



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

17 October 2014

Dear Friends

Welcome back to all in our community to Term 4. This is an important term for teaching and learning, final assessments, student transitions, school planning, marking student achievement, ceremonies, celebrations and farewells and giving thanks to God for our many blessings. I hope it is a great term for everyone at Dominic College.



I hope many in our community will attend the opening launch by Mr Ryk Goddard, on Wednesday evening 5 November at 6.00 pm. Invitations have now been posted to parents.

One of the highlights of the program will not only be the showcase of art and photography in the Long Gallery but the other music and drama events. At the end of Term 3 I watched one of the Year 9/10 drama classes preparing for the College production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and I know that parents, students and staff are in for a treat.

A Midsummer Night's Dream



Mr Harris and his Year 8 Maths.

Students on task

During my walk through rounds this week in Year 7-10, it was great to see students fully engaged and very much on task.

In Year 8 Maths, Mr Harris' students were looking at averages, means and medians and talking cricket scores!

Miss Brownrigg's Drama class was exploring the nature of stereotypes with some challenging gender questioning during their circle time. Mr Jesse Wright's Year 9 Science class were learning about the continental drift and tectonic plates with a hands-on



Miss Brownrigg's Year 7 Drama class during circle time,



Mr Wright's Year 9 Science exploring the continental drift.

exercise; and I was delighted to see Year 9 English students beginning their Term 4 novel study of *Divergent*.

This is a fantastic novel series, chosen by the English faculty as a text. Written by a young American writer, the novel explores a futuristic society



Mrs Fraser's Year 9 English class beginning their study of *Divergent*.

based on strict factions that are meant to keep the social fabric of a city in equilibrium and at peace. It is a good book to further critical thinking, social analysis and explore human behaviour.

K-10 Creative Arts Festival

Our Creative Arts Festival is a significant learning showcase event for many students this term. The festival occurs every two years and is always memorable.



Left: Molly McGovern and Dillon Wilson rehearse their roles as Hermia and Demetrius in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Right: Chris Tuffin and Cameron Norris working their lines.



This is a wonderful Shakespearean comedy and is performed all over the world as one of Shakespeare's most popular works. I have seen this play many times and never tire of it. Do see the back page of the newsletter and our website for the program and how to book tickets.

Staff update

A warm welcome back to Dominic College to Mr Luke McDiarmid who has been appointed as our E-Learning Support Officer.

Luke is an Old Scholar of Dominic College and is well remembered by us for his passion for IT as a student.

We hope that Luke will find his role and re-joining our community rewarding.



Mr Luke McDiarmid on hand at the Help Desk this week.

Condolences to the Glidden family

This week we keep in our thoughts and prayers, the Glidden family. As College families will be aware from my email sent yesterday, Deb Glidden, the mother of one of our Year 3 students, Rachael Glidden sadly passed away this week.

I ask that all in the Dominic College community pray for the repose of Deb's soul as God has called her into the Kingdom that awaits us all. May all of the Glidden family feel God's deep and loving presence at this time of deep sorrow through our love and prayers.

Ms Beth Gilligan
College Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Welcome to Term 4, certainly a very busy term particularly for Year 10 students who only have six weeks of schooling left at Dominic College.

The Year 10 Cultural Immersion Trip to Japan was a highlight for both students and teachers. I wish to share with you the following student reflections of their experience.



What better way to celebrate your last year in high school, then a luxurious and inspiring trip to Japan. Getting an insight of the lifestyle and culture of another country is such a brilliant experience, also being able to get closer to your fellow school mates and teachers.

And what better than visiting the land of smiles, Disneyland, a whole day full of smiles, laughter, rides, yummy food and being close to the characters themselves!

You come home from this trip full of great knowledge and insight on the religion and culture of the Japanese.

Personally, I loved this trip with a passion, the students and teachers were so much fun to be around, the temples and shrines were absolutely breathtaking and the food was great. You will regret not going on this fantastic trip! **Emily Pregnell**

My friend and I were curious about what the buttons on the toilets do so my friend went in and said to me he was going to press it. I said "ok press it." He said "I've pressed it but nothing is happening" and about 5 seconds after the water shot up and all I could hear was him screaming about how much it burns.

We were all playing UNO and somehow Finn hid half a deck of UNO cards in his shoe and no one found out until the very end.

Unfortunately I took a photo in the Immigration Section at Sydney airport without thinking and nearly got charged \$1,000 for having the camera out. **Sam Bird**



The Japan Trip was an amazing experience. It was life changing to see not just the modern side of everything, but also how much they still kept their traditions close. A highlight would have to be, Disneyland; and when we were in a glass elevator coming down from 40 floors high and Mrs O'Hea had her eyes closed and was scared, I was telling an elevator joke Mrs O'Hea told me to 'shut up'. I had so much fun and I am so glad I went on this trip. **Mel Smith**

The Japan trip was one of the most amazing experiences of my life, just being halfway across the world with some of my closest mates, trying new things like drinking Spiral Grape then selling out the vending

machine at the hotel because we drank so many. Or just going to awesome places with some really awesome people. **Finn Pasanen**

The Japan trip was an amazing experience which made me realise how big the world really is and how lucky we actually are to live in Australia. It was great to try to understand and follow a culture that is completely different to our own and to see some of the beautiful temples. Also it was great to see that new friendships were made and existing ones were strengthened. **Erin Hole**

The Japan trip was an amazing experience. It was an experience that my friends and I thoroughly enjoyed. It was, however a culture shock. From squirting toilets that played calming songs to getting lost in translation when ordering dinner - it was something new for all of us. A lot of fun, if you can stand the time away from mum. I definitely recommend it. **Daina Jurevics**

One of my highlights of many highlights of Japan would have been the drinks in the vending machines. Everyone's favourite drinks were Power Water, Spiral Grape and the Liquid Zappo. Miyajima Island was also one of my favourite destinations, visiting a Shinto and a Buddhist shrine. **Niam Askey-Doran**



The 2014 Japan trip was awesome. It was a great experience to learn about Japanese culture, experience Disneyland and scaring people with our monkey masks outside the lifts at our hotel; this was my highlight. **Mitch Banks**

Japan was an amazing trip and experience, halfway across the world. The highlight was our tour guide, Mimi, known as Mama Mimi. Something else also good was seeing the Shinto and Buddhist shrines; some were very modern but others unique and ancient. Japan was just a fantastic place and I recommend it to everybody. **Kyle Gangell**

My highlight for Japan would be the opportunity we had to experience a totally different culture with our friends. **Jessica Fitzpatrick**

Tokyo Disneyland would have to be one of my favourite highlights as it was such an enjoyable day with friends and there were so many activities to do. **Holly Butterworth**

For a showcase of our trip, please visit our gallery: <http://www.dominic.tas.edu.au/news-events/photo-galleries/year-10-japan-trip/>

Show Day Holiday

Next week is a very short week. School concludes on Wednesday for the Hobart Show Day Holiday long weekend. Please note the Business Office will be closed on both Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Janine O'Hea - Deputy Principal

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

Dear Parents, Guardians and Old Scholars and Friends,

On Wednesday I spoke to all Year 10 students and I congratulated them on their wonderful year so far.

However they were reminded about how much work and study they have to get done before their exams.

By the time you read this there will only be 22 teaching days before the exams start.

The exams are very important for all. If a student has not been achieving their best all year the exams are still a chance where they can improve their final result.



At the same time if students have had a really good year, unfortunately there is still a chance they may not achieve their best results if they don't work hard in the final term.

Two weeks after the Year 10s finish they will return as old scholars to collect their Year 10 Certificate and College Reference.

The College Reference is a very important document. What is written on a school reference will often tell an employer more about students than their report.

The students have, in a way, been writing their own references since they started in Year 7. Year 10s are putting the final touches to their reference with the work they do this term and their behaviour at school.

It has become a tradition that the Year 10 leavers work to raise money in the last term to leave a gift to the College.

Our 2014 Year 10s are challenged in a similar way to commemorate their relationship with the school by putting their energy to good use and raise some money to give a special gift to the College.

Mr Paul Williams
7-10 Coordinator of Pastoral Care



PHOTOGRAPHY news from Mrs Jo Jeffery

Sixteen students from 7-10 entered photographic works in the Royal Hobart Show this year. Subjects ranged from portraiture, abstraction, formalism to more traditional landscape.

I felt very proud when I dropped the works off at the showground as the staff there were really enthusiastic about what they saw. I hope the judges appreciate them just as much and good luck to all who entered. A special thank you to Mrs Kathy Caplice who assisted with the printing and Ebony Genge and Emily Thompson for helping to mount and finish all the prints ready for exhibition.

Don't forget to get photographic entries in for the House Photo competition, which must be submitted by Friday 31 October.

Captain's Corner



In the last week of Term 3, the SSATIS athletics competition was held at the Hobart Domain Athletics Centre, where several schools had competed against each other to see who were the best athletes in chosen events, there were a couple of standout Dominic College students,

Tedros Gebrehiwot came second in his events which were the 800 and 1500m, and Ashley Hey who came first in her main events. Congratulations to Tedros and to Ashley for their excellent efforts.

The highlight of the day for me was seeing Jack Hale smash the Tasmanian record for the 100m. His run of 10.44 seconds gave him the title of fastest kid born in 1998 in the world.



Above, Jae Cashion launched into orbit in the long jump. Tedros Gebrehiwot, a familiar and uplifting sight, competing on the track.



Jack will be competing again this weekend, along with all the private schools at the SATIS state athletics.

This state championship is held on Saturday 18 October at the Hobart Domain Athletics Centre, starting at 9.00am.

Come along and support all the Dominic students competing on the day.

Jae Cashion
Siena Sports Captain

LEARNING IN FOCUS

K-6

Year 6 Canberra trip



The Year 6 trip to Canberra in the last week of Term 3 was a tremendous learning experience for everyone. Each place visited provided new insights and educational richness to our History units about 'Democracy' and 'The Australian Government'. Everyone who accessed the BLOG thought it was a fantastic way to keep informed and felt connected to our adventures.

Students gained exposure to significant historical events and artefacts at the National Museum. They were taken on a journey of our past from Aboriginal culture and art, the early settlement days, the birth of Federation, our political system and the Constitution. The opportunity to pay their respects



to, and learn about our brave and committed service men and women at the War Memorial was an inspirational journey of commitment and sacrifice. This year we were also fortunate to see the House of Representatives and the Senate sitting. Students

listened in to some of the discussions taking place as well as receiving information from our guide about the structure and inner workings of the political system. Students were also treated to morning tea with Senator Eric Abetz and were then joined by our Independent Member for Dennison, Mr Andrew Wilkie.

The worlds of Science and Technology as well as Sport were explored and thoroughly enjoyed by all with visits to Questacon and the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) where hands on activities and an evening swim were enjoyed by all.

Thanks to the Australian Government for providing support of \$150 funding (PACER) per student, deducted from the cost per head to reduce the total amount payable for families.

Mrs Barbara Moulton - Year 6 teacher

7-10

Review of the Australian Curriculum



The Australian Curriculum was developed as a national curriculum recognising the entitlement of each student to knowledge, understanding and skills and clarifying what teachers teach. Dominic College teachers have put extensive time and effort into plans to deliver the Australian Curriculum content through engaging and enriching lessons. This process has been valuable for our teachers to document what they teach and to work collaboratively on planning and share resources.

A review of the Australian Curriculum has been undertaken by the Australian Government and the final Review Report is now available. There has been much media hype about the report with a focus on the concerns raised about the curriculum by the reviewers. At Dominic College we regularly undertake reviews of our programs to ensure we achieve best possible outcomes. We are supportive of the Government's undertaking to review the Australian Curriculum and support many of the recommendations.

One particular issue of note is crowding of the curriculum. We recognise this has been occurring, especially in primary education, due to the developments and changes in our world resulting in more content to be covered. At Dominic we have tried to ensure that the curriculum plans we have developed are balanced and especially provide depth in key areas of literacy and numeracy.

We have been reassured there will be no sudden changes to the Australian Curriculum that will impact on schooling in the short-term. The recommendations will be considered by states and territory governments who will then develop time frames for changes to be implemented and acted on. There is no suggestion of a complete overhaul to the Australian Curriculum but rather a strengthening of the curriculum and a focus on balance to ensure we are delivering a world class education nationally.

At Dominic College we want to ensure that the curriculum we deliver is tailored to the needs of our students. Our focus will continue to be on literacy and numeracy which we believe are foundational skills. We are currently developing an updated Literacy Plan as we continue to review and evaluate our curriculum delivery to improve student achievement.

If parents would like further information about the Review of the Australian Curriculum, it is available at: www.studentsfirst.gov.au

**Mrs Selina Kinne
Director of Teaching Learning K-10**

SPORT NEWS

K-6

Athletics trials

On Tuesday 14 October Year 3-6 students participated in the 2014 Athletics trials at Dominic College.

The trials involved all students participating in long jump, vortex, 100m and 400m, and the trials allow the Athletics Carnival program to be developed.

Well done to all students on their wonderful efforts at the athletics trials and thanks to all of the teachers who worked very hard to make the afternoon a success.

Date savers

Monday 27 October is the date of the Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival. This carnival will run from 9.00am-3.00pm.

The K-2 Athletics Carnival will be held from 1.00pm-3.00pm on 29 Wednesday October.



Prep students practice their relay changes during PE classes in the lead up to the K-2 Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 29 October.

Teeball and Touch Football commence

This term Year 3/4 students have the option of participating in Teeball and Year 5/6 students in Touch Football. The first Teeball match is on next Tuesday 21 October against SVC at Dominic commencing at 4pm.

Touch football commences on Wednesday 29 October against SVC Blue at Dominic. Good luck to all players who have nominated to play in these sports during term 4.

Year 5/6 Basketball Representative matches

This weekend the Year 5/6 boys team participate in the Primary Southern Basketball Championships. Thanks to Heather Reeve for her wonderful commitment towards this group of boys and good luck to all players in their matches this weekend.

If you would like to support our 5/6 boys Representative Team their matches are played on Saturday at Moonah Basketball stadium at 9.40am on Court 2 (vs Lindisfarne), 1.00pm on Court 2 (vs SVC) and 6pm on Court 2 (vs SVC). Finals will be played on Sunday depending on how the team goes in their Saturday matches. We hope all players have a fantastic tournament and we look forward to hearing how you all go!

Mr Cameron Golding - K-6 Sport Coordinator

7-10

Term 4 Sport

Next week we have 9/10 boys and girls touch football along with 7/8 and 9/10 boys cricket rosters commencing. Girls' cricket and volleyball will begin in week 3.

SATIS Athletics

This Saturday 18 October (tomorrow), 54 students along with Mr Davey, Mr Blake, Miss Brownrigg and Mrs Cazaly will be attending the State SATIS Athletics Carnival held at the Domain Athletics Centre.

This is the first time in several years the carnival has been held in the south of the state. Students on the team are asked to arrive at the Domain at approximately 8.30am and remain for the duration of the carnival if possible. Spectators are more than welcome on the day. Why not come along and cheer on the DC competitors if you have some spare time? Good luck to all students competing tomorrow!

Basketball Tournament



Girls 7/8 and 9/10 Representative basketball teams - both will be competing in next weekend's tournament.

The High Schools basketball tournament will be held next weekend 25-26 October at Moonah and Clarence sports stadiums. We have four teams entered in the competition, some of whom have been training since back in Term 1. Rosters will be distributed very soon!

Student Success – Luke Foster



Luke was selected in the Tasmanian Water Polo U16 Boys state team which played in Hobart 30 September to 5 October for the National Club Championships.

Luke's team managed to place 18th out of 26 teams. During the championships, Luke also assisted with pool set up, goal judging and general packing up after matches.

Congratulations Luke, and best of luck in your future endeavours in water polo!

Ms Nicole Millikan - 7-10 Sport Coordinator

MISSION NEWS

Social Justice Sunday

During the holidays three of our primary students; Hannah Maw, Ava Stephens and Jonah Stephens represented Dominic College at Mass with His Grace to celebrate Social Justice Sunday. Thank you to Hannah, Ava and Jonah for representing Dominic College with pride!



Left, Ava, Jonah and Hannah with His Grace at Mass to recognise Justice Sunday. Below, Ella being baptised with Holy water by Fr Lawrie Moate SDB.

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Ella's Baptism

Last Sunday Ella Freeman in Year 4 was baptised at St John's Church, after preparing for many weeks. Ella spoke with confidence and reverence when she made her commitment to



the Catholic Faith in front of the congregation.

Soctober

On Wednesday students from K-6 participated in a crazy sock day for a gold coin donation to raise money for the Catholic Children's Mission.

Soctober carries the slogan 'Sock it to poverty' and this year the money raised will go to help children trapped in the dangerous ghettos of Jamaica, and around the world.



Hawi, Jaxson, Laura, Bella, Ewan, Ryan, Fletcher, Laylah and Juliana wearing their crazy socks.

We raised over \$400 which is fantastic!

Miss Jacinta Keenan - K-6 Religious Education Coordinator

CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

Theatresports

The Theatresports House competition, 'THE SCRIPTLESS CUP', is now an entrenched event in the College calendar. This year there were over 60 students representing their houses.

Theatresports comprises a range of impro-based games which require mental and physical agility, nimble presentational skills and a willingness to make of fool of yourself.



The Year 7/8 competitors take stage.

The Year 7/8 and 9/10 comps rated very highly on the entertainment scale with many fine comic moments. The Senior Magic Moment was awarded to Barsha Thapa for a very unexpected response to a plea for medical help, and Meg Parkinson for her instant characterisation of the sun.



Left, Jackie Allsopp joins in with the Year 7-8 competition. Right, Barsha Thapa and Molly McGovern in action.

Although the competitive aspect is a bi-product of the event, where the focus is upon participation and celebration of student energy and spontaneity, there were overall awards for winning houses. Our esteemed and venerable judges, Mrs Guy, Mr Fenton and Mr Blake (senior comp) and Mr Brennan, Mrs Fraser and Miss Gysen for the junior comp were charged with the difficult task of adjudication.

By very short margins, GUZMAN and SAVIO were victorious in the Senior and Junior events respectively. Both teams received the coveted rubber chicken trophy and distributed the triumphant minties amongst their appreciative houses.

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

WHOLE COLLEGE NEWS

P&F Walkathon

As the Year 6 students were away on their Canberra trip on 26 September, their Walkathon took place early, on Wednesday 17 September. A special barbeque was cooked for them so they didn't miss out!

The students enjoyed the walk as they chatted to friends while completing the laps of the oval.

K-5 and 7-10 students then had a great day on the last day of Term 3 (with Footy Colours Day, too!) in their Walkathon around Tolosa Street Park and the grounds of Dominic College.



The barbeque was a big hit at the end of the walk with many returning for consecutive sausages. The drinks, chips and lollies were well supported and it was a day enjoyed by all.

The P&F wish to thank all the students for participation in this event and for their generosity in collecting donations. With money still coming in we have almost reached our target of \$7000. (This amount includes the sales of the drinks etc.)

The great news is that we are now able to purchase the three filtered water stations for the school. They will be installed as soon as possible.

This day would not have been possible without the assistance of the teachers and volunteers who gave their time on the stations and helping cook and serve the barbeque. The P&F wish to thank these people for their generosity.

The P&F have also received a cheque from the College this week for \$4042.58. This was the rebate from Officeworks for the online ordering of school books by the parents at start of school. This money will go towards the installation of the water stations.

Also support of CBA student banking has achieved a commission of \$449.89 being deposited to our account this quarter.

Mrs Sharon Cleland
Parents & Friends Community President

Class of 1978 reunion



The Year 10 Class of 1978 held their reunion Saturday 11 October, upstairs in Grantleigh, and 20 old scholars had an enjoyable catch-up, nibbles, photo and old newsletter sharing, and a tour of the school to see how it has been transformed.

The group plus others then descended upon Cooley's for a more organised dinner in the evening. Thanks very much Deb Lovell (nee Watson) and her friends who organised the event.



Music. Count Us In this year.

On Thursday 30 October, Dominic College is participating in *Music Count Us In*, where the students all sing a song they have been learning in class at the same time as half a million other students around Australia.

This year for the first time, Hobart is holding a public event to celebrate *Music Count Us In*, and this event will be on the Bellerive Boardwalk. Students from Year 1 – 6 will be attending.

There will be a concert starting at 11.00, where all participating schools will provide an item, then at 12.30 we will do a big count down to the main event, singing 'Paint You a Song'.

This will be led by the Rose Bay High School concert band and the Dominic College Combined Choirs.

John X will be comparing the event. Parents are warmly invited to attend - it is open to the public.

After the event, the students will then have a picnic lunch. Students will leave school on buses at 10.15am and will return to school by about 2.15pm.

Students have been learning the song in their Music lessons, but if parents would like them to sing it for some extra practice you can play it from www.musiccountusin.org.au

Ms Katherine Hewitt
Music Teacher

Birthdays this week

Dylan Branch	Indy Brideson	Jack Hurd	Ava Stephens
Mitchell Zielinski	Nicole Netherton	Jackson Dickson	Lucy Zogopoulos
Catherine Fletcher	Lily Bowerman	Fin Graham	William Brain
Sophie Rainbird	Josh Willson		



Dates to remember

Saturday 18 October	Year 7-10 SATIS Athletics Carnival, Domain
Tuesday 21 October	Year 7 2015 House Orientation Evening, Savio Centre - 7pm
Wednesday 22 October	K-6 Assembly, Dance Studio - 1.45pm-2.45pm
Thursday 23 October	Show Day Holiday
Friday 24 October	Holiday Break - Business Office closed
Monday 27 October	Year 3-6 Athletic Carnival, College Oval
Wednesday 29 October	Year 7-9 Assembly (Yr 9 Leadership speeches), Savio Centre 11.05am - 12pm
	Year K-2 Athletics Carnival, College Oval - 1pm - 3pm
Thursday 30 October	Music Count Us In, Bellerive Boardwalk - 11am
Friday 31 October	Year 7-10 Swimming Carnival, Hobart Aquatic Centre

A Midsummer's Night Dream, at the Creative Arts Festival

The Dominic College Creative Arts Festival, at the Salamanca Arts Centre from Thursday 6 November – Saturday 8 November 2014, will feature performances of Shakespeare's much loved, and most popular play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The production will be open to the public in the Peacock Theatre, Thursday and Friday night with a special matinee performance on the Saturday.

A Midsummer Night's Dream will be performed by students from Year 1 to Year 10. 'Dream' has it all: light humour, clever dialogue, deception, disguise, mistaken identity and plot twists and turns. You'll love it!

'When you take a child to 'Dream', they will remember it for the rest of their lives.'

Performance schedule:

Thursday 6 November 2014 7.30pm
Friday 7 November 2014 7.30pm
Saturday 8 November 2014 5.00pm

Ticketing:

Adults \$10.00
Children, students and concession \$5.00
Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children/students) \$25.00



To book go to the link on our website or www.dominic.tas.edu.au/creativeartsfestival

Quote of the week

"Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age and dreams last forever" **Walt Disney**