

#### From the Principal

#### Welcome to Term 2

A very warm welcome back to Term 2. It was great to see so many families take up the opportunity of meeting with teachers on Monday and Tuesday at our Parent/Teacher interviews to

reflect on the Term 1 Expectations Reports and work towards establishing goals and strategies for improvement for Term 2. It was great seeing our students return on Tuesday refreshed



after the term break and settling in for a rigorous term of exciting learning and activities for the next ten weeks. I wish all students well as they undertake their work and assessments this term and encourage all students to take part in at least one co-curricular activity on offer at the College.

### ANZAC Day Commemoration Assembly

On Wednesday, our Year 5-10 students and staff gathered in the Savio Centre to commemorate ANZAC Day which took place last Monday during the term break. I would like to firstly extend my thanks to all students, families and staff who represented our College at the Glenorchy, Lenah Valley, New Norfolk, Brighton, and Hobart Services last week.

Our assembly on Wednesday was respectfully led by many students and it was particularly moving to hear our Year 9 students reflect on what they had been learning about war in History last term. Several students shared their views on what ANZAC Day means to them and why it is especially important for us to continue to hold this tradition in memory of those who have fought for our country and for the freedoms of other nations. Our choir and concert band did a stellar job too, and my thanks to all students and staff involved in preparing this important assembly for us.

Let us continue to be people who work for peace in our world and pray for those in our world who are currently experiencing war in their countries and who do not have the freedoms and opportunities that we are so lucky to have in our country due to the courage and sacrifice of our veterans in the many wars they have been involved in. Lest we forget.











#### Happy Mother's Day

A huge thank you to our P&F for once again organising the Mother's Day stall this year. Students were so excited as the choice of gifts was very extensive. I wish all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, and carers a safe and happy Mother's Day and I thank you for the wonderful care and mentoring you provide your children every day. Enjoy your well-deserved treats and gifts!







Best wishes to all.

Mr Steve Casni - Dominic College Principal



#### From the Acting Deputy Principals

**Dear Families** 

We warmly welcomed our families to the start of Term 2 with a few events this

week. On Monday, we reconnected with students, parents and staff and kick-started the term with our K-10 Parent Teacher interviews. The interviews were well attended and a great chance for teachers to give students and parents further feedback about how students are progressing in class and to work together to develop strategies to help all students strive for growth in their attitudes towards learning.

On Wednesday 4 May, Year 5-10 students and staff observed and commemorated ANZAC Day. While large numbers of

students and staff were present at numerous services on 25 April, it was important for us to come together as a community to acknowledge and pay respects to the countless Australian and New Zealand service men and women.

We would also like to acknowledge the tireless work of our Parents & Friends volunteers who ran their annual Mother's Day Stall on Wednesday. This opportunity offered students a chance to purchase a gift for the special women in their lives. To conclude the week, families were invited to celebrate this morning by attending our Mother's Day Mass which was held in the College Chapel.

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



### LAUNCH INTO LEARNING

A free early learning program for children 0-4 years and their parents, grandparents or carer.

Two sessions on Thursdays and Fridays weekly in the new Dominic Kindergarten Precinct.

9.15am to 10.30am and 11.15am to 12.30pm on both days.

### Join us for some learning fun!

**Download the Term 2 Program here** 



### **GYC**

### INFORMATION

### **NIGHTS**

#### GLENORCHY CAMPUS

Tuesday 10 May 5.30pm - 7.00pm 76 Bowden St Glenorchy

https://www.trybooking.com/BYWK

### **HOBART CAMPUS**

Thursday 12 May 5.30pm - 7.00pm 94 Barrack St Hobart

Register now at:

The GYC Information Nights are open to anyone who would like to learn more about transitioning to the College in 2023 and beyond.

These evenings will outline al the key information regarding beginning your journey at GYO and will give you the opportunity to have any questions answered

There will be members from each faculty available to discuss course information and options

Contact us on | 6238 4333 | marketing@gyc.tas.edu.au | www.gyc.tas.edu.au | Instagram | Facebook |





#### Student Leaders Report

Welcome back everyone to Term 2! We hope you had a restful, enjoyable and blessed Easter and are ready to tackle this new term head on.

As captains, we are very proud of how the student body applied themselves in Term 1, and we would love to see this continue throughout the rest of this year. We know it's not always easy, but remember there are many people here to support you, and

any of the student leaders will always be willing to help where they can.

On Monday 25 April, many students attended ANZAC Day services throughout the Hobart area. It was empowering to see so many students take the time to support these events and pay their respects to those who served and continue to serve our country. With all the struggles COVID has thrown our way, it's great to see so many smiling faces out in the community again. On behalf of the student body we would like to thank all service men and women who have served and continue to serve their country. We recognise the sacrifices you have made so that we can live in peace.

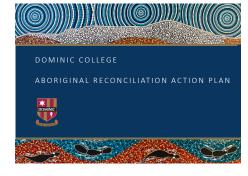
Early this Friday morning, students, families and Old Scholars gathered in the Mary Help of Christians Chapel for our Mother's Day Mass which celebrated all the mothers and female figures in our lives that show us so much support. This was a great opportunity to show our gratitude for the women in our lives that have a positive impact on us. We want to wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day, and we encourage everyone to say thank you to their mothers, grandmothers, aunties or any other important women in their lives.

This term we look forward to a busy and exciting time with many events fast approaching. Next week NAPLAN begins for many students at Dominic and we wish them the best of luck. It can be a stressful time but the most important thing is that students aim to do their best. The K-2 Cross Country and Year 3-10 Cross Country are also not far away and we encourage every student to have a go and get involved. Whether you finish first, last or in between, your participation will still get you valuable points for your House and you will have a lot of fun doing it!

This term, we will be working with the other captains to put our RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) into action for National Reconciliation Week, and we hope to involve students in activities and to raise awareness in the hope of bringing us closer to reconciliation.

We can't wait to see what Term 2 brings for each and every one of us. Have a great weekend!

### Harrison Johnston, Iszaebella Zielinski, and Chloe Tarvydas - College Captains 7-10













# ANZAC Day - 2022 What Is ANZAC Day?

ANZAC Day, on April 25 each year, is an Australian and New Zealand national day of remembrance for Australians and New Zealanders at



home and around the world. The day marks the anniversary of the first big military action by Australian and New Zealand soldiers in World War I on April 25, 1915.

#### What Does The Word ANZAC Mean?

ANZAC is the acronym formed from the first letters of the words Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. It was first written as 'A & NZ Army Corps', when Australian and New Zealand soldiers were grouped together in Egypt waiting to go to Gallipoli, in Turkey, to start fighting. The soldiers who fought at Gallipoli became known as ANZACs.

#### What is the ANZAC Legend?

The toughness and the bravery of the ANZACs became well known in Australia, New Zealand and around the world and helped give rise to what has become known as the 'ANZAC legend'. Sometimes talked about as meaning being hard working, tough, brave, fair and looking after your mates, the ANZAC legend is either something that defines us today, or that it is something we should remember, celebrate and aspire to.

#### **ANZAC Day Ceremonies**

During the term break, Dominic College was represented at many ANZAC Day ceremonies across Hobart. Students, families and staff were in attendance at the Hobart, Lenah Valley, Glenorchy, New Norfolk and Pontville services, with student leaders honoring those who sacrificed their lives, by laying a wreath at each service.

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

#### Pastoral Care News K-6 and 7-10

A very warm welcome back to all of our students as we enter into our second term of 2022. It has been great to see our students back at school after what was hopefully a restful and enjoyable school holiday break, and it is has been encouraging to witness them get straight back into their studies and the routines of school life.

Term Two is shaping up to be quite busy with a number of events happening across 7-10. Students are already getting excited about the upcoming 3-10 Cross Country Carnival on Friday of Week 3. After the success of our 7-10 Athletics Carnival, in which student attendance was some of the highest we have seen, our students are keen to get involved and show their House spirit once again. Dominic College will celebrate the Feast Days of Don Bosco and Dominic Savio on Friday 1 July (Week 9), which is another event that all members of the community can look forward to.

This term is a particularly busy one for our Year 10 students. During their EMPOWER classes this term, Year 10 will be undertaking the Morrisby Profile Assessment. Students will complete the online assessment over three weeks, after which they will receive a report that outlines details about their aptitudes, aspirations and personality, as well as suggestions and guidance on careers that they might be interested in pursuing as they transition into College, tertiary education and other career pathways. Year 10 students will also be sitting their Mid-Year Exams during Week 7. Students are encouraged to continue to revise the skills and content that they are learning throughout the term so that their exam preparation is as smooth and productive as possible. It is also important for students to remember to look after their mental and physical health during this time, by eating well, exercising, making time to do activities that they enjoy, and seeking support if they feel that they need it.

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





#### Faith, Mission and Religious Education



Greetings all.

I hope that everyone had the opportunity to enjoy great autumn weather over the Easter holiday break and have time with family and friends, and all are now ready for Term 2.

Another term full of opportunities for our students to learn and grow.

During the holidays two special annual events were celebrated - Easter and ANZAC Day. Easter is the event in the Christian calendar which reminds us of both the great sacrifice Jesus made through his suffering and death on the cross and then the resurrection to new life which is the hope and love which God shares with the world. The commemoration of ANZAC Day also has two components, it honours the sacrifice that so many young Australian and New Zealand service men and woman made in the defense of freedom so that the future generations in our countries could live in a world which was supposed to be more peaceful, free and life giving. Despite our human lived experience the sacrifices that people make in the service of others, their countries and the world must also be examples of hope, goodness, and blessing. Let us all keep praying for and working towards peace and harmony in our world.

This morning we celebrated another annual event on our College calendar, a special Mass in honour of all mothers, in anticipation of Mothers' Day on Sunday. We prayed and asked God's blessing for all mothers, both those living and also those deceased, and especially for those who are new mothers since last year. I hope Sunday is a special day for all families.



On 24 May the Church keeps the feast of Mary Help of Christians, one of the many titles given to Mary the mother of Jesus. This feast has a special connection with us as a nation and as a school. It is under this title that she is the Patron of Australia, and it is under this same title that St John Bosco chose to entrust all of the Salesian schools and ministries around the world. May she continue to protect and guide us.

Fr Bernie Graham SDB - College Rector





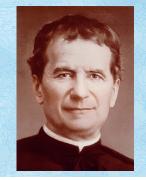












TRUST ALL THINGS TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND TO MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, AND YOU WILL SEE WHAT MIRACLES ARE.

-SAINT JOHN BOSCO-



#### Aboriginal Studies

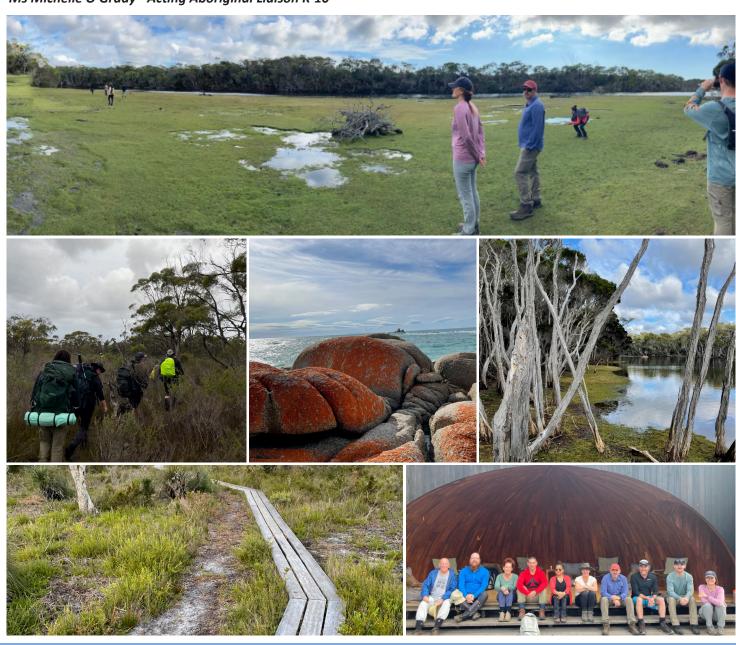
Country is the term often used by Aboriginal peoples to describe the lands, waterways and seas to which they are connected. The term contains complex ideas about law, place, custom, language, spiritual belief, cultural practice, material sustenance, family and identity.

*nipaluna* is the name of the country in which the city of Hobart sits. This was the name known by the Aboriginal people of the south east.

Acknowledging when you are on the land of Traditional Owners is a sign of respect which acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ownership and custodianship of the land, their ancestors and traditions.

Over the holidays I had the privilege to deepen and expand my understanding of land and sea Country here in *lutruwita* (Tasmania) by hiking the *wukalina* Walk on *trulwulway* Country. Led by *palawa* guides, I learnt about past and present cultural activites, bush tucka and traditional foods. My experience was deepened by walking on Country, where I felt a welcome visitor to a living cultural landscape.

#### Ms Michelle O'Grady - Acting Aboriginal Liaison K-10







This week we held our annual Parent Teacher interviews for Term 2. It was great to see so many of our families come to listen and share the progress of their children. Increasing communication between home and school plays an important role in a school that aims to educate students for life beyond Dominic College.

With what you have learned at the Parent Teacher interviews and from your child's report, how can you continue to support their progress for the remainder of the year?

A 2007 study asked teenagers what would support their learning most. The answer may surprise you. It was not better technology or a new computer, not a room of their own to study in, nor a tutor! The thing that most teens said would help them was moral support from their parents.

Did you know that children who believe their parents think 'school is important' automatically do better in class?

As simplistic as it may sound in our modern world the single most important determiner of how well a child will achieve at school is the family environment. Effective teachers and quality schools like Dominic College can make a huge difference to how a child learns but, in her article, 'Parents Not Making the Grade' Kylie Lang quotes Doctor Janet Goodall from the University of Bath, 'We continue to act as though the only way to increase educational standards is to tinker with schools but what we need is greater parental engagement.'

In 1966, American sociologist James Coleman conducted a study of more than 650,000 students to understand educational equality. He found that student background and



#### Teaching and Learning K-10

home environment outweighed many other factors.

So how can you help? What can you do? It can start with simple things. Instead of asking 'How was your day?' try asking some of these more probing questions

What did you learn today?

What surprised you today? Why?

What's the most important thing you learned today? Why do you think that?

What do you want to learn more about what you did today? Why?

What made you most curious today?

When were you at your best today? Why?

What can you do with what you learnt today?

The students in the 2007 study said they didn't mind if their parents didn't understand the homework they were trying to do as long as their parents were supportive and encouraged them to attempt it. Having high aspirations and staying engaged with your child's learning is essential.

It might not always be easy but the research proves the essential role we have as parents.

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





#### Co-Curriculum

#### **Debating**

Insofar as co-curricular activities can develop skills in critical and creative thinking, innovation, public speaking, collaborative learning, and the ability to synthesize arguments into sharp,

concise speeches, it is hard to go past Debating.

Debating as an activity allows students to develop and enhance all of these skills, and provides an authentic context for the practicing and refinement of many others.

Each year, the Tasmanian Debating Union (TDU) runs a competition for secondary and senior secondary students. Teams of three students compete once a fortnight against other schools as they debate a range of ideas both theoretical and practical.

Like so many other activities — co-curricular or otherwise — COVID-19 has impacted the 2022 competition after a relatively smooth run for 2021. Instead of the usual eight rounds, the 2022 fixture will only run for six, and instead of commencing in Term One and running until halfway through Term Two, the competition will commence on 18 May and conclude early in Term Three.

In 2021, Dominic College fielded three teams (in the Year 8, 9, and 10 divisions) and performed very well. Though none of our teams reached the finals, we can nonetheless be extremely proud of the way in which our students banded together and competed each week without complaint.

In 2022, it is wonderful to note that we are able to field teams across all secondary divisions. Students have been hard at work since Term One developing their skills in debating at the new Debating and Public Speaking club run fortnightly of a Wednesday afternoon, and are eager to put those skills into practice. Many of our debaters for 2022 have had a couple of years' experience. The Year 9 team have performed consistently well since Year 7, and our Year 7 team have been debating since Year 5. Our Year 10 team is made up of the same students who shone through in 2021 as Year 9s who had

never before participated in debates of any kind. My thanks go to Ms Katie Crawford for the way in which she has organised and run the Debating and Public Speaking Club. It has been an invaluable format for students to be exposed to what is involved in a formal debate and practice these skills in a more relaxed debate in which Ms Crawford can give immediate feedback to the students.

The TDU competition will run as follows:

#### Year 7

Round One - May 18

Round Two - June 1

Round Three - June 15

Round Four – June 29

Round Five - July 27

**Round Six – August 10** 

**Years 8-10** 

Round One – May 25

Round Two - June 8

**Round Three – June 22** 

Round Four - July 6

**Round Five - August 3** 

Round Six – August 17

It is hoped that, regardless of the final results, students can continue to thrive through the 2022 competition, and that the level of enthusiasm and commitments students have shown towards participating in debating

Mr Mark Glidden - Coordinator of Co curriculum, Debating & Public Speaking K 10



# Concert: Words of Note

An eclectic programme of concert music, inspired by quality works of literature.

Sunday 22 May at the Sir Stanley Burbury Theatre, UTAS Sandy Bay Campus 3pm start - COVID requirements apply

Booking and details on eventbrite.com website



#### Asian Studies K-10

#### Children's Day

Happy Children's Day!

Thursday 5 May was Children's Day in Japan. It is the last day in a series of public holidays known as Golden

Week. It is a beautiful time of the year in Japan – late spring, with fresh green leaves, and lovely temperatures for getting outdoors.

At Dominic College, Japanese classes celebrated the day in a variety of ways – singing a traditional song, colouring koinobori and making origami samurai helmets.

The beautiful fabric koinobori created by students in Kindergarten to Year 6 have been braving the rainy weather in the Botanical Gardens this week. They will be on display in the Japanese Garden until this Sunday. I hope you can find a break in the weather to go with your family and admire them hanging amongst the autumn leaves, if you haven't been already.

The taiko drumming performance scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled due to the weather. We look forward to playing for you next time!

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







| Saturday 30 April |                                                                                                                       |                                                        |
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| TIME              | WHAT                                                                                                                  | WHERE                                                  |
| 11am              | Join Masae and her friends to learn how to play Kendama – a<br>Japanese hand-held ball game (Kendama supplied)        | Grassed area opposite the main gate of Japanese Garden |
| 12pm              | Japanese Children's Story Telling                                                                                     | Next to main gate of<br>Japanese Garden                |
| 1pm               | Watch as Minako performs a traditional Japanese Tea<br>Ceremony                                                       | Next to main gate of<br>Japanese Garden                |
| 2pm               | Yukiko and her Hana-no-Tomo (Friends of Flowers) Ikebana<br>group demonstrate the art of Japanese flower arranging.   | Next to main gate of<br>Japanese Garden                |
|                   | Saturday 07 May                                                                                                       |                                                        |
| TIME              | WHAT                                                                                                                  | WHERE                                                  |
| 11am              | Grade 2 students from Friends School will perform the Japanese song 'Mottainai' - 'Don't waste what nature gives you' | Grassed area opposite the main gate to Japanese Garden |
| 12pm              | Japanese Children's Story Telling                                                                                     | Next to main gate of<br>Japanese Garden                |
| 1pm               | Students from Dominic College will perform Taiko<br>drumming by Dominiku Daiko                                        | Grassed area opposite the main gate to Japanese Garden |

















#### College Library News K-10

## Tasmanian Premier's Reading Challenge

The Tasmanian Premier's Reading Challenge is back on for 2022 and we are challenging all Prep-Year 6 students to read

10 books in 10 weeks!

The PRC runs during Term 2 and is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. No matter what you aspire to do, or be, reading and literacy skills will help you get there.

All students will receive a Reading Log to record their 10 books. Students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate from the Premier and go in the draw to win a \$100 book voucher. Prizes will also be awarded to classes in which all students complete the Challenge!

#### Are you up to the Challenge? We think you are!

#### **Story Box Library**



Story Box Library is a subscription based educational website, created for children to view stories by local authors and illustrators, read aloud by Australian and New Zealand storytellers including

sportspeople, musicians, comedians and actors.

Reading aloud to our children, in particular being read to by diverse and engaging storytellers greatly improves language and literacy skills, especially in the early years of a child's development. Which is why it's so fantastic that all of our students have 24/7 access to Story Box Library!

If you're looking for a story to share as a family on Mother's Day maybe check out the 'Stories for Mother's Day' playlist on Story Box Library.

Access Story Box Library:

- 1. Visit <u>www.storyboxlibrary.com.au</u>
- 2. Choose Log In from the top right corner of the screen
- 3. Log in using the username and password:

o Username: Dominic o Password: Reading1

Mrs Sarah Bromfield - College Librarian K-10

























#### Sport K-10

Welcome to Term 2 Sport! We have another busy and exciting term ahead of, with a number of Sports on offer and a whole lot of Cross Country including the K-2 Cross Country Carnival, 3-10 Cross Country Carnival in addition to the Inter-school 3-6 JSSATIS (Independent), 3-6 STCPSSA (Catholic) and 7-10 SSATIS Carnivals to look forward to.

#### **K-2 Cross Country**

We are extremely excited about our K-2 Cross Country Carnival which will be held next Wednesday 11 May from 12pm – 2.45pm.

#### The timeline of events for the afternoon

#### is as follows:

Kinder Girls- 12.15pm

Kinder Boys- 12.25pm

Prep Girls- 12.35pm

Lunch Break: 12.55- 1.35

Prep Boys- 1.45pm

Year 1 Girls- 1.55pm

Year 1 Boys-2.05pm

Year 2 Girls- 2.15pm

Year 2 Boys- 2.25pm





Year 3-6 Netballers at the first training session on Thursday

Information has been emailed home via Consent 2 Go, and we kindly ask that parents/guardians complete the permission for this ASAP. Please email <a href="mailto:sport@dominic.tas.edu.au">sport@dominic.tas.edu.au</a> if you have any queries.

#### 3-10 Cross Country

Our Year 3-10 Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 20 May at Tolosa Park from 9.30am – 2.30pm. We are still finalising event times and these will be published in the coming days. In addition to the Cross Country races, there will be opportunities for students to participate in activities such as Tug-O-War, 3V3 Basketball, 5-a-side Soccer and more! Please keep an eye out for the Consent 2 Go permission forms which will be sent home in the next few days.

#### 3-6 Netball

Year 3-6 Netballers undertook their first training session on Thursday at lunch. There was an excellent turn out to the session, which was conducted by our Sport Assistants and Old Scholars Sarah and Ella Fitzpatrick. Moving forward, we will hold training sessions during lunchtime on the same day that the matches are played. For 3/4 girls – Wednesdays and for 5/6 girls – Thursdays. Round 1 kicks off next week and the rosters have been uploaded to the <u>College website</u>.

#### 7-10 Netball

Today we held our first training session for our Year 7-10 Netballers. As with our younger teams, moving forward, training sessions will be held during lunchtime on the same day as the matches. For 7/8 girls – Mondays, and for 9/10 girls – Tuesdays. The first round will take place next week (this coming Monday/Tuesday) and the rosters can be located on the SATIS website (<a href="www.satis.com.au">www.satis.com.au</a>). As with other 7-10 sports, a Redline bus will transport teams to 'away' games, and parents will need to collect their child at the conclusion of the match.

We wish the players in our other Term 2 sports – K-6 NSJSA Soccer, K-6 Hockey and Year 5-10 Water Polo the best of luck this season and look forward to hearing of their achievements!

Mrs Nicole Millikan - Sport Coordinator K-10

# CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



Ellie Sproule
Shaun White
Jacob Hargreaves
Ella Oakley
Mia Mackie
Lucy Engel
Janelle Vizcarra
Joaquin Taylor
Jordan McCallum
Dean Pell-Ross
Lincoln Davie
Eleanor Cooper

Tony Park
Amelia Porter
Matilda Randall
Kane Tran
Youngin Kim
Hoin Kim
Zahli Piuselli
Nixon Young
Zoe Ziegler
Wil Keech
Taylah Jones
Millie Gerard



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

| Mon 9 May Year 8 Retreat                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Wed 11 May K-2 Cross Country                        |
| Frid 13 May National Walk Safely to School Day      |
| Mon 16 May K-2 Swimming Program Week                |
| Mond 16 May Year 9 Retreat                          |
| Fri 20 May Year 3-10 Cross Country                  |
| Mon 23 May Years 3-6 Swimming Program Week          |
| Wed 25 May National Simultaneous Storytime 2022     |
| Thurs 26 May Morning Tea Tours                      |
| Fri 27 May - Fri 3 Jun National Reconciliation Week |
| Fri 10 June Student Free Day                        |
| Mon 13 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday         |

BOOK YOUR PLACE K-10 Enrolment Morning Tea Tours

Thursday 26 May - 9.30am - 11.30am

Find out why so many families choose Dominic



