

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



**Dear Friends,**

### **Prime Minister's Spelling Bee Finalists**

Fifty Dominic College students in Years 3 – 6 recently competed in both the Local and then State rounds of the Prime Ministers' Spelling Bee. All our students recorded terrific scores with high levels of accuracy. We are proud of all these students.



Last week we received notification that three of our wonderful students have been named as state finalists in the Prime Ministers' Spelling Bee and have now reached the National Final.

Congratulations to Vincent Davey and Alice Park (Year 3) and Hayley Bukowiecki (Year 4) on this terrific achievement.

The National final will be held on 27 May. Students taking part in the Spelling Bee are given 30 random words from their Year level word list on-line. They have 25 seconds to spell each word. They aim for accuracy, to beat the clock and are competing against students nationally.

Most importantly our aim in being part of this competition is for our students to develop a love of spelling and to have lots of fun learning to spell new and tricky words which extends their vocabulary.

Good luck to Vincent, Alice and Hayley as they prepare for this exciting national competition.

### **Archbishop's Charter – Developing a College Response**

In 2008, Archbishop Adrian Doyle and subsequently our current Archbishop Julian Porteous, have developed and refreshed a written Charter that outlines the pastoral priorities of the Archbishop which guides the work of Catholic Schools in Tasmania.



This Charter has four key domains of strategic intent: Catholic Identity, Learning, Leadership and Mission.

Recently a group of the College Leadership Team – Steve Casni, Dylan Chivers and Alicia McMahon, together with our College Rector, Fr Bernie Graham SDB and the Principal attended a session with Archbishop Julian Porteous (along with other Catholic schools) reflecting on the Archbishop's Charter.

Each Catholic School needs to respond to the Charter in order to be commissioned by the Archbishop to undertake the educational work of the Church. The Archbishop's Charter has been a central source of vision and guidance for us as a College since 2008. However, our last formal reflection and written response to it, after community consultation, was undertaken almost decade ago. It is now timely that the College develop our next response with our stakeholders involved in this in the next two terms.

### **Dominic College Reconciliation Action Plan**



The College's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), our formal and public commitment to reconciliation has now been lodged onto the Narragunnawali Platform.

Our Reconciliation Action Plan will assist us as a school community to continue to develop a community culture that understands, values and respects the histories, cultures and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, especially in our own context.



palawa Cultural Mentor, Angela Triffitt is to be commended for her considerable work and wonderful leadership on this plan as well as our RAP Committee members: Chantal Lorbach, Michelle O'Grady, Leesa Baker, Selina Kinne and Steve Casni. The College's Reconciliation Action Plan will be launched officially in our community during our NAIDOC Assembly this term. We look forward to unfolding this plan into action in the next two years.

***Ms Beth Gilligan - Dominic College Principal***

# FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Dear Families,

## Student Photos

School photos arrived looking very polished and professional this week. They were distributed on Tuesday to students. Please contact Pied Piper Portraits directly if there is an issue with your order: Phone: 6228 6878 or email: [info@piedpiperportraits.com.au](mailto:info@piedpiperportraits.com.au)

## K-2 and 3-6 Cross Country

The running of our Cross-Country Carnivals was a wonderful opportunity for students to challenge themselves. It was great to see the participation of teachers and older students who ran with the youngest and encouraged them to make it to the finish line. The weather was kind to us on Wednesday and parents and family members came out in force to cheer on students which was great to see.



Thank you to Mr Cameron Golding, Director of HPE K-10 and Miss Talia Stopp, Coordinator of Sport K-10 for all their efforts in putting on the Carnivals to ensure students could challenge and enjoy themselves. We were all especially proud of the Kinder students who ran their very first Cross Country. Thanks also to the HPE teachers for their assistance with the Carnivals.

## Year 7 Retreat Day

As part of the Religious Education Program at Dominic College all students participate in a Retreat Day. Year 7s will be held on Tuesday 25 May next week, with the Year 8 and 9s following on each week from there. The Retreat will be held at the Lindisfarne Yacht Club. The retreats are a compulsory part of our Religious Education program at the College.

Students are required to bring morning tea to share. Lunch will be provided. Students are required to wear their College Sport's Uniform for the day. The day will be facilitated by Mr Adam Lapolla, Religious Education Coordinator 7-10 and the RE teachers. Throughout the day, students will be involved in a range of activities including ice-breaker games, prayer, and reflection. It will allow them to explore their own spirituality in the context of a fun and joyful day.

## Expectations Reporting

I wrote last week explaining that I will focus on each of the eight expectations we report on during report time and give families some conversation starters to discuss at home so students can more clearly know how to achieve full expectations for each area. This week we look at the second Expectations area focused on Attitude.

<b>K-2 Expectation Attitude 2:</b> <b>Demonstrates respect towards others and their environment.</b>	<b>3-10 Expectation Attitude 2:</b> <b>Demonstrates respect towards adults, peers, equipment and property.</b>
<p>This can be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Always using manners with adults, peers and visitors on site and off site.</li><li>• Keeping learning and play spaces tidy and safe for all who use them.</li><li>• Being kind during play and break times with peers.</li><li>• Looking after all equipment at school including shared equipment.</li><li>• Reporting any unsafe or unwanted behaviours they see to a staff member.</li><li>• Always taking into consideration the needs of others.</li><li>• Putting their hand up to ask for help and not calling out in class.</li><li>• Always uses equipment at the school safely, especially when sharing with others.</li></ul>	

## Check in TAS App

As per the Tasmanian Government guidelines from 1 May, visitors will be required to use the Check In Tas App when you are on the College premises. The App enables your data to be stored securely with the Tasmanian Department of Health in the event contact tracing is needed due to a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the community. This includes parents/guardians/family members who are on site for more than 15 minutes during pick-up and drop-off times.

**Mr Stephen Casni - Dominic College Deputy Principal**

# MISSION NEWS



## Year 7 Bible Liturgy

Year 7 gathered as a cohort on Wednesday 19 May for a special Bible Liturgy. The Liturgy celebrated and honoured the word of God through the sacred Scriptures of the Bible. Staff and students read from and listened to some words from the Bible. Each Year 7 student received their own Bible which had been blessed by our

College Rector Fr Bernie Graham SDB. This special gift from Dominic College is one that students will keep, read, and use as part of their studies in Religious Education.

During the liturgy students heard from some members of the Dominic College community who shared what their Bible means for them, a favourite passage from the Bible or important experience or memory connected to their Bible. The theme for the liturgy was The Word of God. Year 7 prayed that they will be open to hearing and understanding the Word of God. Thank you to Ms Gilligan, Mr Casni and Mr Glidden for sharing what their Bible means to them and to our Mission Captains, Bianca Russell, Carys Lavia, Taylah Chick and Sarah Watson for assisting throughout the liturgy.

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



# CREATIVE ARTS NEWS



## The Advantages of a K-10 School

Being a K-10 school can have its advantages. In the last two weeks, our Year 9/10 Drama students performed their work on 'Commedia dell'Arte'. They made half-masks, devised scenarios, assembled their costumes and presented their performances for assessment. Their work was to be tested in front of one the most discerning sections of the school population, students in Years 2, 3 and 4. After being given a session learning about this form of comedy that began in medieval Europe and watching the group-devised works, our junior students were given a workshop on exaggerated physicality and improvising in this performance style. They used masks, re-created the scenes they had watched under the guidance of our 9/10 Drama students. They older students were very impressed with how their students Years 2-4 were able to take on the performance style with a high degree of energy and engagement. Our senior students had the benefit of learning how to control an audience under performance conditions. Year 2, 3 and 4 students enjoyed learning about 'Commedia', and being a vital part of the process.

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



# TEACHING & LEARNING



## Dominic College Pedagogical Framework

### Active Engagement - Developing Original Work

In our new Pedagogical Framework one of the characteristics of 'Active Engagement' by students is 'Engaging with and developing original work and valuing originality.'

Thinking and being original in one's work or response to learning tasks requires considerable reflection and that takes time, energy and effort. Some brains appear to be wired to have original insight quickly while others grapple with the ideas and process towards originality more slowly.

Developing original thought or unique insight is highly prized in our society. Navigating the continuum between the old and the new and being creative is indeed a thought process. There are techniques that students can learn to be open to new ideas and that is where originality begins.

As teachers we intentionally design learning processes to build skills to help students develop ideas and be creative.

### Originality Comes from Judging Ideas

Several contemporary writers on developing capacity for originality argue that what we need to do to become better at judging ideas is to teach ourselves to think more like creators of ideas.

One way teachers do this in classrooms is to ask students to generate several ideas of their own just before they evaluate somebody else's ideas. This simple process places students in the mind-set of generating new possibilities and thinking creatively.

### Exporting and Importing Ideas

We really want students to learn how to 'import' and 'export' ideas from different sources, places and experiences and to synthesis these. This facilitates a capacity to see that originality of ideas can come out of an accumulation of depth and breadth of examining ideas.

Some students who have a disposition for abstract thinking often approach problems by imagining new possibilities whilst other students gain more possibilities and enjoyment through testing, tinkering with evidence, and trying to figure out the patterns of data. Their creativity is borne of experimenting.

### Beware the Copy and Paste

To me, the antithesis of originality is reliance on the teacher's Black-line Master and the crude copying and pasting from the internet that students can turn to in haste. Trying to explain ideas and represent ideas in different ways and modes, especially multi-modal, is not only academically and culturally valued but is a key to future local-global development. The 2020 World Economic Forum indicated that two of the top five skills that will be in demand by 2025 in the workforce are creativity, originality and initiative, and critical thinking and analysis. Being able to engage with and develop original work is an important and very intentional element of Dominic College's Pedagogical Framework.

### Ms Beth Gilligan - Member of the K-10 Teaching and Learning Team



# LEARNING IN FOCUS



## Developing Vocabulary

In Prep B we have been learning about how to use describing words to help make our stories more exciting. We have been brainstorming words to describe interesting pictures and then using some of these descriptive words to create amazing sentences. We have been looking at various stories and pictures to help us with developing our vocabulary.

One of the stories we have done a lot of work with is: IF written by Sarah Perry.

This is a great book which helps develop our imagination. It helps us think outside the box and gives us the opportunity to learn new describing words. These words may reflect, what we see, what it might feel like, what we could hear, how it smells, what it might do or even what it might taste like. The students have been working hard with their writing and coming up with some interesting sentences to describe what a picture is all about.

Here are some of the sentences made by Prep B:

*'If fish were leaves, they could wiggle.'* **By Toby**

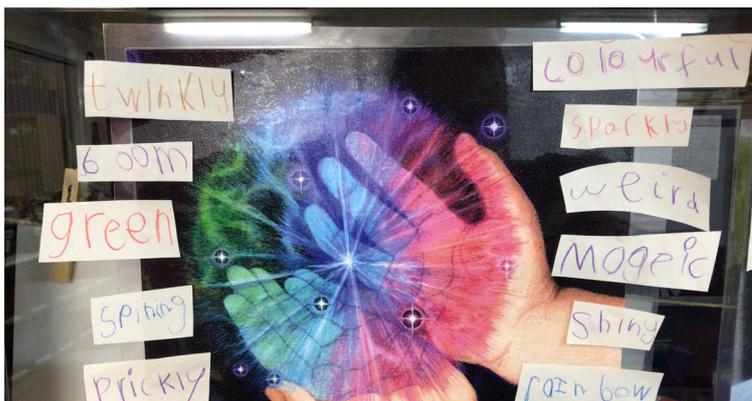
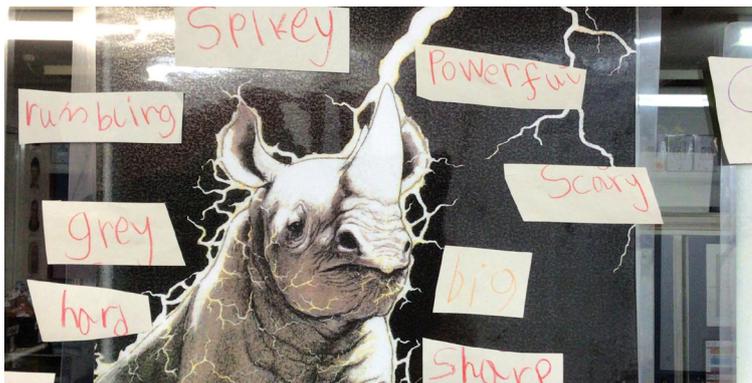
*'The butterflies have glittery wings.'* **By Olivia**

*'If fish were leaves, they could wave in the breeze. The fish are green.'* **By Amity**

*'If butterflies were clothes, they would be ticklish.'* **By Mia**

*'If butterflies were clothes, they would tickle. The butterflies are weird.'* **By Harper**

**Ms Rochelle Tarse - Prep B Teacher**



# LEARNING IN FOCUS



## Athletic Development

This year our 9-10 students once again showed their faith in the staff and the programs we are running in the Health and Physical Education department by choosing to heavily participate in our elective programs.

One of these subjects, Athletic Development, provides motivated students with an athlete development program based around individual needs. Students will be provided with a balance of applied knowledge to complement their sport specific training they are engaged with out-of-hours. The subject is a two year course that is intended to engage athletes who are wishing to get the best out of themselves physically. Our fantastic teachers Miss Talia Stopp and Mr Jarrod Westell have engaged our students in 2021 into a fantastic program that is really seeing benefits.

Term 1 had a strong focus on the components of fitness. Term 2 has included learning around nutrition for athletic performance and a strength-based fitness focus using some of the new equipment that has been purchased: Squat racks, straight bars, benches, weights, dumbbells, pull up bars etc. The classes have enjoyed engaging in these sessions with our teachers and have a strong focus on perfecting their technique, safety, and gradual improvement. This will lead into more fitness and strength-based excursions to local providers in the back half of Term 2 and start of Term 3. We look forward to seeing where we can take the program in the future with the fantastic equipment, facilities, and teachers we have here at Dominic College.

**Mr Cameron Golding - Director of HPE K-10**



- Master coach Joey Edwards from Un-Racked Strength and Conditioning takes the Dominic College staff through an intensive PD session on squatting technique, dead lifts and bench press.

The 9/10 Athletic Development classes have enjoyed the experience of learning new techniques and using new equipment as part of the strength component of this terms work.

# PASTORAL CARE NEWS



## The Departure

Last week our Year 9 students underwent another significant event in their Rite Journey EMPOWER Program. Students and their parents and carers were invited to partake in 'The Departure'. This took place in the Savio Centre after school, and parents, carers and mentors joined students for an opportunity to learn, reflect and look forward.

The purpose of the evening is to acknowledge the importance of childhood and the importance of the relationship between children and their parents and carers. Students wrote letters to their parents and carers which focused on the gratitude and appreciation they felt for the love and guidance they received throughout their childhoods, and the ways in which their parents and carers contributed to the people they are becoming. The evening is significant as it provides both time and space for families to meet together and for parents and carers to both share treasured memories and to also bless students as they begin their departure journey from childhood to adulthood.

It was a fantastic evening and we are grateful to all families who generously participated in this emotional event. Special thanks must also be extended to the Year 9 EMPOWER staff, Brad Parkin, Zach Hubber, Thomas Kershaw, Sonia O'Leary, Bonnie Court and Selina Kinne for their ongoing work in the program and their thoughtful preparation for 'The Departure'.

**Ms Frankie Flanagan - Coordinator of Pastoral Care 7-10**



## Captain's Corner

Last Friday, along with Justin and Solomon, we were given the opportunity to attend a Leadership Conference at The Friends School. Many school leaders attended from several

schools around the state. The event's aim was for schools to share what their leadership team looked like and for groups to gain insight on how they were elected and run. It was a great opportunity to connect with other school leaders and share our experiences and thoughts with them.

When we arrived, we had the pleasure of listening to guest speaker, Tim Bullard, the Department of Education Secretary. His presentation talked about how leadership and education are interrelated and helped us all gain a greater knowledge of how we can strive and work to become better leaders.

After a short break and ice-breaking activities, each school began sharing presentations about their school's leadership groups. Each school spoke about how their leadership team was run; how they were inducted, and the initiatives they have planned for the rest of the year. It was very interesting to see the similarities and differences between each school. For our last activity of the day, we were given an opportunity to talk to the other school leaders about our struggles and accomplishments as leaders. We discussed many questions such as 'if you could give one piece of advice to someone coming into this role, what would it be?'. Everyone found the talks informative and a great way to connect with other people in the same situation as us.

We are very grateful for this opportunity, and we would like to especially thank The Friends School for inviting us to attend. We would also like to thank and acknowledge Ms Flanagan, who accompanied us to this event and has supported us throughout the year!

**Rachael Glidden and Zoelle Lin - Dominic College Captain and Vice Captain 2021**



# K-10 SPORTS NEWS



## K-2 Cross Country

On Wednesday, 19 May, the Kinder to Year 2 Cross Country Carnival took place on our school ovals. After having to miss this wonderful event last year, it was back in full swing this year.

Students participated in a number of races, danced, sung and cheered on their class mates. It was great to see students have such a wonderful time and it was great we got to share this with our families.

A special thanks to our Year 6 student helpers who did a wonderful job running with the students, handing out stickers, as well as encouraging and cheering on the K-2 students.

## 7-10 Boys AFL

On Wednesday afternoon, Dominic Year 7/8 boys took on a strong Hutchins outfit at Dominic. After a strong warm-up and pep talk the boys headed out to the first half. Needless to say things did not go to plan and by half time a dominant Hutchins side were almost ten goals up. After a quick drink, a few positional changes and the team regrouping the second half was due to commence. Within the blink of an eye, led by gun forward Jack Miller, the boys had piled on eight consecutive goals (five of them Jack's). It was some of the best football the College has seen. At one stage they had reduced the margin to eight points and the most miraculous win in Dominic history was on the cards. Unfortunately it was not to be and Hutchins kicked a few late goals to win by twenty odd points in a great contest. We are all very proud of the boys and their amazing sportsmanship and effort to fight back when faced with adversity. Amir 'The Wizard' Moutwari was dominant in the ruck and scared the opposition with his dulcet tones. He was supported by Klay Mustchin, Will Ackroyd and Cooper Laycock who were all great in the midfield. Lucas Hoare and Vincent Anning were excellent on the wings all day. Gabe Tichanow was a strong presence in the forward line and never gave up and our backline had some excellent contributors including Oliver Nicolle, Harrison Brown, Fletcher Gaetani and Cooper Tarvydas. We look forward to a massive game next Wednesday v Mackillop @ Dominic. Thanks to Kitean Aitken and Zavier Berry for their awesome umpiring skills. – Mr Golding

## SSATIS Cross Country

The SSATIS Cross Country Carnival will take place on Wednesday 26 May at the Queens Domain. The team will be picked based on the results from the 3-10 Cross Country Carnival. An email will go home to all successful students a long with a Consent2Go.

## Miss Talia Stopp - Coordinator of Sport K-10



# WHOLE COLLEGE NEWS

## Year 10 Mid-Year Exam Schedule 2021

Year 10 students will be sitting formal Mid-Year Exams from 21-25 June, 2021. Advanced notification of these exams has been published in the 2021 College Calendar. Please see a copy of the exam schedule below:

Date	Exam	Session Times
Monday 21 June	Year 10 English Exam	8.50am-10.24am
Tuesday 22 June	Year 10 Humanities Exam Year 10 HPE Exam	8.50am-10.24am 11.33am-1.05pm
Wednesday 23 June	Year 10 Maths Exam	8.50am-10.24am
Thursday 24 June	Year 10 RE Exam	8.50am-10.24am
Friday 25 June	Year 10 Science Exam	8.50am-10.24am

## Absences/Illness

It is the College's expectation that all students sit these exams on the given days.

If a student is unwell on exam day, families must contact the College prior to 8.35am. Students must return to school with a Medical Certificate or a Statutory Declaration if they are absent from an exam due to illness. Students should present these documents to Mrs Marcenko on the morning they return and be ready to sit all exams missed while away.

## Read & Relax After School Program

### What?

An informal library and reading program for families facilitated by Library staff. The program will include a group story, activities, and opportunities for families to use the Library space and read together. Library staff will be available for parents and carers to speak with regarding the College Library, reading and literacy.

### When?

- 1 June
- 15 June
- 29 June

### Where?

K-6 Library

### Additional Information

Students must be accompanied by a parent or carer.



# CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVALS



*Mark your diaries...*

## **Year 7 - 9 - 2022 Academic Pathways Evening**

**Thursday 17 June - Savio Centre**

This event is for current Dominic Year 7 - 9 students.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the event will take place in two sessions. Please choose either Session 1: 6.00pm to 7.00pm or Session 2: 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

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

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# WHOLE COLLEGE NEWS



## National Simultaneous Storytime 2021... from Space!

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year NSS took place on Wednesday 19 May at 11.00am from the International Space Station where astronaut Dr Shannon Walker read the book Give Me Some Space, written and illustrated by Philip Bunting. Students in Kinder-Year 6 participated in NSS by viewing the story and completing some 'space' activities either in their classrooms or visiting the K-6 Library. From all accounts the book was a hit and there are many students now looking for astronaut ice cream to try or considering a career in space!

**Mrs Sarah Bromfield - Dominic College Librarian K-10**



## National Reconciliation Week

This week LIL will participate in National Reconciliation Week, which runs from 27 May until 3 June.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our First Nation histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

## Sunrise over Grantleigh earlier this week ...



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## Scholarships Now Open

**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS - YEAR 7, 2023 &  
CREATIVE ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS YEAR 7, 2022**



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# BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Kade Bond  
Oliver Calvert  
Lachlan Schulze  
Ned Tucker  
Noah Abrego  
Joel Browning  
Griffin Cosker

Jack Absolom  
Elliott Bush  
Harper Schofield  
Jackson Smith  
Jack Gilligan  
Emily Heddle  
William Chen

Holly Lawler  
Oliver White  
Aheer Abdullah  
Scarlett Cowen  
Jameson King  
Seth McMaster  
Callum Kelly

Connor Quinn  
Mia Davis  
Matilda Jones  
Natasha McMaster  
Vincent Pulford  
Joseph Abayo

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 24 - Thursday 27 May

Tuesday 25 May

Monday 31 May

Wednesday 9 June

Friday 11 June

Monday 14 June

Wednesday 16 June

Friday 18 June

Year 9/10 Biology Camp

Year 7 Retreat

Year 8 Retreat

Year 9 Retreat

Student Free Day

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Year 3/4 Japanese Cultural  
Experience Day

St Dominic Savio and St John  
Bosco Feast Day



### Morning Tea Enrolment Tours

Tuesday 29 June & Friday 20 August - 9.30 am to 11.30 am REGISTER NOW

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.'*

- Corinthians 13:4-8