



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

4 April 2014

Dear Friends

Working together for common goals is the foundation of a strong school-home partnership in our students' growth and development. It's also the key to building a great community here at Dominic College.

Parents, staff and students contribute to the College in many diverse ways to shape the culture of our school. Having a positive school climate built around partnership, care and belief in students is part of the strong fabric of a school community.

Gratitude to College volunteers

High levels of participation and volunteerism by school community members are indeed a characteristic of a positive school climate. People want to contribute because they want to make a difference and know that their contribution - no matter how big or small - does make a difference for others, as well as for themselves.

In the past fortnight alone, there have been numerous activities at the College marked by the participation of generous volunteers to whom we are most grateful.

Volunteer teachers and students, for example, manned our College Arts & Crafts stall at Moonah's *Taste of the World Festival*.



Our busy, fun tent for children and families at this local community event conveyed warmth and welcome from our school community.

Working in friendship and service

Our P&F recently held a Friday night K-6 disco in the Savio Centre. This could have only happened through the generous service of a host of parent and teacher volunteers.

The disco was a great example of how community volunteers can work together in friendship and service for a shared goal - the enjoyment of their children, their children's friends and all children in our K-6.



Parents Holly and Shane Pearl with Anne Lacey on the P&F Disco BBQ.



Without exception all those running the disco commented that working at the disco was an enjoyable experience of both giving and receiving. Those parents who supported the disco by bringing their children and staying for the evening are also part of enhancing our strong sense of community.



Kristy Gadd helping Year 2 in Mamma Margaret's Kitchen this week making fruit bake.

Mamma Margaret volunteers

Every K-6 session in our Mamma Margaret Kitchen program features generous parents, carers and grandparents working actively in the preparation and cooking of our dishes.

Individually and collectively, these volunteers are an essential element of not only running this hands-on nutrition and health program but are a force for a positive school climate.

Carnival volunteers

Every K-6 and 7-10 sports carnival held this year has been marked by the involvement of wonderful family volunteers.

All these events had a relaxed and happy atmosphere because of the commitment of our community members to sharing and helping each other out.

All of the research on what makes people happy, highlights their sense of worth and sense of value are deeply enhanced by developing and holding a generous heart and willing hands.



Parents, Kathryn Dare (left) and Femke Bridesson with our staff assisting at the 7-10 Athletics his week (above) and long-time volunteer Jackie Allsopp (right).



Ms Beth Gilligan - College Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Congratulations to students and staff in Bosco House on achieving yet another trophy. Your participation and sheer grit enabled you to be the outright winners at the Athletics Carnival on Monday.

I would also like to congratulate Guzman, Savio and Siena students for their excellent participation; you really pushed Bosco to perform at their best.



Also this week we have been very busy preparing for the arrival today of 150 students from Salesian Colleges around Australia. These students, along with 24 Dominic students, Old Scholars from GYC and teachers will spend the weekend at Dominic College participating in the Annual Salesian OzBosco Festival.

The weekend commences at 6.00pm tonight and concludes on Sunday at 2.30pm. All associated with this event are anticipating a hectic but invigorating time.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2014 are Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May.

These national tests will provide information on how students are progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level, as well as performance across the whole range of student abilities. The results will support improvements in teaching and learning for students.

Parents will receive an individual report that shows their child's results and a comparison of their child's performance against all other Australian students in their year level. The report will also indicate how their child performed in comparison to the national average and the levels of achievement expected at that year level.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9, the results from the 2014 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since they last participated in NAPLAN testing in 2012.

The best way you can assist your child is by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, including test samples, frequently asked questions, the test schedule and a parent information brochure, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: <http://www.nap.edu.au>

School Fee payments & other payments for interstate and/or overseas trips

A reminder: school fee payments and payments for interstate and/or overseas trips can be made via the College website.

To make a payment via this method please visit www.dominic.tas.edu.au and click on 'Make a Secure Payment' and select the relevant Biller Code from the drop down list and then complete the relevant details.

If paying school fees, your BPOINT reference number (the same as your Bpay reference number) can be obtained from the lower right hand front of your Fee Statement.

If making a Trip payment, please select the relevant Trip from the drop down list and ensure at least your name and your student's name are included in the relevant fields.

The minimum payment amount that can be processed is \$20.00 per transaction.

Should you have any queries or require assistance in using this method of payment please contact the Business Office on 6274 6000.



**Derwent Valley
Autumn Festival**
New Norfolk. April 6, 2014.

Robotics display

On Sunday Dominic College host a stall at the Derwent Valley Autumn Festival in New Norfolk.

Mrs Selina Kinne will be managing a Robotics display with students. Please drop in and say hello if you are visiting.

The Festival is on Sunday 6 April 10.00am–4.00pm on The Esplanade, New Norfolk.



National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2014

In 2008, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools.

The program is scheduled to continue in 2014 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 to be assessed using common national tests in Reading, Persuasive Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Tasmania have been participating in literacy and numeracy tests for a number of years, so there is familiarity with the test formats and the types of questions.

Mrs Janine O'Hea - Deputy Principal

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

The allure of calm

As we draw closer to the end of Term 1, I am reminded of how the term began.

A tangible feeling of calm appeared evident within the College Community, with excited students anticipating the new year ahead. Naturally as the term has progressed, there will have been challenges to face, disappointments to overcome, and milestones to reach.

As we know from experience, life will not always be smooth sailing and our children will learn from us how to respond when facing challenges.

Parenting expert Michael Grose, reflecting on the allure of calm, states *"if you want calm, less anxious kids you need to know how to be calm and relieve your own stresses."*

Steve Biddulph, another well-respected parenting expert and author of books such as *Raising Boys*, and *Raising Girls* wrote:

"Calmness is not a character trait, it's simply a skill. You have to decide if it matters. Then you practise it until it gradually becomes part of you. It benefits everyone around you – they feel comfortable in your presence. It's exactly what children need in a parent. And it benefits you too – with fewer stress hormones, you will live longer and feel better. It's well worth cultivating."

He further writes:

- Calm parenting is something to practice.
- Calmness is physiological. Slow your breathing. Drop your shoulders. Settle your muscles.
- Calmness is also psychological. Focus your thinking on what you are doing. Replace panic thoughts with rational thoughts. In an emergency, slow down to see what's needed.

Grose suggests

"if frantic is your default then replace it with calm, particularly when things go wrong. You and your kids will be so glad that you did. You'll respond better. You'll feel better. You'll work better too. And you'll parent better."

Perhaps we can cultivate the allure of calm together.

Mrs Karen Greatbatch
College Counsellor



Captain's Corner

On Monday 31 March, we held our annual Athletics Carnival at the Domain.

This day was full of cheerful and happy students along with very colourful and bright smiles. It is amazing to see how far the bar of participation has been raised throughout the whole community.

There were some excellent achievements made by many students, Tedros Gebrehiwot

broke the 1500m record and Adam Blackwell broke the javelin record which was outstanding.

Not only did these students do well but also the great amount of cheering which went on between the four houses (Savio, Bosco, Guzman and Siena) was great.

There were many new powerful cheers made.

It was good to see everyone getting involved - students enjoyed seeing many teachers in the 1500m.

Towards the end there were many tired faces after a big day, a big thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped out and a special thankyou to Mrs Millikan for organising such a great day.

Congratulations to everyone for the great participation and big congratulations to Bosco for coming in first place.



Overall results: 1st Bosco; 2nd Siena; 3rd Guzman; 4th (but very close...) Savio

Mekayla Burns - Savio Sports Captain



LEARNING IN FOCUS

K-6

Focus on Kinder

It has been a fun and exciting start to the school year for all of our very excited Kindergarten students.

We are establishing routines and enjoying all of the morning activities. We are all making great friends and are looking forward to lots of wonderful experiences throughout the year.



From top L-R: Evie Balmforth, Ellie Sproule and Seb Smith being creative. Students with the iPads in action. Experimenting with sand on the light table and Charli Geeves having fun!

Mrs Linda Douglas - Kinder Teacher

7-10

Being fit, healthy and active doesn't need to cost money ...and it can also be fun!

All HPE classes Years 7-10, by the end of this term, will have been to the Poimena Frisbee Golf Course in Austins Ferry for a round of Frisbee Golf.



This fun, but highly challenging sport allows students of all physical abilities to participate on an even playing field. Students can participate in a sport they may not usually be play and have a chance to see the range of recreational options we have around our school and surrounding suburbs.

Athletic Development

All three of our Athletic Development classes have participated in their first two major challenges for the year: the 6.5km run over Bellerive and Howrah beaches and the Mt Nelson stairs. Mr Davey, Ms Millikan and I were very impressed with the efforts of the students.



Both of these no-cost, no-equipment fitness options are extremely challenging for the fittest athletes among us and provide an opportunity to show our students how they can stay fit without the need to join a gym.

There will be further opportunities throughout the year for all of the classes to experience a lot more of these kinds of activities.

We also look forward to seeing the improvement that the students make when they complete both the beach run and the stairs again in Term 4.

Mrs Natalie Davey - Coordinator of HPE

SPORT NEWS

K-6

NSJSA Soccer Begins

This weekend sees the beginning of the NSJSA soccer season for 2014.

Dominic College has a strong tradition in the NSJSA roster and this year is no exception with over 100 students participating in teams this year.



Many of these players from 2013 will be looking forward to the 2014 season commencing this weekend.

In 2014 we have one Under 7 team, three Under 8 teams, two Under 9 teams, two Under 10 teams, an Under 11/12 team and an Under 12 team.

As you can see from the numbers Soccer continues to be the most popular sport for Year 2-6 students.

A huge thankyou to the following coaches for their support this season: Belinda Atkinson, Andrew Zielinski, Belinda and Tamiaka Flack, John and Mel Tarvydas, Shaun Wolfe, Rodney Tonks, Nadia Albertini, George Kalis, Tim Swan and Ian Wood.

There are also many parents who will umpire or manage teams this year so thank you for the support for our teams behind the scene.

Good luck to all teams in their first match this Saturday. Those who need another roster can obtain one from Mrs Street at the K-6 office.

Term 2 Netball

In Term 2 the Years 3/4 and 5/6 netball seasons commence for Dominic. There will be notices coming out to players in the next two weeks with information regarding the season.

I will be looking for umpires to help from Years 8-10 so school students who are interested in earning some money and helping out with umpiring please see Mr Golding.

Mr Cameron Golding - K-6 Sport Coordinator

7-10

House Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all who attended and participated in our carnival on Monday. It was one of our most successful carnivals, measured by student participation, of recent years.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the parents and volunteers who assisted on the day. Without the help of these people, the carnival would not run anywhere near as smoothly.

Congratulations to Adam Blackwell (Siena) who broke a record in the U/14 Javelin and to Tedros Gebrehiwot (Bosco) for breaking records in both the 800m and the 1500m events.



Above: Yr 10 boys taking a break between events. Left: The start of the U15 girls 100m race. Below: Trophy presentation this week.



Congratulations also, to Bosco House for being the winning house on the day!



Term 2 Sport Registrations

Registrations forms for Term 2 sports were handed out on Thursday. Any students who wish to play any of the listed Term 2 sports are required to return their nomination forms by this coming Monday (7 April).

Once again, I am calling out for parent supervisors and coaches for sport teams (particularly squash and water polo). If any parents or family members think that they may be able to assist in some way, please email me at nmillikan@dominic.tas.edu.au.

Ms Nicole Millikan - 7-10 Sport Coordinator

MISSION NEWS

Reconciliation in Year 5

As part of their Lenten Program, Year 5 students participated in reconciliation last week. As Lent is the season for growth and renewal reconciliation provides students with an opportunity to recognise their flaws and seek God's forgiveness so that they can grow closer to God.

Year 5 students are to be commended on how they approached reconciliation with maturity and reverence. Year 6 will take part in their reconciliation service next Tuesday 8 April at 11.15am.



Lenten ritual prayers

This week's Lenten ritual prayer was all about 'letting our light shine'. Year 5 students presented the Gospel story of when Jesus went up into the mountains to pray with

Peter, John and James. We were reminded that light is a sign that God is close to us and that we must carry the light of Jesus in our hearts. We shine it to other people in the way we live, the kind of friend we are, the things we say and do, and it tells other people about the God who loves THEM too.



Project Compassion

Week 4 of Lent brings you the story of Martina. The Solomon Islands are often threatened by weather-related disasters such as earthquakes, floods, tsunamis and cyclones. Martina is a primary school teacher, and is teaching her students how to stay safe during disasters, which often happen when they are away from their homes. Your donations to Project Compassion help to ensure the success of these education programs. Students are asked to return their Project Compassion boxes in Holy Week.

Holy Week Ritual Prayers

During Holy Week K-6 classes will participate in Ritual Prayers that retell the Easter story. All ritual prayers will commence at 1.45pm in the chapel. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Monday 14 April - Palm Sunday Prayer led by K-2 Classes

Tuesday 15 April - Washing of the Feet led by Year 3-4

Wednesday 16 April - Jesus' death and resurrection led by Year 5-6

Ms Jacinta Keenan
K-6 Religious Education Coordinator

CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

Focus on Oscar Parkinson

What's the piece you're performing in TALKING HEADS? *The Santa Land Diaries by David Sedaris. I play a disgruntled elf.*

How long have you been working on it? *We started on the monologue 5 weeks ago.*

Is it a challenge? *Yes, because in a normal play, there is usually someone else to work off and share the load. In a monologue you have to cue yourself. My technique for learning dialogue is firstly to understand what I'm saying and then forming it into blocks that can be sequenced and using triggers that can prompt the memory.*

How do you like performing in the Little Theatre? *I like working in the Little Theatre because it's small enough to direct the audience's attention where needed but not so small that it is restrictive. We use many different stage/audience configurations. It's a comfortable place to perform.*

What other Creative Arts pursuits are you involved in? *Music and recently I've also been dabbling in bit of, for lack of a better description, ballroom dancing.*

Come along and support Oscar and the rest of our dedicated cast of Talking Heads on Tuesday 8 April and Wednesday 9 April 7pm. Families, friends and supporters are always welcome in The Little Theatre.



Dominic College at the Theatre Royal

On Monday 14 April, 20 Year 9 and 10 students will 'tread the boards' of the Theatre Royal, Australia's oldest working theatre and one of its most beautiful.

Designed by Peter Degraeves, founder of Cascade Brewery, it opened in 1837. Countless leading figures of Australian and international theatre, dance and music have graced the Theatre Royal's stage. Among them are J.C. Williamson, Laurence Olivier, Vivien Leigh, Noel Coward, Jack Davey, Roy 'Mo' Rene, Sybil Thorndike Peter Ustinov, Marcel Marceau, Ruth Cracknell. . . the list goes on.

Dominic College is one of four schools who will perform original one-act operas on the evening. Tickets are \$10 and can be booked through the Theatre Royal Box office. Watching the process of developing the material has been fascinating.

Come along and support this exciting initiative.

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

WHOLE COLLEGE NEWS

Moonah taste of the World Festival

Thank you to all our wonderful teachers and students who came to help give a Taste of Dominic to the Moonah *Taste of the World Festival* on Sunday.

It's a vibrant community event with music, entertainment and lots of fantastic food.

Thankfully the weather was magnificent. Our animal masks were particularly popular and soon lots of little zebras, tigers etc. began to appear around the festival. The stamping and chalk drawing were also highly popular.

Mrs Fasnacht and Miss Brown were busy all day giving out balloons and show bags and chatting to many interested people about our wonderful school.

Thank you to Mrs Leesa Maxwell, Mrs Anna Cazaly, Sam Vaszocz and Emma Jackson who were busy all day with me, making wonderful crafts from around the world.



Mrs Barbara Baker
Individual Learning Coordinator K-10



State Netball

Good luck to the State 17 & under Netball Team who are competing in the National Netball Championships next week in Victoria.

The team includes Frances Di Carlo, Dominic College Vice-captain, in its mid-court line up and Alicia Sargent (Class of 2005, and College Registrar) as Assistant Coach.

Book your tickets for Talking Heads quickly

Come along and support our students. Friends and supporters are very welcome in the Little Theatre.



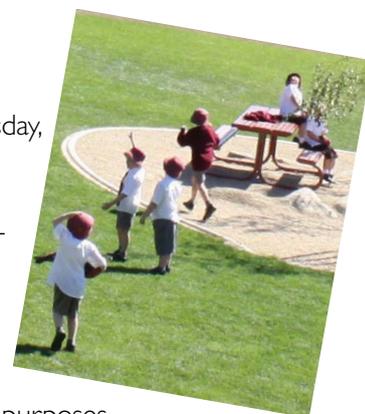
Look! Up in the sky!

Is it a bird? A plane?

No, it's an aerial camera on Tuesday, filming unique footage of the College from a bird's-eye view.



This footage will be used for promotional purposes on our website and visual displays for tours with the aim of showing how wonderful and expansive our College grounds really are.



Birthdays this week

Richard Ngendahayo
Sophie Ahern
Freya Rylands
Chloe Ackerley
Sophie Valentine

Isaac Murray
Jackson Smith
Erin Richards
Catherine Lenthall
Jasmine Taylor

Annalee Branch
Danielle Cross
Benjamin Scott
Chloe Howells
Marc Harvey



Dates to remember

Friday 4 to Sunday 6 April	Dominic College hosts the OzBosco weekend
Sunday 6 April	The Derwent Valley Festival - Dominic students, Robotics display
Tuesday 8 and Wed 9 April	Talking Heads 2014 Performance, Little Theatre - 7pm
Wednesday 9 April	Year 5 Camp, Far South Year K-6 Lenten Liturgy
Thursday 10 April	Year 5 Camp, far South Year 9 & 10 Reconciliation Liturgy
Monday 14 April	Year 7-10 Observance of Anzac Day, Chapel - 10am Palm Sunday Prayer led by K-2 Classes, Chapel - 1.45pm
Tuesday 15 April	Washing of the Feet led by Year 3-4

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	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
Holy Thursday	Thursday, 17 April	7.00pm Ritual Washing of the Feet and Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. John's
Good Friday	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
Holy Saturday	Saturday, 19 April	7.00pm Blessing of the Easter Fire and Vigil Mass - St. John's
Easter Sunday	Sunday, 20 April	8.30am Mass - St. Monica's 10.00am Mass - St. John's

Quote of the week

"The biggest mistake you can ever make is being too afraid to make one..."