

DOMINIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



17 November 2023



From the Principal

Dear Families

As Term 4 passes by at warp speed, I would like to wish our Year 10 students all the very best as they undertake their Final Examinations next week. Furthermore, I commend all students for their ongoing focus and engagement in learning over the past fortnight, with so many students involved in a range of school-based and external activities. Well done to all students on their academic achievements so far this term and for the ongoing positive involvement being undertaken by many students across a range of sporting and co-curricular areas.



Leaders' Induction Ceremony 2024

Last Friday, the College Leaders for 2024 were inducted into their leadership roles. Following the ceremony, students took part in a Leadership Formation Afternoon to prepare them for their new responsibilities as leaders of the student body. It was also great for students and staff to be able to celebrate Mass together, share a meal together and learn together as part of the afternoon. Mrs McMahon, Mrs Marcenko and I had the pleasure of spending time with our newly appointed leaders to facilitate a workshop on being a Young Salesian leader at Dominic College guided by our Charter for Salesian Schools. Congratulations to all students who have been elected as leaders and we thank our 2023 leaders for the excellent contributions they have made to the community this year.

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

2024 STUDENT LEADERSHIP

	Leadership Role	Name
K-10 Leadership	7-10 College Captain and SRC Member	Michael King
	7-10 College Captain and SRC Member	Millie Ackerley
	7-10 College Vice-Captain and SRC Member	William Ackroyd
	7-10 College Vice-Captain and SRC Member	Brooke Ackerly
Bosco House	Bosco Mission Captain	Sophie Ransley
	Bosco Creative Arts Captain	Jaryd Cordwell
	Bosco Academic Captain	Ruby Zielinski
	Bosco Sports Captain	Shaun White
Guzman House	Bosco Year 9 SRC	Nicholas Hay
	Bosco Year 8 SRC	Tanishka Kumrai
	Guzman Mission Captain	Lucy Schiebel
	Guzman Creative Arts Captain	Laura O'Reilly
	Guzman Academic Captain	Ella Hamilton
	Guzman Sports Captain	Poppy Lincoln
	Guzman Year 9 SRC	Lincoln Walters
	Guzman Year 8 SRC	Demi Pigden
Savio House	Savio Mission Captain	Scott Mielke
	Savio Creative Arts Captain	Mia Berry
	Savio Academic Captain	Joel Bracken
	Savio Sports Captain	Sarah Heinze
	Savio Year 9 SRC	Janelle Vizcarra
Siena House	Savio Year 8 SRC	Liliana Escobar
	Siena Mission Captain	Georgia McPherson
	Siena Creative Arts Captain	Mingus Breslin
	Siena Academic Captain	Erin Rowlands
	Siena Sports Captain	Matilda Jelkic
	Siena Year 9 SRC	Charlotte Geeves
K-6 Leadership	Siena Year 8 SRC	Josie Stefankowski
	2024 K-6 Captain and SRC member	Eve McKellar
	2024 K-6 Captain and SRC Member	Jett Bromfield
	2024 K-6 Vice-Captain and SRC member	Zoe Hickey
Bosco House	2024 K-6 Vice-Captain and SRC member	Vincent Davey
	Bosco House Captains	Sidney Perrett
		Alex Ransley
		Oliver Pfitzner
Guzman House	Guzman House Captains	Maya Carpenter
		Alyssa Krasnicki
Savio House	Saviou House Captains	Samantha Ship
Siena House		Lenn Li
		Judd Fehlberg

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From the Principal continued...

Upper Primary Peace Pole Ceremony and Remembrance Day

Last week, our Year 3-6 students took part in our annual Peace Pole Ceremony, supported by the Rotary Club of Glenorchy, and we all took part in a minute's silence to mark Remembrance Day to remember those brave leaders and citizens who have fought for our freedoms and for peace in our world. We do not ever glorify war, but we do mourn the terrible human losses caused by war and commit both personally and nationally to be citizens of peace. We are reminded that there are many people in our world at this very moment living in a state of war and we pray for them and their families, that God may provide peace and harmony to them and their countries.



As people of peace, we must all continue to commit to do everything in our power to live in peace and harmony with each other and across our world. Being people committed to calling out and stamping out racism, discrimination or any behaviours that disrespect the dignity of any human being. It is up to all of us to ensure that Dominic College is a place where peace and belonging is valued and cherished to make us truly 'a HOME that welcomes' all. May peace prevail on Earth!



Animal Husbandry – Participation at Regional Shows

Our Animal Husbandry Show Teams have been very busy this term attending many shows across the state. Last Sunday I had the pleasure of visiting our students and staff (and our goats, sheep, chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs and ponies) at the Brighton Show. It was amazing watching our students in action preparing the animals, demonstrating their animal handling techniques, presenting their judging skills to judges and networking with a range of other farmers, breeders and general members of the community. Congratulations to all students and staff involved and well done on your achievements. If you are looking to see our students' skills in action, please come along to the Huon Show this Saturday at the Ranelagh Showgrounds from 8.00am to 4.0pm.



Basketball Champions!

Congratulations to our Year 3-6 Basketball students on their recent successes at the Regional Basketball Tournaments in Kingston. We have been impressed with the high level of involvement from so many students and the wonderful support from their families and friends. Well done to all the students for their efforts and for being respectful team players. Special congratulations to all teams on their Grand Final wins! We are all so proud of you!

Enjoy the 2023 Dominic College Fair! Thanks to our amazing P&F Committee, DOSA representatives, students and staff for making it a reality once again!

Mr Steve Casni - Dominic College Principal

Deputy Principals



Dear Families

This week we would like to salute the Parents & Friends, staff, students, businesses, and families who have all worked in collaboration to bring the College Fair together. Its absence in the last few years due to COVID has been felt but we can now embrace the opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate, connect and have fun. A special thanks to our Fair Committee

members: Fiona Laycock-Taylor (P&F President) Nicola Rayner (Fair Coordinator), Rebecca Cooper, Pam Cosker, Renee Godfrey, Amberly Harrax, Anne Lacy, Sharyn Majchrzak, Amanda Page and Cassandra Tichanow.

International Men's Day

Last week we celebrated International Men's Day by dedicating part of our Assemblies to focus on positive male role models and by celebrating men and boys. International Men's Day was also a time to take part in the global conversations about manhood and men's issues.

Leaders Induction

On Friday 10 November, we had the privilege of passing on the mantle of student leadership to the class of 2024. We acknowledge the excellent work our current Year 10s have undertaken. It was wonderful to celebrate as a faith community to ask God's blessing on us all with a focus on our 2024 student leaders.



Year 10 Exams

We wish our Year 10s well as they embark on their exams next week from Monday 20 November to Friday 24 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 30 November commencing at 6pm. Year 10 students are reminded that this is a compulsory event and that their 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.

Graduation Dinner

This year's Graduation Dinner will be held at Glenorchy Football Club Function Centre on Friday 1 December. Dinner is 7.00pm for a 7.15pm start and the evening will conclude at 10.30pm. Students are required to be collected by a parent/guardian at the conclusion of the evening.

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



Year 6 Captains Report

The year has flown by, and we are almost at the end of our time as the Captains and Vice Captains of K – 6. There have been many highlights and lots of new learning. In our last official article, we would like to share some of those special moments with you.

What was the highlight/s of being a Year 6 Captain/Vice Captain this year?

Hayley: For me, the highlights of being a Year 6 Captain were hosting Assemblies and being able to spend time and cooperate with the high school leaders.

Oliver: My highlight of being Captain this year has being able to voice my opinions on topics I usually wouldn't be able too. I also enjoyed being a role model for younger students.

Sam: Some highlights of being a Vice Captain this year, were being able to build my character and confidence. It was also great to be involved and have fun with all the events like the Easter Raffle, Assemblies and so many more events that have happened this year.

What was something you found challenging about your role?

Hayley: In my opinion, all the aspects of being a captain were more fun than challenging. I think every part has a slight challenge, but they are ones that can be easily overcome.

Oliver: This year the thing I found most challenging in my role was having to host assemblies as I'm not a very confident public speaker, but the role has definitely helped.

Sam: The most challenging thing was to speak in the Assemblies. Sometimes I would zone out, but I got back on track.

What is something that happened during the year that made you proud?

Hayley: One moment during the year when I was proud was when my friends went for Captain and were successful.

Oliver: My proudest moment this year was being a part of the winning Southern Regional Basketball Team, all Dominic teams in 5/6 were undefeated and it was great to be a part of.

Sam: The thing that made me most proud was that I could represent the school in every way possible, like being a representative at the Anzac Memorial Service, being involved with Masses, Assemblies and being a good Vice Captain. I always wore the badge and blue tie with pride. I am also proud of being able to get to know the Principal and Deputy Principal and being able to have a good relationship with teachers and students. My last thing is being able to play in band.

What tip or advice do you want to give to the future Captains?

Hayley: Some advice I would give to the future Captains is to not stress or worry too much about any Assemblies or upcoming events.

Oliver: My tip for the future Captains is to make sure you're organised, make sure you check emails and know when meetings are scheduled, and Assembly practices are on. This will keep you on top of things and make the role stress free!

Sam: My advice for next year's Captains and Vice Captains is to try your best and not forget the four expectations (Responsible, Respectful, Honest, Learners). Also don't forget to have fun.

Anything else you would like to share?

Hayley: Thank you to everyone for a great 2023 as your Captain, and (I know it's a bit early but) Merry Christmas!

Oliver: I would like to thank all the teachers who helped me through my role, I've enjoyed my role so much and look forward to reapplying for School Captain in Year 10.

Sam: Thank you for a wonderful year 2023 and I hope to see you next year

Hayley Bukowiecki, Oliver Rolls, Samuel Lukman and Carmen Gill - K-6 Captains and Vice Captains 2023



Parent and Student Support

Dear Families,

We were very excited to welcome back Emma Burns last week to the counselling space here at Dominic. Emma has been on maternity leave for the past 12 months following the birth of her gorgeous baby.

Moving forward into 2024, Emma and I will be working together to provide counselling support here at the College and we are thrilled to support our students and families as a team.

Our four-legged bestie, Annie, was equally as excited to welcome Emma back and will no doubt enjoy the extra opportunities to be supporting the students with us!

2023 is certainly flying by and it is hard to fathom that we are on the downhill run to the end of our school and calendar year.

As we move into thoughts and plans for the festive season and summer holiday break, we acknowledge the increase in stress and pressure for families over this time. Looking after ourselves can often move down on the priority list, however remains equally as important. Eating well, sleeping well, prioritising what needs to be done over what can wait, writing lists and taking one day at a time are all helpful strategies to manage the many tasks that can require our attention during this time.

For our Year 10 students heading into exams next week, Emma and I wish you all the very best. We are here for support and thinking of you. We know how hard you have worked through the year and the many challenges you have overcome and we are incredibly proud of you all.

We look forward to celebrating with all of our students and the community over the remaining weeks of term.

Mrs Belinda Dooley - College Counsellor

Leaving School Age

As we start to farewell the Year 10s, it's important to become familiar with the leaving school ages in Tasmania. Now young people need to stay in education or training until they:

- Finish Year 12, or
- Receive a Certificate III, or
- Reach the new minimum leaving age of 18

Whichever happens first. At Dominic College, our Oratory program includes pathway planning for students which explores a number of possible future pathways and careers. We also work with our partner school Guilford Young College to transition students into further education and training. There are a wealth of opportunities for students at GYC, including VET courses and School Based Apprenticeships.

For more information on school starting and leaving ages in Tasmania, please explore the following link from the Department of Education, Children and Young People: [School Starting/Leaving Ages in Tasmanian Government Schools \(decyp.tas.gov.au\)](https://decyp.tas.gov.au/School-Starting/Leaving-Ages-in-Tasmanian-Government-Schools)





Faith Mission & Identity

In the spirit of fostering understanding and embracing cultural diversity, Dominic College proudly congratulates the participants of the Youth Speak Out, Reconciliation Tasmania Competition. The presentation ceremony at both Government and Parliament Houses, allowed our students to showcase their entries and contribute to the vibrant dialogue on Reconciliation. This experience allowed them to engage with the democratic process firsthand and share their perspectives on Reconciliation.

Sienna Schofield: We went to Government House to receive certificates from the Governor for being a part of the Youth Speak Out competition. I felt proud to be there, I was happy to give up my lunch times to participate in the competition.

Brooke Thomas: It was interesting to be inside both big houses and see where parliament sat for debates. It was also really interesting to speak to some protestors outside Parliament House and find out about what they were standing up for. I felt proud to have entered the competition and be recognised.

Moreover, a group of our First Nations girls recently embarked on a unique Women’s Business Excursion to St. Virgil’s College. The excursion provided an opportunity for a hands-on experience, fostering creativity and understanding as the girls crafted and yarned alongside Nerissa Waterfield, enriching their appreciation for and knowledge of traditional practices. Immersed within Country at St. Virgil’s College, they gained insights into the significance of *timtumili minanya* / Derwent River and the importance of Aboriginal women’s business, forming connections between themselves and community.

Bailey Fewkes: I like being able be near the river, have time and play with the sea grass. I learnt about the plants and how pigface can do lots of things – like it can help with healing your skins and with sunburns.

Molly Garland: The best part was the weaving part, I learnt how to twine with river reed and tafita. I liked how we went on the bush walk. I liked chewing on the sheoak apples.

As we celebrate these excursions, Dominic College acknowledges the importance of providing our students with opportunities to engage in meaningful conversations, share cultural experiences, and celebrate the diversity that enriches our school community.

Ms Michelle O’Grady - Lead Teacher: Aboriginal Liaison



Kindergarten

The students in Kindergarten enjoyed contributing to the Asian Festival celebrations by creating lanterns, flags and headbands from their chosen country of Japan. The students worked hard on their pieces during both their Japanese lessons and class time and were very excited to visit their artwork and other displays from the Prep to Six classes depicting symbols and traditions from other countries at the

Asian Festival Gallery Walk. It was fantastic to watch their faces light up during the Assembly as they joined in singing and watching of traditional dancing from around the world.

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





Year 2

Ya (hello) trakarilya's (families),

This term in Science, Year 2, *tuti* students have been exploring and engaging in chemical science with a focus on materials. We have been:

- *Identifying what different materials are made from?*

- *Where do they come from?*
- *How have these materials traditionally been used and how can they be used?*
- *How they can be manipulated, without changing from the material they are made from.*

As part of this unit, we have integrated into our geography unit on *lutriwita's* (Tasmania's) First Nation people.

We have explored how the *muwinina* people (people from the areas surrounding Dominic College) have met and gathered, held yarning circles. We have looked at native flora and fauna and how we think these natural materials may have been used from the lands surrounding Dominic college and kunanyi.

We have explored and practised basket weaving, learnt how to create joins, folds, flanges, notches, feet, tabs and slots and we are about to learn sculpture using paper to create Christmas centrepieces.

This year ,students have loved the engagement and hands-on learning that Science, History and Geography units in Year 2 have provided us with. This kind of learning has allowed our wonderful students to explore through participation, involving their own families and extended families and have created opportunities for extensive critical thinking skills.

On the weekend of 12 November, Year 2 students entered art pieces into the Brighton Show, with over 10,000 people seeing their amazing art. Judges feedback was fantastic, with the judges in awe of the art the students entered. Vienna in *tuti* 1 took out first place and Mia in *tuti* 2 won second place. Congratulations to all students.

Ms Tarra Downham and Ms Kellie Hills - Year 2 Teachers



Technologies

The Year 7 and 8 Food and Textiles Technology classes are beginning to finalise their projects for the semester. All students have had opportunities to design, make and evaluate their own creations. Year 7's have recently completed their salad recipes in the kitchen and Sashiko stitching in the Textiles class.

The Year 8 classes are in the process of making their individual burgers and an optional side dish. There are a number of restrictions the students have to work around to create their burgers. An example of this is an oil limit of 40ml which has resulted in some creative solutions to making chips.



Food Technology in Year 9 and 10 have been working on time management and skill development in a number of individual recipes. Term 1 students had to prepare and present finger foods looking for multiple servings that were consistently portioned. Term 2 was the popular Desserts unit, term 3 focused on sustainability where students had to select from a range of ingredients we used during the term to create a new dish. This term allows for students to create a celebratory item which gives the students the opportunity to make a dish that they may not have had the opportunity to make yet.

Earlier in the year the Food Technology classes were involved in Harmony Day biscuit making and providing taster plates of Okonomiyaki to all the primary classes for the Asian Festival. Mrs Davey's Mamma Margaret Kitchen classes also made dumpling taster plates to share for the Asian Festival. It is great to have the Technology classes contributing to community events and having the opportunity to serve and share their food within the College.

Ms Jane Gysen - Technologies Teacher





Learning Diversity 7-10.

As students are preparing for their End of Year Exams next week, we wanted to take this opportunity to discuss ways to prepare. All students have different learning styles, so studying for exams will look different for each student. However, a key strategy for all students is to get plenty of rest and eat well during the exams. In addition to this, we have included below our Top 10 Tips for Exam Revision for all learners.

Top 10 Tips

1. Teach someone else the information you are trying to learn.
2. Use mind maps and diagrams to revise.
3. Make voice recordings of important information or notes.
4. Use audio reader function to read large chunks or text. Then write sentences to summarise the information.
5. Develop key vocabulary lists. Practice using key vocabulary in sentences.
6. Use templates provided by teaches to organise your information.
7. Develop a study timetable to ensure you cover all topics and subjects during revision time.
8. Reach out to your teacher if you need subject specific tips or help.
9. Study in pairs or with a small group of trusted peers.
10. Set up a study spot, free from distraction. Take short breaks during longer study periods.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish Year 10 Students well for their exams and end of year celebrations. We extend our gratitude to students, parents and carers for their ongoing collaboration with the Learning Diversity Team this year.

Ms Kate Le Rossignol and Ms Ailsa MacFie - Lead Teachers: Learning Diversity 7-10

GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL - VACCINATION CATCH-UP

If our child did not receive the Australian Government recommended vaccination through Glenorchy City Council's recent school immunisation program, your child can still be vaccinated by going to their school program catch-up clinic on:

Date: Wednesday, November 22nd

Time: 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Location: Tolosa Street Hall, 148 Tolosa Street, Glenorchy

Or you can see your family's Doctor. The cost of the vaccine is free, but your Doctor may charge a consultation fee.

Contact our Immunisation Team on 6216 6800 if you have any questions.



Sport K-10

It has been a very busy two weeks at Dominic with our sporting teams.

Athletics

Our STCPSSA and JSSATIS Athletics Teams have once again proven that Dominic College cannot be underestimated.

Both carnivals were a huge success, with Dominic placing in several events. Many of our students placed in all their events, with Sid Perrett breaking the Year 5 Boys High Jump record.

Our teams consisted of a total of 71 combined Year 3-6 students which is outstanding. Congratulations to all students on your participation.

Basketball

Over last weekend, Dominic entered four teams into the Year 3-4 Regional Basketball Tournament.

A very competitive weekend for our students, though all teams shone throughout their games.

Congratulations to all four teams:

Boys Division 1: Champions. Defeating a very strong Austins Ferry Primary in the Grand Final 56-34.

Boys Division 2: Runners Up. Playing off in the Grand Final against Montagu Bay and narrowly going down 43-30.

Girls Division 1: A very even competition, and just missing out on countback to finish 3rd.

Girls Division 3: Though this division didn't play Finals, the girls won three out of their four matches, and unofficially came Runners Up.

Congratulations to our students: Lachlan Schulze, Jakob Thurgood, Jack Piuselli, Tom Golding, John Kamara, Elliott McGee, Arie Parking, Archie Dowton, Charlotte Berry, Matilda Rolls, Holly Lawler, April McKellar, Sienna Davey, Piper Schulze, Crystal Colgrave, Henry Millington, Blake Terry, Franklin McKay, Isaac Abrahams, Seth McMaster, Noah Kingman, Lincoln McGee, Violet Driver, Layla Heggie, Madeline Bull, Matilda Engel, Brooklyn Smith, and Vivienne Laycock-Taylor. Your commitment over the weekend was second to none.

A huge thank you to our Coaches and Managers, without you this weekend would not have been so successful: Natalie Heggie, Belinda Driver, Kara Rolls, Rod and Aleesha Millington, and Drew and Kirsty Schulze.

We are really looking forward to another weekend of Regionals for the Boys Year 7-8 and 9-10 teams over the weekend of 25 and 26 November.

Sport in 2024

As Sport at Dominic moves into a more structured faculty, some changes will be made to what is offered from 2024.

Only SATIS Sports will be on offer for students from next year. Flippa Ball, Water Polo, Badminton, and Hockey will no longer be offered by the College. Parents and Carers can still create and enter teams, though any associated costs will not be paid by the College and will not be organised/run by the Sports Department.

DOSA Soccer will also be fully transitioned away from Dominic College, and fully run by DOSA.

Student Achievements

Friendly reminder if your child has a sporting achievement you would like to share, please email sport@dominic.tas.edu.au

Ms Kylee Chivers - Sports Administrator



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

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

Dasiru Senevirathne Arachchillage
Mihaela Ashby
Stephanie Harrison
Tobias Southwell
Jye Wheatley
Mollie Garland
Willow King
Yakin Bhatti
Blake Thompson
Evander Hardy

Tiarne Moate
Logan Beveridge
Matilda Johnson
Greyson King
Xavier Galgoci
Ariz Ibrahim
Teliah Laverick
Ivy Cotton
Ayessa Rose Llamosa

Upcoming Events

27 November	Year 7 2024 Orientation Day
29 November	Year 6-10 Awards Ceremony
1 December	P-6 and 8-10 Orientation Session
4 December - 8 December	Year 8 Camp
15 December	Final day of School Year
15 January 2024	Dominic Business Office opens
22 January 2024	Uniform Shop open for appointments only
2 February 2024	Prep - Year 10 Commence Term 1
5 February 2024	Kinder tuminana 1 commences
6 February 2024	Kinder tuminana 2 commences
7 February 2024	Kinder tuminana 3 commences
8 February 2024	Launch into Learning commences
12 February 2024	Public Holiday - Regatta Day
21-23 February 2024	School Photos
4-8 March 2024	Year 7 Camp
11 March 2024	Public Holiday - Eight Hour Day
29 March-2 April 2024	Easter Break
12 April 2024	Term 1 Ends

