



FROM THE PRINCIPAL & RECTOR

1 August 2014

Dear Friends

Congratulations to our senior drama students who delivered great performances in the production of Debra Oswald's *Dags* last week. The skill level and applied knowledge of drama students has substantially grown over the last few years in the College.



This growth is the result of excellent teaching, where higher standards have been set for students; the willingness and confidence of students to take risks and work hard; and the rigour with which the subject is being developed for and by students.

Observational walk-throughs

Indeed, it was in my observational walk-throughs/rounds last week, I entered a Year 7 Drama class that had just begun with a sensory awareness activity. The engagement with task was very high – students were engrossed in the activity. In fact, I had to reluctantly drag myself away from the class.

This week as one would expect, students were engaged in a vast array of writing tasks.

It was pleasing to see the configuration of classrooms for a supportive setting for shared learning using students' ideas, collaborative small-group work and peer-



Above: Year 5 students getting ready for their Commonwealth Games newspaper article. Left: Year 4 working on vocabulary extension for writing.



critiquing that give responsibility for student writers to improve.

Extensive research in writing concludes that

explicitly teaching students strategies for planning, revising, and editing their written work is a key way to improve writing standards and achievements.

Family members also play a key role in getting young people to draft, edit and redraft their work.

Ms Beth Gilligan - College Principal

Dear Friends

As parents, teachers, leaders, how many times have we said: "Listen to me"; "Pay attention"...? Or how often have we been asked: "What did that person say"?

And in many cases, we simply cannot remember.

Recently in a newspaper I came across an article with the title: "Have you been paying attention?" And the journalist went on to lament that "people are losing their listening skills!"

According to research, people remember about 10 per cent of what they hear in conversation. But researchers now believe listening and retention skills have fallen even further due to "digital distractions."

Some time ago a friend of mine sent me a copy of his latest book titled: *Conflict Management – a practical guide*. In the chapter about "Communication," the author highlights the importance of "active listening skills."



Are you listening ?

Parents and teachers can help children improve their listening skills in three simple ways:

1. Insist that conversations are direct; that is: with eye contact and no distractions from other people or things (e.g. watching TV, or at the computer)
2. Ask questions, in simple and clear language - not the type that can be answered with a Yes or a No; but "Tell me what you did today?... Where you went?... Could you read again for me the comments... the story..." Or: "In your own words, what does that mean?"
3. Repeat back (paraphrase) what you think the speaker said, and ask if that's correct...

But messages are also conveyed by body language, the tone of voice, and silences.

To be a good listener is a life-long endeavour. And we should always remember that we have one mouth and two ears – in other words, we should listen twice as much as we speak!

Fr Frank Bertagnolli, SDB - Rector

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Kinder–Year 6 Parent Teacher interviews

Following the successful Goal Setting discussions last week, Kinder–Year 6 parents had the opportunity this week to meet with their children's class teacher to discuss academic progress.

The meetings, held over three nights, have been an ideal opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and discuss their children in detail. The interviews continue the development of open communication between parents and teachers and strengthen the relationship between home and school.



As always, many issues were discussed, successes applauded and pathways to further success identified. In many classrooms, work samples were used to further the information contained in reports. From a teacher's perspective, reporting to

parents is much more than just grades and effort. We always find these opportunities for conversation lead to a deeper understanding of our students and an opportunity for us to resolve many questions during our discussions. It can also be an opportunity for us to become aware of aspects in a child's life which may impact on behaviour and learning in the classroom.

Thank you to our parents and students. A number of parents, who were unable to attend, have contacted their child's teachers to arrange a suitable time for an interview. Please do not hesitate to initiate this contact.

Book your 7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews

A friendly reminder: SOBS, the online booking for Parent/Teacher Interviews, is currently open accepting bookings for: 7-10 Parent Teacher Interviews for Thursday 7 August 3.45pm–8.00pm. You can book your appointments from the button/link on our website.

Feast of the Assumption Mass

Friday 15 August marks the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of obligation for the Catholic Church.

The whole community will celebrate this in the Chapel at the following times:

Years 9-10 - 9.00am

Years 7-8 - 11.00am

Years 3-6 - 1.45pm

K-2 Prayer Service - 10.15am



Letter to parents regarding Feast Day

The following letter from the College Principal was emailed to families as well as posted this week.

As Ms Gilligan's letter informs, the College Feast Day will be held next Thursday 7 August.

Dear Parents and Guardians.

Yesterday Catholic colleges and schools received formal notification from the Independent Education Union Vic/Tas that a 24 hour work stoppage will take place by IEU members, who choose to do so, on Thursday 7 August.

In order to manage this planned work stoppage and in the best interests of students, our planned St Dominic Guzman and St Catherine of Siena Feast Day will now be held on Thursday 7 August and not Wednesday 6 August, as previously gazetted. Classes will be held as normal on 6 August.

On Thursday 7 August all students are expected to attend school for our community Feast Day during which we will celebrate mass, share food and have fun together as friends to celebrate and honour our patron saints and our traditions. K-6 students should wear their sports uniform and 7-10 students should wear comfortable casual clothes.

Kinder Bears are invited to attend school this day and a separate communication will be sent to parents and guardians regarding this.

Year 7-10 Parent and Teacher meetings scheduled will continue as gazetted on Thursday afternoon/evening

I appreciate family understanding and support for this change in our schedule. I hope that all continues well for you and your family as the term continues to unfold.

Yours sincerely,

Beth Gilligan, College Principal



IGLEw at Dominic College

This week Dominic College was home to AARNET's IGLEw, an immersive 3D educational theatre. Over 1,200 students including 420 students from local primary schools experienced space like never before.

Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed flying through space and investigating how our solar system works. Thank you to Director of

Teaching and Learning K-10, Selina Kinne for co-ordinating a total of 47 sessions and to E-Learning Integrator K-10, Matthew Taylor for running the show all week with the assistance of E-Learning Support Officer, Rob Sullivan.

Mrs Janine O'Hea - Deputy Principal

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

Dear Parents, Guardians and Old Scholars

Being able to plan ahead and choose wisely are very important skills that help children succeed at home, at school and in life.

You can help by teaching children how to think through decisions and giving them opportunities to practise their skills.

To make good decisions children must learn to:

- recognise when there is a choice for them to make
- understand they are responsible for making the decision
- take others' needs into account
- think of different possible choices or solutions and decide which is best.

Children often focus on immediate wants and don't consider long-term consequences. They need adult guidance to develop their decision-making skills. Parents and carers can prompt good decision-making by identifying appropriate choices for children to make and using questions to help them think through the steps.

To learn to use decision-making skills children need to be shown how to use the steps and be given opportunities to practise them. Practice and experience are necessary for building skills. It is important to remember children's thinking skills develop gradually and so does their capacity for planning ahead and weighing up options in order to make decisions.

Children do not learn to make good decisions overnight. They need to start with simple things. Give children a choice between two options. This helps to make decisions manageable.

- Limit the number of choices to ones that are realistic for children to make (depending on their age and ability).
- Encourage children to give reasons for their choices. This teaches them to think through their decisions.
- Ask, "Is that a good idea?" or "Do you think that will work?" Instead of saying, "This is what you should do," ask "What about this?" Asking encourages children to develop their own judgment.
- Listen with interest to children's explanations. Learning to explain their thinking helps children think better.
- Give children a role in family decisions, for example, when planning activities or deciding on household jobs.

This helps children learn how to make decisions that take others into account.

Visit www.kidsmatter.edu.au for more articles like this one.



Miss Katherine Hewitt
K-6 Coordinator of Pastoral Care



Captain's Corner

'Running the gauntlet' was once how captives were often beaten and killed, and has come to mean an individual being under attack from all sides as they pursue a course of action.

And that's what we've called our new House competition at lunchtimes, which commenced this week with Year 7s and continues with 8s Monday, 9s Tuesday and 10s Wednesday.

To win the game you must collect the most bean bags by running through the course collecting your bean bag and running back without being hit by a dodge ball.

From each running team the last student left will participate at the end of the week, in an 'all-stars' team against the teachers.



The 'Dominic College All Stars' will be a skillful group of students from all years who will play for the title of "Run the Gauntlet 2014 Premiers". This game will be at 1pm Friday 8 August, in front of everyone.

The teacher's team is being finalised, but the early volunteers are Mr Davey, Miss Brownrigg, Miss Cannell and Ms Olejniczak. The games at lunchtime are not only bonding the students but also stimulating the student's brains.

According to the Department of Exercise Science at the University of Georgia, a brief exercise for around 20 minutes facilitates information processing and memory functions, which is great to get the students through the last two periods of the day!

This event is a great opportunity to bring our Year 7 to 10 students together to bond as a whole showing Dominic's Community Spirit.

We hope to see everyone participating in the games and showing their College spirit by getting involved over the next week.

Frances Di Carlo
College Vice Captain

LEARNING IN FOCUS 7-10

Design and Technology

The Technology Department is a productive and busy place with classes ranging from Year 7 to Year 10. Students experience working with many different media such as: wood, metal, acrylics, leather, as well as drawing and CAD.

Excellent facilities in the Br Peter Dezani Design Centre allow students to design and produce some great projects.

In the **Junior** classes students have made a range of wood projects, such as trays, lazy susans, huon pine/sassafras tongs and wine glass holders.



Metal classes have produced wrought iron hose holders and garden ornaments.

Year 9 Wood and Metal classes have produced laminated boards, wooden chests, wood turned cheese knives and wine stoppers, metal candelabras, sheet metal tool boxes, wrought iron mirrors and metal lathed nail punches.



Year 10 VET classes are working hard to complete the required assessment tasks.

Some of the practical work achieved by the construction class is; pallet design construction, short taster units in bricklaying, plumbing, carpentry and tiling.



The **Engineering** class are busy practising welding techniques, pressure point design such as sash clamps/vices and wrought iron coffee tables.

Computer Graphic Design class are enjoying perspective drawing, house and city design and enjoy the many CAD programs; such as Architecture and 3D studio max.

Mr Rocco Mangione
Design Technology Teacher

Media

Media studies teachers, Jo (MARGARET) Jefferies and Mike (DAVID) O'Brien, pictured, reflect on the this week's Media offerings at Dominic College

DAVID: Well, Margaret what have you seen this week?

MARGARET: It's been a great week for Media, David. We saw a production on a grand scale where students were transported right out of the classroom all just by drinking Coke! An amazing work by Sean Cruz, Lily Amos and Jasmine Hawkins. A clear direction and vision kept their dream alive as well as pouring their budget into securing Mr Swan to play, wait for it...a teacher! Has he been typecast? The audience will decide in the end. I'm giving this 4 stars. David your thoughts?

DAVID: An excellent production from these up and coming film-makers, with a questionable but highly entertaining cameo from a reliable old trooper. It's 5 stars from me. In my class Margaret, we saw a very tightly shot and well photographed advertisement by Patrick Di Martino, Brooke Burden, Madalyn Bolton, Christina Giameos and Allissa Manion. It's about a lifesaving product called KLEERASIL. The main character, burdened by acne, has his life turned around in 30 seconds. It's a wonderful production, with a real ensemble feel and will be enjoyed by many. I gave it 4 stars. What do you give it?

MARGARET: Oh, David, don't be so mean? That script! And the performance from Patrick Di Martino as the angst ridden teenager was marvellous. I gave it 5 stars.

DAVID: So, what's coming next Margaret?

MARGARET: Well, the MY STATE FILM FESTIVAL promises to be a real highlight this term. Students from both our classes will shortly begin by pooling their ideas, working on production schedules, location planning, storyboarding and script development. What about your class?

DAVID: We will be attacking MY STATE as well, but beforehand we are working on Dominic Documentaries. The class will be dividing into 4 production teams who will produce mini-documentaries about significant members of Dominic Community. And I believe, someone sitting quite close to me is being approached to be one of the subjects? Is that true Margaret?

MARGARET: You'll have to speak to my agent, and my publicist. Well, that's all we have time for this week. See you next time, so bye for us both and happy media viewing!



SPORT NEWS

K-6

Basketball next week

Rosters for 2014 JSSATIS Basketball have been given to all players this week. Extra copies are at the K-6 office. Thanks to all the coaches nominated to help out with our teams, your help is greatly appreciated and we couldn't run the roster without you.



Good luck to boys who start their season next Tuesday and girls who start their season next Thursday afternoon/night. Thanks to our wonderful high school umpires Maddi Shaw, Rory O'Moore, Tyler Fitzpatrick and Meg Parkinson who will umpire all Dominic matches this season.

Soccer update

Under 8 Maroon played Glenorchy Knights in a great first game for Term 3. All players showed determination, spirit and a willingness to get amongst the play. Well done, Under 8 Maroon. Scores: Dominic 2, Glenorchy Knights 3. Scorer for Dominic – Roshan Khadka.

Under 8 Black have come together extremely well and have learnt what being a team is all about. They have learnt to trust and respect each another on and off the field which is paying off with goals being kicked quite often.

This team has come a long way since the start of the year with their skills improving every week. It's been a real pleasure to coach the students so far and I am excited to see what else they have to offer for the rest of the season - Tamiaka Flack (Coach)



What a difference an hour can make as Under 9 Maroon (top) play New Norfolk in fog 9.00am at Eady Street. Then at 10am Under 8 Black enjoy the sunshine against Holy Rosary.

Under 9 Black played Moonah Primary in a very fast game where all players were determined to be a part of the play during the whole game. It is great to see the continual improvement and playing a great team game. Dominic scored four goals; scorers: Cody Whittaker 2, Oliver Geeves 1, Samuel Cox 1. Thanks to Isaac Cox for filling in for Under 9 Black.

Mr Cameron Golding - K-6 Sport Coordinator

7-10

Girls Basketball

This week saw the commencement of both the Year 7 and Year 8 Girls basketball competitions.

It was a slow start to the Year 7 match against Mt Carmel College, with neither team scoring in the first few minutes.

The Dominic team was largely inexperienced, but with some support from team mate Kalia Combs, the girls soon began to translate their netball skills over to basketball.



The Year 8 Girls Basketball team with coach Rory O'Moore and scorer Jonathan Mulungula at quarter-time during the Round 1 match on Wednesday night

Rachel Netherton managed numerous intercepts and turn overs, and Ellie Newland should be commended on her shooting accuracy.

Dominic played an impressive second half and managed to come away with a comfortable 38-16 win.

A big thank you goes to Rory O'Moore, Light Suliman and Jonathan Mulungula for assisting with umpiring, coaching and scoring both matches on Wednesday night.

Boys Soccer

Unfortunately due to the extremely poor weather we have experienced over the past few days, all four of our Round 1 soccer matches were cancelled this week.

Let's pray for some dry weather so we can go ahead with Round 2! Training will be held for the Year 7, 8 and 9 boys soccer teams at Lunch on Monday.

**Ms Nicole Millikan
7-10 Sport Coordinator**

MISSION NEWS

Feast Day next week

On Thursday 7 August we will come together as a community to celebrate the feast day of two wonderful saints.

St Dominic, born in 1170, was the founder of the Dominican Order. He was famous for his fine intellect as well as his great holiness and capacity for evangelisation. The Marian devotion of the Rosary is attributed to the preaching of St Dominic.

Catherine of Siena, born in 1347, was a Dominican Nun, and was a great theologian and philosopher who was proclaimed Doctor of the Church by Paul VI in 1970. St Catherine had immense courage to 'speak truth to power' – rare for a woman of this time, and is read widely to this day for her profound spiritual insights.

Our Mass begins at 11am in the Savio Centre. Parents are most welcome.



Salesian Winter Camp

In the last week of Term 2, Niam Askey-Doran, Trent Henderson, Jae Cashion, Jessica Pedler, Amelia Cook and Cassie Booth were the

first Dominic students to participate in the Salesian Winter Camp in Melbourne.

Amelia said: *It was an amazing and wonderful experience. We did lots of fun activities in a completely non-judgemental environment. For the whole camp we were free to be ourselves.*

Trent said: *The last day at camp was quite a sad day because nobody wanted to leave their new friends and go back to their normal everyday lives. This is why people look forward to camps like this - it's a place to get away from every day stresses and enjoy yourself. I would definitely recommend this camp to anyone. It's a chance to be free and get away from your usual ordinary life, something different, lot of fun, meeting new likeminded people.*

Our campers have initiated an ongoing relationship between Dominic College and Salesian Youth Ministry; many Dominic students will enjoy these events in the years to come.

Mr Timothy Swan

7-10 Religious Education Coordinator

CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

Senior Drama Production #2

History and performance combine in a home-grown play about life to be presented by Miss Brownrigg's Senior Drama class.

ONE, TWO, THREE, HOME, was written by North Coast drama teachers Anne Riley and Georgie Todman, colleagues and friends of Miss Brownrigg. Georgie Todman said the play talks about the importance of community and individuals having a solid foundation in their society, With the



sweep through Australian history from the 1920s to 1990s, she describes the play as a 'chance to have a history lesson as well as put on a show. Our roots define us - our past and future are intrinsically linked.'

Performers Jade Davidson and Nicholas Gesiotto reflect upon their work in the play:

The development of 'ONE TWO THREE HOME' has been such a great and fun experience. There has been quite a lot of intense work involved including learning dialogue, figuring out costumes and rehearsals. Although the play has involved a lot of preparation it is so exciting to be able to perform and show everyone something our drama class is so proud of. Jade Davidson

I play the old but enthusiastic Pop and the wonderful jokester Jack. In making this play come to life we have spent hours just setting everything out and of course having a ton of jokes in between. I'm proud to say that this has been the best experience so far in my whole education at Dominic College.

My favourite line that I say would have to be 'She's got more roles than a bakery.' I'd like to thank everyone who has worked on this play and all the supporting family and friends and our wonderful teacher, Miss Brownrigg. Nicholas Gesiotto

ONE, TWO, THREE, HOME is presented in the Little Theatre at 7pm Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 August.

Tickets are free but must be booked through the 7-10 Office as seating is limited.

Miss Jessica Brownrigg - Drama Teacher

WHOLE COLLEGE NEWS

Parents and friends Community news

Cookbooking update

Thank you to all who have submitted recipes for our fundraising cookbook "Mamma Margaret's Kitchen: A collection of recipes from the Dominic College Community." Our vision is to create a cookbook that offers a varied collection of recipes, representing the diverse cultural background of our school community. To achieve this we shall extend the publication date into 2015 which will provide families with much more time to submit recipes. The cookbook is off to a great start and a new publication date will be confirmed - please continue to submit your recipes and ask extended family to share their favourite recipes too! A further cookbook update will be distributed shortly. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the many volunteers, for their support and enthusiasm for this special opportunity.

Fundraising stall

Visit our Stall on Wednesday 13 August from 2.30pm near the sandpit. Our popular 'Paint Sticks' will be available for purchase again (\$20 a pack of 4 painting sticks) plus our gift card packs will be on show for you to view and purchase (10 cards for \$10). Parents can view samples of the College cookbook, or receive more information about the role of the P&F. We hope you can drop by and say hi!

Display noticeboards

The P&F Community have installed new display noticeboards on the external wall of Room 3 to allow parents to stay in the loop of the latest in the P&F Community.

Community Fair

Our Community Fair is on Friday 14 November from 3.30pm -7pm and the fair committee have been busy working on this all year. New ideas are being introduced to make this year's fair another huge success. To keep up to date with fair news, please find our event on Facebook - "Dominic College Community Fair." Donations for the Trash 'N' Treasure will be requested shortly with information coming home soon. The first drop off date is Wednesday 13 August from 8.30-9.30am so now is a great chance to begin clearing items out of the house for our Trash 'N' Treasure stall.

Advance notice

A Fathers Day stall will held on Wednesday 3 September and some fantastic gifts have been ordered.

The Walkathon is scheduled for 26 September, the last day of Term 3.

The next P&F meeting held on Wednesday 20 August at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Please contact Sharon Cleland on 0412 431 286 for more information.

Valeska Winter - P&F Community

Pathway Expo at GYC



On Monday 28 July our Year 10 students attended the annual Pathways Expo at Guilford Young College.

Students were greeted by GYC Principal, Mrs Bobby Court who provided a short presentation and information on subject choices, University entrance requirements and career pathways. The Expo clarified questions and provided students with an opportunity to have a tour around the facilities at the Glenorchy GYC Campus.

On Wednesday, the GYC liaison team were available to students at Dominic College to further assist our students.

We received positive feedback from GYC who commented on our students' excellent behaviour and presentation. Well done, Year 10, we are proud of you!

Preliminary GYC course selection forms need to be handed back to Pastoral Program teachers by 13 August. If students have further questions, they should speak to either Mrs Ganga Fraser or their Pastoral Program teachers.

Rotary Exchange student

After graduating from Dominic College last year I took the opportunity to go to Germany as an Exchange Student through Rotary.

It's always been my dream to travel the world. I started looking into exchange programs and found Rotary who prepares you for 12 months then you are off on an amazing adventure.

I have been in Cologne, Germany for exactly six months now. I go to a German school, and live with a German family. After six months I am now speaking German. Of course it isn't perfect, but it is good enough to understand and have conversations with people.

I've travelled around all of Germany, and now I'm going to the Netherlands, France, Italy, Austria and the Czech Republic.

The biggest thing you get from being an exchange student is you find friends all around the world, and while you're away your exchange students become your family.



Laura Clear - Class of 2013

Birthdays this week

Lochlan Connolly	Bianca Alexander	Addison Tonks	Haylee Fry
Bradley Edmundson	Lily Banks	Jacob Woodmansee	Alyssa Gesiotto
George Strates	Nicholas Gesiotto	Jack Jordan	Ewan Bacon
Jacob White	Ariarne Roberts	Thomas Atkinson	William Burden
Isaac Cox	Eleanor Medhurst	Emily Foster	Rohan Dale



Dates to remember

Saturday 2 August	Class of 2004 Reunion, Grantleigh, 2pm
Tuesday 5 & Wed 6 August	<i>One, Two, Three, Home</i> Drama production, Little Theatre, 7pm
Wednesday 6 August	K-6 Scholastic Book club orders close
Thursday 7 August	St Dominic Guzman & Catherine of Siena Feast Day 7-10 Parent/Teacher interviews
Monday 11 August	Catholic Education Week begins
Wednesday 13 August	K-6 Assembly, Dance Studio, 1.45pm DOSA Meeting, Grantleigh, 6pm
Thursday 14 August	TCEC Recognition Awards, GYC Hobart, 4pm
Friday 15 August	Feast of the Assumption Mass, Chapel
Saturday 16 August	Class of 1994 Reunion

Relationships Australia

Relationships Australia runs "YOUR place" in New Town. If you spent time in a children's home or institution, are a former child migrant, were a ward of the state or in foster care before the end of 1989 then you might like to connect with other people who also spent time in 'care'.

Meetings are held 12-2pm on the last Monday of the month at Relationships Australia 20 Clare St New Town, and are a safe and confidential space for care leavers to meet. Free lunch provided.

For more information call Emma on 1800 16 11 09 or emmar@reitas.com.au.



Headspace School Support Parent Information Evening

GYC will host a Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 13 August, at their Hobart Campus, 7.00pm-8.30pm.

The evening will be presented by Headspace School Support, a national service that provides support to schools affected by suicide.

Parents will hear about what they can do to support young people regarding social media and issues relating to suicide.

A legal information session will also be presented by the Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania covering the legal issues in the use and misuse of social media, including the legal and employment consequences of inappropriate use of such media.

Quote of the week

"Sometimes people don't notice the things others do for them until they stop doing them."