

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND RECTOR



**Dear Friends,**

### **Appointment of Acting Deputy Principals for 2022**

Last week I wrote to all families to inform them of the good news of the College Board appointment of Mrs Alicia McMahon as the Acting Deputy Principal K-6 for 2022 and Mrs Jan Marcenko as the Acting Deputy Principal 7-10 for 2022.

Both Alicia and Jan are very experienced senior leaders in the College with an outstanding faith commitment and deep sense of the Salesian ethos. They will have the confidence of both our staff and students and will be excellent role models of effective leadership.



Our new Principal for 2022, Mr Steve Casni will have outstanding support from Alicia and Jan and is delighted with their appointments. Just as Steve and I have commenced his induction and transition into Principalship, they will commence an induction into their significant roles.

### **2018-2021 Strategic Plan Review**

This week we commenced the review of our 2018-2021 Strategic Plan – the Heart of the Matter at our K-10 Teacher meeting.



Teachers were invited to give feedback on the plan in order for the College to commence strategic planning next year for implementation in 2023. Strategic planning is extremely important for us as it transparently establishes the goals and direction of the College and enables the College to be proactive rather than reactive. Such planning supports our operational effectiveness to sustain the cycle of improvement and establishes the reasons for resource distribution. Ultimately it provides durability to the fabric of the College. Mr Casni will lead the planning process in 2022 and all stakeholders will be involved in consultation for the development of the plan.

**Ms Beth Gilligan - Dominic College Principal**



**Greetings all,**

### **Fathers Day**

On Sunday we celebrate Father's Day, the special day on the calendar on which we hold dear in our hearts and our families the fathers and father-figures in our lives.

This morning, before school, we celebrated a special Fathers' Day Mass in the College

Chapel to pray for all fathers, especially the fathers of all our students.

This year we were also particularly mindful of those fathers and their families throughout the world who have died due to COVID-19, or who are separated from their families due to travel restrictions and lockdowns in various places.



Congratulations to all the dads!

### **Mental Health Week**

Next week, as a College community, we will be marking Mental Health Week with a whole range of different activities and programs across all year groups and with a big focus on the importance of sleep.

In recent years as a society, we have become more and more aware of and attuned to our mental health and wellbeing and the importance of having strategies and exercises and practices to maintain, develop and improve our mental and psychological wellbeing.

As human beings all the different aspects of our 'health' are linked together and often impact on each other – our physical health, our mental health, our emotional health and our spiritual health are all intertwined and each needs to be cared for and nurtured.

### **Dominican Feast Day**

Next week will conclude on Friday with our Term 3 Feast day honouring our Dominican saints, St Dominic Guzman and St Catherine of Siena, a great chance for our College community to enhance our spiritual traditions and wellbeing which complements our physical, mental and emotional health.

**Fr Bernie Graham SDB - Dominic College Rector**

# FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



**Dear Families,**

## **Sport and Co-Curricular Photos**

This week photographers from Pied Piper Photography were kept very busy here at Dominic College, snapping the many sporting teams, music groups and co-curricular activity photos. Details will be provided soon on how these can be viewed and purchased.

## **Father's Day**

A moving Father's Day Mass was held this morning in our College Chapel in memory of those male role models whom we remember with great love and affection.

I take this opportunity to wish all fathers, grandfathers, uncles and important male role models a wonderful day on Sunday and for those families who are unable to visit their loved ones this year, we send our prayers to you and hopefully we are all free to travel to see them very soon.

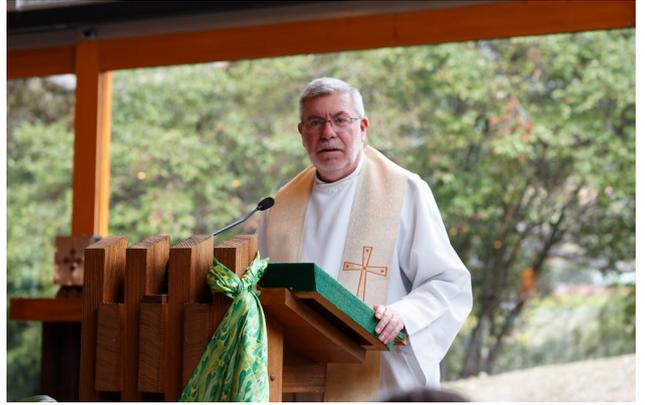
## **Mental Health Week**

Our Mental Health Week will run next week from Monday 6 – Thursday 9 September. An email was sent to families regarding the activities which will be held over these days. This includes the K-10 Stress Down Day (Free Dress Day) on Thursday 9 September and the following parent session. A full report will be in next week's newsletter.

## **St Dominic Guzman & St Catherine of Siena Feast Day**

On Friday 10 September, we will celebrate our second annual Feast Day; this one honours our Dominican Saints, Dominic Guzman and Catherine of Siena. There are many wonderful and fun activities planned. From celebrating Mass, Dominic's Got Talent and the highly-contested Dominic Cup in the afternoon. House or Sport uniforms can be worn on this day.

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



## **Sarah Blunden Parent Evening**

World-renowned Sleep Specialist and Researcher, Clinical Professor Sarah Blunden, will be providing information to parents on how to ensure children get the best sleep possible and will advise on creating healthy sleep routines. There will also be time for a Q&A session.

This event is a Dominic College P&F event. Details as below:

**Date:** Tuesday 7 September 2021

**Time:** 6.30pm-8.00pm

**Venue:** Savio Centre

**Cost:** \$5 per parent to attend

COVID-19 restrictions and check-ins will be required. Limited seats- Book through the Trybooking link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=801929&>



# MISSION NEWS



## Father's Day Mass

Today a before school Mass was held in the College Chapel to celebrate Father's Day. Thank you to the staff, College Leaders and to the fathers and families that attended with their children. The Eucharistic Mass was celebrated by our College Rector Fr Bernie Graham. May all our Father's in the College Community have a blessed and happy Father's Day.

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

### A Prayer for Father's Day

Dear God,

Bless all the fathers in the world who have accepted the responsibilities of being a parent. Guide them to be outstanding role models to their children.

Let them look to your example and to parent with patience, unconditional love and understanding.

**Amen.**



# CREATIVE ARTS NEWS



## Spotlight on Caitlin Love, Art/Media Teacher

Caitlin has joined us this year to teach Year 1-8 Visual Arts and 9/10 New Media Arts. Caitlin was born in Canberra and completed her BA in Art History and Curatorship at the Australian National University. After spending some years travelling and working across diverse industries, she went on to complete her Master of Teaching, specialising in Visual Art and Media Art in 2018, at UTAS.

### *What is your specialist area in Art?*

Currently I am focusing on landscape painting, wheel-throwing and ceramics, and printmaking.

### *What's the best thing about living in Hobart?*

I fell in love with Tasmania in 2015 when I moved here from the mainland. I love how accessible the beaches and mountains are from Hobart; it is so easy to get out into nature and enjoy some hiking or surfing. We have a vibrant and enthusiastic community in Hobart which supports small business and celebrates emerging artists.

### *Initial impressions of Dominic:*

I have been so impressed by the attitudes and energy of the students at Dominic. All my classes are full of bright and caring young people, who are growing in confidence in themselves and their Art.

### *Do you have a favourite Artwork, and/or artist?*

As I have a degree in Art History, most of my favourite artists are historical rather than contemporary. My all-time favourites include Degas, Renoir, and Toulouse Lautrec. And of course, Australian artists like Preston and Boyd.

### *What's more important in creating artworks, a solid technique, or having something to express?*

I don't see these two things as separate from one another – Art is an amazing vehicle for expression, but there is also something great in the pursuit of technique and skill, and something magical happens when the two combine.

### *What was the last exhibition you went to?*

The Archibald Prize 2021 in Sydney, earlier this year.

### *How Important is Art in as part of a broad education for young people?*

Art is all around us, all the time. Art education is extremely important in the development of critical and creative thinking and in helping people to interact positively with the world around them, and appreciate music, cinema, theatre, and all types of Visual Art. An Arts rich education not only nurtures individual creativity and self-expression, but it develops confidence in young people and opens up exciting opportunities for them.

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



# TEACHING & LEARNING



## Pedagogical Framework - Connected Learning

Connecting students through engaging and meaningful learning within real-life contexts is foundational to our school-wide pedagogical framework.

This is reflected in many different ways at Dominic. It can be achieved through Year 10 students undertaking a work placement with Cordwell Built on our construction site, cooking up a storm for student visitors to the College during our Japanese Cultural Day or publicly exhibiting animals in a country agricultural show or showcasing them within the Festival of Bright

Ideas.

These kinds of experiences enable our students to apply their learning in meaningful ways and enable them to readily see the relevance of their learning. Simultaneously, these learning contexts challenge students to adapt and be flexible in the application of their knowledge and skills.



## Scope for Showcase Connections

Taking work into the public domain provides authentic scope for students to be challenged by the process of showcase, develop their openness to feedback and to transfer knowledge and skills to and from the experience to build upon this back in the classroom.

Last week, The Creative Arts Festival created a platform for student exhibition of their work. It was great to see students enjoying the experience of public exhibition and enter the process of critique with its joys and surprises.

Commendations to Year 3 student, Estelle Dean who had her wonderful youthful artwork, which was inspired by Beatriz Milhazes, selected as the promotional and advertising piece for the festival. It was a great experience for Estelle, and many other students to have their extended families visit the Long Gallery to discuss and admire their work on display.



## Connected Learning through Public Performance

Through the Festival a number of our students had the opportunity to take up a place within the Glenorchy Brass Band who were the stage band for the production of *Hard Times*. This was an exceptional enrichment extension for these music students in which to enter.

The opportunity for our Year 8, 9 and 10 Drama students individually and collectively to perform in the professional space of the Peacock Theatre was an unmatched connected learning experience.

They needed to adapt to the performance space, work with the script, lighting and sound cues, discover how to adapt to ensemble work and most importantly enter the actor-audience relationship, which changed with each performance.

The endless transformation of students through the many connected learning windows at the College, enables a rich and challenging environment to flourish.

**Ms Beth Gilligan - K-10 Teaching and Learning Team**



# LEARNING IN FOCUS



## Plovers and Learning in 3A

Images and film clips are often used to motivate students to think about, find out about and write about a range of topics. In our own backyard, not far from our classroom, we have found a real life spectacle that has inspired us to pray, express gratitude, use scientific skills, research information, write from another perspective and even help us with spelling.

A few weeks ago 3A students began to observe two plovers, Debra and Dan, who we think have taken it in turns to protect and keep snug their eggs. Apart from observing the happy couple from a safe distance a few times each week, we did some research to find out about their species. After a wild weekend of weather (you might remember a very snowy and windy Sunday a few weeks ago), we wrote a piece of descriptive writing from the perspective of the plovers who continued to sit on the eggs, day and night.

### Here are two excerpts from our writing:

**Alice Park** wrote, 'I was sopping wet. Luckily my feathers were kind of waterproof. I breathed deeply as I listened to the wind and I fell asleep on my eggs.'

**Michael Tran** wrote, 'I looked up at the mountains. There was sparkling snow in the moonlight.'

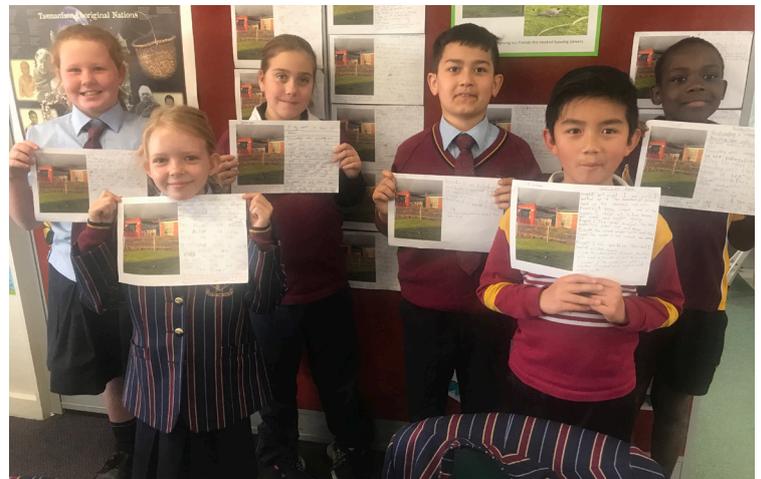
In spelling lessons, we brainstormed other words like plover that have a ũ sound spelled with an o, such as brother, front and gloves. We have enjoyed our morning prayer, watching and showing gratitude for the plovers, rabbits, native hens and wattle trees close by.

### Ms Therese McDevitt - Year 3A Teacher

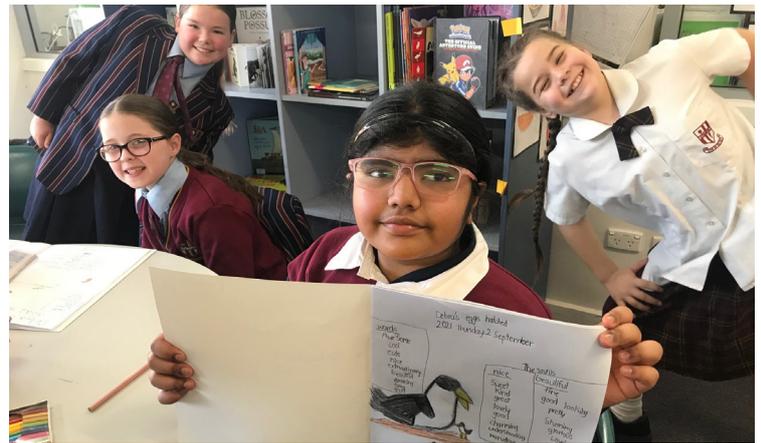
**Breaking News:** We were delighted to spot some little plover chicks on the morning of Thursday 2 September. We expect they hatched some time late on the first day of Spring. How wonderful!



Research work – Matilda, Krishi, Oliver, Judd, Vincent, Genevieve and Estelle



Writing from a plover perspective – Myah, Jazmine, Krishi, Noel, Lilah and Michael



# LEARNING IN FOCUS



## Taiko Drumming at Dominic College

This year our Taiko Drumming Program has been open to Year 6 students, a couple of very committed Year 7s, and students in Years 8-10 who are studying Japanese as an elective subject.

The team is divided into two groups, and rehearsals are held at lunchtimes on Mondays and Wednesdays.

After our recent performance at the Music and Dance Showcase, there has been renewed interest in students learning to play the taiko drums. Luckily we have commenced learning a new song, and so the timing was right to accept some new members.

The taiko team, Dominiku Daiko (ドミニク太鼓) are looking forward to their next performance as part of the upcoming Asian Festival in October. Depending on the song, it takes around ten weeks to memorise the song, refine the technique, and master the choreography. Through taiko drumming, our students are learning about discipline, team work and responsibility, in addition to musicality and technique. ドミニク太鼓 are a passionate group who love sharing their joy with our school community!

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



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SCHOOLWEAR

**The Uniform Shop have received a delivery of the following stock:**

Sport socks - All sizes

Girls blazers - All sizes

K-2 Fleece jackets - Limited sizes and quantity

K-2 Track pants - Limited sizes and quantity

# PASTORAL CARE NEWS



## Mental Health Week in K-6

We are super excited to, once again, offer many activities and opportunities for our Kinder to Year 6 students as part of Mental Health Week 2021.

### But how do we explain what mental health actually is to our children?

Having this conversation with younger students can be challenging but acknowledging and recognising mental health is important. Ideally discussing it as a part of life and linking it to keeping our bodies healthy is positive, e.g., we need to make sure we eat healthy food to keep our bodies healthy and we need to look after our mental health by understanding our emotions, getting good sleep, having 'down time' and looking for solutions instead of problems.

[Raisingchildren.net.au](https://raisingchildren.net.au) focuses on the following for supporting children's good mental health:

- Good mental health helps children develop socially, emotionally, mentally and physically.
- Loving relationships are key to children's mental health.
- Learning to manage feelings is important to mental health.
- Physical activity and healthy eating habits are good for children's mental health.

This article provides some great ways for parents to support their child's mental health: <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/health-daily-care/mental-health/children-s-mental-health>

Our focus, as part of Mental Health Week, is to introduce and support these key areas.

Beginning on **Monday** with some positive chalk drawings and sayings. We are encouraging students to consider a positive quote or thought and share it with others. Look out for colourful sayings and drawings on our pathways.

On **Tuesday** we have our first breakfast morning, we are offering Milo and a piece of fruit from MMK. All we ask is that students bring their own cup to help us keep our waste down.

Also on this day are our student sleep sessions, where we are asking students to consider their own sleep habits. There is a parent session with our sleep specialist on that night, if you haven't booked tickets yet, we encourage you to do so as sleep is so essential for good mental health. Tickets can be found here: <https://www.trybooking.com/BTQHL>

On Tuesday we also have some of our senior leaders coming to play games with us at lunch.

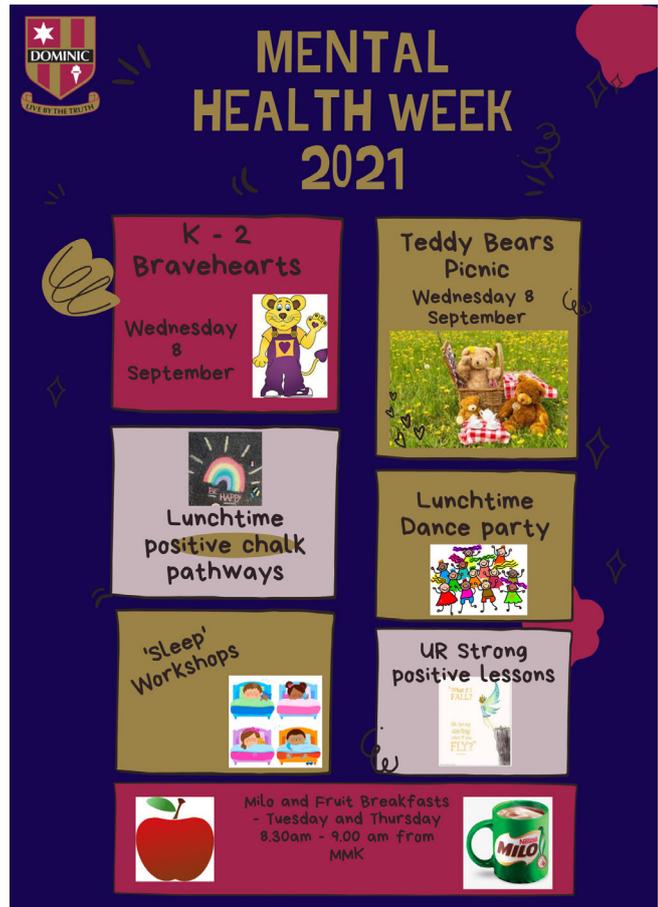
On **Wednesday** we have Bravehearts for our Kinder to Year 2 students (email has been sent to parents about this already), and our Teddy Bear Picnic; bring a furry friend, a special lunch and a picnic blanket.

**Thursday** we have our second breakfast from MMK, a dance party at lunch – uplifting, positive music can make us all happy and we are 'dressing down to stress down.'

Throughout the week there are also UR Strong lessons and we are crossing fingers for some wonderful weather to lift us all up.

Being a positive mental health role model is also important for younger children, so check in and see what you need to do to help your own mental health too.

**Mrs Olivia Stephen - Co-Coordinator of Pastoral Care K-6**



# K-10 SPORTS NEWS



## Student Achievement – AFL

Congratulations to Ella Wagner (Year 10) who was awarded the U17.5 A2 Robert Beakley Award last night for Glenorchy Magpies. This is the association best and fairest award and a great achievement for Ella.

Ella is a very talented athlete and was fortunate to also play in the grand final winning team last weekend. Great work Ella!

## Conclusion of Saturday Soccer

Saturday Soccer concluded last Saturday 28 October at Brighton. We have had a wonderful roster with over 140 students participating in the competition. Students have made new friends and developed their skills a long the way.

We are so thankful for all our parents and guardians assisting each every week. We hope students enjoyed their team and we look forward to next year!



## Postponement 3/4 Sports Day

Unfortunately due to the wet weather forecast today, the decision was made to postpone the Year 3/4 Sports Day. We know our students and parents were disappointed, however, we are happy to announce that they event will now take place on Tuesday 19 October. Further information will be sent out closer to the date.

## SSATIS Athletics Carnival

The SSATIS Athletics Carnival will take place on Tuesday 7 September. Consent2Go has been sent home to all students involved. Please familiarize yourself with this.

There will be a bus transporting students to the Carnival, it will depart the College at 8.20am sharp. The first events for the day begin 8.45am. Students in Girls Under 13 Shot Put and Boys Under 14 Shot Put will be participating in this first event.

Parents and guardians will be required to collect students at the conclusion of the Carnival, approximately 4.30pm. Students are required to stay until the end for presentations and relay events.

Spectators will be permitted to attend however, must enter through the main gate, hand sanitise, check in using the QR code, or manually at the check in desk. Disperse into the spectator area which includes all grand stand areas, and nearby standing areas on the northern side of the track.

Maintain a distance of 1.5m from other people, and obey signs and instructions around number of spectators allowed in each seating area. Follow instructions around toilets, canteen, coffee and food vans.

Spectators are not to enter the school tent areas, or event areas where students are congregating.

People should not attend the event if they:

- Have COVID-19 or are awaiting test results.
- Have been instructed to quarantine and have not completed the required time or been cleared to leave.
- Are unwell with cold and flu symptoms including: fever and tiredness or respiratory symptoms, eg. shortness of breath, cough, sore throat.

- Have travelled to Tasmania from a high-risk area. Please refer to the current travel alerts: <https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/travellers-and-visitors/coming-to-tasmania/travel-alert>.

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



# BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Holly Cate  
Jayden Reid  
Henry Sanford  
Caitlin Shaw  
Amy Bryant  
Ella Erwin

Makayla Monks  
Arjun Redkar  
Rachael Fox  
Sarah O'Reilly  
Arthur Stoddart  
Halle Green

Ewalyn Knight  
Jonty-Jules Na Champassak  
Ryan Cox  
Elandra King  
Brian Storrs  
George Cooper

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 5 September

Make A Wish Colour  
Splash

Monday 6 - Thursday 9 September

Mental Health Week

Thursday 9 September

Sacramental Preparation – First  
Reconciliation Parent Meeting  
2.15pm

Friday 10 September

K-10 Stress Down Day - Free  
Dress Day

Wednesday 15 - Friday 17 September

St Dominic Guzman and St  
Catherine of Siena Feast Day

Friday 17 September

Year 5 Camp - Port Arthur

K-10 Free Dress Day

*Awareness, Belonging, Connection*

MONDAY 6 - THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2021

## MENTAL HEALTH WEEK AT DOMINIC



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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*'Use every opportunity, no matter how small, to be gentle toward everyone.'*

- St Francis de Sales