, 31 March @ 7.00pm St Dominic's Church

COMMUNITY NEWS

PLAY NETBALL FOR ST DOM'S WE NEED YOU!

FREE NETBALL WITH ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS

Are you interested in playing netball?

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
For enquiries email: stdomsnetball@gmail.com

REGISTER:



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

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Enrolments for 2022 with the
Australian Youth Choir are
now open to boys and girls from
8 years of age.



A great opportunity to develop
singing, build confidence, self esteem
and make new friends in 2022.



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Australian (NIYPAA) ABN24 007 424 629



Year 7 2024 Enrolments now open
Close 19 August 2022



Open Day

Explore / Learn

Sunday, 27 March

11am - 2pm

*Register your
attendance*

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