

FROM THE PRINCIPAL & RECTOR

20 June 2014

Dear Friends**Years 3-6 Parent Maths Workshop**

Our Year 3–6 teachers hosted the second of our Parent Maths workshops for the year on Wednesday night in the Dance Studio.

Teachers and parents played common games and completed classroom activities to learn about maths. Each family attending was given a resource pack containing all necessary materials and instructions.

Our parent response was again overwhelming and teachers were delighted with the level of engagement and positive interaction. I thank our teachers for their workshop preparation; all of us are aware of the important role parents play in learning. The focus for all five activity centres was "Number." Mathletics and Study Ladder were highlighted by Mr Roberts and Mrs Joyce. Card games were in Miss Brown and Miss Nelson centre and many activities were provided in how to use the cards effectively on a rainy day.



Miss Burke and Mrs Joyce used a 10-sided dice to make numbers to achieve three in a row on a number line - particularly competitive and startegic for parents.

Mrs Lowe and Mrs Fasnacht focused on the times tables and how to use games such as Tic Tac Toe with the tables and a deck of cards.

Ms Moulton and Mrs Cunningham highlighted the Fractions Dictionary and how to utilise it to explain the various diagrams and fraction representations.

The games were fun and easy to learn and once they were played, the educational benefits of each were explained. The competitive nature of some of our parents was also a highlight and all efforts were met with good natured rivalry and ribbing.

It was a perfect example of a happy, vibrant learning community. We look forward to organising more of these events in the future.

Mrs Janine O'Hea - Acting College Principal

Dear Friends

In various places around the school you may have noticed a large framed poster with the "CHARTER for Salesian Schools and Centres".

It highlights four essential elements that identify a Salesian School: a home that welcomes; a parish (or faith community) that lives by the Gospel of Jesus; a school that prepares for life; a playground where friends meet and enjoy themselves.

So the Salesian concept of education is never limited to the classroom; the playground is also an important educational tool. And the word "playground" covers much more than the yard where children mingle and mix for a break at recess or lunch time. The playground includes the games, food and company one shares with friends; the time for meeting of voluntary groups; the running of special activities such as fund-raising; the lunch-time training for a football game; a last minute practice for an assembly; the informal chatting with teachers about sport, music, family events, excursions, holidays, etc...

This time spent by the teachers with students outside the classroom is essential to build up trust, to relate to the students as friends, as brothers and sisters in a family, to come to know them in a different context, to have a "word in the ear" of encouragement or correction.

In the now famous "Letter from Rome" about improving the educational atmosphere in his school in Turin, Don Bosco wrote about breaking down the barriers of distrust and separation between teachers and students "by a friendly informal relationship with the young people, especially in recreation".

And later in the same letter, he continued: "The teacher who is seen only in the classroom is a teacher, and nothing more. But if he/she joins in the pupils' activities in the playground, he/she becomes their brother/sister. This confidence creates an electric charge between youngsters and their educators; hearts are opened, needs and weaknesses are made known... All this leads to a friendly relationship."

For a Salesian educator, time outside the classroom is quality time for relationship building!

I must say that I was disturbed to read earlier this week in a daily newspaper that research has found that some teachers consider "yard duty a waste of time", and that things may soon change in favour of "sub-contracting out" yard duty, running of sports days, etc. claiming that teachers could dedicate this time to "lifting academic standards" – whatever that means!

If that day ever came, I think it would be time for the Salesians to pull out of running schools altogether. And I really wonder how many parents would still send their children to such a school...

Fr Frank Bertagnoli, SDB - Rector

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Goal Setting and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Just a reminder that Goal Setting for Years 3-10 students and their parents/carers is scheduled for Monday 21 July.

Letters are going home to provide more information about the goal setting along with a goal setting template.

We encourage parents to sit down with students and start thinking about the kinds of goals they would like to set.

As advised in the newsletter last week Parent/Teacher Interviews are

going ahead but they will be a little time after the goal setting day.

The following dates have been set for Parent/Teacher Interviews for K-10 so please take note of these dates:

Year K-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Monday – Wednesday 28-30 July from 3.30pm-6.00pm

Year 7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 7 August from 4.00pm-8.00pm

Further information will be provided to parents after the Goal Setting Day to advise about making bookings for Parent/Teacher Interviews.

We look forward to seeing parents and students participate in both opportunities to support students in developing positive plans for improving their achievement.

While teachers will be able to access with parents and students reports and other information to inform the goal setting I advise parents to make bookings for Parent/Teacher Interviews to see teachers about specific subject queries.

These are both very important ways for us to partner with you in educating your children and look forward to meeting you on both of these days.

GYC Application enrolments

Applications for GYC are due Friday 20 June (today).

You can still submit enrolments after this time but I encourage parents and students to do this as soon as possible so you can be included in future mail outs and transition events managed by GYC.

The next transition event will be a visit for all Year 10 students to the Glenorchy Campus for a tour and for the Pathways Expo where GYC staff set up subject displays and are available to answer questions about subjects on 28 July.



A team of teachers from GYC will be coming to speak to students in their Empower class on Wednesday 30 July and Brett Stephenson, the Director of Teaching and Learning from the Glenorchy Campus, will be visiting during the Empower classes on other Wednesdays in Term 3 to have informal chats with students and to answer questions about their enrolment and subject selections.



Northern Territory trip departure 29 June

Participants are getting excited now! Like last year, the students and staff will be blogging their Northern Territory trip so family and friends can enjoy their activities. The blog will be updated daily (remote reception permitting).

A fantastic way for the Dominic Community to keep track of the

proceedings on this outstanding opportunity for the students. Here's the blog:

<http://centralaustralia2014.wordpress.com/>

The 47 students and four staff leave on Sunday 29 June for 12 days, and are all looking forward to an amazing adventure, with fantastic friends and good weather!

Uniform Shop times

The Uniform Shop opening times have been adjusted slightly:

- Monday 2.10pm – 3.55pm
- Tuesday 2.10pm – 3.55pm
- Wednesday 2.10pm – 3.55pm
- Thursday 2.10pm – 3.55pm
- Friday 8.05am – 10.00am



Lost Property

There are many unnamed uniform items at the office on each campus.

If your child is missing an item of uniform then please feel free to come to the office to check the lost property.

We also have an array of various items, such as swimming goggles, child's gumboots and so on.

These types of items will be donated to Vinnies at the end of this term, so please make a time to come in over the next couple of weeks.

Mrs Selina Kinne
Acting Deputy Principal

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

Dear Parents, Guardians and Old Scholars

I had the privilege of attending a two day conference on *Positive Schools* with Mr Wright, Miss Hewitt and Mrs Lowe.

This was a wonderful conference with many speakers informing us of how there are still young people suffering from depression.

Speakers wanted us to go back to our own schools and ask our students to write down three positive things that happened to them each day, to help us maintain our focus on the positive side of life.

Our culture and expectations at Dominic College continue to improve. But we want to build more a confidence in our students. All through our lives many negatives get pushed our way, sometimes for good reasons such as to maintain order and keep people safe.

We can tend to focus on the negatives and not look at all the positive things that happen in our lives. So our ongoing challenge is to be more positive.

To start this process we've asked all students to go home each night and take time by themselves to think of three positive things that have happened to them each day. Write them down. Perhaps keep them in a journal for the time being.

By the end of the term all students will place these positives on SEQTA each night or in the morning if they do not have the internet. This is not an optional exercise; it is an expectation that all students will become involved with this.

If students cannot think of anything positive that happened during the day, then I would ask parents to help them reflect on their day. It does not just have to happen at school.

It may be as simple as;

1. I spoke to another student who looked lonely today.
2. I tried my best in class today and did not waste the time of others.
3. I didn't argue with my parents when they wouldn't let me go out at night.
4. I helped a Prep student out on the bus who was upset.
5. I went home with a gold certificate today.
6. I did my chores at home without being reminded.

We have added more information on useful websites and apps for students and parents to our resources - go to our website: www.dominic.tas.edu.au/about-dominic/pastoral-care/mental-health-and-wellbeing



Mr Paul Williams
7-10 Coordinator of Pastoral Care

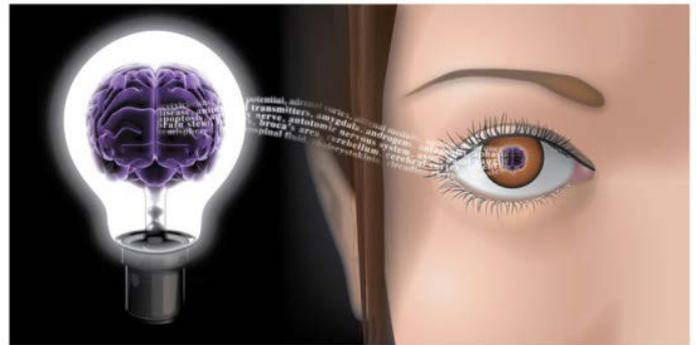
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Australian Brain Bee Challenge

A number of Year 10 Dominic students, including myself, are taking part in The Australian Brain Bee Challenge, an Australia-wide competition based on the study of neuroscience.

The Challenge is aimed at Year 10 students who are interested in science and neuroscience, and expanding their knowledge. The Challenge is split up into a series of rounds, each slightly different.

The first round was at each school in Term 1. This round was an online test of 30 multiple choice questions. Thousands of students across Australia took part in this round including our own Physical Science class as well as a few other Dominic students who opted in.



The top entrants from each state made it to the second round. Five Dominic students were part of this top group.

This next round will be held on the 5 September and begins with a tour of the University of Tasmania Medical Research Centre known as the Menzies Centre.

Students get an in-depth look at the facilities and kind of research which is conducted at the centre. Students will learn about different careers in medical science.

Students then head to the auditorium to start Round 2: a personal test and a team competition.

The Individual rounds start off with worded questions followed by naming parts of the brain. The top ten move to the next round which is once again worded questions. After the final round the winner will be entered into nationals.

The winner of the state competition wins a personal prize and prizes for the school as does the eventual winner of the national competition.

The Group Round is also a lot of fun - four students from each school go up against other school groups, the winning group will win prizes for their school.

Finn Pasanen - Savio Academic Captain

LEARNING IN FOCUS

K-6

Year 2 and the Lord's Prayer

Year 2 students have been unpacking the Lord's Prayer to make connections to our everyday life. The next step we will take is to apply our new understanding and put this into practice.



Station 1 Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.

We looked at God, our Holy Father's creations and depicted them by drawing or building three dimensional images of God's wondrous creations.

Station 2: Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

We wrote ways in which we could be a better person in our daily life.



Station 3: Give us this day our daily bread.

We re-enacted the Last Supper

Station 4: As we forgive those who trespass against us.

We wrote about times we had been hurt, then shredded them as a sign of forgiveness.



Station 5: But deliver us from evil.

Becoming new again through the act of washing away our sins.



Angela Gibbons, Ruth Scanlon and Brent Scanlon
Year 2 Teachers

7-10

Workplace Mathematics

This year we modified our Workplace Maths curriculum for the Year 9 & 10 who elected to do the course. All students were also in Design in Wood and/or Engineering, so we focussed on maths skills needed in the building and construction trades.



We have studied how to use scale in interpreting building plans and making scale drawings, and the basics of quantity surveying such as calculating:

- volume of concrete required for footings and the slab for various buildings
- number of bricks required to build walls, including wastage
- using Pythagoras' Theorem (3, 4, 5 triangles) to check the squareness of the set out
- calculating the volume of paint required to paint the walls and ceiling inside a house, understanding the differences in the types of paint needed
- calculating the most cost efficient way in which to lay carpet, and comparing this to the cost of laying tiles
- quantities of soil, gravel and mulch in landscaping projects



We used a laser level to measure the fall across a section of ground. In this same exercise, the students were taught how to calculate the area of an irregular plot of ground by breaking it up into various triangles and using

several different formulae for calculating areas of triangles. We will soon be using ratio to understand how to instal roof guttering as well as sewerage and wastewater pipes.

Students will study how to develop and prepare a quote for materials and labour costs for a job and will learn about wages, salaries, taxation (including GST) and investment.

Students need to work through a booklet produced by the Trade Training Centre at GYC, further addressing the numeracy requirements of many building and engineering trades.

Through Workplace Maths, we better understand the practical application of skills learnt in Core Maths, and cover numeracy requirements for a Certificate in their chosen VET course.

Mr Graeme Harris
Acting 7-10 Maths Coordinator

SPORT NEWS

K-6

K-2 Cross Country

This week on Wednesday 18 June, students participated in the annual K-2 Cross Country at Dominic College.

This was a fantastic occasion with the Dominic community coming together for a day full of fun, smiles, wonderful participation and amazing enthusiasm.



Above: Students navigating the course Right: Year 1 runners Clare Reeve, Xander Roberts, Laylah Barwick and Remi Holbrook celebrating.

Thanks to the Year 6 Sports Leaders for your help in running a smooth carnival.

Well done to all K-2 runners, you all did an amazing job and should be very proud of yourselves.



Waterpolo

Last Friday Dominic boys played Collegiate and won 9-5. Goal scorers were: Hugh, Josh, Elliot, Thomas and Zac. It was a huge team effort with good skills such as talking to each other, marking on a player and swimming with the ball.

In our defence Martin and Elliot successfully picked up a player and put pressure on them. Well done too, our main defenders goalies Alex and Zac. **Samuel Vaszocz 5/6 coach**

Soccer

Under 8 Maroon played Under 8 New Norfolk in a great game where all players contributed and had a good time. Congratulations on your determination to have a go even under pressure. Scores: Dominic 5, New Norfolk 4. Scorers: Roshan Khadka 2, Isaac Cox 3.

Under 9 Black played Under 9 Maroon (pictured) in what was a very entertaining game of soccer.



Congratulations to everyone, all players contributed and showed great sportsmanship in a very evenly matched game. Well done everyone. Scorers: Oliver Geeves 6.

Mr Cameron Golding
K-6 Sport Coordinator

7-10

Term 3 Sports

Yesterday our Term 3 sport registration forms were distributed to students.

These are the sports available:

- 7/8 Boys Soccer
- 9/10 Boys Soccer
- 7/8 Girls Basketball
- 9/10 Girls Basketball
- 7/8 Boys AFL



Water Polo, Badminton, Squash and Seconds Netball began in Term 2 and will continue over into Term 3 (after breaking for the holiday period).

The registration forms are due back on Friday 26 June at the latest.

For all of the above sports to go ahead, we do need assistance from parents/guardians or older siblings for supervision, coaching and umpiring roles.

Anyone who thinks that they may be able to assist in some way, please email me at nmillikan@dominic.tas.edu.au.



The Year 9 and 10 boys warming up before their matches on Wednesday.

Grand Finals

We have a number of Netball and Basketball teams who are looking like they will qualify for Term 2 sport grand finals.

Both the Year 7 division 1 and Year 9 division 1 netball teams remain undefeated for the season, with only one home and away match to go.

The Year 7 team have had some spectacular results, defeating MacKillop 73-0 and Friends 54-3. The girls have a tough match ahead of them next week against St Mary's. Good luck!

Teams should look out for information in the morning bulletin late next week for a list of dates, times and venues of finals matches.

Ms Nicole Millikan
7-10 Sport Coordinator

MISSION NEWS

In the last week of this term, six Dominic students will attend a Salesian Winter Camp in Melbourne. I asked Jae Cashion about the trip:

What is the camp about?

It's about a large group of students from all around Australia getting together and being taught how to become better leaders for their schools and for their life.

The camp isn't all work and no play; it is also about making new friends, friends you will remember and treasure forever.



Trent Henderson, Jae Cashion, Niam Askey-Doran, Amelia Cook, Cassie Booth and Jessica Pedler are our 6 happy campers.

What do you hope from this experience and how can it influence your life?

I'm expecting to make many new friends and learn better techniques of becoming a leader so I can positively influence people.

I also asked Mission Captain Jessica Pedler some questions about youth mission:

What's GYCYG?

GYCYG stands for Guilford Young College Youth Group. The youth group has only just started up. The idea was from 2012 old scholar, Lisa McConnon, at OZ BOSCO.

Lisa realised we are the only state in Australia that doesn't have a Youth Group, She spoke to the 'Australian Salesian Youth Mentors' and we were able to have two ASYMs join us for our first gathering, teaching us the ropes of being a leader. The youth group aims to create a religious workshop for the youth while having a safe and enjoyable time.

What does this group have to do with Dominic?

As Dominic is a feeder school to GYC we are socially linked. The GYCYG invited us to join their group, just like we invited some people to join us on OZ BOSCO.

You do not have to be in the group to participate and donations are certainly welcome and all go to a great cause.

At the moment I am the first student to have joined, and I would love to invite the Year 9/10s to consider joining, too. Talk to me about it!

Mr Timothy Swan
7-10 Religious Education Coordinator

CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

Drama double header

Each Senior Drama class, supported by our new Technical Production class, will present productions early next term. All up, 48 students will be involved!

In Week 1, is **DAGS** by Debra Oswald. Debra has been writing plays since she was 17 and is one of Australia's most successful dramatic writers. *Dags*, her best-known play, has had many productions around Australia, Britain and



Oscar Parkinson and Shania Kava attempt to cheer Gillian up

the United States. Her television scripts include, *Palace of Dreams*, *Dancing Daze*, *Police Rescue*, *Bananas in Pyjamas*, *Wild side*, *The Secret Life of Us* and more recently, *Offspring*. The main character is Gillian. She is 16 and thinks she's a 'dag'. She suffers from the occasional 'ack-attack', and is worried about not having a boyfriend. She loves chocolate and is infatuated with the best-looking boy in school. It's a funny and compassionate look at adolescence. Both performances will feature our hardworking cast alternating key roles.

Performances: Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 July, Little Theatre 7pm.

And then, **ONE, TWO, THREE, HOME** by Anne Riley, Georgie Todman "I never knew a tree with a name before..."

This is a heartfelt tale about a young Australian boy, a tree called Petal, and a country - growing together. *One, Two, Three, Home* takes you on a journey of a young boy, Francis, who is given a seed as a birthday gift during the depression era in Australia.

It follows the growth of 'Petal' and the growth of Francis over his lifetime. We see a community, and a country, experiencing war, fire, industrialisation, triumph, tragedy and love.



Sam Bird and Jade Davidson being watched over by the cast members during rehearsals.

Performances: Week 3, Little Theatre, 7pm

Tickets for both productions are available from the 7-10 Office. They're free, but seating is limited so book to ensure your tickets.

Mr Mike O'Brien - K-10 Director of Creative Arts

WHOLE COLLEGE NEWS

The Parents & Friends Community cookbook

The P&F announced a great new major fundraising campaign for 2014. This year they will produce a beautiful College Cookbook to be published in November 2014 with proceeds going towards the K-10 Food Program including Mamma Margaret's Kitchen.

A flyer and form is at the end of this newsletter. More information is available from Valeska Winter who is asking that families and the Dominic College community share their favourite recipes by 15 August to meet their publishing deadlines.

Valeska's contact details are on the flyer.

Try'a Skill

As reported last week, a group of Year 9 students joined many students from around southern Tasmania at the annual Try'a Skill at Princes Wharf for some hands-on skills-based careers experience in workshops ranging from barista through to hairdressing, bricklaying through plastering.



We have some reports now and a few more photos to share.

Miss Pearce said it was wonderful to see Dominic College students

engaged and motivated in activities led by industry professionals.

The feedback from the students was positive, and some students have said it helped them think about pursuing a skills-based career from this experience.



Here are a few comments:

My experience at Try'a Skill was unexpected. It was totally different; I expected to go and sit down and listen for 2 hours to people talking and talking. There was something about my experience that was unique, we actually got to walk around and experience things, not by listening, but by doing different things that you would not usually do at school.

I was very impressed. After the day I felt informed of what I had to do to get the job I wanted. This has helped me so much to get closer to what I want to do. I think Try'a Skill is a very useful and helpful program that should continue to happen each year.

Birthday and celebrations cards

The P&F Community continues to promote their Card fundraiser also. Boxed gift cards available at College offices for sale at ten card packs for \$10. These are a handy way of saving money from buying those last minute expensive cards!

Old scholar footy clinic

Aaron Cornelius, Dominic College Old Scholar Class of 2006 and ex-Brisbane Lions AFL player, has been coming back to Dominic and passing on some skills to the young students.



Now Senior Coach of the Glenorchy Football Club's Tasmanian State League (TSL) side, he's enjoyed running an AFL schools program at Dominic College in the last few weeks.

The Program aims to encourage outside active play in a society where it is very easy to stay inside as well as encourage young girls to be active in sport and football.

Dominic College students from Years 3–6 have learnt how to mark, hand-ball and kick a football as well as participated in fun games everyone can play.

'It has been an exciting experience for the students' said Mr Golding, 'and for me!'

'To learn not only from an ex-AFL player but from an Old Scholar who was just like them at their age, who played on the same fields and who displays the same values that the students are learning themselves today is fantastic!'

'The program has also caused some rivalry at home for some of our Dominic College families,' said Mr Golding. 'One family reported their child came home after school raving about the experience and cheekily pulled out a Glenorchy Football Club cap they knew their Roos-supporting mother wouldn't like.'

'Being formerly based in Brisbane,' said Aaron, 'I haven't visited Dominic College for a while but now it is nice to give back, see some familiar faces and help out kids in similar positions as I was.' Good on you, Aaron and good luck playing for Tassie tomorrow.

Birthdays this week

Zac Pfitzner	Kaide Barwick	Lucas Henderson	Mitchell Banks
Kaydn Blackwell	Tyler Clay	Tahlia Osmond	Yifei Wang
Harry Breslin	Oscar Breslin	Emily Klaffer	Kyle Gangell
Jessica Appleby	Finlay Gutteridge	Nicholas Jones	Isabella Cooke
Faith Scotney-Barron	Felicity Shadbolt	Jake Newland	



Dates to remember

Sunday 22 June	Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
Sunday 29 June	Year 9 Northern Territory trip departure
Tuesday 1 July	Year 7-10 All Schools Cross Country, Symmons Plains
	Year K-10 Term 2 Progress Reports posted
Friday 4 July	Observance of NAIDOC celebrations
	Term 2 Ends
Wednesday 9 July	Year 9 Northern Territory trip returns
Monday 21 July	Term 3 begins for Years 3-10
	Year 3-10 Goal Setting Day
Tuesday 22 July	Term begins for Kindergarten - Year 2

Football news

This Saturday Tasmanian State men's and women's football teams play against NEAFL teams at Blundstone Arena.

Women's State Game, 11.15am, Men's State Game, 2.00pm

Entry: Adults \$8 Concession \$5 U16s Free

Dominic College is pleased to announce that three old scholars and a current teacher are representing their state. And that three of these four representatives are in the women's teams.

In the men's team, Aaron Cornelius (Class of 2006) is one of Tasmania's forwards.

In the women's team Clarence's Natalie Curtis (Class of 2007) is selected along with current Dominic College Coordinator of Science Mrs Alexandra Heinze, who is playing under her family name as Alex Olejniczak.

Mrs Heinze is continuing family tradition playing in No. 22 which was the number her father played in - he was quite a gun footballer in north-east Victoria.



Mrs Heinze only started playing this year, so a great achievement to make the State team in her first season. She will be playing full back and is very likely to match up on yet another Dominic College Old Scholar, Kaitlyn Cantrell (Class of 2010) who is playing for Queensland up forward!

Please get along to the game and support all the players, especially our old scholars and teacher.



Quote of the week

Every single thing that has ever happened in your life is preparing you for a moment that is yet to come.

