

FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND RECTOR



Dear Friends

It has been another good week at Dominic as our Year 5-10 student and staff College Relay for Life Team readies for the upcoming weekend event at the Domain. Students are to be commended on their wonderful sense of outreach to the wider community and commitment to take

collective action to make a difference in the lives of others – especially those living with and affected by Cancer. Best wishes to all participants for strong strides this weekend.



Parent Consultation on the Pedagogical Framework

It was good to meet with the parents at the Parents and Friends meeting on Wednesday evening. Our Director of Teaching & Learning K-10, Mrs Selina Kinne shared an excellent presentation on the College's Pedagogical Framework.

All of us present enjoyed a good discussion around aspects of the Framework that improve student achievements and how children and young people engage with learning.

Principal Leave

I have been fortunate to have been granted a small period of leave from the College to see my extended family on the mainland. I will be taking leave from Monday 29 March to Friday 30 April. Steve Casni has generously agreed to take on the role of Acting Principal in my absence and Mrs Alicia McMahon will take on the role of Acting Deputy, generously replacing Steve. Mrs Bradi McGee has already commenced taking up the Acting K-6 Religious Education Coordination Role, replacing Mrs McMahon in one of her roles. I know that the College will continue to run smoothly during my absence in the very capable hands of Steve and Alicia and the rest of the College Leadership team.

Ms Beth Gilligan - Dominic College Principal



Greetings all,

This week, in the calendar of the Catholic Church, we celebrate the feast days of two significant saints – Saint Patrick on 17 March and St Joseph on 19 March.

St Patrick lived in the 5th century and is known as the 'Apostle of Ireland' because he was the great missionary who brought the Christian faith to Ireland. He is renowned for his preaching of the faith far and wide across the country and converting many to believe in Jesus Christ. As a result of his preaching the Christian faith became an integral part of Irish life and culture. He was a man of courage, conviction, challenge and conversion. Centuries later the Irish who came to Australia, many as convicts, were the foundation of the Catholic faith here, particularly in Tasmania. So, St Patrick is especially honoured and remembered – especially with anything green!

St Joseph was a very different person. He was the carpenter, the husband of Mary who is the mother of Jesus Christ. According to tradition he was the quiet craftsman, in the background as the father-figure of Jesus as a child, the protector and guide.

Pope Francis has declared 2021 to be a special 'Year of St Joseph', a time to reflect on the qualities of St Joseph, particularly as a father figure. In his letter announcing and proclaiming this special focus on St Joseph Pope Francis describes him as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

May these two great Saints be an inspiration to us and intercede for us.

Fr Bernie Graham SDB - Dominic College Rector

And he offered this prayer:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father*

and guide us in the path of life.

*Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.*

Amen.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Dear Families

2022 Kindergarten Morning Tea Tour

On Monday morning we welcomed many families to our first Morning Tea Tour for 2021. Greeted outside by our student leaders, guests were ushered into the new learning spaces and were warmly welcomed by our College Principal, Ms Beth Gilligan. Mrs Jane Doyle, Coordinator of Teaching and Learning K-2 gave an overview of our Kindergarten program, the layout of the new classrooms and some information about general routines. We were pleased our youngest group of future students along with their parents joined the tour offered in the new K-2 Precinct.



If there are friends or family who are interested in coming to Dominic College please encourage them to contact our Registrar, Mrs Tammy Hancock, as soon as possible by phone to 6274 6010 or email thancock@dominic.tas.edu.au

Student Photos

This week students and staff were all dressed in their best for school photos. It was great to see students proudly wearing their formal uniform and smiling for the camera. We will provide Information when these are available in due course. We thank Pied Piper Photography for their continued support of our community.



Relay for Life this Weekend

With the Relay for Life event being held this Saturday we announce with the upmost gratitude we have raised over our goal of \$30,000 with the donated funds sitting at \$41,910 as of today. A huge congratulations to our College Captains, Justin Goodrick and Rachael Glidden who have led and coordinated this event along with Vice Captains Solomon Kidane and Zoelle Lin. Well done to all students and staff who have registered for the Dominic College team and to all families and friends who have been able to support this initiative to raise funds for the Cancer Council. We are all looking forward to taking part in this wonderful event tomorrow.



SAVE THE DATE: P&F Colour Run

The P&F will be coordinating a Colour Run afternoon for all students on the last day of Term 1 – Friday 9 April. This will not be a fundraising event but just a great way for students to celebrate the end of the first term as we were unable to hold this event in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Stay tuned for further information next week via the newsletter and P&F Facebook page.

Mr Stephen Casni - Dominic College Deputy Principal



MISSION NEWS



Class Masses

Our class Masses have been going well. Each class focuses the theme of the Mass on their current unit of study in Religious Education. Many of our K-6 classes have been visiting the Chapel for their Masses over the past week. Both Year 5 and Year 4 recently had their Masses celebrated by our College Rector Fr Bernie Graham SDB. Year 5 had the theme of 'The Light of Jesus' which centred on encouraging the children to let their light shine. The Year 4 Mass was about being selfless and doing things for others. The students are enjoying the experience of having class Masses in the Chapel with their friends and teachers.

Project Compassion

Thank you to Siena and Bosco House for their combined fundraising effort today at lunchtime. All money raised will go to our Project Compassion drive. It was a great day for selling cool drinks and treats.

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



Prayer 5th Sunday of Lent

My loving Lord,
it's so hard to love the world sometimes
and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible.
Help me to be inspired by his love and
guided by his example.
Most of all, I want to accept that I can't do it
alone,
and that trying is an arrogance of self-
centeredness.
I need you, dear God, to give me support in this
journey.
Show me how to unlock my heart
so that I am less selfish.
Let me be less fearful of the pain and darkness
that will be transformed by you into Easter joy.

Amen

CREATIVE ARTS NEWS



Dominic Stage Band

A Stage Band is a contemporary jazz ensemble based on the same instrumentation and line up as a traditional Big Band. This line up comprises of saxophones, trumpets, trombones and a rhythm section (and sometimes a vocalist). The difference is that a Stage Band plays more of a variety of genres including pop, rock and funk whereas

a traditional Big Band focuses mainly on swing and other jazz spin-offs.

Last year, Dominic College formed its first ever Stage Band under the direction of John Keenan. This ensemble is an extension of the concert bands and instrumental band program and allows students to experience more challenging charts within a wider array of styles of music. The Stage Band have performed at several assemblies and always get a strong response for the audience.

'Stage Band is a good middle-ground between rock and concert band and you get to play good music.' **Harry Johnston - Year 9**

'Coming to Stage Band after school is relaxing.' **Aria Nossiter - Year 7**

'I always gets to learn new experiences in Stage Band.' **Christian Wheeler - Year 8**

The band has already performed rock pieces, funk, pop, commercial, and swing and will be strutting their stuff again this Saturday on the main stage at Relay for Life at 2.30pm.

Mr Martin Smith - Creative Arts Teacher



Stage Band Performing at the Year 10 Final Assembly 2020



The Band at Tuesday's rehearsal preparing for the Relay for Life performance.

TEACHING & LEARNING



NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. In Tasmania, this year all tests will be completed online, except for the Year 3 Writing test, which will be done with pen and paper.

One of the main benefits of working online is that it allows for tailored or adaptive testing. This means the test presents questions of higher or lower complexity depending on the your child's performance. Tailored testing allows for a wider range of abilities to be assessed and your child's progress can be measured more precisely.

Why do students do NAPLAN?

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how each child is performing at the time of the tests. They give you information on how your child is progressing against national standards. NAPLAN does not replace, but rather complements, the assessments run by your child's teacher throughout the year.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level, it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN dates

Dominic College will be completing practice tests next week from March 22 - 26. The practice test is a chance for the students to become familiar with the NAPLAN online test format and processes and experience the test question types.

The official NAPLAN assessments for Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will run from 11 - 21 May. We would ask that parents avoid making appointments for students during this time so they can be in attendance for the assessments. A schedule of assessments will be shared closer to the date.

How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

A public demonstration site has been set up to allow members of the public, adults, and students alike, to try out the functionality of NAPLAN online. Parents are encouraged to try out this site with their children by going to <https://nap.edu.au> and choosing the link to the public demonstration site.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN visit <https://nap.edu.au> or contact the Director of Teaching and Learning K-10, Mrs Selina Kinne on skinne@dominic.tas.edu.au

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



LEARNING IN FOCUS



Living Things

In Prep we have been learning about living things. We have talked about what living things need to survive and how we can care for living things so that they grow and thrive. We have talked about how living things need each other and how we depend on non-living resources to survive. Without air, food, water and shelter it is very difficult for anything

to stay alive. We now understand that we must care for each other, our animals and the environment, as all living things are precious. Preserving and protecting our environment and looking after our animals is an area that children and young people are very passionate about and it has been wonderful to encourage this. In our classroom we have been caring for some very special seeds. In one



of the work the students have produced and the care they have shown our seeds. Well done Prep!

Miss Lauren Saunders - Prep A Teacher



Outdoor Education

This year the HPE faculty has started with a bang with classes engaging in some amazing learning opportunities across K-10. Special mention in this article to the three Outdoor Education classes run by Mr Phil Hyatt who have been participating in a wide range of fun and challenging learning experiences. Students began the year with a swim and water safety assessment at the Glenorchy Pool so students could show their ability for surfing and aquatic environments throughout the coming year. All three of our Outdoor Education classes have been able to participate in three amazing surfing excursions including focusing on safety and rip identification, board management, technique (pop-up and step-up) and then a full surfing session. Students have shown amazing improvement across the duration of this unit and Mr Hyatt has been impressed with the skill development and engagement from all three classes. Students will begin a Mountain Biking unit at the start of Term 2 where they will utilise College grounds and the local Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park. It is an exciting time to be a member of the Outdoor Education classes.

Mr Cameron Golding - Director of HPE K-10



PASTORAL CARE NEWS



Relay for Life

This weekend Relay for Life takes place. What a wonderful job the students have done. Dominic College have smashed through their goals, broken records and last time of checking they had raised \$40,312. This at the moment is the highest amount raised by any team in Tasmania this year. Well done Dominic College.

Three of the top five money raisers are also from Dominic College so a big shout out to Beth Gilligan, Steve Casni and Ella James. Thank you for your wonderful contribution. We would like to thank all those who have donated and made a contribution to this event.

At school to help the tally there have been pizza days, the coffee cart and last Friday we had silly games in K-6 and a staff versus students basketball game in 7-10. Through these events cans of drinks, icy poles and lollipops were sold.

Dominic College have the largest team in Hobart and we look forward to a wonderful weekend. All students need to be signed in and out of the event. COVID-19 restrictions mean limited numbers and no parents. Dominic Students will need to go through the COVID-19 check in and straight to the Dominic registration table to sign in and get their purple wristband which they require for entry. Please make sure Edsmart and Consent2Go have been filled in for students.

Mrs Catherine James - Director of Pastoral Care K-10



Captain's Corner

Every year Dominic College puts a Project Compassion Box in every Homeroom. Students put money in these boxes, even if it is just loose change in our pockets, to raise money for our Lenten Appeal and to support and give compassion to our world's most vulnerable. Schools all around the world participate in this charity event. There are many ways that we raise money for this fundraiser. This year on Friday 19 March Siena and Bosco are selling drink cans for \$2, Spiders for \$3 and Zooper Doopers for \$1 on the top court and at the canteen. All money that is raised is going straight to Project Compassion. Guzman also participated by making Valentine's Day cards and Savio held a car wash, all the profits

went to Project Compassion. Dominic students and staff have all come together to support this cause in so many ways and we are really proud of the work the whole school is doing to get behind it.

Carys Lavia and Sarah Watson - Guzman and Bosco Mission Captains 2021

K-10 SPORTS NEWS



Flippaball

Our five Flippaball teams have continued playing over the past few weeks. We have a large number of students playing at the Clarence Pool on Sunday evenings and all teams are improving greatly each week.

Students have been demonstrating wonderful sportsmanship and dedication. Well done to all players on your continual improvement and a very big thank you for our wonderful coaches.

JSSATIS Swimming

This Thursday, our Year 3-6 representative swim team travelled to Hobart Aquatic Centre to compete against other southern independent schools at the annual JSSATIS Swimming Carnival.

Our students were excited and demonstrated wonderful enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the day.

A special mention to Vincent Davey who got a ribbon for each race he competed in.

Next Friday, 26 March, students will, again, travel to the Hobart Aquatic Centre to compete in the Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival. A Consent2Go has been emailed home to receive permission for this event.

SATIS Swimming

Next Tuesday, 23 March, 7-10 students in the swim team will travel to the Hobart Aquatic Centre to compete against other independent schools from across the state. This will be the final representative event for our 2021 swim team.

A Consent2Go has been sent home, please ensure this is completed at your earliest convenience.

We wish these students all the best and thank them for representing Dominic College in a way that makes us all proud.

7-10 Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday, 31 March, our annual 7-10 Carnival will take place at the Domain Athletics Centre. Students have signed up for events during House assembly last week. If any students wish to change their events, they are to email me.

A Consent2Go will be emailed home early next week, this carnival forms an important part of our House competitions and a culminating event for our HPE units. It is expected all students attend this event.

Miss Talia Stopp - Coordinator of Sport K-10



WHOLE COLLEGE NEWS



Dear Families,

The 2021 Parents and Friends Easter Raffle is up and running!

Raffle books have been distributed to all K-6 classes this week and 7-10 families can access their raffle books online by using the attached Trybooking link.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPCVL>

K-6 families can also use this link to purchase raffle books or to share with family and friends near and far.

If 7-10 families prefer a paper version they are available at the K-6 Office or you can email parentsandfriends@dominic.tas.edu.au to organise your raffle book.

More detailed information will be distributed with each raffle book and via the online booking page.

We would love it if each family could also bring in a donation, no matter how big or how small, which will go to making the prize hampers. Donations can include Easter eggs and bunnies, Easter candies, soft toys, Easter baskets, etc.

These donations can be left at any of the College Offices by Friday 26 March and would be GREATLY appreciated. Please ensure any donation is nut-free and within the use-by date.

Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 31 March.

Thank you so much for your support,

P&F Community



Our College Captain's recently delivered the table flowers from our International Women's Day Breakfast to appreciative residents at Glenview Community Services. They were very grateful, please see their message below:

The residents from Glenview would like to thank Dominic College for the lovely gift boxes of flowers you have sent recently. Such a thoughtful gift to be enjoyed by all. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.



CommonwealthBank

School Banking is coming back soon!

Can you volunteer? We need your help!

Just a reminder that we are hoping to recommence the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program this year. If you can help as a volunteer School Banking Coordinator every Wednesday from 10.00am to approximately 11.00am, please contact Annette Roberts on Annette.Roberts@cba.com.au to volunteer or to find out more.



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SCHOOLWEAR

Uniform Shop Easter Hours:

The Dominic College Uniform Shop will be closed Easter Monday, 5 April, and will resume normal trading hours as of Wednesday 7 April from 12.30pm - 4.30pm.

Transport notification:

Due to upcoming roadworks, outbound Bus Stop 14 on the East Derwent Highway will be closed for 10 months.

Students who catch the Redline Bus from this stop will need to change to Stop 13 or 15, approximately 150 metres away from Stop 14.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Maria Walker on mwalker@dominic.tas.edu.au

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Darcy Cooper
Marie Irakoze
Joshua Maley
Matilda Menzie
Fletcher Ward
Ramita Coldrey

Halle Heggie
Rebekah James
Sage Krejza
Isabella Slade
Nabina Thapa
Zoe Cashion

Kate Cherney
Hayden Direen
Mia Branch
Tylar Jenni
Ved Pandya
Sophie Burke

Chelsea Schiebel
Blake Swan
Jonty Zielinski
Maya Carpenter
Mahi Patel
Rithvika Sadula

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 20 - Sunday 21 March

Relay for Life - Domain Athletic Centre

Tuesday 23 March - Friday 26 March

Year 10 Animal Husbandry Marine Camp

Wednesday 31 March

P&F Easter Raffle

Friday 2 April

Good Friday Holiday

Monday 5 April

Easter Monday Holiday

Tuesday 6 April

Easter Tuesday Holiday

Friday 9 April

P&F Run4Fun Colour Explosion

Term 1 Ends



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*'The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort.
You were made for greatness.'*

- Pope Benedict XVI