

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL &amp; RECTOR

28 March 2014

**Dear Friends**

This week was a momentous week in the Salesian family with the prayerful discernment and election of the tenth successor of our founder, Don Bosco.

Don Bosco's successor is known as the Rector Major. He is the superior of the Salesian Society, and the father and centre of unity of the Salesians.

**General Chapter of Salesians of Don Bosco**

The decision making process of electing our new Salesian leader, took place at the 27th General Chapter of Salesians held in Rome. Our own Provincial, Fr Greg Chambers SDB and Fr Bernie Graham SDB are currently attending this international gathering where vision, priorities and directions of the Salesian family are set.



On Tuesday, the Chapter elected our new Rector Major. Fr Ángel Fernández Artime SDB, a Spanish Salesian, who has most recently been Provincial of Southern Argentina, was announced as the next

successor to Don Bosco with great applause.

Last December, Fr Angel was appointed Provincial of the new province of Mary Help of Christians in his homeland – Spain.

Fr Ángel has a Doctorate in Pastoral Theology and a Licence in Philosophy and Pedagogy.

With a great affinity to youth and the poor and disadvantaged, all in the Dominic College community can warmly welcome Fr Angel as our new Rector Major. We send our care, love and support to Fr Angel in taking up this role.

**Thanksgiving to  
Fr Pascual  
Chavez Rector  
Major 2002-2014**

As our previous Rector General, Fr Pascual Chávez (Don Chávez) brings his tireless work



to conclusion, we hold deep gratitude in our hearts for his extraordinary service and commitment to children and young people locally and internationally since 2002.

We give particular thanks for his courage, leadership and vision.

**Ms Beth Gilligan - College Principal**

**Dear Friends**

Last week after the Student Leaders' Induction ceremony, the same Leaders from Years 7-10 were involved in a leadership training seminar.

I spoke to them about several pieces of advice Don Bosco gave to the Leaders in his school. That advice is very relevant also today – for parents, teachers and students:



- Always try to make yourself loved, rather than feared. Remember: *"Love is patient and kind, and puts up with everything!"*
- Allow others to get to know you, by spending time with them. Talk to them respectfully. Take every opportunity to meet others on a personal level, greet them, and make it a point to say a kind word to them.
- Be the first to do things, even at your own cost. Then you can ask others to do the same things; but never ask people to do things beyond their ability.
- Always let kind words and gentle manners prevail. Threats of revenge, anger and spitefulness, harshness and cruelty, should never be the way you deal with others.
- Do not correct others in the presence of their peers. Never humiliate others, especially in public. Do not embarrass others by exposing their faults, and making fun of them.
- If a person criticises you, be humble, accept the criticism graciously. Do not hold grudges in your heart; be quick to forgive. Put up with the faults of other people, even when they hurt!
- Give praise whenever you can. Use words of appreciation and encouragement. Speak well of others; or say nothing at all.
- To be a good leader does not consist in doing great things, but in doing small things with great love and generosity.
- Let nothing upset you. Trust in God: never get tired of doing good, and God will be with you.



I hope this advice will inspire all those who have a role of leadership in the College.

**Fr Frank Bertagnoli, SDB - Rector**

# FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

## Dear Families

I expect the K-6 students will have a great time at their Masquerade Disco tonight in the Savio Centre. And 7-10 students on Monday will vigorously compete and cheer on Monday at their House Athletics Carnival. Details of both these events can be found in this week's newsletter.



## A College tour this Saturday

Did you miss out on a Year 7-10 tour on Open Day? You can join in a tour of our Year 7-10 facilities this Saturday 29 March 2014, 2.00pm-3.15pm. Book your place on the tour now by emailing [enrolment@dominic.tas.edu.au](mailto:enrolment@dominic.tas.edu.au)

## Project Compassion



Archie is from the Philippines, and the threat of weather-related disasters such as typhoons meant his house was no longer a safe or secure place. Now living in a new home away from the flood-prone Plaridel River, Archie is able to resume his education and gain a sustainable income thanks to a livelihood program.

Your donation to Project Compassion enables families like Archie's to live happier and healthier lives.

## Harmony Day dance video

Harmony Day was celebrated last Friday 21 March across the College. 7-10 students assembled as the rain paused for a special Harmony Dance. The video looks great!. See it on Dominic Youtube: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hw-gLPnpMNI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hw-gLPnpMNI) or follow the link on our website under latest news.



## Congratulations, Old Scholar Ryan Mills

It is always a delight to hear news from Old Scholars and what they are doing. Last Friday we received news that Ryan Mills (Year 10 2011) was one of only nine Tasmanians accepted into the Officer Cadet Program at the Australian Defence Force Academy for 2014.

Ryan commenced at the Academy on 24 January 2014 and completed his initial training on 1 March 2014. Ryan is working towards an Arts Degree majoring in Indonesian Culture and Language enabling him to become an interpreter for the Australian Army.

The Dominic College community congratulates Ryan on this achievement and wishes him all the best for his future career in the Defence Force.

Ryan's mum, Melissa Mills took this photo of Ryan at the 'Chief of the Defence Force Parade'. Thank you Melissa for sharing.

## Don Bosco

Students may have noticed a fair bit of excitement yesterday. Trucks, forklifts, hooks, pulleys and teams of experts...



Our dear statue of Don Bosco has returned to the College and is displayed proudly in the foyer of the Br Peter Dezani Design Centre.

Fr Frank will fill you in on the whole story before the end of this term.



## Enrolment reminder

Kindergarten and Year 7 enrolment interviews are currently in progress. One of the interviews from last weekend is shown left.

There is a limited timeframe for these interviews. If you have a child for Kindergarten or Year 7 2015 and as yet have not submitted an enrolment form please do so immediately. Enrolment packs are available from the Business

Office in Grantleigh or available on the College website.

## Dominic to host OzBosco

Dominic College is busy with the final preparations for next weekend's highly anticipated OzBosco celebrations.

Over 150 students and teachers from across our Salesians schools on the mainland, along with our own leaders and old scholars from GYC, will descend on our College to participate in a weekend of Joy, Fun, Friends, Faith and Festivity, with special guest speakers, workshops, prayer and liturgy, group sessions, and a variety of recreational activities. Youth teams, students, youth leaders and anyone connected with the Salesians of Don Bosco will be arriving at our school next Friday.

We wish them all a warm welcome and a successful event; a full report will follow.

**Mrs Janine O'Hea - Deputy Principal**

# PASTORAL CARE NEWS

## Dear Parents, Guardians and Old Scholars

Today I have shared one of the information sheets with you from the *Kidsmatter* website, a fantastic source of help and advice for families and students.

More sheets can be found at [www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/information-sheets/information-sheet-index](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/information-sheets/information-sheet-index)



## Supporting children's confidence



Primary school children typically start out with high expectations. When they see how well they do things compared to others, their view of their own abilities often changes.

They learn that they are good at some things and not so good at others. They also see how other children and school staff respond to what they do. These things influence children's confidence in their abilities. They also influence how willing they are to have a go in situations where they feel unsure.

## How parents and carers can help

Confidence improves through building on small successes. Parents and carers (and school staff) can help by:

- explaining to children that skills develop with practice
- encouraging children to persist when they don't succeed straight away
- praising effort, persistence and improvement
- making sure that goals are achievable by breaking down large tasks or responsibilities into small steps
- being ready to help, without taking over.

## Dealing with disappointment

Everybody fails to achieve their goals sometimes. Parents and carers (and school staff) can help by:

- responding sympathetically and with encouragement
- helping children focus on what they can change to make things better, rather than thinking that the situation is unchangeable or that there is something wrong with them (eg "What can you try that might make that work better next time?")
- challenging 'I can't' thinking by showing and saying you believe in them and reminding them of what they have achieved.

Optimistic thinking recognises what has been achieved more than what is lacking. It looks at the glass as half-full rather than half-empty.

You can help children focus on their own effort and on achieving personal goals as the best way to measure success.

**Miss Katherine Hewitt**  
**K-6 Coordinator of Pastoral Care**

## Captain's Corner

At Dominic College this year we have been introduced to, and taken on "WotOpera".

WotOpera is a musical production led by the students, with the help of three talented instructors, Ben, Murray and Kate. All the ideas are brainstormed by the students to create a 20 minute musical. WotOpera is held every Friday at Dominic for four weeks.



On the first day the students did a warm-up activity called freeze-frame. Freeze-frame is where the students create a scenario in two groups. Each person has to be a different character and freeze in a position relevant to the scenario. Then everyone introduced themselves to one another.

The students were told what WotOpera is and where it came from. After this, the students got straight into brainstorming the story and the key ideas of the musical which are the name of the characters, personalities, occupation and the plot.

After all the ideas were suggested everyone got into five separate groups and were given two scenes to create the script for. We had to start writing straight away!



At the end, the instructors showed the students how the music was going to be written and then all the students had a go at singing parts of the script. That was Day 1. Day 2 today!

Photo credit: Bridget Elliot/WotOpera

**Alyssa Gesiotto**  
**Guzman Creative Arts Captain**

# LEARNING IN FOCUS

## K-6

### Early Years Maths Workshop

On Wednesday night the Early Years teachers held the first of our Parent Maths Workshops in the Dance Studio.

The number of Parents who came to the event was overwhelming and we had just over 70 participants.

There were two aims of the workshop. The first was to show some of the games and aids we use in our classrooms which can be used at home.

The second aim was to share the language we use in our classrooms as this is an important linking tool for our students to be able to use at home as well.

We are encouraging our students to confidently articulate their thinking and reasoning as this gives us more evidence of their understanding of the concepts studied. To be able to use this language at home provides them with more opportunities to “talk it out.”



The workshop had four areas to focus on Number in the Early Years. Resource packs consisted of games, dice, counters and number charts that can be used with the activities booklets also provided. The use of technology was also demonstrated with an iPad connected to the IWB showing some of the many Maths apps used across the Early Years to effectively reinforce concepts in a fun “colour-and-movement” visual way.



Our Early Years teachers are commended and thanked for the preparation and planning for the night and the presentation of their activities in such enthusiastic and engaging ways.

It was certainly an indication of the value we all place on developing our student’s understandings in as many ways as we can in an effort to cater to all learning styles.

The next Maths workshop will be in Week 7 in Term 2 and Years 3-6 will be the focus. Please look out for the RSVP slip and return date as we will also be making a resource pack for this workshop.

**Mrs Jane Doyle - K-6 Coordinator of T&L**



## 7-10

### Year 8 Religious Education

This term Year 8s have been learning about the historical and cultural context at the time Jesus lived. They learned about the various social groups, the geography of Palestine in the first century, languages, customs, politics and lifestyles.

They learnt that Jesus was a faithful Jew and that he would have observed the Jewish Law (Torah) and participated in Jewish religious festivals (just as Jews do to this day).

They expressed their understanding by constructing a travel brochure of Palestine for a tourist in the first century.



*Sona Sojan and her tourist brochure.*



### Year 10 Religious Education

Year 10s focussed on Church History this term, in particular how the Church has dealt with change in the last two thousand years. Students learned about such things as the impact of the Black Death on church and society in the 14th century, about Martin Luther and the



Reformation, and more recently, the first and second Vatican Councils.

Their major assessment task was a ‘Monk’s Journal’. Here students put themselves in the place of a medieval monk or nun and described such things as their daily routine, monastic vows, and the nature of the contemplative life – its purpose and function.

**Mr Tim Swan - RE Coordinator 7-10**

# SPORT NEWS

## K-6

### JSSATIS (Independent Schools) Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 26 March, 30 students represented Dominic in the Independent Swimming Carnival at the Domain.

The competition in this carnival was a lot stronger and Dominic students competed with great enthusiasm and determination.



*The Dominic Swimming team are all smiles after a hard day of competition at the JSSATIS Swimming Carnival.*



Many students recorded personal best

times (PBs) on the day which was a great thrill for participants.

Thomas Bennett was again our outstanding swimmer winning numerous ribbons for the day.

Congratulations to all swimmers on your effort and commitment over the Swimming Carnival period.

### Cricket

The 2013/14 Cricket season concluded in the past few weeks with all players having a wonderful time playing for Dominic College. In the picture below you can see our Year 3/4 team who received their participation certificates for their wonderful efforts.



*Year 3-4 Cricket team with certificates- Connor Steele, Jack Cassidy, Jacob Tarvydas, Tyler Duggan, Lucas Allen, Isaac Skinner, Logan Nagy, Xavier Combs, Jack Kalis, Samuel Anning, Jackson French and Connor Spangler proudly receive the 2013/14 Cricket Certificates for their excellent work this season.*

**Mr Cameron Golding - K-6 Sport Coordinator**

## 7-10

### SATIS Swimming

The state SATIS swimming carnival was held at the Hobart Aquatic Centre yesterday.

Thank you to all of the swimmers and the helpers who attended the day and represented the College with pride.

Final placings and results will be published in the next week or so.



### Athletics Carnival

Thank you to parents and family members who have offered to volunteer their time at the Carnival to be held this coming Monday 31 March.

I am still in need of another five or so volunteers, so please either email me in advance, or even just turn up at the Domain on the morning, and come and see me!

A reminder: the initial form sent home had incorrect information on travel arrangements in the morning: students are encouraged to make their own way to the Domain in the morning. If not possible, students may come to school first and catch a bus (the last bus will be leaving at 8.40am at the latest). The first event is scheduled to commence at 9.20am.



*8 Maroon team after their close win on Tuesday.*

### Basketball

The 8 Boys Maroon team won 36 to 35 on Tuesday night against SVC. With just 15 seconds left, SVC scored to go up by 1 point. Dominic pushed the ball and Daniel Warwarek scored the match winner with a single second remaining. Fantastic win! Well done boys!

### Sport next Monday

Upon the conclusion of the athletics carnival, Jackie (our bus driver) will be transporting both the soccer and volleyball players from the Domain, to their matches.

Upon arrival at the venues, Miss Cannell will be there to supervise the soccer players, and Mr Brennan will be with the volleyball players. The bus will depart the Domain at approximately 3pm.

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

# MISSION NEWS

## Year 8 and 9 Retreats

Last week the Year 9s, and this week the Year 8s attended a Retreat Day.

The day comprised a focus on “self”, “others” and “God”.

Students explored the impact even the smallest actions can have on someone and reflected on their own interactions with their peers and what they can learn from these. Students also



reflected on their own strengths and weaknesses as well as the qualities of students, staff and family that inspire them.

Jesus chose ordinary people to do His work, so we can too.

We all have inner gifts and talents to offer those around us. Each student was invited to write a letter to themselves about the type of person they want to be when they are by themselves, with friends and family and at school.



These letters were collected as part of the closing ritual. They will receive these letters when they graduate from Dominic College.

## Palm Sunday Pilgrimage

You are invited to join with people of all ages and from right around the state for the fifth Archdiocesan Palm Sunday Pilgrimage!

Starting at Kangaroo Bay, Bellerive there will be the 8km pilgrimage walk around the waterfront, across the Tasman Bridge into Hobart.

If you don't think you can make 8km walk, join us at the Concert & Family Fun Day to take part in the last leg – one big, police escorted, street procession through Hobart to St. Mary's Cathedral for Mass.

This day celebrates World Youth Day 2014, Palm Sunday and the Tasmanian Church! It is a day full of energy, fun, witness, faith and celebration! We need everyone from around the state there to make it the greatest celebration yet – students, staff, families, friends...EVERYONE!

**Mr Tim Swan - 7-10 Religious Education Teacher**



# CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

Rehearsals are well underway for the College Production for 2014, 'Talking Heads'. There will be 2 performances, Tuesday 8 April and Wednesday 9 April at 7pm in the school's much loved intimate space, The Little Theatre.

Tickets are free, but need to be booked through the 7-10 Office to ensure no-one is turned away at the door.



Shania Kava, at work on her monologue from SHIRLEY VALENTINE, by Willy Russell.

'Talking Heads' has rapidly become a tradition at Dominic College. This will be the third year students will engage with one of the most demanding of dramatic forms: the monologue. One performer, an audience and minimal theatrical decoration.

This year, the pieces are drawn from English, American and Australian writers. 'Talking Heads' will present a range of characters covering a selection of dramatic styles and forms.

Some are comic, others serious, but all are entertaining and stimulating. The evening is most suitable for Year 9 and Year 10 students, parents, friends and supporters.

The cast comprises 'Talking Heads' veterans such as Shania Kava making her third appearance in the College production, as well as students who are 'treading the boards' for the first time. It's looking like a great night.

**Brooke Burden, Year 10 Media Class.**



Credit: Bridget Elliot/ WotOpera

**WotOpera Week #1 - developing the theme and writing the libretto.**

Alyssa Gesiotto writes about the day in her Captain's Corner this week.



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

# WHOLE COLLEGE NEWS

## Parents and Friends News

Our second **P&F meeting** was held on 19 March to discuss traffic congestion.

Our guest speakers were Mr Dylan Chivers, Mr James Lambert and Mrs Janine O'Hea who discussed ways in which they can assist the flow of traffic, lack of car parking and inappropriate driver behaviour at peak times within the school.



They're working toward the master plan for the College but must take funding into consideration. A Traffic Engineer attended earlier in the day to look at cost effective ways to achieve this. Results will be available to parents soon.

Student safety was the major factor to consider ahead of parent inconvenience. It was noted any delays in the morning and afternoon lasted less than ten minutes and often these delays are caused by motorists not following the correct traffic procedures. It's understood that we all need to be a little tolerant towards new people entering the school who may be unaware of our road conduct.

In the morning, motorists are able to drive around Grantleigh before entering the drop-off zone in the K-4 car park. In the afternoon vehicles must go through the gravel car park before entering the pick-up zone. Please contact the business office for further information. Our guests would be very interested in any positive feedback parents have to contribute.

The P&F Committee and the Parent Representative Group have now amalgamated under the new name of the **Parents and Friends Community**. We felt this new name includes everyone better, as we are a community and all are welcome. Meetings will continue to be held on the third Wednesday of the month both in the morning and the evening.

**K-10 Easter Raffle** Easter is almost here and we are asking for donations of any Easter items. This year we are asking all students from K-10 to participate. Please send along your donations to the office or home room/classroom. Raffle tickets will be distributed to the students for sale soon.

The first meeting for this year's **Dominic Fair committee** will be held on Monday 31 March. Please contact Sharon Cleland on 0412 431 286 for details, if you would like to join in the creation of this great event.

The **K-6 Masquerade Disco** is being held tonight in the Savio Centre. All welcome to attend the barbeque between 5pm and 6pm selling sausages and hamburgers. The Disco door will open at 5.30pm and finish promptly at 8pm. Ticket sales will be available at the door. We hope you all have a great time at the disco!

**Mrs Sharon Cleland - President P&F Community**



## Moonah Taste of the World Festival

When: Sunday, 30 March

Where: Benjafield Park, Moonah

Time: 11am - 4pm

Why: To celebrate the amazing cultural diversity that makes up the Moonah community

What: Food, craft, entertainment

This will be the fourth year Dominic has taken part in this vibrant event. Our EAL (English as Another Language) teachers, Student Support teachers and students join in by making crafts from other cultures.

Our stall is always popular with children who attend the festival as they get to work with our students and produce a craft item to take home with them.

It is always wonderful to see so many Dominic students drop in and it is also a great time to catch up with old scholars. Drop in and make a lion mask or decorate a Japanese doll. Looking forward to seeing you there,

**Anna Cazaly, Leesa Maxwell and Barbara Baker**



## Forty years reunion

The Year 10 Class of 1974 is celebrating their 40th anniversary with a reunion to be held on Saturday 23 August 2014.

Old scholars will meet upstairs in Grantleigh (The White House) at 2pm for refreshments and reminiscences, plus a school tour of the College.

To make contact, for registration and more information please email the coordinator, Suzanne Healy (van de Kamp) [suzannevandekamp26@gmail.com](mailto:suzannevandekamp26@gmail.com)

## St Vincent de Paul Society shop

Maree Cole, from the St Vincent de Paul Society reports they are changing their Vinnies New Town shop into a Last Chance Clearance Shop. The grand opening of the new look shop will be Tuesday 15 April.

## Derwent Valley Festival Sunday 7 April

Some of our staff and students will be attending the Derwent Valley Festival Sunday 7 April for a Robotics Display. More news next week.

## Birthdays this week

Dana'e Rainsford  
Sarah Fitzpatrick  
Alex Wilson  
Amelie Gavan

Ruby Brown  
Stacie Young  
Holly Scott  
Bella Strang-Quin

Ella Fitzpatrick  
Erika Ledster  
Lauren Cash  
Chloe Bayliss

Libby Baker  
Alyssa Grealish  
Joel Bresnehan  
Jayden Price-Linnell



## Dates to remember

### TONIGHT

Sunday 30 March

Monday 31 March

Tuesday 1 April

Wednesday 2 April

Friday 4 to Sunday 6 April

Sunday 6 April

Tuesday 8-9 April

Wednesday 9 -10 April

**P&F Masquerade Disco, K-6 Savio Centre - 5.30pm-8pm**

Moonah Taste of the World Festival stall

Year 7-10 Athletics Carnival, Domain Athletic Centre

Year 7 Enrolments for 2015 close

DOSA Meeting, Grantleigh, 6pm

Year K-6 Lenten Liturgy

Dominic College hosts the OzBosco weekend

The Derwent Valley Festival - Dominic students, Robotics display

Talking Heads 2014 Performance, Little Theatre - 7pm

Year 5 Camp, Far South

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Saturday, 12 April	6.00pm Vigil Mass - St. John's
	Sunday, 13 April	8.30am Mass, - St. Monica's 10.00am Mass - St. John's
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	Thursday, 17 April	7.00pm Ritual Washing of the Feet and Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. John's
<b>Good Friday</b>	Friday, 18 April	10.00am Stations of the Cross - St. John's (Presented by GYC Students) 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion - St. John's
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	Saturday, 19 April	7.00pm Blessing of the Easter Fire and Vigil Mass - St. John's
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Sunday, 20 April	8.30am Mass - St. Monica's
		10.00am Mass - St. John's

## Quote of the week

The greatest deception, and the deepest source of unhappiness,  
is the illusion of finding life by excluding God,  
of finding freedom by excluding moral truths and personal responsibility. - **Blessed John Paul II**