

FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND RECTOR



Dear Friends,

College Involvement in 2021 Relay for Life

At the end of last year, our 2021 College Captains, Justin Goodrick and Rachael Glidden and Vice Captains Zoelle Lin and Solomon Kidane launched their first initiative for 2021 – College participation in the Cancer Council's Relay for Life.

This event is a two-day, one-night relay held at the Domain Athletics Centre on Saturday 20 - Sunday 21 March 2021. As Rachael and Justin have said, 'It's a fundraiser for all those who have been touched by cancer in some way and we too want to make a difference in our outreach to them.'

Students in Years 6-10 are all encouraged to consider being part of the event. It is a fantastic experience and a lot of fun being part of a larger community event. Students learn much about community through their involvement.

Students can join the Dominic Team and our community can donate as well to the Team or individual team members:

https://secure.fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCTAS?team_id=68488&pg=team&fr_id=6445

Call-Out for Assistance with Supporting our Students

Our students would be grateful for as much support from our Dominic community as possible. Currently we are looking for a donor/sponsor for pizzas for Saturday dinner for our students and a coordinator of this, and someone or small team to manage a simple breakfast for us on Sunday morning.

We know that there are many families with lots of support connections and networks. We would be most grateful for your ready leadership and assistance.

Ms Beth Gilligan - Dominic College Principal



Greetings all,

Wednesday this week was Ash Wednesday, a very significant day in the Calendar of the Church. It marks the commencement of the Season of Lent, which is a season during which Christians are asked to reflect and prepare themselves to celebrate the mysteries of Easter – the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

In his message for Lent Pope Francis included these thoughts:

'Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals- to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the heart of the Father.'

'Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to 'make his dwelling' among us. Fasting involves being free from all that weighs us down ... in order to open the doors of our hearts to the One who comes to us, poor in all things, yet 'full of grace and truth: the Son of God our Saviour.'

Fast from hurting words and say kind words

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude

Fast from anger and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope

Fast from worries and have trust in God

Fast from complain and contemplate simplicity

Fast from pressures and be prayerful

Fast from bitterness and be filled with joy

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate

Fast from grudges and be reconciled

Fast from words and be silent and listen.

A liturgy of Ashes was celebrated in each House Group in Years 7 – 10 and in each Year Group in K – 6.

Fr Bernie Graham SDB - Dominic College Rector



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Dear Families,

We are Respectful Learners and Citizens

I would like to express how proud I have been of all our K-10 students over these past three weeks for the excellent way they have returned to school and embraced all opportunities on offer. Students look very smart in their uniforms and have been busy getting organised in their new classes. As I visit classrooms and the playground each day, the students have been highly engaged in their learning and the atmosphere throughout the College has been very positive.

As part of the EMPOWER program we have been focusing on exploring what it means to be RESPECTFUL learners and citizens. Students have shared some great examples of how they can all be respectful in classes by staying focused on their work and treating everyone positively and politely, and how to act with respect in the playground and in public when travelling to and from school. Congratulations to all students on a very positive start to the new Academic Year!

Parents and Friends AGM and First Meeting

The Parents and Friends AGM and first annual meeting for the year was held on Wednesday night. The evening commenced with a visit and tour of the new Kinder and Year 1 classrooms.



Our P&F were amazed with how wonderful and bright the learning spaces look and engaged in a short Q&A session with us to ask about how the students and teachers have settled into the new rooms. Many parents mentioned how much they would love to be students in Kinder which was amazing to hear!

During the AGM, members nominated and voted for Executive positions for 2021 and indicated which committees they wish to join. Congratulations to Nicola Rayner who will continue as the P&F President, to Anne Lacy as who continues as Vice President and to Amanda Page who will again undertake the role of Treasurer. The positions of Events Coordinator and Secretary are yet to be filled.

All care givers are invited to come along and take part in the meetings and join in on the discussion for upcoming events and activities. Meeting dates are on our College website calendar and reminders are under our 'Dates to remember' section in our weekly newsletter. Meetings are held in Grantleigh (enter via the back door) at 7.00pm for a 7.15pm start. Please come and support our dedicated P&F if you can.

Year 6 and Year 10 Student Leaders' Planning and Formation Afternoon

Yesterday afternoon our wonderful Year 6 and 10 Leaders took part in a two-hour formation program in the Savio Hub. The gathering commenced with prayer, followed by a Cultural Awareness Workshop led by our palawa Cultural Mentor, Angela Triffitt. The afternoon concluded with leaders breaking off into smaller groups with our Director of Pastoral Care K-10 Mrs Cathy James who led them through a visible thinking exercise to help them plan and get organised for future events. All students were in good spirits, enjoyed an afternoon of bonding with peers and teachers and are looking forward to an exciting year of leading their peers in 2021.



2021 College Photos

Correspondence relating to the 2021 class and family photos will be sent via email to families once we receive final confirmation from Pied Piper. Student photos will be taken on the below dates:

Tuesday 16 March: 7-10 Students

Wednesday 17 March: K-6 Students and Kinder family photos

Thursday 18 March: Family Photos

On photo days Year 3-10 students are required to wear their FORMAL COLLEGE UNIFORM. For K-2 students this is the College Sports Uniform.

Mr Stephen Casni - Dominic College Deputy Principal



Ash Wednesday

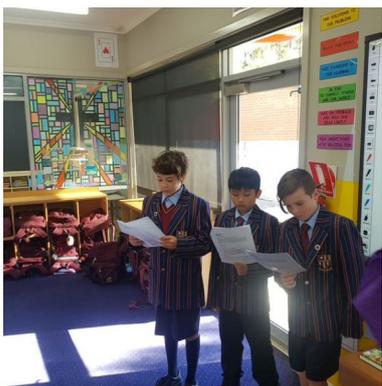
Wednesday 17 February saw the beginning of the season of Lent. To mark this special time in the Catholic Church's calendar, staff gathered for an early morning Mass. Our 7-10 students gathered for liturgies in House Groups and K-6 classes held their liturgies in Year levels to celebrate Ash Wednesday.

Teachers and students both received the ashes on their foreheads as a public expression of our Catholic faith, as a sign of turning back to God. Lent is traditionally a time of prayer, fasting and alms giving and Christians throughout the centuries have prayed, fasted (which means going without food) and given alms (or donating to charity) to reconnect with God during the 40 days of Lent. Ash Wednesday begins our journey into Lent by making the commitment to pray, to give something up and to give something back to others, and in this way, we can turn back to God.

Project Compassion 2021

During the Lenten season there will be fundraising activities across the College to raise funds for Caritas Australia. Countless people turn to Lent in a demonstration of love and generosity. By raising money for Caritas through Project Compassion, the money will go support people locally and across the globe in some of the poorest communities. The theme for Project Compassion this year is 'be more' for our world. Each Pastoral Group in 7-10 and all K-6 classroom will have a Project Compassion box so that students are also able to donate money outside of organised fundraising activities.

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



Choirs at Dominic

This year at Dominic College, we are again offering numerous opportunities for students in Years 3-10 to sing in a choir, and already many students have come along to first rehearsals. All of our choirs are open to any student who wishes to join and there are no auditions to be involved. The rehearsals are run at the following times:

3/4 Choir – Thursday lunch time

5/6 Choir – Monday lunch time

7-10 Choir – Wednesday lunch time

All choirs will have multiple opportunities for performances throughout the year at assemblies, Eisteddfods, the Showcase Concert, special events, the College Fair and no doubt many more. A small vocal ensemble has already had their first performance at the Opening College Mass and performed beautifully.



We are excited to continue developing our Valdocco Vocal Ensemble this year. This is a specially selected group of students, brought together for specific projects, and these students will be chosen from our 5/6 and 7-10 Choirs. This group has begun rehearsing on Wednesday mornings at 8.00am in preparation to perform at the International Women's Day breakfast in a few weeks.



So if you are in Years 3 – 10, we highly recommend you come along and try out for the choir. The rush of excitement you get when you hear everyone sing together in harmony, the high you feel after you've left rehearsal or the sense of belonging you feel when you are at rehearsal with a group of supportive people is like nothing else you can experience doing any other activity.



Mrs Katherine Denholm - Creative Arts Teacher

TEACHING & LEARNING



High Impact Teaching

In the first newsletter of 2021, Mrs Kinne introduced an important focus for our College- High Impact Teaching. Her article unpacked the essential ideas behind High Impact Teaching. To be successful in this endeavour there are a number of areas in which both teachers and students have a role to play.

Teachers must plan effective lessons that facilitate student thinking, encourage greater interaction, tap into prior knowledge and build new understanding and skills. They must consider how they sequence the learning activities to maintain student engagement and maximise learning success.

Students must be willing to pay attention while focusing on the purpose of the lesson and their new learning. People who pay attention and really focus on the speaker are said to be 'active listeners'.

Active listeners

- Face the speaker.
- Make eye contact.
- Nod.
- Focus on what is being said.
- Keep their hands and feet still.
- Ignore distractions.
- Ask questions.
- Wait for the speaker to stop before speaking
- Tell the speaker if they understand or don't understand.



Working on and continuing to develop each of these skills now will be beneficial to your child both in the short and long term. A student who employs active listening techniques is able to achieve improved focus so that they can fully engage with new learning.

Active listening is not only important for the classroom it is in fact an essential interpersonal skill. Who doesn't love catching up with a friend or relative who is fully present and listening to every word we say? We know that people who are active listeners are better able to build rapport, intimacy and trust in their relationships.

This important skill is definitely one each of us should be continually working to achieve and improve.

Ms Sue Cunningham - Coordinator of Teaching and Learning 3-6

YEAR 7 - 2023 INFORMATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2021
6.30-7.30pm - Savio Centre

Dominic College- 204 Tolosa Street Glenorchy

Contact the College Registrar (03) 6274 6010

Register on Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/BOYHI>

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LEARNING IN FOCUS



Kinder at Dominic College

All three Kinder classes have had a wonderful start to 2021 and are enjoying being involved in various activities in the new Kinder classrooms. Day by day, the students are demonstrating that they are capable learners by developing their social and emotional, physical and intellectual skills.

The Kinder day is divided into a number of learning spaces such as Morning jobs, Literacy circle, Numeracy circle, Religion, Integrated studies and specialist subjects (Japanese, Music and Physical Education).

During morning jobs children get the opportunity to develop their fine motor skills while developing positive relationships with other children and adults in the classroom. At this stage of the year, our Literacy focus is on name recognition and attempting to write it, drawing and story writing. Our Numeracy focus is giving the students the opportunity to identify colour and shape. As our new room structure allows us to open all three rooms into one, on Wednesdays all the Kinder classes come together for Religion lessons.

At recess and lunch time the Kinders wear a coloured vest to play. This is for a number of reasons, the most important one being their safety and instant recognition by Staff and other students that they are Kinders. As you can see we also wear them in our groups so that each Kinder class is easily recognisable. Kinder timita wear red vests, tuminana wear pink and larila wear blue.

Next week our Kinder parents will receive an invitation from SEESAW to join and view photos from our day but also activities to complete at home to focus on practising the skills we are learning in our rooms.

Have a look at the snapshots to see how your children are engaged during their day!

Mrs Jane Doyle - Kinder tuminana Teacher



LEARNING IN FOCUS



Design and Technologies

It is Week 3 and MDT students are settling into their subjects in the Dezani Design Centre. Year 7 MDT are excited to get used to working solidly for a double lesson. They are busy measuring, cutting, remembering the name of the tools and which tool group they belong to.

Year 8 Wood and Metal classes are working hard on their skill builder assessment task, ready to start their first projects- Carcase construction for wood and Garden implement for metal. The Year 9/10 classes have some new faces and some who have studied these subjects previously. They are busy completing skill builders and starting their projects: 'fitting like a glove' (joint for wood) and 'pressure point' (threads and angles for metal).

Food Technology

Food Technology classes have welcomed the new Year 7s and returning students to the kitchen. Year 8s start in the new textiles room, making a reusable bag. Students design the bag size, shape and decorative pattern.

9/10 Food Technology classes are working on a finger food presentation unit, showcasing their knife skills and food styling to make small consistent serves of their chosen dish.

Intro to Construction and Intro to Engineering Pathways (VET)

Intro to VET classes have committed to the high demands and challenges needed to achieve competency. Construction and Engineering students are studying for their White Card test, a requirement of their first unit about safety on a construction site and are busy completing their Hand tools assessment tasks.

Intro to Hospitality (VET)

The fifteen Intro to VET Hospitality students had great fun kitting out in their chef outfits for the first time. The weather was so good even a relax on the new bean bags was in order. After focusing on an introduction to safety in the kitchen they had a 40 min sushi making challenge to show off their new skills.

Digital Technologies

Year 7 students are learning how to use Excel spreadsheets. They have been completing calculations, using functions, creating graphs and modeling real life situations. They are excited to start programming their own games soon. Year 8 students are learning about Digital Citizenship and Internet Security. They have been participating in the NCSS Challenge, where they learn how to write programs using Python.

Year 9/10 IT students are learning about Computational Thinking and solving problems using Decomposition, Patter Recognition, Abstraction and Algorithms. They are using this knowledge to create a design for an App. Year 9/10 Robotics students have built EV3 Lego Mindstorms robots and are learning to program them, using Maths, to solve their first challenge.

Mrs Selina Kinne - Coordinator of Applied Studies



PASTORAL CARE NEWS



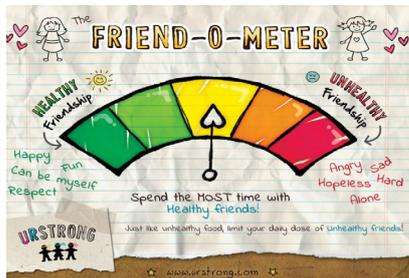
URStrong – Our Friendship Focus

The URStrong program is a cornerstone of the Kinder – Year 6 EMPOWER program and focuses on children teaching others how to treat them. Friendships mean the world to our students and we use the URStrong program as it supports children to establish and maintain healthy relationships, manage conflict with kindness and increase their overall resilience.

There is common language that is utilised in the program, and you may hear your child use these words at home. Children are explicitly taught the skills of friendship, and these are based on the four rules of friendship. This quick glossary will help you understand the language your child may be using.

A quick glossary....

- **Friendship Fire:** Any situation between you and a friend that results in negative feelings.
- **Mean-on-Purpose:** When someone is intentionally unkind to someone else.
- **Quick Comeback:** A very short word or phrase that is used when someone is Mean-on-Purpose. Quick Comebacks are designed to let the other person know that you heard/saw what they did and you're not okay with it.
- **Friend-o-Meter:** A visual tool that assesses the health of friendships, ranging from the healthy zone to the unhealthy zone.
- **Friendship Ninja:** A Friendship Ninja is someone who surrounds themselves with friends in the healthy zone of the Friend-o-meter. A Friendship Ninja is kind and friendly to everyone.



We look forward to sharing our URStrong work with you throughout the year, and we encourage you to use this common language with your children at home. Check out the URStrong page online, and it's currently free for parents to sign up to the program so you can learn all about it too! www.urstrong.com/parents

Mrs Allison Lowe - Co-Coordinator of Pastoral Care K-6



Captains Corner

This week we celebrated Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is one of the first events in the year for the Church. It signifies the start of Lent, which is a 40-day period in which we pray, fast and give alms. Having ash on our foreheads in the shape of the sign of the cross publicly shows our faith and willingness to turn back to God. Mission captains were given the opportunity to run these liturgies in our House

groups, with support from our fellow captains. This also meant we had the chance to distribute the ashes to our peers.

Due to COVID-19, this year we just sprinkled ash into their palms and they put the ashes on their own forehead. During Religion classes we are often asked what we could give up for the 40-days of Lent. Some of the often responses to this are lollies, meat, canteen money, take away foods and many more. Throughout the liturgies we heard readings that related to Lent which then enabled us to reflect on these words and think about how we could put something that inspired us from the readings into action in our daily lives.

Bianca Russell and Taylah Chick - Siena and Savio Mission Captains



K-10 SPORTS NEWS



7-10 SATIS Swimming

Congratulations to those Year 7 students selected in the SATIS swimming team. We had some strong competitors and it was great to see such high dedication to swimming.

Students in Year 7-10 are reminded that we have two more training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for those who have been selected to represent Dominic at the Southern and State Carnivals. Information has been emailed home to all students selected in the team in preparation for the Carnivals. Please contact me on tstopp@dominic.tas.edu.au should you have any queries.

7-10 Sport Reminder

Students are reminded to check the daily bulletin each and every morning for important information regarding sporting matches, training sessions and meetings. A number of students missed meetings this week due to missed messages on the bulletin. Please do not rely on someone else in the Pastoral Group to read out the messages. These messages and meetings are necessary to ensure you are ready for games.

It is also vitally important that I am made aware of students unable to participate in sport in particular weeks to allow forward planning. Please contact me no later than 9.00am the day of the game.

Short notice or not letting me know results in letting our team mates down and often needing to forfeit matches.

Students, parents and guardians are also reminded that a chartered Redline bus takes players to all 'away' games. Students simply need to be collected from the game venue by parents at the conclusion of the match.

3-6 Swimming Carnival

The 3-6 Swimming Carnival is fast approaching with the Carnival set to take place Thursday 4 March. We ask that all parents ensure the EDSmart slip is completed no later than Tuesday 23 February. This ensures that all students are placed in the correct events for their swimming ability.

Benefits of Team Sport

We offer a large range of team based sport that students are able to participate in. These team sports begun this week for all Year 1 to 10 students. Team sports have been proven to highly benefit students both physically, socially and academically.

It does not matter what sport is played or a student's skill level, the benefits still exist. Some examples of benefits from participating in a team sport include the development of:

- Communication skills
- Decision making skills
- Time management
- Self-esteem
- Sense of community
- Respect
- Patience
- Friendship

These are just a few of an endless list of benefits from team sport. I would encourage all students in K-10 to get involved in a team sport this year – let's aim for one per term!

Miss Talia Stopp - Coordinator of Sport K-10



LIBRARY LOVERS' DAY



Library Lovers' Day 2021

This year Dominic College students were excited to celebrate Library Lovers' Day on Monday 15 February.

Library Lovers' Day is an annual event celebrating the valuable role that libraries play in our lives and is a great opportunity to promote a love of all things library, reading and literature. The theme for 2021 was 'Make a date with your library' and K-10 students had the opportunity to participate in activities celebrating this fun event!

K-6 classes received a mystery picture book with a 'love' letter attached to it and a worksheet asking students to write about and draw their favourite book and place to read. We had many lovely responses with the most popular places to read including: in bed, on the couch, under a tree, at the beach and with family members.

Our Year 7-10 students during Pastoral Group had the opportunity to participate in a 'Who's Dating Who in the Literary World' quiz with the prize being a giant filled lolly jar for the first correct entry. Congratulations to Mr Mangione's Savio 2 group for taking out the coveted prize!

Mrs Sarah Bromfield - College Librarian K-10



Morning Tea Tours - Kindergarten 2022

Monday 15 March - 10.15am - 11.30am in Dominic's new K-2 Precinct
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WHOLE COLLEGE NEWS



Dear families,

As the new K-2 Precinct continues to take shape there will be some changes to the new carpark and the drop off/pick up lane. Over the coming weeks you will notice additional signage being installed along with line marking and traffic islands. When these changes come into effect the lane directly in front of the new Kinder building will be for drop-off and pick-up only, please do not leave cars unattended in this area. The remaining two aisles will be for parking and will also have disabled parking for permit holders.

The temporary car park on the soccer pitch that was utilised throughout 2020 is now for contractors working on the new development and should not be entered under any circumstances.

As these changes take place Dominic staff will be onsite to assist families where required.

Thank you.

Mr Cameron Berry - Compliance and Resources Manager



Presents

An evening for Parents & Teachers

Introducing Giftedness

With

Lynne Maher

How do you know if a child is gifted?

How can parents support gifted children?

How can teachers support students who need more challenge?

At

7.30 pm, Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Online Delivery

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Current financial members - Free

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Lynne has been actively involved in TAG for many years, including several years as president. She is Tasmanian Director and Treasurer for the National Association, AAEGT. A qualified and experienced teacher with experience teaching, training and facilitating learning with all ages, Lynne's knowledge of gifted education expanded as she advocated for her gifted son. She has conducted local information sessions for educators and parents, professional development for teachers, and presentations at state, national and world conferences.

TAG is here to help, support and inform you.

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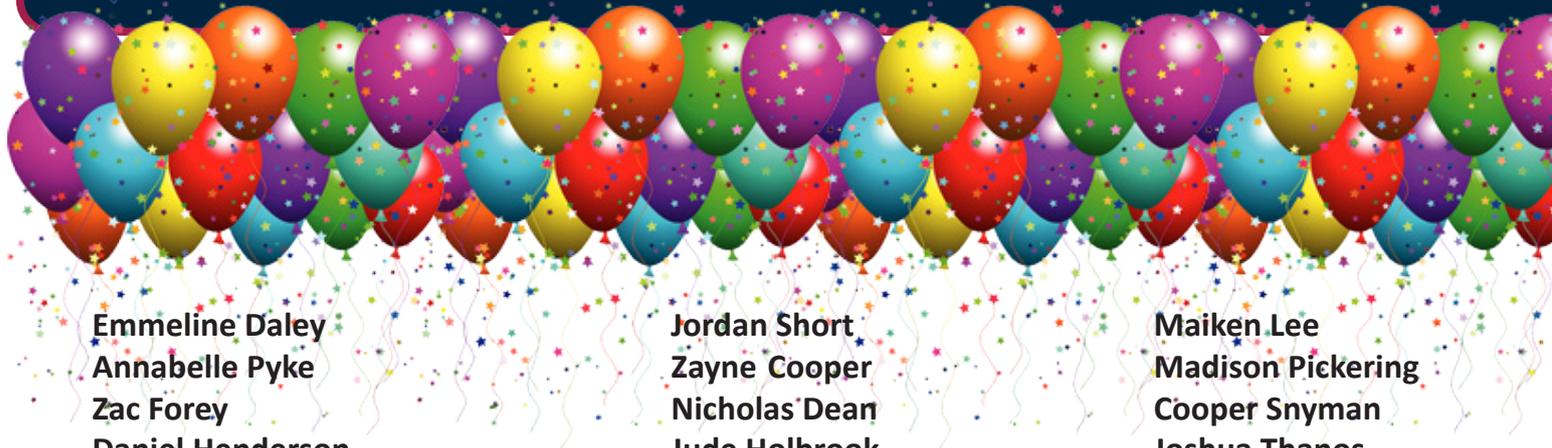


REMINDER TO LIL FAMILIES

In the interests of health and safety, if you or your child are not feeling well, or have any symptoms of cold or flu i.e. sniffly, runny nose, cough, sore throat, sneezing, or temperature, please don't visit LIL until you no longer have any symptoms of illness.

We want to make sure that all our LIL visitors stay healthy, happy, and well!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emmeline Daley
Annabelle Pyke
Zac Forey
Daniel Henderson
Alexa Sayer

Jordan Short
Zayne Cooper
Nicholas Dean
Jude Holbrook
Max Korenstra

Maiken Lee
Madison Pickering
Cooper Snyman
Joshua Thanos

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 25 - Friday 26 February

Monday March 1 - Friday 5 March

Monday 8 March

Wednesday 10 March

Monday 15 March

Year 9 Rite Journey 'The Calling' overnight Camp

Year 7 Camp and alternate program

Eight Hours Day Public Holiday

International Women's Day Breakfast
7.15am - Savio Centre

Year 7 2023 Information Evening 6.30pm -
Savio Centre

Kindergarten 2022 Morning Tea Tour
10.15am



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Do not put off till tomorrow the good you can do today. You may not have a tomorrow.'

- St John Bosco