

DOMINIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



30 June 2023



From the Principal

Dear families,

End of Semester 1 Reports

As we enter the final week of Term 2, my thanks to all students, staff and families for the wonderful care and support you have shown each other this term. Whilst faced with much sadness this term after the passing of some dear friends, we have soldiered on as a community, supporting one another every step of the way.

Next week, students and staff will wrap up Semester 1 teaching and learning. Reports will be issued to share with families the academic progress achieved so far in 2023.

I encourage all students and families to look at the reports together carefully. Celebrate areas where you are going well, and set improvement goals together in preparation for Semester 2 to have some clear direction and areas to focus on for the next two terms of the year.



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

From the Principal continued...



Annual Report

The Dominic College Annual Report has been completed and approved by the College governing Board. It is a requirement under the Australian Commonwealth Education Regulations for all schools to make publicly available an Annual Report that includes information on a set of indicators about the school, aimed at families and the community. The latest Annual Report is available on our website and can be accessed here: <https://www.dominic.tas.edu.au/our-college/annual-report>

NAIDOC Week – 2-9 July

Next week we will mark the beginning of NAIDOC Week 2023 embracing the theme 'For our Elders' that resonates with deep reverence for the wisdom, strength, and resilience of First Nations elders across Australia. The week serves as a reminder of the invaluable contributions they have made and continue to make in shaping cultural heritage and strengthening communities.

Through their unwavering guidance, First Nations elders carry the knowledge passed down through countless generations. They are the living bridges that connect people to their rich ancestral past, ensuring the preservation of cultural practices, language, and stories. Their enduring spirit binds people together, inspiring unity and fostering a deeper understanding of shared history.

NAIDOC Week encourages us to reflect on the challenges faced by First Nations elders and acknowledge their profound experiences. It calls upon us to actively listen and learn from their wisdom, drawing upon their lived experiences to inform the present and guide the future. By embracing their teachings, we cultivate a greater respect for our diverse cultures, fostering a society that cherishes inclusivity and equality.

Let us seize this opportunity to honour First Nations elders, to express our gratitude for their immense contributions, and to ensure their voices are heard and valued. As we engage in assemblies, ceremonies, and classroom activities throughout NAIDOC Week, let us commit ourselves to amplifying the stories and experiences of First Nations elders, forging a path forward that honours their legacy and promotes intergenerational unity in order to shape a brighter future for all.

I wish all students, staff and families a safe and restful term break as we conclude Term 2 next Friday 7 July. Stay warm, do some reading for pleasure, and if travelling, do so safely. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 24 July ready to start Term 3.

Best wishes,

Mr Steve Casni - Dominic College Principal





Deputy Principals

Dear families

As we near the end of our first semester, we would like to acknowledge the many wonderful opportunities that have been provided for the students in our community in the first half of the year. It has been terrific to observe students engaging with their studies and making the most of the learning experiences available to them.

Feast Day Celebrations

Our Feast Day celebrations were a wonderful opportunity to come together to celebrate being part of our Salesian community. Don Bosco clearly understood the need for young people to celebrate themselves, their community and their life. A central feature of each Feast Day is a celebration of the Eucharist. This year we gave special thanks at Mass as we commemorated the 100-Year Anniversary of the arrival of the Salesians in Australia.

K-10 Term 2 Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Term 2 Progress Reports will become visible on SEQTA Engage on Thursday 6 July. On the day, you will also receive information regarding our Online Parent Teacher Interviews. Parent-Teacher Interviews for Kinder to Year 10 will be held from Monday 31 July-Wednesday 2 August 2023 via MS Teams. Teachers will indicate on reports if a Parent-Teacher Interview is requested; however, all parents are welcome to meet with their child's teacher.

Years 8-9 Academic Pathway Planning Evening

Our Years 8-9 Academic Pathway Planning Evening will be held on Thursday 27 July, 6pm-7.30pm, in the Savio Centre. This is a great opportunity for students, along with their guardians, to explore and ask questions on their options and for choosing their elective subjects for 2024. To attend please book via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/CJPIZ>

P&F K-10 Pyjama Day - 7 July

This year the annual P&F Pyjama Day will take place on the last day of Term, Friday 7 July.



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

A HOME that welcomes

A PARISH that evangelises

A SCHOOL that prepares for life

A PLAYGROUND where friends meet



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NOTICE OF STUDENT DEPARTURES

We would like to remind families that the College requires **ten school week's written notice** of a student's departure from the College. In accordance with our General Terms and Conditions, where ten week's notice is not provided, fees in lieu of notice period are payable. **If a student (other than a Year 10 student graduating at the end of the year) will not be returning to the College in 2024, written notice will be required by no later than Friday 22 September 2023** to avoid additional fees being incurred. Written notification can be sent to: enrolments@dominic.tas.edu.au



Student and Parent Support

Dear families,

After a very busy Term 2, the fast approaching holidays are a really great opportunity for us all to have a much needed break. Whilst the temptation is always there to make the most of this time away from the structured environment. It is also really important to make the most of this chance to rest and re-charge.

A big shout out to our school dog, Annie, who has earned herself a big rest! Annie has been a terrific support for us all this term and we are so grateful to have her here with us at Dominc College.

For those looking for some fun and cost free/low cost activities over the holidays or for families needing to access supports over this time, I hope the information below will be helpful.

Have a wonderful break everyone, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back in Term 3.

[MAC for Young People \(moonahartscentre.org.au\)](http://moonahartscentre.org.au)

[Bush Adventures- City of Hobart, Tasmania Australia \(hobartcity.com.au\)](http://hobartcity.com.au)

[Autumn school holiday program- Libraries Tasmania](#)

[Home- Youth Arts & Recreation Centre \(youthartsandrec.org\)](http://youthartsandrec.org)

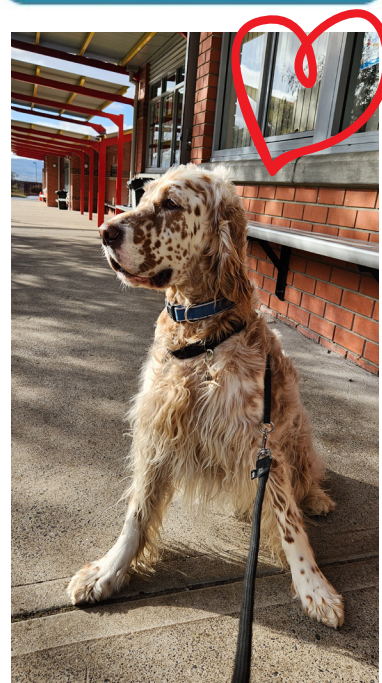
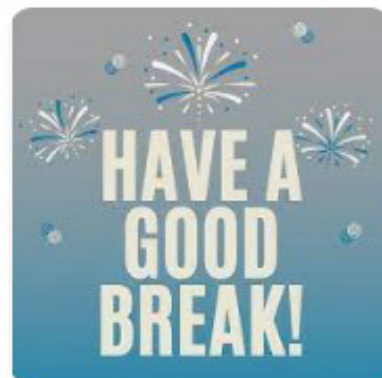
Kids Helpline – 1800 55 1800 / Kidshelpline.com.au

Pulse Youth Service – Glenorchy / Ph: 6166 1421

The link Youth Health Service – Hobart / Headspace / Ph: 6231 2927

Youth Arc – Hobart / 0438 079 588

Mrs Belinda Dooley - College Counsellor



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

MONDAY 8am-12.30pm

WEDNESDAY 12.30pm-4.30pm

FRIDAY 12.30pm-4.30pm

The Uniform Shop can be contacted directly on 61651539 or via email at dominic.uniforms@permapleat.com.au

The new College bucket hat is available to all students from Kindergarten to Year 10, and is available in sizes XS through to L and costs \$17.50.





Learning & Wellbeing

Student Leadership

The members of the Student Representative Council (SRC) for K–6 are a keen and enthusiastic group with a lot of wonderful ideas about creating community and making the College a better place. The elected members have met three times this term and have already put a number of initiatives into action.

At their initial meeting the group reflected on what leadership meant to them and what they hoped to achieve through their role. Based on their reflections a number of subcommittees were formed and students selected the area that matched their passion. In K–6 we have a group SRC's devoted to developing sports/games, another exploring media/technology, one for games/drawing and the final group focusing on ways to care for our environment.

In these sub-committees students worked together to generate ideas. The Games and Drawing group kicked things off a few weeks ago when they opened a classroom during Break 1 on a Friday. They have hosted a successful games club as well as a wonderful, guided drawing session. Both sessions were very popular with a large number of students from Years 2–6 filling up the room to join in on the fun.

Other ideas that the SRC's hope to roll out in the second half of the year include a movie night, lunchtime sports games, a dress up day, a creek clean up, morning video messages and more.

It is inspiring to see these young leaders making their mark on our College community.

Mrs Allison Lowe - Director of Learning & Wellbeing - Early Primary, Ms Sue Cunningham - Director of Learning & Wellbeing - Upper Primary, and Mr Thomas Kershaw - Director of Learning & Wellbeing - Secondary

SRC IDEAS Sub-Committees

Sports/Games	Media/Tech	Games/Drawing
Brandon Eve Reagan John Parker Darsh	Hayley Fletcher Oli Vin Ellie Lewis	Elandra Samuel Asher Carmen Stephanie Ava Tom
Crystal Elsie Brooke		

Ideas	Ideas	Ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">big games of tagbottom soccer ovalCaptains key for gymnets for bottom soccer ovalPlayground roster - 6's on the top - 2-5 bottomHouse colour dayGame-a-thonGaga Ball PitMore sports stuff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">5/6 Movie nightDon't game - K-2 Keepaway3-6 - Limbogame nightvideos in noticespresentation in assemblychanging the bell musicMusic outsidepostersdigital art compAdvertisements for people to come to DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Drawing/games clubRoom 2 - Friday Week 1 - Break 1Different themes for drawingsPaper plane contestFriendly games and competitions

Environment	Other Ideas
Ezra Maya Estelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">orange dress up for Harmony dayPancakes (Shrove Tues)Popcorn dayBreakfast club/Hot Choc

Ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Creek clean upWeekly clean upMore bins on the ovalMore benches/picnic tables on the ovalBathroom clean upPick up rubbish breakAboriginal Environment Area (Ms O'Leary)Waste Fruit/ paper recycling/fun pictures and coloursFriendship benches K-2

DOMINIC COLLEGE





Faith Mission and Identity

Greetings all.

During this term our College community has been confronted with some significant deaths. Ella James, a student in Year 10, and Leesa Baker a member of staff who both lost their battle with cancer, and also some former long serving members of staff, Dominican Sister Anne Condon OP, Mr Graham O'Keefe and Mr John Grace. We need to cherish the memories of these people who have been a significant part of our College community and thank God for their participation in and contribution to so many over their time at the College. Their passing is also a reminder to all of us to value and appreciate those around us with whom we share our lives every day.

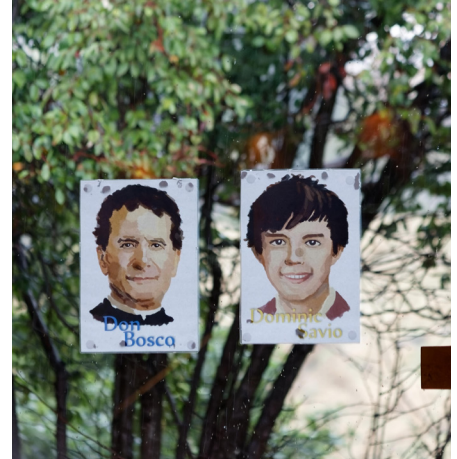
Last Friday we celebrated the Term 2 College Feast Day with a focus on the two Salesian patrons St John Bosco and St Dominic Savio. Unfortunately, the weather was not so kind to us which meant that some of the outdoor activities planned – the Dominic Cup – could not take place. However, the indoor activities and the Masses and the famous Dominic College salad rolls for lunch were able to go ahead as planned. Bosco and Savio are the patrons of two of our College Houses and they give inspiration to us for their love of life, their love of God and their love of those who shared life with them.

As this is the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of the Salesians in Australia, at the Feast Day Mass we blessed and commissioned an olive tree for the occasion. We had hoped to plant it on the day but the wet weather intervened, but it will be planted on the Valdocco (Secondary) campus soon, and we will plant another tree in Term 3 on the Prouille (Years 3-5) campus to mark the 50th Anniversary of the commencement of Dominic College, when we celebrate our Dominican patrons.

Memories and milestones are to be cherished and honoured as part of the collective human and College story.

Wishing everyone a happy coming holiday.

Fr Bernie Graham SDB - Dominic College Rector





Learning and Curriculum

Term 2 Learning Reflection

Just like Term 1, Term 2 has been a busy one filled with a wide range of events, learning experiences and

excursions. Some of the whole College events students have been involved in have included our ANZAC observation both at school and in the wider community, Cross Country, Walk Safely to School and the Feast Day celebrations for Saint Dominic Savio and Saint John Bosco.

In amongst all our events, excursions and retreats, students have continued to maintain strong routines for learning. Teachers have delivered high quality programs and worked to tailor learning to students' needs, interests and strengths.

Our Kinder – Year 2 classes engage in 'Story Book' lessons as a part of the InitialLit and Pre-Lit literacy programs. Story books are rich texts that support the development of oral language, vocabulary and comprehension. Shared reading of these books introduces children to the joy of reading and storytelling and the children have just loved these lessons and exploring the selected titles.

Whole class novels provide a focus for literacy lessons but can also reinforce content from other subject areas like Science, History or Geography. Year 6 have been reading 'Boy Overboard' this term to build their background knowledge and understanding of migration and the migrant experience. This understanding has supported their learning in History where they have been exploring Australia's migration policies since 1901. In Year 4, the students have enjoyed reading 'Rowan of Rin'. Reading aloud to the whole class provided class teachers with the opportunity to model and reinforce the skills good readers use- making predictions, drawing inferences and summarising as well as vocabulary development. The students not only enjoyed the book but also the opportunity to share their thinking.

In Secondary school, students utilise a variety of reading skills on a daily basis. In Religious Education, Year 10 students read and analyse scripture and make connections with modern society. In Year 8 HaSS, students have been exploring informational texts on Polynesian history and culture to expand their knowledge and understanding. Year 7 English classes have been reading and analysing 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan reflecting on its themes of social justice and resilience. All reading tasks aim to reinforce understanding of specific topics or concepts, develop subject specific vocabulary and develop higher level reading skills. Additionally, students are encouraged to read outside of the classroom and can find a wide array of books, both fiction and nonfiction, covering various topics at the MacKillop Learning Centre.

The work done by students is reflected in the Semester 1 Academic Reports that will be released on SEQTA Engage next Thursday. Please take the time to look through the report with your child and identify areas of strength and areas for growth. All families are encouraged to make a booking with teachers during Parent Teacher Interviews being held in Week 2 next term.

Mrs Allison Lowe - Director of Learning & Wellbeing - Early Primary, Ms Sue Cunningham - Director of Learning & Wellbeing - Upper Primary, and Ms Megan Eddington - Director of Learning & Curriculum Secondary



College News

K-6 Book Week Parade- 23 August 2023

Dress up as your favourite book character!

More details will be emailed to parents closer to the time. Any questions please email our College Librarian- Mrs Sarah Bromfield on

sbromfield@dominic.tas.edu.au



New Bucket Hats

The Uniform Shop is now pleased to offer students a bucket hat. The bucket hat is available to all students from Kinder to Year 10, and is available in sizes XS through to L and sells for \$17.50.

Kinder to Year 6 students may choose to wear either the slouch hat or the bucket hat with hats being compulsory in Term 1 and Term 4.

Hats are optional for Year 7 to Year 10 students and they may choose from either the cap or the bucket hat.



P&F News



As this newsletter is distributed, some of us are dancing the afternoon and evening away at the Kinder to Year 6 Disco! A huge thank you to the volunteers for the planning, set-up, pack-down, and canteen serving they will have done, as well as the staff that volunteered to help us make sure that everyone had a safe and fun time. There is always a lot of laughter and fun making the Disco happen.

Next term is going to be jam-packed with lots of fun events, including our Father's Day Stall, Music and Dance

Showcase, and the Colour Run happening on the next Feast day in September. Please keep an eye on your emails at the beginning of the term for more information and the Consent2Go permission forms. We have ordered the coloured powder and some funky glasses for the event and are really looking forward to throwing colour everywhere!

We are busily preparing for the Fair on 17 November and are organising some wonderful prizes to be won. Our next Fair meeting is 5 July if you would like to help.

Please email us on parentsandfriends@dominic.tas.edu.au for more information. Our next general P&F meeting is on Wednesday 16 August. We hope everyone has a great break during the holidays.



Ms Fiona Laycock-Taylor - P&F President 2023



Sport K-10

With Term 2 coming to an end, I would like to personally thank every volunteer who helped coach, manage, and support our Term 2 teams. With ten teams across multiple sports, it does take your kindness and generosity to help Dominic College Sport get these teams out on the court/pitch/water every week. Thank you!

It has been a very successful term, especially in the Primary space. Given that the majority of our netballers have not played the sport before, it was amazing to see the improvement each week. The dedication throughout this roster has been second to none. Well done.

3-6 Catholic Cross Country

Dominic Sport sent our 3-6 Cross Country team to the JSSATIS Carnival on Thursday 15 June. This team was the unofficial best performing team on the day, with 12 of our students finishing in the top 10. The entire team gave it their all, and the College is proud of your efforts and achievements.

Year 3 Boys

1st Henry Millington, 7th Lincoln McGee,

Year 3 Girls

6th Violet Driver, 10th Ivy Pettit

Year 4 Boys

2nd Henry Burne, 4th Owen Martin, 7th Arlo Simpson, 10th Elliott McGee

Year 5 Boys

1st – Jett Bromfield

Year 6 Boys

3rd Joey Bush, 7th Gus Berry

Year 6 Girls

1st Ellie Schulze

Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country.

The following students competed at the Tasmanian All School Cross Country held at Symmons Plains.

7-10 students made their own way up on Tuesday 20 June. Dominic College do not register a school team for this event, though we are so proud of all the students who took initiative to register themselves and for our parents/guardians for travelling with them.

Sarah Heinze - 15th overall, Isabella Middendorp-Costa – 56th overall, Nikolai Middendorp-Costa – 11th overall, Joel Bracken – 46th overall

Congratulations to Owen Martin, who was the only Primary school student to travel to Symmons Plains on Tuesday 27 June. Owen placed 89th overall.

Term 3 Carnivals

Friday 28 July – 7-10 Swimming Carnival @ Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre.

Friday 1 September – 7-10 SSATIS Swimming Carnival @ Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre

Wednesday 13 September – 7-10 SATIS Swimming Carnival @ Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre

Term 3 Sport teams

Teams will be finalised over the term break, and all information will be emailed to parents once it becomes available.

Basketball: Basketball umpires are required to be fulfilled by Dominic for ALL home games. If you have an umpiring qualification or are a keen Basketball enthusiast who could help the Primary teams, please let us know.

1st Netball: Trials for the 1st Girls' Netball team will be held on Wednesday 5 July from 3.30pm in the Savio Centre.

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Sport K-10

Student Acknowledgement

Emily Whelan

Back in May, we congratulated Emily Whelan who qualified for the Tasmanian Gymnastics Team that competed in Queensland. Emily competed in Level 6 Tumbling, and finished 14th out of 30 competitors and the first placed Tasmanian.

This is a fantastic achievement Emily, congratulations.

Jack Miller and Jack Gilligan

Both Jacks have made the Tasmania Devils Under 16 AFL squad and will compete in the National Development championships against Northern Territory, Gold Coast Suns and GWS Giants over a few weeks period. Their first game last weekend was a convincing win over NT 19.10.124 to 1.4.10.

Congratulations boys.

Mrs Kylee Chivers - Sports Administrator



A PLAYGROUND WHERE FRIENDS MEET

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

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

Henry Vautin
Eldana Zeray
Amelia Garth
Max Loveless
Hannah Christmann-Price
Tharuk Morahenpita Liyanarallage
Jordan Bannister
Amelia Newman
Claire Cooper
Lillian Pergar
Danshi Bali
Samuel Smith
Eshaan Dhaliwal
Eden Hardy
Darcey Wooldridge
Eva Thomas
Isobelle Simpson
Gabriel Tichanow
Emily Whelan
Ella Curtain
Jack Horsey
Sidney Perrett
Camille Jones
Lucy Dale
Isaac Abrahams
Jackson Nguyen
Conor Dean
Kaylee Strange
Harper Lucas

Riley Rollins
Hanyuxin Park
George Jansen
Lily Daly
Ebony Hargreaves
Mirha Shahrukh
Newell Henry Kings
Harry Wilby
Nathan Woodberry
Matilda Christmann-Price
Reagan Burgess
Ellie Schulze
Maxwell Davie
Willow Logan
Alvah Chakaipa
Japseerat Kaur
Marcus Mikhael
Amity Gill
Ayva Frediani-Tichanow
Nicholas Hay
James Triffett
Thomas Brundle
Breanna Hickman
Jack Kelly
Tomas Davidson
Harry Williams
Lilymay Ward
Tyson Smith
Thang Tran

Sebastian Smith
Bella Kamaric
Michail Achlatis
Leonardo Rodriguez
Emarli Lovell
Taylor Milles
Paige Price
Kaleah Shearing
Aurora Cosker
Zanaya Zmendak
Addison Tonks
Vivienne Laycock-Taylor
Lacey Berwick
Jack Jordan
Chaise Daniels
Imogen Garth
Luke Werapermall
Samantha Ship
Sophia Kokkinofas
Jett Benson
Oakley Fletcher
Samayra Dhungana
Alex Ransley
Gypsy Siggers
Georgia Embrey
Lincoln Walters
Sophie Byard

Upcoming Events

2 - 9 July

7 July

7 July

24 July

14 - 18 August

18 - 19 August

21 - 25 August

30 August - 1 September

6 - 10 September

14 September

15 September

20-22 September

26-29 September

NAIDOC Week

P&F K-10 Pyjama Day

Term 2 Ends

Term 3 Commences

National Science Week

Festival of Bright Ideas

Book Week

Senior Drama Presentation

Visual Art Exhibition

Music and Dance Showcase

St Dominic Guzman & St Catherine of Siena Feast Day

Year 5 Camp

Year 6 Canberra Trip

