

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Friends

The second week of the 2021 school year has seen us gather for the celebration of Mass together, led by our new College Rector, Fr Bernie Graham SDB. The Opening School Mass creates an important opportunity for us to pray together as a faith community to ask God's blessings on our students, staff and families. This was a memorable and uplifting occasion for all.

Therapy Dog in Training for Dominic College

This year the College will introduce a Therapy Dog called Annie into our school community. Therapy Dogs have been used locally and globally in schools as part of both student well-being programs and academic programs, particularly in reading and literacy programs.

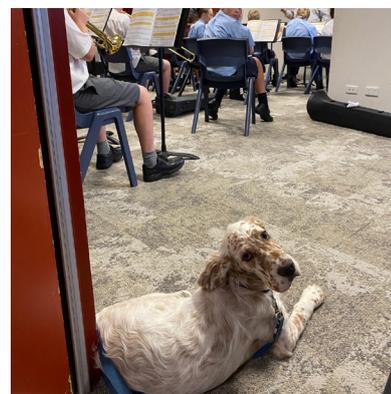
The social and emotional benefits of Therapy Dogs have been studied and documented quite widely. The dogs become part of the school community and are particularly helpful for students with anxiety, learning difficulties, eating disorders, self-regulation issues as well as reluctant readers.

Our Annie is an English Setter pup and is just commencing her training and induction into our environment. The English Setter is a gentle, friendly and placid dog that is especially good with children. Setters love to both give and receive affection and crave companionship. They are highly intelligent dogs, excelling at obedience and command.

Annie won't have connections with our K-6 students until she is fully trained by Semester 2. She is however having some contact with older students.

All in our community will receive more detailed information about Annie's role and work. Students will especially be part of an education program. We hope she'll visit one of our Parents and Friends meetings so parents can meet her and have a briefing on her.

Annie is being handled and managed by our Director of Science K-10, Ms Jane Myers and our Director of Creative Arts K-10, Mr Mike O'Brien.



2021 International Women's Day Breakfast

We will once again hold our International Women's Day Breakfast next month and our special guest speaker at this year's Breakfast will be Old Scholar, Meg Webb. Ms Webb (1990) is the Member for Nelson in the Tasmanian Legislative Council and is the first Dominic Old Scholar elected to the Tasmanian parliament. Meg is an inspiring woman, dedicated to social justice.

The breakfast will be held in the Savio Centre on Wednesday 10 March, 2021 commencing at 7.15am and concludes by 8.30am. Our girls in Year 5-10 are invited together with their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, older sisters, carers and older female friends who act as mentors as well as their teachers.

Tickets can now be purchased at Student Services offices or Grantleigh or on-line through the College website. You can book your tickets at \$15 each through Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/BNRBW

Funds raised will be used for scholarships for girls to access education at our Salesian sister school, the Don Bosco High School on the island of Salelologa in Samoa. I look forward to catching up with many families and friends of the College at this event next month.

Ms Beth Gilligan - Dominic College Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Dear Families

Opening College Mass and Blessing of the Commemorative Badges

We celebrated the beginning of our 2021 school year with our annual Opening College Mass this Wednesday in the Savio Centre. I would like to commend all students on their respectful behaviour and amazing participation. Celebration of Eucharist, another term used for Mass, is an important and special part of a school that makes Dominic College a Catholic school.

It was wonderful seeing students reverently partaking in rituals associated with the Mass and singing beautifully during Communion time. This event was extra special as Fr Bernie also blessed our 75th Anniversary of the arrival of the Salesians of Don Bosco in Glenorchy commemorative badges. These badges have been distributed to students and staff and are worn with pride to celebrate this special year. Well done to all students on their excellent behaviour at our Eucharistic gathering.

Leave in Term Time



It has been communicated several times that Dominic College cannot support nor approve the taking of holidays during term time. This is a legal mandate in the 2016 Education Act and has been put in place to ensure that sound academic progress can take place with students being present at school in all classes.

Schools have a legal responsibility to maintain accurate records of student attendance and as such, any holiday leave that is applied for will be recorded as unapproved.

We ask that you plan carefully in advance to schedule holidays during term breaks. From time to time there will be students who are involved with interstate competitions or extraordinary circumstances that may warrant the need to take more than three days leave. Applications for such leave can be lodged to me via the leave request form which can be obtained in the K-6 and 7-10 Offices. Once an application for leave has been received, you will receive either an email response or a formal letter from the Deputy Principal's office informing you of the status of the application. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Parents & Friends Meeting and AGM

A reminder the first meeting including the AGM of the Parents & Friends Community is on Wednesday 17 February 2021. All committee positions are open. This includes President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Coordinator and General Committee members.

The meeting starts at 7.15pm in the new K-2 Precinct, once the AGM is finalised there will be a tour of the facilities, followed by the P&F meeting.



Uniform Shop opening hours

A reminder that the Uniform Shop, which is situated in the K-6 area next door to the K-6 Services Office, has the following opening hours during term time:

Monday 8.00am – 12.30pm

Wednesday 12.30pm – 4.30pm.

Mr Stephen Casni - Dominic College Deputy Principal

MISSION NEWS



Opening College Mass

We came together on Wednesday as a school community, to ask God's blessing on the school year and on all our activities, to grow in the love and knowledge of God and in the service of others, in the spirit of Don Bosco, and in the tradition of our College.

We started the new school year with the added blessing of having our Salesian community celebrate with us. Mass was celebrated by our College Rector, Fr Bernie Graham SDB assisted by St John's Parish Priest, Fr Guy Riolo SDB.

The students' behaviour is to be commended. They participated with reverence and respect. It was a wonderful way to start the year. Our 7-10 College Captains and Vice Captains, Mission Captains and K-6 Captains and Vice Captains all displayed wonderful leadership by taking on various roles throughout the Eucharistic Mass. A highlight of the mass was the beautiful singing and music provided by some of our talented students.

Visiting Salesian Brothers

We are very fortunate to have two visiting Salesian Brothers at Dominic, Br Joseph Vu from Vietnam, and Br Kevin Fiamé from Samoa. Both brothers will be concluding their three week visit at the end of next week. Br Joseph and Br Kevin took their vows recently and are currently studying theology in preparation for joining the priesthood. They are enjoying visiting classrooms across K-10 to gain an understanding of what life is like in Australian Salesian schools.

Mrs Alicia McMahon - Director of Faith and Mission K-10



CREATIVE ARTS NEWS



Creative Arts House Captains 2021

The Creative Arts Captains have begun to make plans on how to lead their Houses in a range of events this year. There is no shortage of opportunities for our students to make their mark in the Creative Arts.

The Creative Arts Captain for Bosco is Rani Roy. Rani has studied Drama, Media Arts and Dance. She has enjoyed participating in Lip Sync battles, Theatresports, House Singing and performed in The Elephant Man. She strongly believes that all students benefit from participating in the Creative Arts as it is a great way to build confidence and find friends with similar interests.

Lachlan Majchrzak is Creative Arts Captain for Siena. His favourite Creative Arts subject is Music. He has been playing the drums for 6 years. He has also taken Art and Drama. He has great memories of playing in the band for 'Much Ado About Nothing' at the Salamanca Arts Centre. He has also performed with the Rock Band, the Stage Band and in numerous Soirees.



Hannah Lane MacDonald is a Dance stalwart and takes Dance after school and has also studied Drama, Art and Music at the College. She definitely recommends participating in Creative Arts and sees it as 'a fun way to challenge yourself and try new things'. She has participated in many Creative Arts events, most memorably as the White Figure in the Year 8 Dance Eisteddfod piece.

Jasmine Good is the Creative Arts Captain for Guzman. She has studied Music, Art and Drama. Her favourite would be a tie between Music and Art. She has participated

in numerous Music and Dance showcases, Creative Arts Festivals and toured with Concert Band to Brisbane.

We are fortunate to have such a committed, talented and optimistic group of young people to carry the flag for all students at Dominic this year. The Creative Arts faculty is looking forward to working with these formidable leaders.

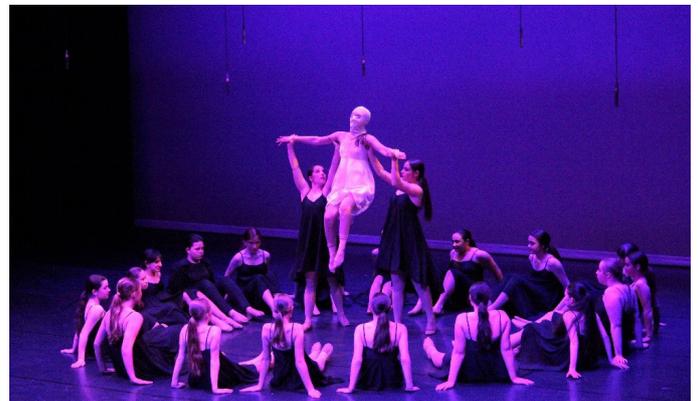
Mr Mike O'Brien - Director of Creative Arts K-10



Rani Roy



Lachlan Majchrzak



Hannah Lane MacDonald



Jasmine Good

TEACHING & LEARNING



Year 7 Laptop Induction

We are delighted to welcome our year 7s as they commence their first year of secondary education in 2021. The first couple of weeks are always busy ones for them as they navigate their new classrooms, routines and timetables. Year 7 students also received their new laptops and participated in an induction program for these on the first day of the academic year. They

were guided through the process of setting up a safe password as well as shown how to access their email, SEQTA Learn and the Student Portal.

Dominic College is very proud of our individual laptop program which supports our ability to increase student engagement and student-centered learning. It helps increase students' technological literacy and improves the development of research and analytical skills. By having all students with access to the same hardware and software, we can ensure equitable and integrated learning across all programs.

During the induction sessions, students were reminded of the importance of carrying their laptops safely. Each student has been issued with a laptop bag and this should be used to carry the device between classes. In addition, the laptop bag must be used when transporting it between home and school. As an extra layer of protection, the laptop should be left in the school bag throughout the journey.

Each Year 7 student was issued with a new charger to take home and they should ensure their devices are charged overnight in preparation for lessons on the following day. There is a laptop charger in each student locker so your child can charge the device at recess and lunchtime throughout the school day.

In the classroom, students must follow the teacher's instructions for use. The device is an education tool which enables students to plan their day, view online lessons and read the daily notices. Our SEQTA Learning is the key platform for students and families to access teaching and learning programs. The laptop also provides students with access to valuable resources such as student email, online texts and library resources. Students are encouraged to seek support from their teachers or our E-Learning team if they experience any issues with their laptops.

All students were reminded of the importance of caring for their laptop. Damage caused by a lack of due care or misuse has a minimum cost of \$60. Our wonderful E-Learning Team is a valued resource which is available to support students to ensure the device is working well and that the learning programs and resources are readily accessible.

By using the laptop to support our 2021 learning programs, we trust all students can feel supported with the technology which enables them to work to their full learning potential.

**Mrs Janet Marcenko - Coordinator of Teaching and Learning
7-10**



LEARNING IN FOCUS



Leadership

In Year 6, students are learning all about identity and the things and people that influence and shape our lives. In discovering the people that influence us, we discover how we can influence people around us.

Being in Year 6, it is important that students are aware, with or without being voted in as student leader, that they are all leaders to the younger students in the school. The younger students look up to our Year 6 students in social and behavioural situations. As written by Ms Gilligan on the College website; *'Our founder Don Bosco placed a great emphasis on the leadership of his older students to the younger students. He believed that young people especially, had huge capacity to positively influence those younger than them. Leadership at Dominic and in the wider Church is about making choices in the best interest of others – for the good of others.'*

Here is what our K-6 Captains and Vice Captains have to say about leadership:

'I think being a leader is showing people the way through tough times, being able to see how things can be improved and helping themselves and others do the right thing. I also think a good leader is someone who has a clear vision, is courageous, has integrity, honesty, humility and clear focus. It is important to be open, honest and passionate. They need to treat everyone fairly, with respect and without favouritism and never undermine or criticise others. You need to make it clear you are there to work towards success. Tim Paine is my role model and someone I look up to because he is a great leader of the Australian cricket team. I thought he led them well during the tough time after the sandpaper incident. I think it is important to be yourself and believe in yourself just like Tim Paine, because if you are fake you will lose integrity and trust.'

- Zac Pfitzner (K-6 Captain, 2021)

'Anyone can be a leader by setting an example and being a role model. Leaders are people who listen to others' opinions and are reliable. They are organised and are prepared to help out even at the last minute. Leadership means they follow all of the school expectations and encourage others to do the same. They work hard and they always try their best. Being a leader means that you need to be on task and always focus on what needs to be done.'

- Daisy Lincoln (K-6 Captain, 2021)

'A leader can be a lot of different things. But being a leader isn't about the badges, the special tie or a title. People can have their own opinion on what a good leader is. But for me, a leader is a responsible, kind, inspiring person that motivates everyone around them. Leaders are committed, so they won't give up when they are asked to do something hard and challenging. They do the good things not to get attention, but just to do the right thing. Leadership is about being loyal, supportive, and enthusiastic. I wanted to become a leader to help and inspire people. I love taking on challenges and I wanted to get out of my comfort zone and I'm hoping for others to do the same.'

'Leadership is not about a title or designation. It's about impact, influence and inspiration.' - Robin S. Sharma

- Janelle Vizcarra (K-6 Vice-Captain, 2021)

'It feels great to be a leader at Dominic College and I feel very proud to be the K-6 Vice-Captain. I hope to be a positive Role Model for all students this year. As a leader, you will always meet new people and you will be able to listen to other people's ideas. You can easily be a leader in the classroom and in the playground, by simply helping a classmate out or inviting a new student to play with you. It's really that simple. So maybe this week, try and help someone out if they're stuck or invite a new student to come and play with you and your friends.'

- Callum Kelly (K-6 Vice-Captain, 2021)

Mrs Vanessa Young - Year 6C Teacher



Zac Pfitzner



Daisy Lincoln



Janelle Vizcarra



Callum Kelly

LEARNING IN FOCUS



Learning by Doing

Teaching and learning in practical subjects presents demands and challenges that are different from the more traditional classroom environments. In Drama, broadly speaking 60 percent of the curriculum delivered in practical tasks with the remaining 40 percent drawn from a solid theoretical base.

A good example of this may be seen in the Year 9/10 Drama unit of study for Term 1, Commedia dell'Arte. Commedia is a form of theatre which developed in Italy and spread across Europe in the Middle Ages. It has had a direct influence upon the development of many forms of comedy today. It is an anarchic, improvised form of performance featuring masked characters, roughly divided into the bumbling old men such as Pantalone and Il Capitano, the young lovers, Flavia and Flavio and the comic servants, Arlecchino and Colombina. The comic characters, the 'zanni', create mayhem and poke fun at everyone and everything. The storylines were improvised and performances were given on carts by companies who roamed the country side and were a regular feature at markets and fairs. Actors would play the same character for life, or would move from the young lovers to the old men as age overtook them.

After immersing themselves in the cultural and historical details, students will make their own half-masks, developing scenarios and experiment with the stylistic demands of exaggerated characterisation, extreme vocal dynamics and contorted physicality. Students enjoy the freedom from subtlety and invariably provide the high-octane energy needed to engage an audience. Our performers will present their work to those astute critics and connoisseurs of comedy, students in K-6, in the culmination of the unit. The assessment is based on their understanding and application of the techniques of commedia as demonstrated in a number of performances. It is an excellent example of learning by doing.

Mr Mike O'Brien - Director of Creative Arts K-10



PASTORAL CARE NEWS



Pastoral Care 7-10

Year 7 students were welcomed to the College on their first day of high school by being 'Belled In'. This ceremony celebrates our Year 7s as they enter their secondary education and symbolises their transition from a variety of schools to Dominic College. As students walked up the hill to their new homerooms

they were led by our College Captains and cheered on by the entire 7-10 community. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm that both individual homerooms and our larger house communities demonstrated for their new members.

Last week parents of both Year 7 and Year 9 Rite Journey students were invited to attend an information evening about upcoming camps for these year levels. Thank you to the parents who managed to make it to the evening or enquired about either camp. We were thrilled to see such enthusiasm for college events and support for our programs.

Our Year 7 camp is a fundamental part of our Year 7 program. It is an important introduction for students to the Salesian ethos and principles as well as being vital for students as they begin to form new friendships and strong bonds within their House communities. Camp will be at Fortescue Bay on the Tasman Peninsula and will be taking place during Week 5 of this Term. Students in both Bosco and Siena Houses will attend camp from March 1-3 and students in Guzman and Savio Houses will attend camp from March 3-5. Students will be taking part in a variety of activities and will be provided with more detail regarding requirements for camp in class.

Our Year 9 students participate in the Rite Journey as part of their Empower Program. The Rite Journey focuses on the transition from adolescence to adulthood. The program is designed to provide guidance and support for students during their journey to adulthood. The Rite Journey Program has a different focus each term as students are invited to concentrate on their relationship with self, their relationship with others, their relationship with spirit and their relationship with the world. The first challenge that students participate in is 'The Calling'. Students will be sleeping at the College on 25 February and will be participating in a ceremony at dawn at the summit of Kunanyi and then walking back to Dominic College with their teachers. In previous years students have found this evening and walk worth the challenge and often refer to it as one of the highlights of their year. Phil Hyatt, our Camps Coordinator, also addressed families about the Northern Territory Trip. He will be sending more detailed information home to families in the coming week.

Ms Frankie Flanagan - Coordinator of Pastoral Care 7-10



Captain's Corner

Welcome back to the second week of term. Firstly, we hope that everyone's long weekend was restful after our busy first week and that they are starting to settle into,

and organised for the new school year.

This week we had our opening school Mass where we all gathered together and celebrated the start of a new school year. We also celebrated the 75th year of when our Salesian brothers and priests came to Glenorchy and established a school to educate the young people. To remember and commemorate this occasion badges were given out to wear.

As everyone starts to get back into the routine of school, we encourage everyone to join a club and get involved in the school with some friends. Some clubs have already started and over the next few weeks more will be starting up so whether you are interested in Art, Music, Debating, be sure to join.

Next Friday 19 February, we will be hosting a Free Dress Day for a \$2 donation. Years 6-10 will also have the opportunity to order pizzas for the day and House Captains will come round to homerooms to collect orders during the week. All proceeds will be going towards Relay For Life to help us achieve our goal. Also a reminder to sign up for Relay for Life. It is such an important cause to support and we can't wait to see you and your friends join our Dominic College team.

We hope you have a good and relaxing weekend. Take the time to study for your classes but don't also forget to catch up with some friends and family and make sure not to forget some YOU time to focus on yourself.

Solomon Kidane and Zoelle Lin - College Vice Captains



K-10 SPORTS NEWS



Commencement of Rosters

Most Year 3-10 Term 1 sporting rosters commence next week. We have had a large number of students take up the opportunity to participate in after school sport which is fantastic to see. School sport is a great way for students to learn new skills and meet new friends in a fun setting. All students are encouraged to participate in at least one sport per term.



Rosters are in the process of being finalised and as they become available to me I will circulate these to the relevant times. Information regarding training times will also be circulated.

We still require assistance in supervising times at matches, if you are able to help, please contact us as soon as possible. If we do not get enough assistance, we may struggle to commit our teams each week.

A reminder that if your child is unable to play in a roster match, you must let Miss Talia Stopp (K-10 Sport Coordinator) know as soon as possible but no later than 9.00am the day of the match. This allows us to ensure we have enough players for the game to go ahead.

7-10 Swimming Training

Thank you to all Year 7 students who attended the Year 7 swimming trials this week. We are proud of each one of you and thankful for your dedication, especially with the early morning starts.

Congratulations to the Year 7 students successful in making the swim team for 2021, this has been communicated home via email. We thank those who were not successful at this time and look forward to seeing them swim competitively later in the year at our School Carnival.



Swim training will continue at the Glenorchy Pool Tuesday and Thursday for Week 3 and 4. It would be wonderful to see all members of the swim squad attend these trainings in preparation for the SSATIS and SATIS carnivals next month.

3-6 Swimming Carnival

An email went home this week for selection of events at the Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival. It is important that you only select the events you know your child is capable of swimming. We ask that this slip be completed no later than Friday 19 February.

We again wish to advise that spectators and parent helpers will not be permitted this year. We understand that this is disappointing and while we would love to have this extra support for our students, we must abide by the capacity limits in place at the Clarence Aquatic Centre.



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email – tstopp@dominic.tas.edu.au

Week 3 Fixtures & Events

Monday

- Year 3/4 Boys Cricket – vs St Virgil's Blue @ Soldiers Memorial 4.00pm

Tuesday

- Year 7-10 Swim Training – Glenorchy Pool @ 7.00am
- Year 7/8 Boys Basketball Maroon – vs St Virgil's Green @ Dominic 4.15pm
- Year 7/8 Boys Basketball Gold – vs St Aloysius Lime @ Dominic 5.15pm
- Year 7/8 Boys Basketball Black – vs Hutchins Black @ Hutchins 5.15pm

Wednesday

- Year 7/8 Girls Soccer – vs Fahan Orange @ Fahan 4.15pm
- Year 9/10 Boys Tennis Gold – vs Dominic Maroon @ Glenorchy Tennis Club @ 4.15pm
- Year 10 Boys Basketball – vs St Virgil's Blue @ St Virgil's 4.30pm
- Year 9 Boys Basketball – vs MacKillop Nets @ MacKillop 5.15pm

Miss Talia Stopp - Coordinator of Sport K-10

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Remi Holbrook
Madison Riseley
Darcy Whelan
Harry Allen
Ella Burrill
Ella Hamilton
Anna Young

Scott Mielke
Juliana Montenegro
Caitlin Turner
Elijah Davey
Lucy Hollingsworth
Beto Korman Ojulu

Cassie Logan
Monique Brown
Corey Cleaver
Lucy Miller
Chelsea Cooper
Jayde Davis

Laura Joseph
Chester O'Brien
Marlin Umgeher
Angus Berry
Jackson Oakley
Connah Smith

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 18 February

Friday 19 February

Thursday 25 - Friday 26 February

Monday March 1 - Friday 5 March

Monday 8 March

Tuesday 9 March

Wednesday 10 March

Saturday 20 - Sunday 21 March

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 1 closes

K-10 Free Dress Day for Relay for Life

Year 9 Rite Journey 'The Calling' overnight Camp

Year 7 Camp and alternate program

Eight Hours Day Public Holiday

Year 7 2023 Information Evening

International Women's Day Breakfast
7.15am - Savio Centre

Cancer Council Relay for Life



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Everything that is done out of love acquires greatness and beauty.'

– St. Josemaria Escriva