

DOMINIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



19 May 2023



From the Principal

Dear Families,

Throughout my visits to classrooms and playgrounds these past two weeks, it is always wonderful to see our students engaged in their learning and activities.

Our four expectations of: **we are**

RESPECTFUL, we are RESPONSIBLE, we are HONEST and we are LEARNERS, clearly shines through in the way our young people interact with their teachers, peers and members of our community. I would like to congratulate all students on their excellent commitment over the past few weeks and the high levels of focus and engagement they are demonstrating towards their learning and other activities.

Mother's Day Stall and Mass

We hope all mothers, grandmothers and families had a wonderful Mother's Day. My thanks to our Parents and Friends Committee for once again hosting our Mother's Day Stall which was highly popular. On Friday we celebrated Mother's Day with a Mass in our Mary Help of Christians Chapel led by Fr Abilio and it was lovely to see members of our community gather to celebrate and give thanks for the wonderful women in our lives.



APSPA Meeting – Dunlea Centre and St John Bosco College, Engadine

Last week, Fr Bernie Graham SDB and I had the pleasure of visiting the Dunlea Centre and St John Bosco College Engadine in Sydney. Both Fr Bernie and I worked together at Engadine over a decade ago and it was wonderful to be able to go back and see the changes in their community. The visit enabled us to network with fellow Salesian principals and colleagues and discuss ideas on how to tackle educational issues collectively as a network. We look forward to reconnecting with our Salesian colleagues at the bi-annual Salesian Educational Leaders' Conference in August where our entire College Leadership Team will take part in a weekend of formation and networking with our fellow Salesian leaders and schools.

As the Yeast in today's human family - 2023 Salesian Strenna

From the Principal continued...



APSPA 2023

Year 7 Retreat

Our Year 7 students and staff had a sun-filled day for their annual Retreat Formation Day. As part of our Religious Education Program, all students take part in a one-day Retreat focusing on prayer, understanding our Charter for Salesian Schools and our Strenna. Thank you to Mr Adam Lapolla and the Year 7 RE Team for their work in devising a rich spiritual formation experience for our students. We wish our Year 8 students well as they undertake their Retreat next Tuesday in the Mary Help of Christians Chapel.



Annual Improvement Plan Updates

One of our key annual priorities for 2023 is to implement the priorities of the 2023 Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Our RAP Team, led by Ms Michelle O'Grady, staff and students has made great progress to work towards achieving the key goals in this plan. You can read through a copy of our RAP and our key goals for 2023-2024 on our [College Website](#).

Another priority is for us to achieve School Re-registration. We welcomed three panel members from the Office of Education Registrar yesterday who have spent weeks looking over our documentation and spent time engaging with the College Board and Leadership to understand our school and its processes. We look forward to hearing the outcome of our review in the near future and I look forward to sharing this with you all.

National Walk Safely to School Day

It was wonderful to see so many students, staff and families gather this morning at St John's Parish to take part in the National Walk Safely to School Day. This year marks the 24 Year Anniversary of the event, aimed at teaching our young people to adopt safe practices when walking to and from school. A few pictures and highlights can be found on our [Facebook page](#).



Every blessing to you all!

Mr Steve Casni - Dominic College Principal



Deputy Principals

Year 10 Mid-Year Exams

All Year 10 students will be sitting Mid-Year Exams from June 5 – June 9. These are aimed at giving Year 10 students the opportunity to prepare and sit an exam prior to the End of Year Exams in Term 4. Please see a copy of the exam schedule below:

Date	Exam	Session Times
Monday 5 June	English Exam	9:10am-10:40am
Tuesday 6 June	Religious Education Exam	11:40am-1:10pm
Wednesday 7 June	HaSS Exam	9:10am-10:40am
Thursday 8 June	Maths Exam	11:40am-1:10pm
Friday 9 June	Science Exam	9:10am-10:40am

Students will be provided with information related to the nature of the exam for each subject they will be sitting prior to the exam. Teachers will also be preparing students during class.

Absences/Illness

**IT IS THE EXPECTATION THAT ALL STUDENTS MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE
DURING THIS IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT PERIOD.**

In the event that students and/or parents and carers have prior knowledge of a student's inability to attend, they must request leave via a letter addressed to the Deputy Principal explaining the nature of the leave.

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

This can be a stressful time; however, all teachers are here to help guide and support students through this exciting period. Do not hesitate to contact Ms Megan Eddington if you require more information. meddington@dominic.tas.edu.au

Car Park Safety Reminder

Ensuring the safety of our children is our utmost priority at Dominic College. As we strive to maintain a secure environment, we kindly remind all parents to be vigilant and considerate when using the *pulana* Precinct carpark.

Here are a few important points to remember:

- 1. Speed Control:** Please adhere to the speed limit and drive cautiously within the carpark area. Pedestrian safety is paramount.
- 2. Drop-off and Pick-up Zones:** Utilise designated drop-off and pick-up zones efficiently to minimise congestion. Avoid stopping or parking in non-designated areas.
- 3. No Mobile Phone Use:** Please refrain from using mobile phones while driving in the carpark. Focus on the road and the safety of our children.
- 4. Seat Belt Compliance:** Ensure that all passengers, including children, are wearing seat belts properly before driving off.

By working together and following these guidelines, we can create a safer environment for everyone in our school community.

Mrs Alicia McMahon - Deputy Principal: Primary and Mrs Jan Marcenko - Deputy Principal: Secondary

As the Yeast in today's human family - 2023 Salesian Strenna



College Vice Captains

Staff vs Student Games

This term, our wonderful Staff v Students games are back! If you haven't heard of these before, Staff v Students games are sports games where staff can play against students during Break 2 on a Friday. These games bring us together as a community, and are a wonderful way for staff and students to get to know each other outside of the classroom setting.

So far this term, we have already had our Staff v Year 8s Futsal match. This was last week, and the result was 9-0 with the staff team dominating!

This Friday, we have our Staff v Year 7s Futsal match! We hope that the Year 7s will be able to defeat our unbeatable staff team. They have tough opponents but they have all of our support.

We love to see everyone getting behind these games and have noticed how much of a community event they really are. During the games, you will find that majority of our students are at the courts watching, instead of sitting inside. It makes us so happy to see everyone making Dominic College a playground where friends meet.

These games are such a wonderful way for our community to get together, and we hope that this will be a tradition that happens for many years in the future. We encourage all of you to get as involved as you can, these moments are going to be some of your core high school memories!

Jett Benson and Lilymay Ward - College Vice Captains



A HOME *that welcomes*

A PARISH *that evangelises*

A SCHOOL *that prepares for life*

A PLAYGROUND *where friends meet*

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Faith Mission and Identity - K-6

Mary

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, whom we honour as the first disciple, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. We recognise Mary as the one who listened and responded to the call of God.

Mary, as a Mother Christians honour, Mary as the Virgin Mother of their Lord, and a role model for all mothers. For every human being, a mother plays a vital role. For Jesus, it was no different. Just as a mother marvels in the birth of their child, Mary too was overcome with joy at the birth of her son.

As a sign of respect and part of our Catholic tradition, the Rosary is commonly prayed throughout the months of May and October. You may like to pray the Rosary, or even just a decade, with your family during this special month.

Mini Vinnies

We have our St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal coming up.

Our students will design and make posters after a visit from the Southern Youth engagement officer, Elle Bate. Please stay tuned and start going through the cupboards for old coats and winter apparel.



Sacraments

We congratulate Alex Hughes and Lincoln McGee who celebrated their First Reconciliation at the end of Term One.

Sacramental information for St John's Parish

- First Reconciliation (new families starting the Sacramental Program)
- Parents' Information meeting – Wednesday, 20 September, 2023 at 7pm (Parish Meeting Room)
- Session one: Weekend of 21/22 October (+ Commitment Ceremony/Blessing at Mass – either 6pm Saturday 21 October or 10am Sunday 22 October)*
- Session two: Weekend of 4/5 November.
- Session three: Weekend of 18/19 November Session four: Weekend of 2/3 December
- First Confessions during the Parish Advent Reconciliation evening – Tuesday, 12 December at 7pm

**(Lessons either on Saturday afternoon 4.30-5.30pm or on Sunday 8.30-9.30am – to be confirmed when new group of families are surveyed for their preference.)* - Marie Aitken marie_aitk@hotmail.com

Sacramental information from St Therese's Moonah

An introductory session for parents and carers was held at St Therese's School Hall, 24 Hopkins Street, Moonah, on Tuesday 16 May. During this introductory session the Sacramental Team outlined the process of preparing for Confirmation, answered questions, and provided an opportunity for parents to enrol children.

Following the introductory session, there are three preparation workshops for children, their sponsors (where possible) and their parents and carers. These sessions, held on the Sunday 21 May, 4 June and 18 June will begin in the Church with the 9.00am Parish Mass and continue in the St Therese's School Hall from 10.15am until about 11.15am. During the Mass on 21 May, the families will be presented to the Parish, and the children who become candidates will receive a crucifix which they are to wear to each Sunday Mass and Workshop through to the completion of Initiation.

On Sunday 28 May, we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Spirit, which links with Confirmation. We like to invite our candidates to wear something red that day at the 9am Mass and we will celebrate and bless them in anticipation of their Confirmation. We will have a practice for Confirmation in the Church on Thursday 22 June at 5.45pm sharp. It's important to have the sponsors at this point. Then on that same evening the Archbishop will meet with all the children, their sponsors, parents, carers and team at 6.30pm in the Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday 25 June at the 9.00 am Mass. - Sr Margaret Henderson 0418 366 923

Mrs Bradi McGee - Religious Education Coordinator: Primary



Faith Mission and Identity - 7-10

Year 7 Retreat

On Wednesday 17 May, Year 7 students experienced their first Retreat at Lindisfarne Rowing Club. This was a very special occasion for our students as the Retreat program provides the opportunity for students to strengthen their faith and spirituality. The Year 7 Retreat was centre around our Salesian Charism and putting this into action.

Students unpacked the four pillars of the **Charter for Salesian Schools in Australia** and illustrated how we at Dominic College are:

- A **HOME** that welcomes
- A **PARISH** that evangelises
- A **SCHOOL** that prepares for life
- A **PLAYGROUND** where friends meet and enjoy themselves



Year 7s created Don Bosco's popular Biretta, designing and displaying the four pillars on each side. Students were introduced to this year's Salesian Strenna and discussed ways they can 'grow' our school community.

Strenna 2023: *'As the yeast in today's human family.'* The Lay dimension in the family of Don Bosco.

The day was concluded with a lovely Liturgy in which all students were able to reflect on the experiences and opportunities of the day.

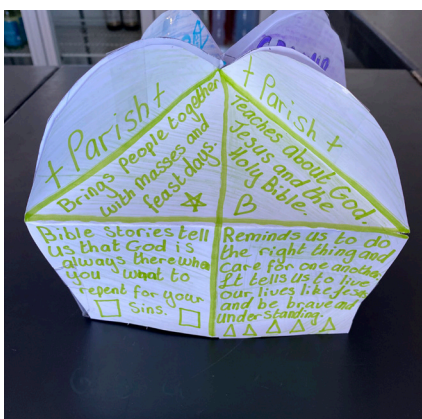
Project Compassion

Project Compassion is the major annual fundraising appeal of the Catholic Church. It is organised by Caritas Australia and runs each year throughout Lent.

This year, the student body raised an amazing total of \$2,517.70! This tremendous effort demonstrates the kindness, compassion and support our students have for those in need.



Mr Adam Lapolla - Director of Faith, Mission and Identity



A PARISH THAT EVANGELISES



Learning and Curriculum - Year 1

May - The Month of Mothers

During May, the *timita* classes have been learning about Mary, the mother of Jesus. We have looked at images of Mary from around the world. Then, we created a number of artworks of our own to represent Mary. In the foyer of the *timita* classes, we have created a stained glass window of Mary.

Part of our exploration of Mary has involved exploring the qualities our own mothers have. We thought about these qualities as we sculpted and painted some special pots for our own mothers and special people for Mother's Day.

Ms Carly Hodgkinson, Ms Amanda Brown, Mrs Bridget Taylor and Mrs Louise Zegveld - Year 1 Teachers





Learning and Curriculum - Year 4

Last term, Year 4 completed their novel study on 'Storm Boy' written by Australian author, Colin Thiele. The story was of a boy who developed a close friendship with a pelican named Mr Percival and battled with the ethical hardships of growing up in rural South Australia. At the end of the novel study, Year 4 gathered as one to watch the movie and compare the

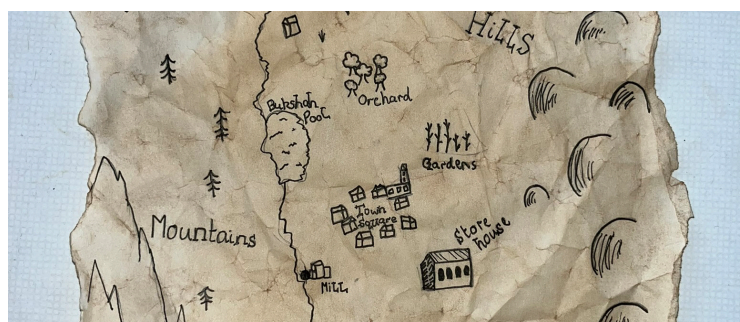
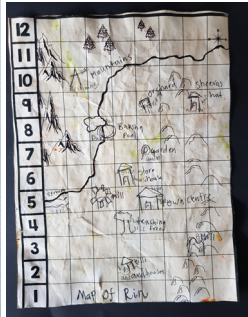
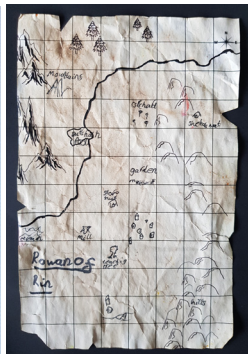
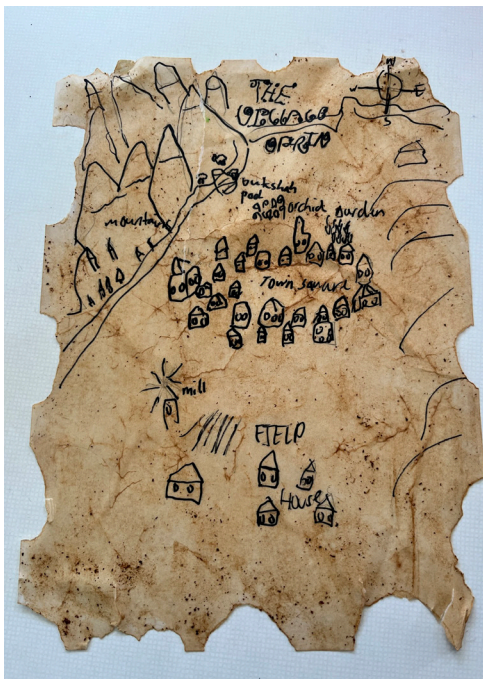
differences between novel and film.

Year 4 have now begun their novel study for Term 2 on Rowan of Rin, written by Emily Rodda. It is a fantasy novel and is the first book of the Rowan of Rin series. It follows the adventure of a shy boy named Rowan who lives in the village of Rin. Students are introduced to an array of characters that will challenge their idea of what strength and resilience is.

Students made some great predictions prior to beginning the novel and are continuing to broaden their vocabulary with learning unfamiliar words such as 'disdainfully' and 'writhing.' Students have enjoyed finding synonyms and antonyms for these words. Emily Rodda has introduced us to her own neologism when referring to the 'Bukshah.' Neologism was explained to students as a newly coined word or expression.

Year 4 have recently created their own maps of the village of Rin and have made these look old and weathered by tea staining the paper. Students are eager to solve the riddle of the mountain and follow Rowan as he finds the strength to save Rin!

Ms Holly Cardamatis, Ms Madelyn Carver and Ms Jenna Sheppard - Year 4 Teachers





Learning and Curriculum - The Arts

It has been an exciting and enriching time for our students in Creative Arts this week, with performances and exhibition visits for many senior students.

Year 9 and 10 Art visited MONA to experience 'Oceans of Air' by Tomas Saraceno and other important works in the collection. They learnt how to use the 'O' device, to read about ideas behind artworks and to save their tour for further research. The Saraceno exhibition comprised of ten rooms, most very darkly lit where students could contemplate philosophical connections between different natural occurrences such as spiderwebs and star constellations. The exhibition also encouraged thinking about the impact of humans upon the Earth and its environmental sustainability. Students were also given time to visit the rest of the museum with a focus on key artworks by Australian and International artists. Many had not been to MONA before and all had a thought provoking and enjoyable visit.

The Senior Concert Band attended a lunch time concert at The Hedberg, Conservatorium of Music, for a performance by the UTAS and Southern Colleges Wind Ensemble. Under the direction of Simon Reade, the Ensemble performed works by Percy Grainger, Leonard Bernstein and Tasmanian composer Catherine Likhuta, featuring the French horn in the first movement of her work 'Vivid Dreams'. Our students were treated to brass fanfares, trumpet solos, impressive section playing and even a harp. The thrilling performance and state of the art technology of the Hedberg Theatre inspired our young musicians and left a lasting impression.

The Valdocco Choir performed at Stoneman's Garden Centre as part of their annual 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' event. This event is a fundraiser for the Cancer Council, and it was an honour to be invited to perform. The students performed three pieces - 'Pie Jesu', 'Eternal Flame' and 'Help!', and were warmly received by the audience. Our College Captain Priyannika Kumrai, spoke at the event, in tribute to our former student Ella James who bravely battled cancer for many years. We look forward to future collaborations with Stoneman's for this event.

Mrs Katherine Denholm - Lead Teacher: The Arts



A SCHOOL THAT PREPARES FOR LIFE



Sport K-10

Cross Country

Year 3-10 Cross Country was held on the 5 May at the Tolosa Street Dam. With last minute changes to the schedule, all races were run and won before the rain started.

The day was a great display of House spirit, encouragement, and friendly competition, and was a huge success thanks to the hard work of staff and supporters who effortlessly put everything together for us and helped on the day.

Cross Country results:

Bosco = 1186 points

Savio = 1194 points

Guzman = 999 points

Siena = 877 points



Upcoming Inter-School Carnivals

SSATIS – Wednesday 24 May at the Soldiers Memorial.

STCPSSA – Friday 9 June at the Rokeby Police Academy.

JSSATIS – Thursday 15 June at the Rokeby Police Academy.

K-2 Carnival was held at school on 10 May. This Carnival was also a success with the football oval a display of blue, green, yellow and red with every student smiling the afternoon away. Each student ran their little hearts out and enjoyed a few games of tug-o-war after their race.

This Carnival had a fantastic display of parent support, it was so good to see so many parents come along to watch.

A big thank you to the Year 6 and staff helpers who did a great job for us.

Term 2 Sport

K-6 and 7-10 have a total of 16 teams registered for Term 2, from Water Polo, Netball, Badminton, and Hockey.

A total of 119 students taking part in Term 2 Sport and 14 students volunteering their time to umpire which is an outstanding effort.

Transport to Away Games

As discussed with students registered for Term 2 Sport, the College will not be providing bus transport to any away game.

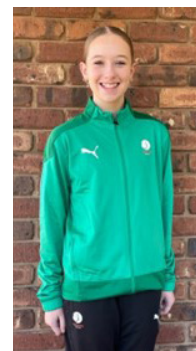
Staff vs Student Futsal

The first Staff vs Students Futsal game for 2023 on Friday 12 May was an almighty display of staff showing their sporting talents. An impressive win by the staff winning 9 – 0 to the Year 8 team. The staff look forward to taking on the Year 7s this week.

Student Recognition

Congratulations to Emily Whelan in Year 8 who has qualified for the Tasmanian State Team for the upcoming Australian Gymnastics Championships in Queensland during May. Emily competes across all three Trampoline Disciplines and will be competing in Level 6 Tumbling for these Championships.

Emily is the current Hobart Gymnastics Academy Captain and Trampoline Vice Captain, Tasmanian National Level 6 Women's State Tumbling Champion and she can now add State Team Member to her achievements for the year, so far. Well done and congratulations Emily.



Mrs Kylee Chivers - Sports Administrator



P&F Report

A huge thank you goes out to our wonderful volunteers who made the Mother's Day Stall a success. The night before, we had people helping to bundle gifts and set-up all the tables, with a special mention going to our two junior helpers who did a fantastic job before going home to bed. Some of us were there bright and early to finalise everything. We had secondary students coming in before school and during both breaks, whilst all the primary school students came through in their classes during lessons. At one stage we had five classes in the Rua Hub shopping at once! The children had some wonderful reasons for buying what they did, and as always, it was a pleasure helping each child pick that something special. We hope that all the mothers had a fabulous Mother's Day!

Our next exciting event this term is our K-6 Fluro Disco!! This will be on Friday June 30 in the Oratory Space. Kinder-2 will be 4.30 – 5.30pm and 3 – 6 will be 6pm-7.30pm. Tickets are \$6 per child and are now available at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CHTKQ>

There is a limit of one parent per child allowed to buy a ticket to come inside for the K-2 Disco. There will be glow products available to buy on the night (payment by cash or card before the Disco starts), as well as a canteen inside for the children to buy snacks from with cash only. We are asking that students bring along a named water bottle, otherwise there will be some water available to purchase.

Planning is well underway for the Fair. If you wish to join us, please email us on parentsandfriends@dominic.tas.edu.au and we will let you know when we are meeting next. Our next general meeting is on Wednesday 31 May in the Tweedy Room and new committee members are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you then.

Ms Fiona Laycock-Taylor - Dominic P&F President 2023



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MONDAY 8am-12.30pm

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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Wishing all students celebrating their birthday
a happy and successful year ahead!

Noah Fernando
Evie Kingman
Holly Lawler
Jack Gilligan
Ifza Maisha
Connor Quinn
Aheer Abdullah
Seth McMaster
Scarlett Cowen
Jameson King
Sophie Ostroversnik
Ella Ostroversnik
Riley Blake
Shonae Naylor
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Mia Davis
Natasha McMaster
Matilda Jones
Leo Sheahan
William Chen
Joseph Abayo
Callum Kelly
Eliza Courto
Matilda Tolman
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Ava Senior
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Luke Bromfield

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Mona Chapai
Zak Balmforth
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Dylan Nguyen
Jagger Blizzard
Amelia Dawson
Leo Gesch
Charlotte Sutcliffe
Prarthana Prabhash
Lucy Eastley
Sebastien Bancal
Bryce dela Cruz

Upcoming Events

23 May
24 May
25 May
27 May - 3 June
30 May
5 June
5 - 9 June
9 June
12-23 June
15 June
23 June
26 June - 7 July
27 June
30 June
2 - 9 July
7 July
7 July
24 July

Year 8 Retreat
National Simultaneous Storytime
National Sorry Day
National Reconciliation Week
K-10 Morning Tea Tours
World Environment Day
Year 10 Mid Year Exam Week
Year 3-6 Catholic Cross Country
Scholastic Book Fair
Year 3-6 Independent Cross Country
St Dominic Savio and St John Bosco Feast Day
Prep-6 Swimming Program
Year 7-10 All Schools Cross Country
P&F Disco
NAIDOC Week
P&F K-10 Pyjama Day
Term 2 Ends
Term 3 Commences

