

# DOMINIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

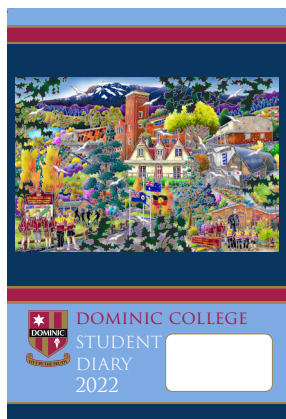
29 July 2022



## From the Principal

A very warm welcome back to Term 3 to all students, families and staff. It was wonderful to see our students return on Monday refreshed and ready for another term of learning and reconnecting with their friends during break times. I would like to thank all families who have students or members of the family sick with COVID or colds and flus for continuing to follow Public Health guidelines and remaining off site. Whilst masks are not compulsory, I do encourage anyone who feels they would like to wear a mask to continue to do so especially during the colder months.

## Semester 1 Academic Reports



Over the term break I had the pleasure of reading all student progress reports for Semester 1. I was extremely pleased with the commitment of students to their academic studies and the excellent growth shown in student expectation reports. One area of focus that did come across many reports was that better organisation will lead to better engagement and achievement. One way to achieve this is to use

the College Diary as tool for organisational purposes. One strategy that I have found to be helpful is when students list all the subjects they have each day and write whether or not they have homework into their diary at the end of each lesson. When they come home that afternoon, they can first finish off the homework, then work on assessment tasks or do some private study if they don't have much homework. Students are reminded that when they receive a Common Assessment Task, they should immediately write the due date into their diary and then schedule some time each week before it is due to work on the task. This will reduce the likelihood of leaving assignments to the last minute and gives parents and teachers an indication of how each student is organising their learning.

I wish all students well as they continue to set goals for Semester 2 and strive to challenge themselves across all areas and subjects.

## Involvement in Co-Curricular Life

This is a great opportunity for all students to take part in a co-curricular activity for Semester 2. Whether it means joining a sporting team, debating team, art or drama club, there are many experiences on offer. It is a great way to meet new friends with similar interests and to build confidence and skills for individual growth. Getting involved shows commitment to your community and helps you to have fun and experience a range of new life skills that will benefit you in the future. My very best wishes to you all for a great Semester of learning!

**Mr Steve Casni - College Principal**



*'Do all through LOVE, nothing through constraint.'* - St Francis de Sales





## From the Deputy Principals

Dear Families,

Welcome back to all students and staff as we commenced Term 3 this week. We hope families have had time to rejuvenate and spend time with loved ones and are returning energised for the term.

### Booking Parent Teacher Interview Reminder

**NEXT WEEK FROM MONDAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST, PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD FOR K-10 STUDENTS OVER MS TEAMS FROM 3.45PM-7PM.**

A reminder that if a teacher has requested an interview be made, that it is important that this is booked in by families so a conversation can take place about important goals for your child in a specific class, or subject area. Parents can log into SOBS to book appointments until tonight (29 July) 11.30pm.

### K-2 Grandparent's Day Cancellation

Unfortunately, the College Leadership Team has made the difficult decision to cancel the advertised Grandparents Day on Wednesday 10 August due to ongoing COVID-19 cases. We were hoping when finalising the 2022 calendar last year the situation would be different, and we could once again welcome the interaction amongst the two most vulnerable sectors of our community. We are very disappointed about having to do this as it is one of the days both students and families most look forward to.

### Subject Pathways

Our Year 8-9 Academic Pathway Planning Evening was held last evening giving students and parents the opportunity to consider possible elective subjects for 2023. Students were emailed information about how to make the choices through our online line system. All elective choices must be completed by Friday 12 August.



**Mrs Alicia McMahon and Mrs Jan Marcenko - Acting Deputy Principals - K-6 & 7-10**

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## College Captains 7-10 Report

Welcome back to Term 3!

We hope everyone had a fun and restful holiday and we commend you on making it over half way through the school year. First of all, we would like to congratulate you all on the effort you all put in this last term, we were so happy to see the level of maturity everyone showed with the mask rules and inconveniences caused by COVID. We strongly encourage you to reflect on your Mid-Year Reports and identify what worked well and what might not have worked as well so far this year so you can try to make Semester Two the best it can be. While setting goals to help improve is important, it is just as important to celebrate the things you have achieved. Be proud of everything you have done so far and continue to do your best in everything you do. That is all someone can ask of you.

We are working with the rest of the student leadership team to try and make this term as fun as possible with different activities and fundraisers. A handful of events are currently being planned and we hope to tell you more about these soon.

With the end of the year fast approaching, it's almost time for the high school students to pick their elective choices for next year. We encourage you to choose an elective that is going to benefit you. If you have any questions about choosing your electives it is important to talk to your teachers as they can help you out.

We have an exciting term ahead of us and we can't wait to see what it brings. We hope you have a great weekend!

***College Captains 7-10 - Iszaebella Zielinski, Harrison Johnston, Chloe Tarvydas and John Bracken***



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## Pastoral Care News K-6

### Healthy Waste Free Lunches and Creating a Cleaner Environment

Healthy food and drink choices in lunchboxes fuel students with the right energy so they can concentrate, learn and play at school. At Dominic College we encourage students to bring healthy, waste-free options to school in their lunchboxes.



We are teaching students that rubbish is one of the biggest threats to the environment and our future. By encouraging students to do the right thing now by reducing the amount of waste we produce, we'll all have a brighter, cleaner and healthier future ahead of us.

When packing lunches, we encourage families to use reusable containers / lunch bags rather than plastic wraps and bags. Ensuring these are named ensures they also return home! A thermos is a wonderful idea during this colder weather for students to be able to have a warm lunch!

There are wonderful ideas for packing healthy lunch boxes online. Getting your child involved in choosing, preparing and packing their own lunch box also helps them understand healthy options. Remember to choose food from all the food groups – think a rainbow of colour!

A reminder that students in Prep – Year 6 classes have the opportunity to eat fruit and vegetables in their morning learning block and only water should be in student drink bottles.

<https://healthy-kids.com.au/parents/packing-a-healthy-lunchbox/>

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/nutrition-fitness/breakfast-lunches/healthy-lunches>

**Mrs Allison Lowe and Mrs Vanessa Young - Coordinators of Pastoral Care K-6**



## Pastoral Care News 7-10

E-cigarettes (or 'vapes') are lithium-battery powered, handheld smoking devices, and their use is on the rise amongst young people worldwide. The liquids in vapes typically contain nicotine, artificial flavours and a wide range of chemicals, which when heated into an aerosol and inhaled, forms a cloud of vapour when breathed out. The chemicals in vapes can be unsafe to inhale, and can cause such health issues as nausea, vomiting, chest pain, heart palpitations and irreversible lung damage. Many e-cigarette products lack proper testing, and despite claiming to be free of nicotine, often still contain it.

The sale of nicotine-containing vapes is illegal without a prescription, as is the sale of e-cigarettes to minors. Despite this, vapes are often easily accessible to and affordable for young people through online and social media channels, which poses additional dangers to their safety. E-cigarettes are attractive to young people as they often contain fruity or sweet artificial flavours, and are also marketed through online channels to seem glamorous and 'cool'.

Dominic College has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to students possessing, using and selling vapes, and serious consequences are put in place for students who are found to be doing the wrong thing. The College is working on educating students around the dangers and risks of vaping through our HPE and Empower classes.

When talking with young people about vaping, it is important to speak about facts, avoid overreacting and be sure to show that you care about their health wellbeing in a non-judgemental way. Another good way to assist is to help young people make their own informed decisions about vaping by providing them with facts and information about the dangers and potential consequences of using e-cigarettes.



Further information about vaping and e-cigarettes can be found at the following links:

[Lung Foundation Australia](#)

[Tasmanian Government Department of Health](#)

[Four Corners – Vape Haze: The new addiction of vaping](#)

**Mr Thomas Kershaw - Acting Coordinator of Pastoral Care 7-10**

# A HOME THAT WELCOMES





## Rector's Report

Greetings all.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable break during the recent term holidays and you were able to keep warm or at least enjoy the snow and other winter pursuits.

Two of our heroes in terms of Catholic patrons and models for us are commemorated in the coming days. The first is St Dominic Guzman, one of the two 'Dominics' after whom our College is named and who is also patron of Guzman House. One of the important values he lived by and which was the basis of his life and his preaching was 'Veritas' which means 'Truth'. The opening line in our College Song is 'To live by truth and justice' and the Dominic Old Scholars Newsletter is entitled Veritas. They both have their basis in this great Dominican virtue and ideal. As a school community which has St Dominic Guzman as a hero and model which we can use for inspiration, we are invited to be people of truth. Being true to ourselves, to be true to our values and convictions, to be people who live and speak the truth, to be people who search for and act in truth, to be people who uphold the truth.

The second 'hero' St Mary MacKillop, our own Australian Saint. She was a great woman of action and care for people. She spent her life, along with those who joined her as Sisters of St Joseph, taking care of and educating the most needy in Australian society, particularly young people and women. Two wonderful sayings of hers highlight her attitude and guided her life and actions. 'Never see a need without doing something about it', and 'Find happiness in making others happy'. Both of these sayings show her care and focus – looking out for others in need and responding to it, and to find her own joy in the happiness she brought to others. As Australians for whom St Mary MacKillop is an inspiration let us follow her lead and share joy and happiness with others as we do something when we see a need.

**Fr Bernie Graham SDB- College Rector**



A PARISH THAT EVANGELISES





## Teaching and Learning K-10

Early next term Parent Teacher Interviews will be held for students from Kinder through to Year 10. As teachers we welcome this opportunity to share and celebrate your child's strengths and to work in partnership with you to develop plans to ensure their continued growth.

Research shows that two of the most important factors that influence a child's achievement at school are strong parental involvement and the development of a close link between home and school. At Dominic we firmly believe that this link is essential for ensuring the best possible outcome for each of our students. We encourage every parent to take the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher(s) even if an interview has not been requested.

This guide may offer you some tips in preparing for the interview.

### Before the Interview

- Talk to your child about how they feel about school and their learning. Find out what they think their greatest success has been so far this year. What do they feel is an area that they need to continue to work on and develop? Is there something that they are concerned or worried about? Is there anything they would like you to discuss with their teacher/s?
- Look back over your child's report and school work. Make notes about any questions that you or your child have based on these.

### During the interview

*Possible topics to discuss might include –*

- classroom routines or procedures that you would like to know more about
- information that will help the teacher understand your child better. This might include anything that is happening at home that could affect your child's behaviour, learning, or participation in class.

*Possible questions you could ask might include -*

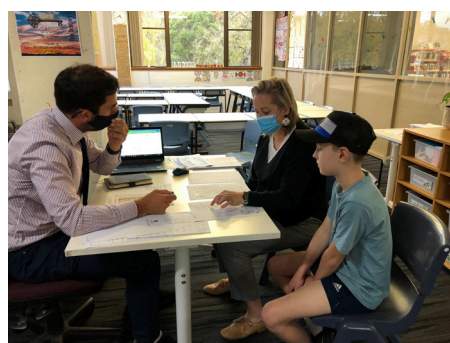
- What skills does my child need to master?
- What are my child's academic talents?
- What are my child's strengths and weaknesses?
- How does my child get along with classmates?
- Is my child working to his/her ability? In which areas could he/she improve?
- How can I help my child?
- What can we do at home to support what you are doing in the classroom?
- How much time should my child spend on homework?

### After the Interview

If your child was not at the Parent Teacher Interview take some time to sit with them and talk about what was discussed. Share their successes and enjoy talking about their strengths. Work with them to develop and implement any actions that the teacher has suggested that will help improve their academic growth.

Information on how to make a booking with your child's teacher(s) will be available on the school website early in Term 3. We look forward to working with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child.

***Mrs Jane Doyle- Coordinator of Teaching and Learning K-2 , Ms Sue Cunningham- Coordinator of Teaching and Learning 3-6, and Ms Megan Eddington - Acting Coordinator of Teaching and Learning 7-10***







## Languages K-10

### **Dominic Old Scholar Focus: Harry Breslin (Class of 2020)**

As the Year 8 and 9 students make their choices about elective subjects for 2023 this week, we interviewed Old Scholar, Harry Breslin, about his continued passion for his Japanese learning.

#### ***What is it that you enjoy most about learning Japanese?***

*I enjoy being able to build up my vocabulary and language skills over time and seeing how much I've improved by having conversations with people.*

#### ***Is this the same as when you were at Dominic, or has it changed as time has gone by?***

*The kind of things I learn and the way I learn them are similar, but the academic environment is more difficult and stressful.*

#### ***Can you please tell us about why you chose to study Japanese at GYC?***

*I really enjoyed Japanese at Dominic and I wanted to continue studying it at College, so in Year 11 I chose the level 3 Japanese subject at GYC. We had three classes a week and were expected to know all the hiragana and katakana, and also solidified our knowledge of kanji with weekly tests.*

#### ***What can you share with Dominic College students about your experience with the HAP program?***

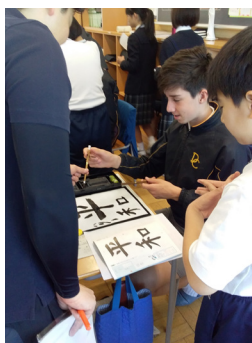
*With my knowledge from Japanese in Year 11 and previous years at Dominic I had the opportunity to take part in the 'High Achiever Program' at the University of Tasmania this year. The program allows College students to study university level courses alongside their regular classes. I have been doing the Japanese 2A and 2B units. They are taught via a mix of face-to-face tutorials at the Sandy Bay campus and online lectures. We have a great lecturer and it's been fun to mix with a range of people from different backgrounds at university, and to be able to improve my Japanese through conversation with the other students.*

#### ***What are your plans for the future?***

*I'm not sure yet what I want to do after Year 12, but I know that I do want to keep learning and improving my Japanese.*

Thank you to Harry for sharing his experiences with us, and we wish him all the best as he continues to explore exciting options for his future adventures!

**Mrs Belinda Kumashiro - Asian Studies Coordinator K-10**







## Sport K-10

### AFL Devils Development Squads

A huge congratulations to our students who were selected to play in the Tasmania Devils Southern development squads. They played last week in Launceston in a North Vs South Gala Day. We had Luke Bromfield, Ben Atkin and Lachlan Braslin play in the U13 squad, and Jack Miller and Jack Gilligan play in the U15 squad. We are so proud of the boys for being selected, and hope they enjoyed the experience. The U13 boys even managed to come away with the win!



### NSJSA Soccer This Week

This Saturday 30 July will see our K-6 Northern Suburbs Soccer matches once again all being held here at Dominic. We are excited that there will be a BBQ run by the P&F and also a coffee van on site. It would be great to see lots of supporters on the day, with games being held at 9am, 10am, 11am and 12.



### P&F BBQ:

**Egg and Bacon Rolls \$4**

**Sausage in Bread \$2**

**Cold Drinks \$2**

**Water and Poppers \$1.50**

If anyone is able to assist with the BBQ, the P&F would greatly appreciate your help! Please email [parentsandfriends@dominic.tas.edu.au](mailto:parentsandfriends@dominic.tas.edu.au) if you are able to help out at all!



### 3-6 Basketball

We have our boys and girls rosters kicking off next week. We have a record number of student participating this year, which is excellent! We are still in need of a couple of parent coaches. If anyone is able to assist with coaching their child's team, please email [sport@dominic.tas.edu.au](mailto:sport@dominic.tas.edu.au).



### 7-10 Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to each and every one of our swimmers, helpers and staff members for their efforts at today's carnival at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre. We hope everyone had a great day! We will publish results, scores and photos next week.

**Mrs Nicole Millikan - Sport Coordinator K-10**







## Dominic Old Scholars

### Ivy and the DOSA Football team

**Year 2 student, Ivy Pettit, was the winner of the 'Design the DOSA Indigenous Jumper' competition in**

Term 2 and joined the DOSA team against OHA in the Old Scholars Football Association Roster on Saturday July 23.

***Thanks for the great design, Ivy!***

The action on and off the field was entertaining as the Football Club hosted a sponsors event which the Webbs enjoyed.

Both Seniors and Reserves had strong wins over OHA on that Saturday, but the following week both teams were defeated by St Virgil's. It is nearly Semi-Finals time and the Senior and Reserves teams will be competitive. We wish the DOSA Roosters all the best for the Finals campaign.



### Reunions coming up

There are Reunions coming up and the next one is the 50th Anniversary of the Class of 1972. It is on Saturday 1 October so you still have time to RSVP.

Tony Fox (1972) found the Savio cap doesn't quite fit any more, but he was still inspired to send through this poster promoting the Reunion.

More Reunion information is on our website: <https://www.dominic.tas.edu.au/community/dominic-old-scholars-association/reunions>

please email [oldscholars@dominic.tas.edu.au](mailto:oldscholars@dominic.tas.edu.au) if you can help.

**Mr Mark Dillon - Old Scholars Coordinator**

SAVIO COLLEGE - HOLY NAME

CLASS OF

1972

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR

50 YEAR REUNION



COME & CATCH UP WITH YOUR OLD SCHOOL FRIENDS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1 → @ DOMINIC COLLEGE

2.00pm - 5.00pm, The White House

Following the afternoon we will gather at Hadley's for drinks @ 7.30pm and continue our get together at... we hope you can make it!

RSVP: WENDY CARTER: [wendycarter56@gmail.com](mailto:wendycarter56@gmail.com) by Friday 2nd September

# A PLAYGROUND WHERE FRIENDS MEET



DOMINIC COLLEGE P&F PRESENTS

## HEROES AND VILLAINS



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Friday 12 August

K - 2 5:00 - 6:00pm

3 - 6 6:30 - 7:30pm

Dominic College - Savio Centre

Tickets \$6

# DOMINIC COLLEGE



### ENROL NOW FOR YEAR 7 IN 2024



NEXT MORNING TEA TOURS - TUESDAY 23 AUGUST

Kindergarten to Year 10 on one site | Coeducational | Catholic

For more information or to register for tours please contact the College Registrar on 6274 6000 or Email: [enrolments@dominic.tas.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@dominic.tas.edu.au)

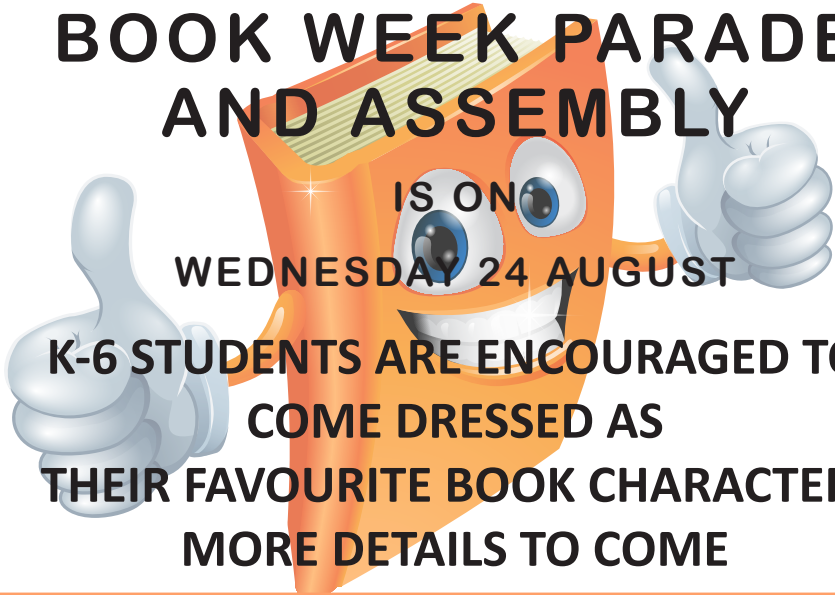
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## DOMINIC COLLEGE'S ANNUAL BOOK WEEK PARADE AND ASSEMBLY

IS ON  
WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST

K-6 STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME DRESSED AS THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER. MORE DETAILS TO COME



Join us at the Make-A-Wish Hobart Colour Splash!

The Make-A-Wish Colour Splash is an action packed morning for the whole family. Please support us by bringing along your family, friends and colleagues, wear white and help us create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

There will be a BBQ with Egg 'n' Bacon Rolls \$4, Sausages \$2, Veggie Burgers \$3 and Drinks \$2

LOCATION	Dominic College, 204 Tolosa Street, Glenorchy
TIME	9.30am to 11.30am - wear all white
COST	\$10 per entry
REGISTRATION	Tickets must be purchased online at: <a href="https://hobarttickets.com.au/event/1903">https://hobarttickets.com.au/event/1903</a>



For more information or enquiries email [mawhobart@gmail.com](mailto:mawhobart@gmail.com)

## A PLAYGROUND WHERE FRIENDS MEET



# CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Bella Kamaric  
Michail Achlatis  
Taylor Milles  
Leonardo Rodriguez  
Emarli Lovell  
Mace Hammond  
Aurora Cosker  
Kaleah Shearing  
Paige Price  
Addison Tonks

Zanaya Zmendak  
Vivienne Laycock-Taylor  
Jack Jordan  
Lacey Berwick  
Chaise Daniels  
Ashlin Shearing  
Samantha Ship  
Luke Werapermall  
Sophia Kokkinoftas  
Jett Benson

Imogen Garth  
Alex Ransley  
Isaac Cox  
Oakley Fletcher  
Samayra Dhungana  
Gypsy Siggers  
Lincoln Walters  
Sophie Byard  
Saniya Soviachen  
Samuel Thompson



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 4 Aug ..... National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day  
Thurs 11 Aug ..... Year 5 Camp Parent Information Meeting  
Friday 12 Aug ..... P&F Silent Disco with Kombi Krew  
Mon 15 Aug ..... National Science Week  
Mon 15 Aug ..... Catholic Education week  
Fri 19 Aug ..... Festival of Bright Ideas  
Mon 22 Aug ..... Book Week  
Tues 23 Aug ..... Morning Tea Enrolment Tours  
Wed 24 Aug ..... Book Week Parade K-6  
Thurs 25 Aug ..... Music and Dance Showcase  
Wed 31 Aug ..... P&F Father's Day Stall  
Fri 2 Sept ..... Father's Day Mass K-10  
Sun 4 Sept ..... Make a Wish Colour Run