



From the Acting Principal

All Souls' Day Mass Invitation

On Monday 4 November we will gather in our Mary Help of Christians Chapel for the All Souls' Day Mass. This Mass is dedicated to praying for the souls of departed friends

and family members and will commence at 7.45am and conclude at 8.15am. Please feel free to join us as we come together in prayer and remembrance. It is always lovely to gather as a faith-based community to give thanks for the

lives of those departed and to pray together as a College community.

'Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace. They will forever be in our hearts and memories.'



Year 7 2025 House Information Evening

A key event in supporting students as they transition to high school is the House Orientation Evening. Last Monday, students and families had the opportunity to connect with their House Lead teachers and their Oratory Group teachers who will be their key contacts throughout their time on the Valdocco Precinct. We look forward to welcoming these students back for their Orientation Day on 25 November, so we can ensure their transition to high school runs smoothly and that any questions or concerns are addressed prior to the summer break.





Royal Hobart Show

Last week, Dominic College participated in various exhibitions at the Royal Hobart Show. Our Animal Husbandry students escorted some of our animals as part of the 'Life on the farm' section over the four-day weekend. Students from our Art and Media Art classes won numerous prizes, from the 35 works selected 10 students were rewarded, some more than once across different categories. It was wonderful to see students attend the presentation of awards to collect their certificate and prize money. Congratulations to all entrants selected and prize winners.





From the Acting Principal continued...

Grand Savio Reunion

Recently, Boys Town and Savio College Old Scholars gathered to celebrate and honour the deep history of our remarkable community. Boys Town and Savio College share a legacy grounded in the spirit of Don Bosco and Salesian education. It was wonderful to see so many people come together across such a vast range of years to share in our common bond. The weekend was full of laughter, reminiscing and rekindling friendships.

As our present Year 10 cohort will soon become Old Scholars, we are reminded of the wonderful connections and friendships we make as students at the College. We hope they too will continue to embody the Salesian spirit in all they do.

Mrs Janet Marcenko - Dominic College Acting Principal









Kinder-Year 10 Morning Tea Tours

Tuesday 5 November - 9.30am - 11.30am

Please register for this event online:

www.dominic.tas.edu.au/enrolment

K-10 | Catholic | Coeducational 204 Tolosa Street Glenorchy (03) 6274 6000

www.dominic.tas.edu.au enrolments@dominic.tas.edu.au















Deputy Principals

Dear Families

Over the past fortnight we conducted our Year 7 2024 House Orientation Evening and our Kinder Information Evening. It is always so energising to welcome new students and families to the Dominic community.

3-6 Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Guzman house on winning the 3-6 Athletics Carnival last Wednesday. We had an excellent day, with some spectacular performances and high participation. Thank you to our staff and families for their involvement and assistance on the day, and for the weather being kind to us.

Year 10 Formal End of Year Exam Notification

All Year 10 students will be sitting formal End of Year Exams from Monday 18-Friday 22 November. It is the College's expectation that all students sit these exams on the given days. 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.

Graduation Mass

The Year 10 Graduation Mass will be held onsite in the Savio Centre on Thursday 28 November commencing at 6pm. Year 10 students are reminded that this is a compulsory event, full Formal Uniform is required to be worn for this occasion. Light refreshments will be offered afterwards for students and families. Year 10 students should arrive by 5.30pm on the day.

College Fair

Preparations are going well for our upcoming College Fair, 15 November from 3:30pm. The Parents and Friends are working tirelessly to coordinate stalls, games, entertainment and food for everybody to enjoy. We look forward to seeing our community gather together for this fun community event.



Introducing Our 2025 Student Leaders

We're thrilled to introduce our dynamic team of student leaders for 2025. This talented group has shown outstanding commitment, creativity, and leadership, making them a perfect fit to guide our student community next year.

Continued Overleaf...

Mrs Alicia McMahon - Deputy Principal (Primary) and Mrs Megan Eddington - Acting Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Deputy Principals continued...

	Leadership Role	Student Name
K-10 LEADERSHIP	K-10 College Captain and SRC Member	Callum Kelly
	K-10 College Captain and SRC Member	Theresa Stansfield
	K-10 College Vice-Captain and SRC Member	Cameron Moase
	K-10 College Vice-Captain and SRC Member	Janelle Vizcarra
BOSCO HOUSE	Mission Captain	Lucy Miller
	Creative Arts Captain	Keith Jansen
	Academic Captain	Nicholas Hay
	Sports Captain	Jake Waller
	Year 8 SRC Member	Mimi Grayson
	Year 9 SRC Member	Tanishka Kumrai
GUZMAN HOUSE	Mission Captain	Jack Jordan
	Creative Arts Captain	Zaia Tarrant
	Academic Captain	Sydney Excell
	Sports Captain	Noah Hamilton
	Year 8 SRC Member	Hayley Bukowiecki
	Year 9 SRC Member	Isabella Slade
SAVIO HOUSE	Mission Captain	Henry Vautin
	Creative Arts Captain	Zac Forey
	Academic Captain	Catherine Lenthall
	Sports Captain	Olivia Rayner
	Year 8 SRC Member	Samuel Lukman
	Year 9 SRC Member	Jujhaar Jhajj
SIENA HOUSE	Mission Captain	Ethan Lacy
	Creative Arts Captain	Charlotte Geeves
	Academic Captain	Youngin Kim
	Sports Captain	Emily Whelan
	Year 8 SRC Member	Aurora Cosker
	Year 9 SRC Member	Abigail McGovern
K-6 LEADERSHIP	K-6 Captain and SRC Member	John-Zion Kamara
	K-6 Captain and SRC Member	Chelsea Schiebel
	K-6 Vice-Captain and SRC Member	Jameson King
	K-6 Vice-Captain and SRC Member	Elsie Joyce
BOSCO HOUSE	House Captain	Arlo Simpson
	House Captain	Jack Piuselli
GUZMAN HOUSE	House Captain	Henry Burne
	House Captain	Lucy Dale
SAVIO HOUSE	House Captain	Thomas Golding
	House Captain	Elliott McGee
SIENA HOUSE	House Captain	Crystal Colgrave
	House Captain	Eva Gesch
First Nations	First Nations Captain	Brooke Thomas
First Nations	First Nations Captain	Rupert Jenssen



our strengths, or gifts, and finding out how we can utilise them post graduation. It was an uplifting camp, with a few challenging activities aimed at improving our confidence and growing our relationships with one another. It had a few emotional moments, one of which was the writing and receiving of affirmations. On our first day we were required to decorate small boxes with our names on them and set them up in Oratory Group order. Throughout the retreat we had the opportunity to write 'affirmations' for each other, and place them in their boxes. On the last day we opened these boxes individually and it was a very emotional time for many students. We got to spend quality time with our friends and teachers surrounded by a beautiful environment and close to the beach. It was a time for us all to reflect on being at Dominic College, whether we have been here for 12 years, 4 years, or even one, it was a very pensive retreat, creating memories that are bound to last lifetimes. We hope to one day look back on this retreat as one of our Dominic College highlights, and thank

you to all staff who attended and made the camp as fun as possible.

Captains' and Vice Captains' Report

During the first week of our final term at Dominic, the Year 10 cohort went on our retreat to Spring Beach Youth camp. This was our last opportunity to spend time with the whole year group before our graduation. The theme for our retreat was 'Unwrapping your gifts', with a focus on finding





Millie Ackerley, Michael King, Brooke Ackerly and William Ackroyd - College Captains and Vice Captains



Learning and Wellbeing - Upper Primary

In recent years the science of reading and structured literacy has become a prominent topic in education. There has been a lot of research done on how children learn, particularly in reading and spelling.

A structured literacy approach is evidence based, explicitly, systematically, and cumulatively taught. Student progress is carefully monitored and informed by data. Structured literacy instruction includes what teachers refer to as the Big 6 of Reading: oral language, phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

Our classroom instruction and targeted interventions in the 3-6 classes all follow a structured literacy approach. Our small group literacy interventions use the MacqLIt Program which is evidence based and covers all the Big 6. Lead teachers and Learning Support Assistants all run groups in MacqLit four times per week for Years 3-6.

All our students have the opportunity to access high quality classroom instruction and additional targeted intervention is offered to students who are identified as needing it through our assessments and data. A structured literacy approach backed by research is particularly important for students with specific learning difficulties, such as dyslexia.

If you are concerned about your child's literacy progress it is beneficial to talk to their teachers first to gain an understanding of where they are at and how they can best be supported.

Ms Anne Duigan - Lead Teacher: Learning Diversity (Upper Primary)





Faith Mission & Identity

All Souls Day Mass

A reminder that all members of the College community are invited to join us for a special All Souls Mass Day on Monday 4 November, from 7:45am to 8:15am in the Mary Help of Christians Chapel.

All attendees will have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of their loved ones. We hope you can join us for this time of reflection and spiritual connection.

Year 10 Graduation Mass

The Year 10 Graduation Mass is scheduled for Thursday 28 November, at 6:00pm in the Savio Centre. Students are requested to arrive by 5:30pm, dressed in full formal uniform and adhering to the College's Code of Personal Appearance. Please remember that hair

dye, nail polish, and extreme hairstyles are not permitted. All family and friends are warmly invited, with no restriction on the number of guests per family. Refreshments will be provided after Mass.

Thank You Banjos Moonah

We extend our thanks to Banjo's Moonah for their generous donation of bread to the 7-10 Breakfast Club this year. Their ongoing support has made a meaningful difference, helping us provide a nourishing start to the day for our students.



ALL SOULS DAY

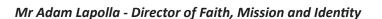
"May the souls

of the faithful departed, through

rest in peace,

the mercy of God

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Mini Vinnies

We have tubs in Primary classrooms for our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Collection. We are continuing to support St. Vincent de Paul and raise awareness for the less fortunate. We are accepting food donations such as cereals, pasta, porridge, soups, noodles, dried fruit, energy

bars, shapes biscuits, tuna and beans. We are also accepting gifts ideas such as rattles building blocks, soft toys, books, sports equipment,

board games, stationery, Lego, gift cards, deodorants, towels, cosmetics and homewares. All of these items must be new.

Tubs will remain in classrooms until Friday 29 November, and will then be passed onto St. Vincent de Paul!

We thank you for your support.

Ms Bradi McGee - Religious Education Coordinator (Primary)







Prep

What I love about being in larila

Student Quotes:

'I love doing word work...stretching our words and sounds.' 'I loved going swimming. I got to do bubble and play on the noodle.'

'I love it when the teacher reads a

story to us. I like looking at pictures.'

- 'I love meeting tricky words and letter friends and doing prayer.'
- 'I love filling up our bucket (bucket filler).'
- 'I love spelling and getting smarter.'
- 'I love going outside and playing with all my friends.'
- 'I love Feast Days because we get lots of food like rolls and Freddos.'
- 'I love that we can do backflips outside on the ropes.'
- 'I love playing with my friends outside because it's fun and we love parkour.'





















Year 1

Learning through Exploration in the *timita* Classrooms

Maria Montessori famously said 'What the hand does, the mind remembers'. In Year One, hands-on learning is facilitated throughout the curriculum to develop

curiosity, enhance engagement in learning, allow for collaboration and problem solving and deepen understandings.

Recently we have made dioramas during our exploration of habitats. We have explored push/pull forces through experimenting with slime. We have engaged in hands-on exploration of measurement concepts.

Fun and learning definitely go hand-in-hand in the *timita* classrooms!

Ms Carly Hodgkinson, Ms Amanda Brown, Mrs Bridget Taylor and Mrs Allison Lowe - Year 1 Teachers





Year 4

Year 4 students have launched into Term 4 with energy and curiosity, diving into an array of fascinating topics. In science, they're exploring food chains by examining the vital roles of producers, consumers, and decomposers, as well as the dynamics between omnivores, carnivores, herbivores, prey, and predators. Discussions on the impact of introduced species on native Australian wildlife have also sparked

important insights into ecosystem balance.

In Mathematics, students have been tackling fractions with creativity, culminating in a "Fraction Flag" investigation where they designed flags using fractional parts—a fun and effective way to visualise their learning.

Our class novel, *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown, has brought literacy to life with thrilling themes of adaptation, survival, and friendship. Students are captivated by the robot's journey in the wilderness, making meaningful connections to their studies in science.

This term, students are also embracing sustainability, learning about impactful choices to protect the environment and developing a strong sense of stewardship.

It's been an inspiring start to Term 4, and we look forward to all the learning and growth ahead!



Ms Liz Lomi, Mr Gihan Gunadasa and Miss Jenna Sheppard - Year 4 Teachers





The Arts

The Importance of Attending Arts Events

I would like to emphasise the importance and numerous benefits of taking your children to see arts events. Whether it's a play, a concert, or an art exhibition, exposing your children to the arts can have a profound impact on their development and overall well-being.

Arts events provide a unique opportunity for children to explore and appreciate different forms of creativity. By exposing them to various art forms, children can develop a sense of curiosity, imagination,

and an appreciation for beauty. This exposure can also foster their ability to think critically and express themselves creatively.

Events such as these also offer a platform for children to develop important life skills. Attending performances or exhibitions can improve their listening skills, concentration, and ability to follow instructions. It can enhance their communication skills as they discuss and interpret the artwork or performances with you and their peers.

Furthermore, arts events provide an opportunity for quality family time. Sharing these experiences with your children can strengthen your bond, create lasting memories, and foster open communication. Attending these events with your children is not only enjoyable but also highly beneficial for their personal, social, and academic growth. So, let's make it a priority to expose our children to the wonders of the arts and watch them flourish.

Some events you might like to consider attending over the next few months include:

- Dominic College music performances at the fair
- Alice in Wonderland at The Royal Botanical Gardens https://www.bigmonkey. com.au/whats-on/
- TSO family concerts https://www.tso.com.au/family/#concerts
- TMAG school holiday activities
- **Dance Concerts**
- Carols by Candlelight events
- Moonah Arts Centre Competitions
 - https://www.gcc.tas.gov.au/2024/10/the-term-4-art-competition-is-open-now/
- https://www.moonahartscentre.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Holiday-Colouring-Comp-Entry-form.pdf

Celebrating Student Excellence

We would like to take the opportunity in this addition of the newsletter, to celebrate these two incredible art works. The first is an extension activity done by a Year 7 student, of a diorama based on Van Gough's Stary Night. The second is also an extension activity by a Year 10 Student. She was completely self-directed with this task and showed excellent use of technical skills. Congratulations to both of these students on their excellent work.

Mrs Katherine Denholm - Lead Teacher: The Arts



\$100 - \$150 Gift card prizes!









Sport K-10

A very busy start to Term 4, with all JSSATIS and SSATIS rosters starting, and our 3-6 Athletics Carnival being held last week, the year will be over before we know it.

3-6 Athletics

On Wednesday 23 October, we held our annual Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival. The weather was exceptional, which made for an outstanding day for our students.

The event results were tight all day, with first place coming down to relay results. Congratulations to Savio House for taking out the day.

Siena 933

Guzman 934

Bosco 1071

Savio 1123





The day was an absolute success, and I would like to thank the parents who helped, all 3-6 staff members, and Mr. Golding for operating the coffee machine for us to enjoy.

We will be taking our athletics team to the STCPSSA Carnival today, and to the JSSATIS Carnival on 7 November.

Regional Basketball

Over the Show weekend, Dominic had 3 Year 5-6 Basketball Teams participate in the Regional Basketball Tournament.

Girls' Division 1 = 3rd overall

Boys' Division 1 = 5th overall

Boys' Division 2 = 7th overall



A very competitive weekend for all teams, and some very tight games played. A massive thank you to all parents for their commitment over this weekend. And a special mention to our coaches and managers for getting the kids on the court.

Acknowledging Our Students

Towards the end of Term 3, Dominic had three Year 7 girls represent Tasmania at the u14 National Basketball Tournament in Casey, Victoria. Congratulations on a fantastic effort.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Friday 1 November: STCPSSA Athletics Carnival – Domain Athletics Centre

Thursday 7 November: JSSATIS Athletics Carnival – Domain Athletics Centre

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November: Year 3-4 Basketball Regional Tournament

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 November: Year 7-10 Basketball Regional

Tournament

Wednesday 13 November: P- 2 Athletics Carnival – On school grounds

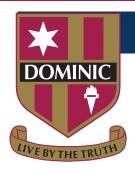
Ms Kylee Chivers - Sports Administrator











Dominic College Fair

The excitement is building - The Dominic College Community Fair is nearly here!

Our Fair Committee has been working overtime this year to bring students, parents and guardians to another wonderful Community Fair. This year's line-up of stalls and entertainment is looking fabulous, and I know that everyone who comes along will have an amazing time. Entertainment includes the Crazy Swings and Tea Cups, Tas Reptillia, Dunking Chair, Animal Displays, Tommy Choo Choo Train, Pony Rides and much more. Stalls include Wine Lucky Dip, Cakes, Fairy Floss, Toffee Apples, Plants,

Lob a Choc, Showbags, Lucky Ducks and Homemade Jams and Preserves. Fabulous food on offer includes Rotary BBQ, Hot Chips, Wood Fired Pizza, Snow Cones, Pancakes, Ice cream Van and the return of Cam's Curry.

There is so much to see and do so mark **Friday 15 November 3.30pm - 6.30pm** in your diary, set a reminder on your phone and come along for an exciting afternoon.

Just a reminder that the Fair is a CASH ONLY event, so please make sure that you bring along plenty of change, so you don't miss out on any stalls and activities.

You can WIN \$300 off your School Fees



FRI 15 NOV 3.30pm - 6.30pm



Simply volunteer an hour or two on Fair Day to either set up, help serve on a stall or clean up and you will be entered into the draw.

1 hour volunteering = 1 entry in the draw.

A sign up form will be emailed out by Monday so keep an eye out and book your spot. If you require any further information please contact <u>parentsandfriends@</u> dominic.tas.edu.au.

Free Dress for Fair Day

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All K-10 students are encouraged to come in Free Dress on Fair Day to be comfortable for a relaxed feel and enjoy all that is on offer! Free dress is by gold coin donation to your classroom/Pastoral teacher.

Major Raffle - Thank you for all the support shown so far for our raffle this year- the barrel is starting to fill up with tickets and there is still plenty of time to buy tickets and to sell a book. Tickets are \$2 each and prizes are worth over \$3000.

1st prize - King's Trailer full of goodies, 2nd prize - Pennicott Cruise Voucher, 3rd Prize - Rydges Accommodation package, 4th Prize - Blundstone Boots Voucher and 5th prize - Wine, Coffee Table Book and Tote bag package.

Please return all sold/unsold books asap as tickets are in high demand.

204 TOLOSA STREET GLENORCHY





College Fair continued...

Cake Stall - Bakers your time has come!! The cake stall flyer will be emailed out on Monday, and we are looking forward to a range of delicious items being contributed by our amazing school community.

We would love to see cakes, slices, muffins, scones, cupcakes, gluten free items and even jams, preserves and relish donated to the stall. Please drop off your goodies from 8am on Fair Day at the Savio Centre and make sure you have the flyer attached to your donation. No nuts, cream or products that require refrigeration please.

Check out the 'Dominic College Community Fair' Facebook page to keep up to date with everything that is happening. It has photos of generously donated items from local businesses for the Major Raffle, Silent Auction and Chocolate Wheel. Please jump on the page to support these businesses by liking, sharing and commenting.

We would love any donations of Plants/Herbs/Veggies/Flowers/Succulents for the Plant Stall, Lucky Jars and Lucky Dips, blocks of chocolate for Lob A Choc, Lollies and Christmas items. Please drop off any donations to the Business Office or drop into the Savio Centre on Fair Day.

Thank you to all staff, students, parents and businesses for your generosity and support so far of this major P&F event. The Fair Committee has worked hard all year to put this event together and it would not happen without the support of the

whole Dominic Community.

Our next P&F Meeting is Wednesday 27 November and is our last meeting of the year. All parents are welcome to come along as we will be reviewing the Fair and looking forward to another amazing year next year.

P & F Community Fair Committee







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A SCHOOL that prepares for life

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Dominic Old Scholars Association (DOSA)

The Grand Savio Reunion

The Grand Savio College reunion was held on the weekend of 18-20 October 2024 and over 50 old boys from Boys' Town and Savio College, in their late 60s, 70s and even their 80s enjoyed some time together.

The organising committee, made up of Tony Webb, Geoffrey Abel, Denis Bergman, John Stefankowski and Paul Williams, did a great job in firstly

tracking down many old scholars, using email, word of mouth and social media, then staying in touch with them as the events were planned.

Of course, some could not attend but we hope they can join us on another occasion, perhaps in five years!

On the Friday afternoon the men gathered in the Rua Hub (aka the Rathole, Basement, Recreation Rooms, or Dungeon depending on your era) to enjoy some drinks and catching up. Tony Webb mc-ed, Acting Principal Jan Marcenko welcomed the old scholars, as did DOSA Chair Matt Taylor. There were some photos and memorabilia for sharing and Paul Williams presented his "magnum opus" the selection of the Dominic Old Scholars team of all-time, which included players such as Ian Stewart, Paul Williams, James Manson and Andy Lovell.

On Saturday old scholars shared a meal at the Riverfront Motel at Claremont, and some wives and partners attended this function.

Finally, a barbecue was prepared at Dominic College and a hearty picnic lunch was enjoyed by all. There was a bit of a walk around the school and a visit to the Dominic Chapel, built on the site of the destroyed Savio Chapel that they all remembered well.

You can see photos from the weekend here: www.dominic.tas.edu.au/galleries/savio-reunion-18-october-2024

Thank you very much to the organising committee, to the staff at Dominic College who assisted with preparations and to all the old scholars who attended and contributed to a very successful reunion.







Mr Mark Dillon - DOSA Coordinator





College News

2025 FEE INFORMATION

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

If you did not receive this information, please <u>click here</u> 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 <u>fees@dominic.tas.edu.au</u>



THE DREAM THAT MAKES YOU DREAM

A heart that transforms 'wolves' into 'lambs'



Upcoming Events



5 November K-10 Morning Tea Tours

6 November
Upper Primary Peace Pole Ceremony
8 November
Leaders' Induction Ceremony 2025
13 November
Prep - Year 2 Athletics Canival
College Community Fair
18 - 22 November
Year 10 Exam Week

25 November Year 7 2025 Orientation Session

27 November Year 6 - 10 Awards Ceremony; P & F Meeting

28 November Year 10 Belling Out Ceremony; Year 10 Graduation Mass & Supper

29 November Year 10 Graduation Dinner

6 December Prep - Year 10 2025 Orientation Session; LIL Christmas Celebrations

9 December Prep - Year 2 Final Assembly

9 - 13 December Year 8 Camp - Freycinet; Year 10 GYC Head Start Week

11 December Upper Primary Assembly - Final Year 6 Assembly; Kinder Picnic & Assembly

13 December P - 4 Picnic

16 December K-10 Academic Reports Available; Year 10 Report Collection; Year 5-9 Beach Day

17 December Term 4 Ends; K-9 Advent Mass