

DOMINIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

15 September 2023



From the Principal

Dear Families

Life at Dominic College is never dull for anyone who is part of the community, and over the past fortnight we have had cause for celebration particularly to commemorate two key anniversaries that we have been continuously acknowledging over the course of the year: the 50th anniversary of Dominic College and the 100 years of Salesian presence in Australia. As a community we have experienced further sadness with the passing of another of our much-loved teachers but as a community we have bonded to celebrate the wonderful contributions she made during her time at Dominic.

Happy 50th Birthday Dominic College!

As you know, this year we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the amalgamation of St John's Primary, Savio Primary, Holy Name School and Savio College in 1973 which led to the formation of Dominic College. On Wednesday morning, all students and staff gathered on the oval to commemorate this important milestone and to take a snapshot of the occasion using drone technology by forming a big '50' as a photographic historical record of the anniversary.

Today, we celebrated our Dominican Feast Day honoring our patron saints St Dominic Guzman and St Catherine of Siena. We commenced the morning with Mass and as part of the offertory procession, brought up a time capsule that was put together 10 years ago at our 40th anniversary celebrations.

We were blessed to have the presence of Sr Pamela Davis; first Deputy Principal of Dominic College Senior School and Sr Mary Rickards at our Mass. Sr Pam spoke to the community after communion about what life was like at Dominic 50 years ago. We were also fortunate to have Old Scholars present to celebrate the anniversary. As a community, we were able to give thanks through prayer and Eucharist for five decades of developing as a unique school community, the first Catholic co-educational secondary school in southern Tasmania.

The day continued with festivities, with Primary students engaged in a range of buddy activities to celebrate 50 years and our Secondary students involved in the annual Dominic's Got Talent. I was impressed by the talent on offer and the comradeship among students and staff to sing in their House groups.

We then shared a meal together with our traditional salad rolls and ended the day with a Colour Run generously organised by our wonderful Parents and Friends Association.

The celebration was embraced by all, and we will continue to commemorate our 50 years in next term's Newsletters and in our Yearbook which will be released later this year! Happy 50 Years Dominic College and Happy Feast Day everyone!



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

From the Principal continued...

100 years of Salesian Presence in Australia – Visit of Don Bosco's Relic

Last Friday, our Year 5-10 students and all staff were able to visit the relic of Don Bosco in our Mary Help of Christians Chapel. Our College Rector, Fr Bernie Graham SDB, led students through a short prayer service explaining the purpose of the relic's visit to us and explaining the cultural significance of such relics in Europe. It was a new experience for many, and I thank all students for the respectful way in which they took part in the prayer service. Each student posted a picture and short reflection of the impact Don Bosco has made in their lives on the windows on the chapel. Kinder to Year 4 students also had a special visit to our Br Peter Dezani Design Centre to visit the statue of Don Bosco and learn all about his work with young people as a priest during the 19th century. A truly memorable and historical event for all involved and a lovely way to celebrate the 100 years of presence of Salesians in Australia and specifically their ongoing presence in Glenorchy.



Passing of Staff Member – Beth Graham

As informed by our communique, sadly on Monday, 11 September our colleague and much-loved teacher Beth Graham passed away. Beth has been on leave over the last few years but during her time at Dominic, Beth taught Prep and Year 5 in the primary school and in 2020 was the Literacy Support Teacher in K-6. Beth's gentle and kind approach ensured that she quickly became a much-loved and valued teacher, colleague, friend and mentor. Please keep Beth and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May our dear Beth rest in peace.

Mr Steve Casni

Dominic College Principal



Deputy Principals

Dear Families,

Creative Arts on Show

Over the past few weeks, we have been treated to a range of Creative Arts experiences in our community. The Senior Drama class, along with the Drama Club, are to be commended on their wonderful presentation of 'Bottoms Dream'. The Visual Arts Exhibition at the Moonah Arts Centre was a showcase of colour and creativity highlighting a range of talent across a variety of mediums. Finally, last night we were treated to the annual Music and Dance Showcase. The Creative Arts are vital for students as they foster self-expression, nurture critical thinking, and enhance communication skills. Through Music, Art, and Drama, students learn to appreciate diversity, cultivate empathy, and develop a well-rounded perspective. These experiences empower them to become innovative, well-rounded individuals ready to face life's challenges. Thank you to all the students, staff and families who have supported these events and our congratulations to Dominic's Creative Arts staff who work so hard to make this magic happen.



Year 5 Camp

We pray for fine weather for our Year 5 students and their teachers who head off to Port Arthur next week for their camp. Camps are a great opportunity for students to strengthen friendships, establish stronger relationships with peers and teachers, and continue to develop lifelong skills. We look forward to hearing about these experiences in the coming weeks and seeing lots of amazing photos!

Canberra

Year 6 students are very excited about the Canberra Trip and the countdown is on for the departure on Tuesday 26 September. Students will be visiting a number of very interesting venues and learning more about Democracy and Government. Parliament House is always spectacular. Students will be immersed in an array of cultural and historical experiences. Another highlight will be a visit to the Australian Institute of Sport. They will be engaging all the senses and enriching their learning across a range of activities.

Contemporary Education-Parent Workshop

Next Tuesday 19 September, we invite parents and carers to join us for a workshop looking into 'The Challenges of Contemporary Education'. This workshop is interactive looking at what contemporary education is and some of the factors we need to consider as we navigate the future with our children. The workshop will take place in the MacKillop Learning Centre (College Library) from 6.00pm to 7.00pm.

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



Dominic College

PARENT WORKSHOP

The Challenges of
CONTEMPORARY EDUCATION

What are the future challenges?
How are we preparing our children for the future?
What does contemporary education mean?
How do we work in partnership to overcome challenges?

6pm - 7pm
19 September

MacKillop
Learning Centre

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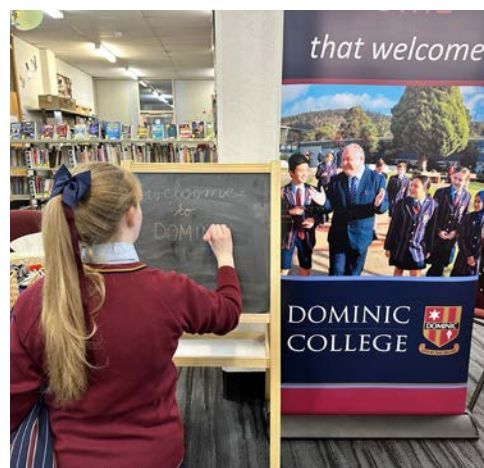
Year 8 SRC Leaders Report

Around this time of year students run for the Student Representative Council otherwise known as SRC. This role entails many opportunities but not many people know what these responsibilities are. Some of these include Morning Tea Tours, Assembly and Mass roles, Newsletter articles and helping out with events throughout the year. If you are thinking of going for an SRC role next year you could start planning out and writing your speech soon. If you receive the role of SRC this could broaden your horizons and expand your pathways for the future.

SRCs from Year 7-10 are responsible for leading the Morning Tea Tours around the school, showcasing the facilities to potential new students and their families. Having students showcase our school allows for a genuine and thorough tour experience, because as students we know this school best. Having to talk to strangers and lead them around the school is very awkward at first but as the tour continues you grow to become more comfortable showing them around and may even learn of some common interests. Leading the Morning Tea Tours provide valuable experience, especially for future circumstances like having or applying for a job.



Recently, Mr Lapolla and the Vinnies group have started up the Breakfast club. The SRCs have also been involved in this, having a roster by Houses once or twice a week. The Breakfast Club is a great opportunity for students to pick up a bit of toast, if they might have not had time to have breakfast, or just want something to eat. The bread is provided by Banjo's, Moonah, then students toast it, and spread butter, jam, and vegemite. By doing this, it is also a good learning experience for students who might want a job in cafés or other kitchen experiences.



Last week Dominic College held our Visual Arts Exhibition at the Moonah Arts Centre. As a part of being a SRC representative, we got involved and helped out on opening night by greeting and talking to guests, and serving food to everyone. It was such a great event to see student artwork, and even get to vote in the Photography Competition.

These are the responsibilities that we have found come with being an SRC, and we wanted to share them to help out other students decide if they would like to run for a student leader role.

Toby Sutcliffe, Tess Stansfield, Janelle Vizcarra and Cameron Moase -Year 8 SRC Leaders

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



Learning and Wellbeing - K-6

Navigating Changing Friendships

Friendships are an essential part of a child's life, providing support, laughter, and a sense of belonging. In the primary years, these friendships can be both delightful and challenging as children grow, change, and develop. It's entirely normal for friendships to evolve, but it's essential to support our young learners in navigating these changes.

At Dominic College, we understand the significance of fostering healthy friendships among our students, and we are committed to providing resources and strategies to support them on this journey. One such resource is the UR Strong program, which has been instrumental in helping our students build and maintain positive relationships from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Understanding Changing Friendships

In the primary years, children are developing rapidly, both physically and emotionally. As they explore their interests and discover their identities, it's not uncommon for their friendships to change. These changes may include shifting friend groups, experiencing conflicts, or finding new interests that lead to different connections.

Strategies for Navigating Friendship Changes

- 1. Open Communication:** Encourage your child to express their feelings and thoughts about their friendships. Provide a safe space for them to talk about their experiences and listen without judgment.
- 2. Empathy and Understanding:** Teach your child about empathy and the importance of understanding others' perspectives. This helps them develop compassion and navigate conflicts more effectively.
- 3. Identify Healthy Friendships:** Help your child recognise the characteristics of healthy friendships, such as mutual respect, trust, and support. Encourage them to prioritise relationships that make them feel valued and respected.
- 4. Develop Social Skills:** Encourage your child to develop essential social skills like active listening, compromise, and conflict resolution. These skills will serve them well in maintaining healthy friendships.



- 5. Explore Interest:** Encourage your child to explore their interests and hobbies. They can meet like-minded peers through shared activities, fostering new friendships based on common passions.

Changing friendships are a natural part of growing up. By providing guidance, fostering open communication, and utilising programs like UR Strong, Dominic College is committed to helping our students navigate these changes and develop strong, healthy relationships that will serve them well throughout their lives.

Ms Vanessa Young - Lead Teacher: Year 5/6



Learning and Wellbeing - Siena House

In our recent Siena and Guzman Liturgy, we learned that St Catherine of Siena led with her heart, fighting for justice and showing compassion and empathy to all. Here at Dominic College, we follow her example throughout our learning journey.

Our Year 7 students are undertaking the Salesian Friendship Challenge in their Oratory Program. Through this challenge the Year 7s are learning to listen with an open mind and heart to appreciate the similarities and differences among peers outside their friendship groups. Those that they now call new friends. They have also learned how to show kindness and inspire those younger than us with a trip down to Year 1. They have learned to show kindness and gained knowledge by making friends with an older person. Most importantly they are recognising the positive impact that they can have on another person by building positive friendships.

Our Year 8 cohort are taking those first brave steps into choosing their pathway. They have gone through the process of course selection and nominated class electives that interest them. It is important that students decide what pathway they want to take based on their own interests and aspirations, not those of their friendship group. This is a significant step in developing their own personalities and self-identity through co-curricular involvement.

Our Year 9s are currently preparing for their Maria Island Camp where they will have the opportunity to make lasting memories and form close bonds with those outside of their friendship group. I encourage them to show compassion and support to those that are not natural campers and are anxious about this new experience. We are also watching these students develop their leadership skills in preparation for 2024. It is important to remember that leadership can be shown in many ways, but the most impactful of leaders are those that lead with their heart, like St Catherine of Siena.

Today, we celebrate our Guzman and Siena Feast Day. We have spent our day recognising that one person can make a big difference in the lives of many. I encourage the Year 10s to consider the mark that they will be leaving as they complete their final nine weeks at the College. Are they modelling St Catherine of Siena and pushing for social justice through love and compassion? Are they modelling St Dominic Guzman and valuing their education so that they can contribute to a better society? Are they modelling St John Bosco and showing equality through celebrating people's individuality? Are they modelling St Dominic Savio and being a positive influence inspiring others through joy and understanding? We know that no matter which of our patron Saints are guiding their path, they will truly achieve amazing things.

Ms Jacquelyn Turner - Lead Teacher: Siena House



A HOME THAT WELCOMES



First Nations Focus

Classroom Visits

I have been visiting some classrooms including *Iarila*, de Lima, *timita* and Mazzarello. The students have been really engaged in their learning. Through conversations and multimedia experiences, students are connecting their learning to make it relevant to their lives today.

They have been learning about St Paul and how his message can be relevant in our lives today. Reading Scripture stories is another great way to interpret and examine the deeper message and apply it in today's society. It is always wonderful to see our students provide ample examples of Jesus love for us through the interactions they have with their peers and families. They shared such things as being kind, playing together, giving compliments and helping someone in need.

Class Mass

Students in K-6 continue to celebrate Class Mass in their year groups. *tuminana* visited the Mary Help of Christians Chapel to celebrate their Liturgy with Fr Abilio based around the Scripture story, 'Zacchaeus, the tax collector' and how Jesus' love for us knows no limits and de Paul students and Fr Bernie celebrated their Mass with a focus on nature and the beauty around us everyday.

Sacraments

Congratulations to Alex Hughes and Lincoln McGee for making their First Eucharist recently and to the students who will undertake this sacrament in the coming weeks, we look forward to celebrating with you.

Sacramental Preparation – Parents' Information Meeting

Parents of children of St John's Parish, Glenorchy, who wish to begin preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist, are invited to attend an information meeting on Wednesday, 20 September at 7pm in the Parish meeting room. (Children do not need to attend the meeting.) If you think your child is ready to take this step in their faith journey, please come along to the meeting. For more information contact: Marie Aitken- 0472 545 919.

Mini Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies squad had a productive meeting making sandwiches for Louie's Van. Louie's Van is a program within St Vincent de Paul Society that delivers food and drinks to those less fortunate around Hobart. The students made ham and cheese, vegemite, vegemite and cheese and jam sandwiches. They buttered, spread, cut and packaged the sandwiches themselves. Elle, from Louie's Van, warmly received the packages and expressed her gratitude to the students and their fantastic efforts. It was great to see the overwhelming enthusiasm of the students during this activity and will definitely be something we do more of.

Coming up - The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.

Mrs Bradi McGee - Religious Education Coordinator - Primary





Faith, Mission and Identity

Dominican Feast Day

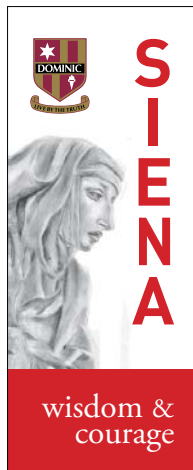
Today we celebrated the annual Feast Day of our Dominican Patrons, Saint Dominic Guzman and Saint Catherine of Siena.

Saint Dominic Guzman and Saint Catherine of Siena exemplify timeless virtues. Dominic's dedication to spreading knowledge, and Catherine's unwavering compassion show us how to live purposefully and empathetically today. Their lives inspire us to seek wisdom, serve others, be courageous, and make a meaningful impact in our world today. These virtues are on display in the Savio Centre on the House Banners for all to see. Catherine of Siena has the virtues of wisdom and courage, and Dominic Guzman has knowledge and compassion. These are virtues all students should strive towards.

The day commenced with Mass, where we celebrated as an entire community with our Dominican Sisters – Sr Pam Davis OP and Sr Mary Rickards OP. We are grateful to Sr Pam who provided a short reflection on the 50 Years of Dominic College. Sr Pam was one of the first Deputy Principals of Dominic College and she shared valuable insight from that time.

During Mass we also presented the time capsule from 2013 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Dominic College. Our current College Captains read an address from the 2013 College Captains to the student body. This was a symbolic occasion as we were able to step back into time! The 40th time capsule will officially be unveiled later – stay tuned for more information to come!

Mr Adam Lapolla - Director of Faith, Mission and Identity.



A PARISH THAT EVANGELISES

OzBosco

Twelve students attended OzBosco in Melbourne, at Don Bosco Camp Safety Beach. The event ran for three days from Friday 8 September to Sunday 10 September.

On the first day, we all arrived at the airport at 11am, excited for the upcoming weekend. After boarding our flight, we landed at the Melbourne Airport and caught a bus to Don Bosco Camp with students from Salesian College, Sunbury. When we arrived at Don Bosco Camp at Safety Beach, we were assigned our dorms and Oratory Groups and began to settle in. We began with icebreaker activities where we got to know all the other people who were attending OzBosco. After that, we had a First Nations Elder who talked to us about how every plant had an importance in their lives and how we should conserve them. We then had a lovely dinner where we sat with our Oratory Groups and discussed about questions to get to know everyone further. This was followed by a group activity with our Oratory Groups. Then we had the official opening ceremony which was conducted by Fr Brian, who unpacked the OzBosco theme 'The Yeast in Today's Human Family' (Salesian Strenna 2023). We then had another group activity which was followed by a Salesian 'good night' with reflection. After that, we went back to our dorms and went to sleep after a long and exciting day.

On day two, we woke up a little earlier than we would have liked and got ready for an exciting day ahead. We then had a little dance break to lighten the mood where we had a blast doing some silly dances together. Then we were greeted by a guest speaker, Lauren, who told us all about Cagliari and the Salesian Immersion programs in Samoa and Cambodia. Following this discussion, we gathered in our Oratory Groups to do some group activities so we could get to know each other a little more. After a little break we had a guest speaker, Carlos Escobar who spoke about World Youth Day, and how positive and cheerful it is. He also talked about how he found his experiences with the Salesian camps and OzBosco. He told us that these opportunities shaped him into who he is today as he learnt what it meant to be a leader. We then had time for workshops where we had to pick three workshops from the five available. The five workshops were Leadership, Journaling, Mental Health, FMA sisters and Living Culture. This was followed by dinner. We then had a scavenger hunt where we had to answer questions by roaming the Safety Beach area.

On day three, we woke up at around the same time as the first day, and headed down for breakfast. After the meal, we went back to our dorms and packed our luggage for the flight later the same evening. We then had another Oratory group activity. This was followed by morning tea. After that, we had a guest speaker Isaiah Lahai who came and talked to us about his struggles as a refugee in Tasmania and about how it is better to forgive than to take up violence against anyone who could be violent towards you. We then had our final meal together with other OzBosco participants. This was followed by a Mass conducted by Fr Brian and Fr Peter. We then said our goodbyes to the new friends we made and headed back to the Airport at around 3pm.

The whole experience was very eye-opening. We learnt so much about the Salesian community and what it truly means to be Salesian. We learnt about the hardships that others face and how they are still able to find positivity in their lives, always trying to have fun and be happy. We were able to reflect on our own gratitude for what we have in our lives and how we can have fun and be happy within ourselves, no matter what the circumstances are. This camp taught us how to live by the word of God and be more like Christ, without actually telling us that. It has left its mark on each and every one of us, shaping us to be better than we are, and to live life to its fullest potential. We are all immensely grateful for the opportunity to take part in such a life-changing, unforgettable experience and we strongly encourage people to apply for OzBosco next year!

We want to thank Mr Lapolla and Ms Crawford for this wonderful experience that we had throughout the weekend. It was such a great camp where we made new friends and learned about being always together as a community.

OzBosco Students 2023





Kindergarten

tuminana 2 love the MMK program. The students have learnt the history behind the program including who Mamma Margaret is. Don't forget to ask them who she is.

Each session, the students are growing in confidence and curiosity, expanding their knowledge and skills. They are developing skills to work productively in small groups with minimal adult intervention to produce a shared finished product.

They are becoming responsible and aware of health and hygiene in the kitchen and working on mathematical skills when measuring ingredients.

It is definitely a highlight of their fortnight, and it is wonderful to see them showing resilience and a sense of accomplishment when they taste what they have made and share it with their families, if the food makes it home.

A huge thank-you to all of our amazing volunteers.

During Science Week *tuminana* 3 explored mixing colours through hands on learning experiences. We have continued with this interest and have been experimenting with different colours to create new colours through activities using food dye and water, paint and playdough. The children are enjoying coming up with interesting colour combinations to get new colours. Through these experiences, the children are learning to identify and name the primary colours, how to make predictions, develop observational skills and develop creativity.

To follow on from Science Week a visit was organised with Harvey Tarnowka's mother Kim, who works in High School Science, to facilitate experiences to enable the children to explore, investigate and experiment.

- Magnets – The children learnt that magnets could attract or repel each other. They experimented within the room to investigate objects, made of metal, that the magnets would stick to.
- Fizzing foam experiment – The children discovered that when certain ingredients are mixed together, such as egg white, vinegar and bi carb soda, it creates a (chemical) reaction. They were excited to observe and feel the fizzing foam that was created.

Thank you Kim for such a fun and interesting visit.

Mrs Bradi McGee, Ms Ellie Mathieson, and Ms Rachel Mackonis - Kindergarten Teachers





Year 6

Energising Learning in Year 6: From 'City of Ember' to the Science of Energy

It's been an electrifying term in Year 6 as our students have been fully immersed in the fascinating world of energy. We're excited to share how our novel study focus, featuring 'City of Ember' by Jeanne DuPrau, is closely linked to our exploration of energy in Physical Science.

City of Ember

In Reading, Year 6 students have embarked on a thrilling journey through the pages of 'City of Ember.' This captivating novel takes place in an underground city where electricity is a lifeline. As our young readers delve into the adventures of Lina and Doon, they are not only uncovering the secrets of this mysterious city but also making connections to our Science curriculum.

Science Focus: It's Electrifying!

Simultaneously, in the realm of Physical Science, Year 6 students have been exploring the multifaceted concept of energy. We have dived into the intricacies of different energy types, discovered the power of electrical circuits, and gained a deeper understanding of sustainable energy sources.

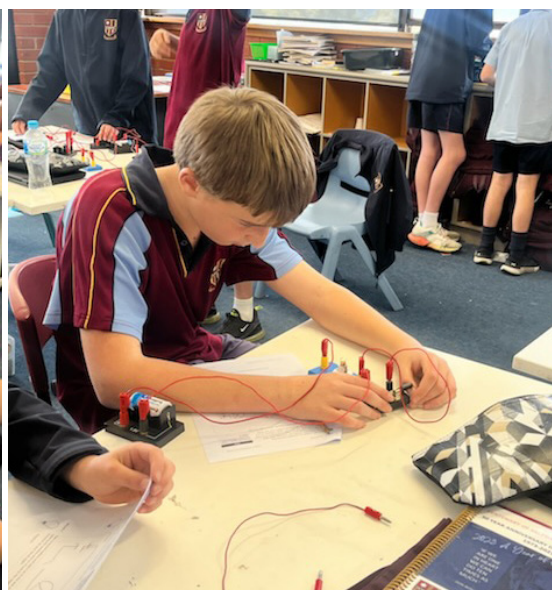
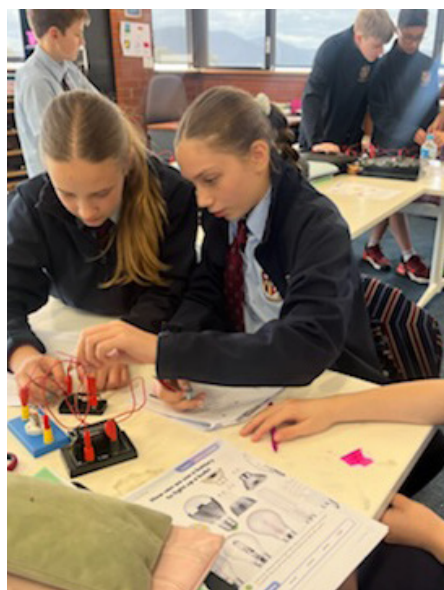
The synergy between our novel study and Science focus is nothing short of remarkable. 'City of Ember' revolves around a city that relies heavily on a dwindling energy source to survive. This theme closely parallels our Science lessons as we examine the various forms of energy and contemplate the importance of sustainable energy solutions.

Upcoming Visit from Hydro: A Sustainable Energy Exploration

To add a touch of real-world application to our Science curriculum, we are excited to announce an upcoming visit from Hydro, where our Year 6 students will have the opportunity to explore sustainable energy practices firsthand. This promises to be an engaging experience that will reinforce the importance of responsible energy use and sustainability, aligning perfectly with the themes in our novel.

As our Year 6 students continue their journey through 'City of Ember' and their exploration of energy in Science, we are confident that they will gain valuable insights into the importance of responsible energy use and its impact on our world.

Ms Rebecca Meissner, Mr Alex Firth, Ms Sue Cunningham and Ms Vanessa Young - Year 6 Classroom Teachers





Health and PE

Physical Activity: A Path to Health and Wellbeing

In a world full of technological advancements and sedentary pursuits, the value of physical activity remains important. At Dominic College we value the benefits physical activity both in the HPE Department and Co-Curricular Sports Program. Below is a table released by the Australian Department of Health in 2021 that has recommendations about physical activity.

Behaviour guideline	15–17 Year Olds
Physical activity	Accumulate at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity per day, involving mainly aerobic activities at least 3 days per week.
Sedentary or recreational screen-based activity	No more than 120 minutes of recreational screen use per day
Strength	Muscle and bone strengthening activities at least three times a week
Sleep	Uninterrupted 8–10 hours of sleep per night

Department of Health 2021c. Canberra: DoH.

At Dominic we understand that adolescents lead busy lives, one way to assist in meeting these requirements is to take all the opportunities at school during HPE class.

This term students from Year 7/8 have been involved in excursions to Eastside Activity Centre to develop their strength and conditioning using various gymnastic activities.

Students in Year 9/10 have been busy organising teams and playing in various sporting rosters within the HPE class time. This boosts their amount of aerobic activity through the week.

Outdoor Education classes are mountain bike riding each week at the Glenorchy MTB Park and Athlete Development classes have been planning and undertaking more HPE classes for the Primary students.

7-10 House Netball competitions have been running each Thursday/ Friday in Break 2.

Why do we value this so much at Dominic College?

- 1. Enhancing Physical Health:** It strengthens muscles, improves cardiovascular health, and bolsters the immune system.
- 2. Boost Mental Well – Being:** Exercise triggers the release of endorphins, which can help combat stress, anxiety, depression and increase cognitive ability.
- 3. Fostering Strong Relationships:** Participating in group activities or team sports can be a wonderful way to forge new connections and strengthen existing relationships.
- 4. Improved Sleep:** Helps regulate circadian rhythms, reduces stress, and leads to increased energy levels, sharper focus, and a better overall sense of well-being.

What can I do as a student?

- Sign-up for a Co-Curricular Sport.
- Bring my gear and participate in every HPE lesson.
- Be active during break times.
- Consider studying a HPE elective.

Mr Philip Hyatt - Lead Teacher: Health and PE



A SCHOOL THAT PREPARES FOR LIFE



Technologies

7-10 Digital Technologies

In Digital Technologies, Year 7s started out learning about cyber-safety and then moved into data representation, learning how all different data types are stored. The big unit of the semester was the programming unit where students learnt how to code in Python. After learning the basics, students looked at applications of programming such as by using microbits.

Year 8s started their studies in Digital Technologies by focusing on Excel. Students learnt to analyse real-world data and use various Excel functions. The next unit of study involved looking at digital systems, which included looking inside a computer, learning about how networks work and learning about Cryptography. From here, students extended their programming skills with various applications and learnt about project management.

In the second half of this year, Year 9-10 Robotics and Game Development students will begin the Games Development focus of the curriculum. For the Year 9s, they continued to develop their coding skills within the Unity Game development platform, working through a series of 'Create with Code' online tutorials. To step-up the Year 10s Coding and Game Development skills. Students get the opportunity to explore and develop for the virtual reality environment (VR, AR & XR). Still within the Unity Game development platform, student develop their Apps through the 'Create with VR' online tutorial challenges. Then testing them in the Oculus Quest2 VR headsets, which allows the Year 10 students to experience the success of their developments or better understand what needs to be improved.

On Saturday 2 September, some of the year 5/6 Robotics Club students participated in in the RoboCup Junior Tasmanian State Competition. Competing in the Rescue Line & Soccer categories. Rescue Line, Primary Team: Michael Tran & Arjun Redkar finished in first place, with Samantha Ship, Daisy Bradley & Abhiraj Randhawa finishing a close second. In Soccer, Krishi Kundu was the only student competing for Dominic College, achieving second place in the competition.

Mr Cameron Golding- Lead Teacher: Technologies and VET





The Arts - Showcase





P&F Update

With the wonderful Showcase last night and Colour Run this afternoon, a huge thank you needs to go out to the wonderful volunteer parents that have helped make these events a success for us. Without them, none of what we do, as the Parents & Friends Association, would be able to happen. It was wonderful to witness all of the performances last night, and hope that everyone enjoyed their snacks and drinks from the canteen. There is a lot of behind the scenes work that happens to make the Colour Run happen, and we loved seeing the children have an amazing end to Feast Day.

Our next major event is The Community Fair on Friday November 17. There is a lot planned, with some fantastic prizes to be won. Please write the date in your diary as it is an event not to be missed! If you have any questions, or donations towards our Community Fair, please email us at parentsandfriends@dominic.tas.edu.au and we will respond as quickly as possible. Have a great weekend washing out the coloured powder.

Ms Fiona Laycock-Taylor - P&F President 2023



A HOME *that welcomes*

A PARISH *that evangelises*

A SCHOOL *that prepares for life*

A PLAYGROUND *where friends meet*



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COLLEGE**



A PLAYGROUND WHERE FRIENDS MEET



Sport K-10

Congratulations to all students who have played finals in their respective sports this month. It's great to hear so many students having success.

SATIS Swimming

Friday 1 September, Dominic College had a team of 38 Year 7-10 students represent the College at the Southern SSATIS Swimming Carnival. It was a fantastic effort by the team who represented the College with pride and enthusiasm.

21 of the above students also rose to the challenge to participate in the State Carnival on Wednesday 13 September. A special mention to the Year 7 students who stood tall in their events at their first State Carnival.

Term 4 Sport

Registration for Term 4 Sports closes on Friday 22 September. Reminder the below Sports are available for Year 3-10 students:

Year 3-6

- Year 5/6 Touch Football (mixed) – Played Tuesday at Dominic and other schools.
- Year 5/6 Girls Cricket – Played Monday at Soldier's Memorial Oval.
- Year 5/6 Boys Indoor Cricket – Played Monday at Kingborough Sports Centre.
- Year 3/4 Tee-Ball (mixed) – Played Wednesday at Dominic and other schools.
- Year 3/4 Girls Cricket – Played Monday at Soldier's Memorial Oval

9/10 Girls

- Year 9/10 Girls Tennis (Played Monday at various venues).
- Year 9/10 Girls Touch Football (Played Wednesday at Wentworth Park).

9/10 Boys

- Year 9/10 Boys Cricket (Played Tuesday at Dominic and other schools).
- Year 9/10 Boys Touch Football (Played Wednesday at Wentworth Park).
- Year 9/10 Boys Volleyball (Played Thursday at Dominic and other schools).

7/8 Girls

- Year 7/8 Girls Tennis (Played Tuesday at various venues).
- Year 7/8 Girls AFL (Played Thursday at Dominic and other schools).
- Year 7/8 Girls Touch Football (Played Monday at Wentworth Park).

7/8 Boys

- Year 7/8 Boys Cricket (Played Monday at Dominic and other schools).
- Year 7/8 Boys Tennis (Played Wednesday at various venues).
- Year 7/8 Boys Touch Football (Played Monday at Wentworth Park).
- Year 7/8 Boys Volleyball (Played Thursday at Dominic and other schools).

Please get your preferences in prior to Friday 22 September. If you are having difficulty with this, please email sport@dominic.tas.edu.au

Student Recognition

Year 7 students Noah Reardon, Jacob Hargreaves, Louie Ateny, Cooper Snyman, Luke Bromfield, Hudson Bernes, Riley Blake, Matthew Atkin and Ben Atkin who all play in the Claremont U13 Football Team were undefeated all season and came home with the Grand Final win. A special mention to Luke Bromfield who also took out the Best on Ground in the Grand Final match. Congratulations boys.

On Saturday 2 September Louis and Flossy Perrett participated in the LA TAS State Cross Country Championships in Campbell Town. Louis won Gold in the 8 Years Boys and Flossy won Gold in the 8 Years Girls. Both the boys and girls ran together and



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the only boy beating Flossy over the line was her brother!

Jack Miller made his Senior Football debut for North Hobart Football Club a fortnight ago. Your hard work has paid off Jack. We look forward to watching you grow with your football career.



Isabella Middendorp-Costa competed in the Women's Artistic Gymnastics Champions over the weekend of 9 and 10 September. Isabella finished the championship third in her age group performing a score of 9.233 in the vault.



Ms Kylee Chivers - Sports

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2023

October 6-8

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The Derwent Valley Concert Band would like to extend a warm invitation to all musicians to participate in its 8th annual, non-residential concert band Spring School held at Dominic College, Glenorchy over the middle weekend of the term three school holidays. Musicians of all ages and abilities welcome to attend

\$55
per person Dominic College students only
Includes dinner Saturday and lunch Sunday





UNIFORM SHOP 2023 OPENING HOURS

MONDAY 8am-12.30pm

WEDNESDAY 12.30pm-4.30pm

FRIDAY 12.30pm-4.30pm

The Uniform Shop can be contacted directly on 6165 1539 or via email at dominic.uniforms@permapleat.com.au

BACK TO SCHOOL TRADING HOURS FOR 2024

The first two weeks are by appointment only and the third week the Uniform Shop is open for walk-ins.

More details regarding online bookings to come.

Week 1 Appointment Only

Monday 15 January 9:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday 16 January 9:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday 17 January 9:00am-4:00pm
Thursday 18 January 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday 19 January 9:00am-4:00pm
Saturday 20 January 9:00am-1:00pm

Week 2 Appointment Only

Monday 22 January 9:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday 23 January 9:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday 24 January 9:00am-4:00pm
Thursday 25 January 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday 26 January **CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Week 3 Walk-ins open to all

Monday 29 January 9:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday 30 January 9:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday 31 January 11:00am-5:30pm
Thursday 1 February 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday 2 February 8:00am-12:00pm (**FIRST DAY OF TERM 1**)

**Normal trading hours will resume on:
Monday 5 February 2024**

A PLAYGROUND WHERE FRIENDS MEET

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

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

*Elaina Shinose
Bodhi Green
Blake Terry
Lincoln Wojcik
Sarah Heinze
Sean Balao
Madelyn Langridge
Muhammad Rashid
April McKellar
Harry Heinze
Alex Gesiotto
Ngoc Minh Anh Duong
Sophia-Rose Freeman
Dharan Mattala
Owen Martin*

*Tyler Dale
Daisy Bradley
Grace Gleeson
Ekam Brar
Eloise McGann
Lachlan Braslin
Isla McKay
Sienna Davey
Evana Shinose
Isla Kapeller
Logan Ryton-Benson
Charlotte Fischer
Raechel Jaeger
Laney Carpenter
Ronin Adams*

*Evan Maharjan
Thomas Golding
Isabelle Wright
Sarah Cherney
Thomas Godfrey
George Godfrey
Ella Sibley
Nuson Bista
Mia Berry
Harvey Davie
Grace Milles
Georgia McPherson*

Upcoming Events

20 - 22 September
26 - 29 September
25 - 29 September
28 September
29 September
16 October
18 - 20 October
19 - 20 October
23 October
25 October
26 October
27 October
30 October
30 October - 1 November
2 November
3 November
6 November
9 November
17 November
1 December
4 December - 8 December
11 December
15 December

Year 5 Port Arthur Camp
Year 6 Canberra Trip
Year 9 Maria Island Camp
K-10 Term 3 Expectation Reports available.
Term 3 Ends
Term 4 Commences
Year 10 Overnight Retreat
Year 3 Camp
Year 7 2024 House Information Evening
K-6 Athletics Carnival
Hobart Show Day Public Holiday
Show Day Holiday
2024 Kindergarten Parent Information Evening
Asian Festival
All Souls Day
Year 3-6 Catholic Athletics Carnival
K-10 Morning Tea Tours
Year 3-6 Independent Athletics Carnival
College Fair
P-6 and 8-10 Orientation Session
Year 8 Camp
Year 7 2024 Orientation Day
Final day of School Year

