

DOMINIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

18 October 2024



From the Acting Principal

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope the break has afforded families the opportunity to relax and rejuvenate ahead of what is traditionally a very busy, yet very positive term. Our Year 10 students will be preparing to transition to the next stage of their educational journey while the families of our very youngest students will be introduced to the community this term in our Kinder Parent Information Evening in late October. In November, Year 7 students will have the opportunity to become more familiar with the Valdocco Precinct and the structures and organisational supports available to them as they commence their secondary education in 2025. The many transition events planned for this term will help facilitate a smooth continuum of learning for all.

Japanese Year 6 Visit

It has been a wonderful year of connections with our sister school, Shizuoka Salesio School, in Japan. In Term 1, we welcomed Year 8 students from Shizuoka and a group of Year 9/10 students had the life-changing opportunity to travel across Japan as well as participate in a home-stay experience there. Mr Martin Smith spent Term 2 as part of a teacher exchange and, in turn, we were delighted to welcome Go Ishii (Ishii sensei) for six weeks in Term 3. We are now delighted to welcome a group of Year 6 students and offer them insight into our Tasmanian culture. *Arigatou* to Belinda Kumashiro who has worked tirelessly to make this all happen.



Year 10 Retreat: Orford

One of the highlights for our students during their time at Dominic College is their final retreat. This has taken place over three days at Orford's Spring Beach. The theme of *"Unwrapping our Gifts"* gave students the opportunity to take the time to appreciate their unique traits and spend quality time reflecting on how each and every human is given gifts from God to help them make a difference in the world, and become people of peace who strive to fight for justice and compassion for all in our world. We thank our Director of Faith, Mission and Identity, Mr Adam Lapolla, along with the staff who supported this retreat for giving the students the opportunity to have spiritual formation and go forth from the College with a sense of community and compassion for all.



The dream that makes you dream. A heart that transforms "wolves" into "lambs". - 2024 Strenna

From the Principal continued...

Save the Date for the College Fair

Our wonderful P&F Committee have been working tirelessly in preparation for the 2025 College Fair scheduled for 15 November. This is sure to be a fun-filled community event for students, families and the greater community.



25 October - World Teacher's Day

Next Friday, 25 October, we commemorate World Teacher's Day. As we will all be on Show Day break, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our dedicated teachers and support staff for their unwavering commitment and passion. Your dedication echoes the spirit of St. John Bosco, who believed in nurturing each student's potential with care and compassion. Your tireless efforts and commitment to education not only inspire but also shape the future. Thank you for embodying Don Bosco's legacy and making a profound impact on our school community.



Mrs Janet Marcenko - Acting Dominic College Principal



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Deputy Principals

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope all students and teachers had a refreshing and relaxing break. We are looking forward to the warmer weather and the last term of learning for 2024.

3-6 Athletics Carnival

This year's 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held Wednesday 23 October 2024.

Hobart Show Day and Student Free Day

A reminder that Thursday 24 October 2024 is Hobart Show Day and Friday 25 October is a Student-Free Day. The College will be closed on both these days.

Year 7 2025 House Information Evening

The Year 7 House Information Evening will take place on Monday, 21 October from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. This is for all families with students enrolled in Year 7 for 2025. Come along to learn more about Year 7 at Dominic College and meet your Morning Oratory Group Teacher.

Volunteer Afternoon Tea

A kindly reminder that the Volunteer Afternoon Tea will take place on in the Savio Centre, Tuesday, 29 October 2024 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. This is our chance to say thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that have helped throughout the year. The refreshments will be prepared by our talented Year 9/10 Introduction to Hospitality VET students. Please confirm your attendance by 22 October 2024 using the link below on the official invitation. Feel free to come and go as you please during the event timeframe. We look forward to seeing you there! <https://www.trybooking.com/CVCWI>

Sports Photos

Students who participated in a school sports team or a representative team will have their photos taken 30 October. On this day, those students who will have their photos taken should wear their PE polo shirt and shorts, no trousers. White socks are to be worn, and no visible clothing should be seen under their polo shirt, including no Leavers' Hoodies. For Primary students, teachers will release students when their photo is scheduled. For Secondary, the schedule will be posted on the student bulletin on the day.



Mrs Alicia McMahon - Deputy Principal: Primary and Mrs Megan Eddinton - Acting Deputy Principal: Secondary



Student and Parent Support

There are many days in the calendar year where various organisations raise awareness of some really important issues and services.

Our students are familiar with so many of them and how privileged we are to have learned first hand of the lived experience of Mitch McPherson and his wonderful team at SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY through their visits to the College this year.

We acknowledged R U OK? day in Term 3 where in our secondary space, students came together for morning Oratory to 'take a break', share a Kit Kat and start the day with a conversation by asking each other R U OK?

These terrific organisations have wonderful resources and websites and their teams are active in our communities all throughout the year. Sharing their own personal experience of tragedy, adversity and sheer strength and determination to raise awareness for mental health and wellbeing, hoping that through sharing their own experiences and starting the conversation, they can make a positive difference to the lives of others.

Whilst the end of the year approaching can be a time of excitement, for many of us it can also present times of stress and anxiety and challenges that can be difficult to navigate. With this in mind and the fast paced term ahead, we encourage everyone to look out for each other, open up the conversation around mental health and reach out for support when needed.

Remember, any day is a good day to ask R U OK?

[A conversation could change a life | R U OK?](#)

[SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY – Preventing Suicide – Everyone, Everyday!](#)

Mrs Belinda Dooley and Ms Emma Burns- College Counsellors



A HOME THAT WELCOMES



Faith Mission and Identity

Greetings all

Welcome back everyone to Term 4. I hope you all had a fantastic two-week holiday, filled with relaxation, fun and memorable moments. As we step into this final term of the year, let us encourage and support one another to carry the energy and enthusiasm from your break into your studies.

For almost the whole of this month of October (2-27 October 2024), hundreds of Catholic lay, clergy and religious are gathering together in the Vatican for *'The Second Session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on Synodality.'* Fourteen Australians: bishops, priests, laity and religious are attending. The participants are engaging in the assembly under the theme: *'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.'*

The essence of Synodality lies in listening to one another, to different perspectives, and to the Holy Spirit. This approach invites not only bishops and clergy, but also lay people, to contribute their insights and life-faith experiences, reflecting the diverse body of the Church within the Christian tradition. This assembly will discuss and address pressing issues facing the Church today, including promoting unity in diversity, navigating social challenges, building a Church that is more attuned to the needs of its members and the world, how to engage younger generations, and how to renew commitment to the Gospel mission. Let us join in prayer for the Synod members, asking the Holy Spirit to guide their hearts and minds throughout this important Synod on Synodality.

This week we had a liturgy for Year 10 during their three-day Retreat in Orford. It was an opportunity for them to pause, reflect and consider the experiences that have shaped them over the past years. Furthermore, as they gathered in a serene environment, they also engaged in various activities to foster self-discovery and connection. Through group discussions, meditative practices, prayers, liturgy, and shared experiences, they began to articulate their hopes and fears about their future. I hope that as they leave the retreat, they will carry with them a renewed sense of purpose and an understanding that the journey ahead, though uncertain, is theirs to navigate with confidence, courage and hope. May God continue to bless their journey!

In addition, today we had a Year 6 Mass combining students from Dominic College and Shizuoka Salesio from Japan. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the shared values and experiences of these young learners. This Mass served as a beautiful reminder of unity across cultures, demonstrating how faith can connect us, regardless of our geographical, cultural and educational differences. The students from both schools engaged and participated so well during the Eucharistic celebration. Well done to Year 6!

Wishing everyone a great final Term as we bring 2024 to a wonderful conclusion.

Fr Abilio Guterres SDB - Acting College Rector



A PARISH THAT EVANGELISES



Faith Mission & Identity

Year 10 Retreat

This week Year 10 attended the Spring Beach Youth Camp at Orford for a three-day Religious Education Retreat. The aim of the Retreat was for the students to appreciate the extent of their own and the gifts we see in others, and in doing so enhance their self-esteem and quality of relationships.

A highlight of the Retreat was the writing of affirmations for each other, and experiencing being affirmed for who they are, whilst recognising the positive qualities we all have are gifts given to us by God. The students were very engaged and opened themselves up to the idea of retreating away from the everyday.

Many thanks to the staff that attended: Ms Millikan, Ms Graham, Miss Crawford, Mr Glidden, Mr Golding, Ms Lomi, Br Barry Parker SDB, and Fr Abilio Guterres SDB.



All Souls Mass – Monday 4 November, 7:45am

We warmly invite all members of our College community to join us for a special All Souls Mass on Monday 4 November, from 7:45am to 8:15am in the Mary Help of Christians Chapel.

This is a meaningful opportunity to come together in prayer, remembering and honouring the loved ones we have lost. During the Mass, you will also have the chance to light a candle in their memory. We hope you can join us for this time of reflection and spiritual connection.

Mr Adam Lapolla - Director of Faith, Mission and Identity



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Learning & Curriculum - Year 3

1800s Day

In Year 3, we have explored how our communities and the places around us have changed over time. We compared different aspects of life in the past, such as houses, schools, and everyday activities, to how we live today. One of the most exciting things we have learnt is how people used to live in

the **1800s**! We discovered that life was very different back then - from the clothes people wore to the items they used at home.

To bring history to life, we held a special **1800s Dress-Up Day**. Everyone got the chance to wear old-fashioned clothes, such as bonnets, waistcoats, and long skirts, just like people wore over 200 years ago. The day was full of fun activities that helped us understand what it might have felt like to live in the olden days. We even played old-fashioned games and learned how students of the past spent their school days. It was a fantastic way to experience history together!

Our study showed us just how much our world has changed, from the way we travel to the technology we use every day. It has deepened our understanding of how life is always evolving and how each generation has experienced life differently.

Ms Christina Giameos, Ms Anna Attuoni and Miss Molly Baker - Year 3 Teachers



A SCHOOL THAT PREPARES FOR LIFE



Canberra Trip – Year 6 Learning in Focus

In the final week of Term 3 the Year 6 students visited our nation's capital – Canberra. It was a sensational four-day trip filled with amazing learning experiences. Each place we visited provided new insights and deepened the educational understandings of the work that had been done during our History units about 'Democracy' and 'The Australian Government'.

We stayed in very comfortable accommodation close to all the main attractions. During the daylight hours we were SUPER busy and had an amazing time looking, listening and learning! Our time at the War Memorial provided an opportunity to pay respects to, and learn about, the brave and committed service men and women, both past and present. The Museum of Democracy (MOAD) allowed us to view a number of interesting artefacts including the protest banners and at the National Gallery we saw some awe-inspiring art works. The visit to Parliament House and the National Archives provided enriching learning experiences made even more real when students had the opportunity to participate in a 'passing a bill' role-play. The Worlds of Science and Technology were explored at the Deep Space Centre and through an after dark visit to Questacon. A highlight for many students this year was the opportunity to buy a limited-edition coin at the Mint. Another special moment was the visit to the Peace Park and the chance to strike the Peace Bell. This was such a moving experience and we are delighted to be able to hold our very own Peace Ceremony later this term for students in Years 3 – 6. Time at Sportex, within the Australian Institute of Sport, was as popular as it has always been with students and the evening swim at the Canberra International Aquatic Centre was great fun!

The weather held out for us as we explored the National Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. Floriade, was a lovely way to begin the last day of our Canberra journey. The perfect weather we had whilst in Canberra was just right for this lovely floral celebration of Spring. The teachers all worked hard to keep everyone back home fully informed of our adventures via posts and photographs on Seesaw and we enjoyed reading the messages sent by family, friends and well-wishers. An excellent trip and an enriching learning experience for our students on many levels. Thanks to the Australian Government for providing \$300 funding (PACER) per student in recognition of the importance of this trip as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. This amount was deducted from the cost per head thus reducing the total amount payable for families.

Mrs Vanessa Young and the Canberra Trip Team





Learning & Curriculum - English 7-10

On Wednesday the 14 August, twelve Year 7, thirteen Year 8, nine Year 9 and eleven Year 10 students sat the **English ICAS Test**. ICAS stands for International Competitions and Assessments for Schools and are a suite of tests that are designed specifically for primary and secondary students. ICAS are conducted annually in Australia and in over 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, Pacific countries, and America.

All 45 participants from Dominic performed extremely well in the ICAS with a Year 9 student and a Year 10 student receiving a distinction certificate, and Year 9 student receiving a high-distinction certificate ranking all three of them in the top 10% of students in Australia.

We are often asked, 'Why should students sit tests and exams and aren't there better ways of assessing people than testing them?' Whilst students are assessed through a varied regime of assessment tasks, tests are still of fundamental importance in developing academic and life skills. Testing plays a significant role in students' development and personal growth in various ways. Firstly, it allows for an assessment of one's knowledge, skills, and abilities. The feedback from tests helps students understand their strengths and weaknesses, allowing them to focus on areas that need improvement. Testing is also often used to assess practical skills, such as problem solving, critical thinking, and decision-making. Regular testing can stimulate the development of these skills and help students become more proficient in their use. Thirdly, preparing for tests encourages students to manage their time effectively. This skill is not only important for academic success but is also a valuable life skill. Finally, preparing for tests often requires self-discipline and organisation, another skill that is essential for success in education and many other aspects of life.

Learning to plan, prepare and embrace the uncertainty and anxiety that accompanies any test are important skills for students to develop; skills that will support them through the rest of their lives.



Mr Martin Kress - Lead Teacher: English



Congratulations to the students below who achieved Distinctions in recent ICAS tests.



2025 FEE INFORMATION

Recently the College sent families important information regarding the 2025 Fees.

If you did not receive this information, please [click here](#) to access the information on the College Website. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 2025 Fees, please contact our Senior Finance Officer at fees@dominic.tas.edu.au



Learning and Curriculum: Languages

Japanese Speech Competition

The 2024 Tasmanian Japanese Speech Competition was held in two stages, with Year 9 and 10 students participating in the Senior Competition in August, and the Year 3-8 students participating in the Junior competition in September.

The Senior competition has returned to being face-to-face with the judges. The judges ask questions, and competitors need to respond appropriately. It is a great deal of pressure to understand the question, and then respond with confidence! We had an incredible team of students show courage and dedication this year. The Junior competition remains as a video submission. Students in Years 3-7 present a self introduction speech, that increases in length and complexity depending on the age group. Year 8 students learn a speech describing Tasmania in Japanese.

A heartfelt おめでとうございます (omedetou gozaimasu – congratulations) to all that participated. Durno sensei, Lowe sensei and I were extremely impressed with the high quality of preparation for this Japanese extension opportunity this year.

Many noteworthy results were achieved by our students. Additional congratulations to the students who were awarded prizes while competing with other Japanese learners from across Tasmania. Students awarded first, second or third in their age group will be invited to attend a reception at Government House, and receive their certificates from Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, Governor of Tasmania.



Shizuoka Salesio Year 6 Visit

This week Year 6 students have been thrilled to get to know our friends from our sister school, Shizuoka Salesio School, in Shizuoka Japan. Seventy eight Year 6 students travelled all the way from Japan to spend time working, playing, praying and eating together. Shizuoka Prefecture is home to Mt Fuji, beautiful tea fields, and is about an hour by bullet train from Tokyo.

Year 6 students participated in a range of activities over the two days shared at school. A school tour, collaborative STEM project, assembly, sports activities and a BBQ lunch were among the fun times shared. Many thanks to those families who will host students on Saturday, as they explore a little of Hobart and get to know their host families a little before they travel back to Japan on Sunday.

We look forward to a long friendship with staff and students from our sister school in Japan!

Mrs Belinda Kumashiro - Lead Teacher: Languages



Languages



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P&F News

Welcome back!

We hope you all enjoyed your break and are ready for a busy final term for the school year – how did we get here so fast!!

Excitingly though, the start of Term 4 means our College Community Fair is only four weeks away.

The Fair Committee have been busy behind the scenes getting everything ready for another fantastic Fair that will include exciting rides, great classroom stalls, wonderful food, an amazing chocolate wheel and silent auction prizes you'll all be fighting over to win. We also have our superb raffle with a trailer full of goodies up for grabs – raffle books will be sent home to families shortly- tickets will be \$2 each so it is great value.

Of course our Fair isn't possible without the support of our amazing families and the local community. With that in mind we would be super grateful for any donations (big or small) you may have including blocks of chocolate, bottles of wine, small bags of chips, pens, pencils, gifts and vouchers.

Please reach out if you can help at parentsandfriends@dominic.tas.edu.au and keep your eye out for ongoing updates about the Fair in the coming weeks.



P&F Fair Committee

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Upcoming Events



16 - 20 October

21 October

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1 November

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6 November

8 November

13 November

15 November

27 November

28 November

29 November

3 December

6 December

Japanese Year 6 Visit 2024

Year 7 2025 House Information Evening

Royal Hobart Show - Public Holiday

Show Day Holiday; World Teacher's Day

Kindergarten 2025 Parent Information Evening

P & F Meeting; Sports Photos

Year 3-6 STCPSSA Athletics

Campbell Town Royal Hobart Animal Showing

K-10 Morning Tea Tours

Upper Primary Peace Pole Ceremony

Leaders' Induction Ceremony 2025

Prep - Year 2 Athletics Carnival

College Community Fair

Year 6 - 10 Awards Ceremony; P & F Meeting

Year 10 Belling Out Ceremony; Year 10 Graduation Mass & Super

Year 10 Graduation Dinner

Secondary House Assemblies; Early Primary Assembly

Prep - Year 10 2025 Orientation Session