



# St. Dominic's Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

19 June 2024 – Week 10

'WE SOAR LIKE THE EAGLE AND RISE TO THE CHALLENGE'

### Prayer

**Mark 4:26-34:**

Dear God,



Thank you for the wonderful stories Jesus told, especially the ones about how your kingdom grows. Help us to be patient like the farmer who waits for seeds to grow, trusting that you are always at work in our lives. Just like the tiny mustard seed grows into a big tree, may our faith in you grow stronger every day. Help us to learn from Jesus and spread your love to everyone around us.

Amen.

# Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Term two is quickly coming to a close and we have 7 school days left before the two week holidays. This term has been very busy with so many educational and sporting experiences happening for our children. The teachers have organised excursions and incursions to provide experiences that will enhance the work they are doing in the classroom. There have been many inter-school sporting events that our children have participated in and represented the school well. Tomorrow our AFL team and netball team will compete in the District Round Robin competition. Good luck to all the children who are representing the school.

Congratulations to the Grade 4 children who celebrated their First Communion on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The children were very well prepared and I thank the Grade 4 teachers for preparing the children and the staff who attended the sacrament and supported our families.

The art show will take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 4:30pm – 6:00pm. We will be having a sausage sizzle on during the evening selling sausages for \$2.00.

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June we will be having a casual clothes day and a sausage sizzle. Sausages will be on sale for \$2.00.

The school will be closed on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June for parent/teacher interviews. It is important that all parents make an appointment time to meet with their child's teacher.

It is important to treat all members of the St Dominic's Community with respect and dignity. Parents are examples for their children and must act accordingly. If you have a problem with another family, it must be directed to me. We must be patient with each other and show our children the importance of acceptance and inclusion. It is the responsibility of all of us to make St Dominic's a place where everyone is safe and respected.

School will finish for term two at 1:30 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families and staff for their support over the term. I will be on leave during term 3. I hope you have a peaceful and enjoyable holiday. I will see you in term 4.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

God bless!

Jeffrey Parker.

## **UPCOMING SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS:**

Thursday, June 27 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday, July 16 - Professional Development day for Teachers

Term 2 concludes: Friday, June 28 at 1.30pm.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM	WEEK	DATE	TIME	EVENT
	10	Thursday 20 June	9.00am-3.25pm	Year 1 Sovereign hill Excursion
		Friday 21 June	9.15am-3.10pm	AFL Clinic Incursion
	11	Monday 24 June	4.30pm – 6.00pm	Art Exhibition begins
		Wednesday, 26 June	1.30pm	Sausage Sizzle Lunch
		Thursday, 27 June	Closure Day	Parent/Teacher Interviews- <b>No School</b>
		Friday 28 June	1.30pm	<b>Term 2 concludes</b>

## 2024 Term Dates

Term 1: Wednesday 31st January, 2024 – Wednesday 27th March 2024

Term 2: Monday 15th April, 2024 – Friday 28th June, 2024

Term 3: Monday 15th July, 2024 – Friday 20th September, 2024

Term 4: Monday 7th October, 2024 – Friday 20th December, 2024

### SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

**Wednesday, June 26**

**Cost: \$2 each**

The Fundraising Committed have organised a Sausage Sizzle Lunch day on Wednesday, 26th June.



**MOBILE PHONES:** Children should only bring a mobile phone to school if it is necessary. Please turn them off and hand them in to the office where they will be locked away until the end of the school day. **Smart watches** are not allowed to be worn.

# SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



*Please find below details regarding the sacramental program for St Dominic's Catholic Primary School. If you would like your child to participate in this sacramental program, they must be baptised. Please contact the school and ask to speak to Michael Marasco for further details.*

*All dates listed below are part of the sacramental program and therefore attendance is mandatory for those children wishing to be part of the sacramental program:*

## Sacrament of Confirmation - Grade Sixes

**Saturday 3rd and 4th August** - Presentation Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please attend one of the weekend Masses (Saturday 6 PM, Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM). Mass held at St Catherine of Siena Church (108 Bulmans Rd, Melton West). During the Mass, Father will ask the candidates to stand up and present their sacrament enrolment forms.

**Wednesday 21st August** - Sacrament of Confirmation family workshop. Event held at St Dominic's Catholic Primary School. Families are invited to learn about the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please be in attendance with the candidate for the duration of the event.

**Saturday 31st August** - Sacrament of Confirmation. Mass held at St Catherine of Siena in Melton West. Mass begins at 11 AM. Gates opened at 10:30 AM, please be seated at least 15 minutes prior to the Mass beginning.

## **Positive Behaviour Learning**

We are reaching out to emphasise our commitment to promoting physical aggression awareness and peaceful conflict resolution within our school community. We maintain a zero-tolerance policy towards violence and aggression, prioritising the safety and well-being of all students. It's crucial for families to engage in conversations with their children about appropriate behaviour and empathy, while we implement various initiatives such as classroom discussions, workshops, peer mediation programs, and counselling services to equip students with the necessary skills to manage conflicts peacefully and responsibly. Together, through education and open dialogue, we strive to create a safe and supportive environment where all members feel respected and valued.

# ST DOMINIC'S ART EXHIBITION OPENING NIGHT

**24 JUNE,  
2024**

**ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY,  
CHURCH ST MELTON**

**4:30 - 6PM**



**Musical performances**



**Sausage sizzle**



**Raffle with art prizes**

## Ascent Shoe-Lace Incursion

On Monday June 17th, our Prep - Grade Two students participated in a shoe-lacing incursion with Ascent Shoes. *This interactive, hands-on and fun-filled lesson, guided students through the nine steps of tying shoe laces. Each student also received their very own shoe-lace pencil case to take home to practice on their own!*



## Aspire Leadership Day

On Friday June 14th, the Year Six students participated in a leadership incursion. These activities were based on teamwork, leadership and captaincy. Jaime, the program director, went out of his way to show the Year Six students how to become great leaders, role models and followers. The activities were very effective and engaging as students bonded with unfamiliar faces through problem solving tasks, proving that *teamwork makes the dream work*. Some activities the children interacted in were knee tag, this is to help bond with someone unusual, triangle tag which was based on interaction with unfamiliar faces, keep the ball up which encouraged team work. Overall, this was a really fun experience for our school leaders.

Written by: Delta Bacon and Kee Kee Ling from 6A.



# Amazing examples of writing

In **5A** students have been learning how to create paragraphs that have figurative language from a story that they have been reading as a class.

The original paragraph that the class read was

**In the bustling town of Sunnyville, Sammy skipped down the cobblestone streets, his laughter ringing out like the chime of a bell on a bright summer's day. His heart danced with joy, painting the world around him in vibrant colors of happiness. He saw the abandoned house at the end of the lane, a shiver ran down his spine, and his smile faded. Squinting his eyes, he tiptoed closer, his once carefree spirit now tinged with a sense of adventure, as if the mysteries hidden within the old house were calling out to him.**

From this, the students in 5A changed and adapted these to create some amazing paragraphs. I hope you enjoy reading them. Well done Grade 5A. I am so proud of all your work. Regards Mr McCrory

1. On the island The Bluey Beach, Jennifer swam in the glossy clear water down the deep side of the ocean. Her face was filled up with happiness like a warm hug from a friend. Her heart fluttered with joy, painting the world around her with colourful rainbows in beautiful skies. She saw the inviting little cozy beach house at the end of the beach, a cheerful feeling of devouring delicious lollies rushed down her spine and her smile beamed from ear to ear. **Nyanriak**

2. In the big city of New Mars Bars, Duckling bolted down the cobblestone streets, her brain cells coming out of her head like a hurricane on a windy horrible day. Her heart dropped with sorrow, painting the world around her in blue shades of sadness. She saw the toasty welcoming house at the end of the Mars Bar Lane. A tremble of happiness ran down her spine, and her smile began to come up. Squinting her eyes, she tiptoed closer, her once carefree spirit now reappearing with a sense of adventure, as if the mysteries hidden within the Mars Bar house were calling out to her. **Logan**

3. In the humble village of Horsley Hills, Sir Jared rushed across the sparkling frozen lake on his horse Pedro, his battle cry as loud as the scream of a thousand, on the cold winter day. His heart was burning like a fireplace, as the mushers charged to him, with their rough, twisted, and howling husky dogs. Sir Jared shot his rifle and directly hit one of the husky dogs, causing it to fall harshly on the ice of the frozen lake.

Cracking the ice, to a point where if they moved they would fall into the endless ice cold lake and drown. But Sir Jared saw an old and broken fishing dock, with a piece of rope, which gave Sir Jared a good, yet risky plan. Pedro immediately broke the ice and started running as fast as he could, while the mushers got engulfed in the frozen ice.

Pedro and Sir Jared were rushing to the rope with a massive iceberg rushing behind them, as Sir Jared shot the plank holding the rope. Launching it to Sir Jared, letting him grip the rope with all his force and let him and Pedro escape the frozen lake. As Sir Jared was still full of the burning intensity of his adrenaline shooting through his body like a bullet.

Sir Jared then stood up feeling quite tired. Sir Jared and Pedro went back to the village to take a rest. After a long day of fighting mushers, he was very tired. **AJ**

4. In the small land of Lenore, Selena sprinted past the streets as fast as a cheetah zooming away from a predator. Her tears speeding away from her eyes knowing it was time to escape. Selena approached the door of secrets, a chamber of untold tales and stories. Mysteries waiting to be discovered. This was it, one look at the persuasive door and Selena couldn't resist the temptation. This door was calling to her. Selena's smile grew bigger with blind curiosity. Her hand reached out to push it open then suddenly the rusty and old leaves had risen and the door had sucked her in trapped with a curse to stay in there for 15 years. **Pari**

5. In the middle of the Milky Way down the cobblestone streets, her heart was set to go to planet Mars Bar just like her favorite superhero, Batman. Her jaw dropped with disappointment, painting the world with sadness. Her misery was difficult to hide. She saw the misery sliding out of her ears, mouth and nose. **Scarlett**

***6. In the big City of Ohio, Joe ran as fast as a cheese falling from the sky. He was crying blood from his eyes like there was a murderer on the loose with rain falling on his head. His heart felt like it stopped with pain painting the world red. He saw the burning hot Adoption center, he ran to get a closer look and as he walked his spine felt joy. Now coming back he ran to the new Adoption center who was calling him. Mason***

7. Magical Garden Gnome

In the quiet suburbs of WestBank, Amelia jogged down the cobblestone streets, she stepped in something unknown and stopped. Amelia looked down in disgust. She loudly cried out "WHY ME" then turned and ran back home in desperation of getting this off her shoe. She suddenly stopped in her tracks when she saw a house she had never noticed before.

8. The house looked so welcoming she was so tempted to approach the door. A smile quickly appeared on her face while she stood indulged in her thoughts. When she snapped back to reality she realized there was a garden gnome on the porch staring back at her blinking and signaling for her to come. Garden gnomes don't blink, or wave she thought to herself. So she cautiously approached and rang the doorbell. Yet no answer, so she began to walk away thinking why was the gnome waving her over if no one would answer. Amelia never forgot the feeling the house gave her, for the first time she felt safe and comfortable. **Josephina**

***9. In the large area of the Underworld, Joe flew across the dirty stone streets, his unreal scream coming out like a man getting stabbed in the middle of the night. His life flashed before his eyes, painting the world like a place from a nightmare. He saw the nice warm air coming from a house nearby at the end of the street. A small spurt of relief rushed through him and up his spine, and a smile slowly washed over his face. His eyes narrowed, he slowly sneaked up to the house, his never scared vibe starting to appear, but with a bit of adventure built in. Wondering what is inside, it was like the house was calling out to Joe, asking for him to uncover all the mysteries inside! Xavier***

10. In the bustling city of Newmore, Clara biked down the cobblestone street, her bike broke and she fell hard. She cried out like she had just seen a murder happen in real time. Her heart beat so fast she could hardly see with tears welling up. The sky was painted with shades of all kinds of colours, yellows, pinks, blues and purples. She saw her home and began to feel a tremble of joy run down her spine as her mum and dad came out of the house to see what happened. They ran over in a panic, seeing their little girl crying on the floor. Her smile once more came to life, squinting her eyes she tried to stand but she was as weak as a baby deer, her carefree spirit suddenly disappeared with a sense of pain, as she began to heal slowly over weeks and months. Her parents called out to her in the middle of the night to see if she was ok. **Charlotte**



### 11. Freeze's escape

In the massive palace, Freeze walked around desperately trying to fly away from Queen Burn. Her roar crying out like the howl of a wolf, on a cold, full moon night. Her talons stomping on the silky floors, as her freezing breath spread around the vast prison. Her heart sank to the cold floor as she constantly tried to escape, but failed because of the chains Burn had put on her wings. She started to lose hope, as the whole world around her, turned to nothing but pain and despair.

As she suffered, she almost broke through the chains, right as Burn walked up to her. She saw her walk up, but Burn was blurry in her eyes. A tremble of tears had already dried up by the time Burn came along.

Her jaw dropped as Burn opened the cell, pushing her out. A smile slowly started to appear, as she flew out into the open world. Her eyes unblurring, she started to fly closer to the warm sun, her once cautious, scared spirit, had now turned back into her fun, and adventurous spirit. She could smell a sense of mysterious beauty hidden behind the palace walls, in the air. She could hear dragons calling out from behind her, as she continued to fly up. **Mia**

### 12. Dark night

Through the sparkling village of Bloxburg lays Solana rattling down pebble by pebble through the cottages. Her laughter is like a beam of sunlight across the earth. As she continues skipping and rattling through the pebbly path she stumbles across the gate. Solana stops in fear, scared and frightened, looks up to see an abandoned deserted old hotel, colorful colors pop through the window, relief runs through her spine. Solana starts to traipse to the house her life can either go left or right. A strong heavy wind blows across her face painting her surroundings gray. Out of fear she bolts into the building with no second thought. Surprised to see an.....ARCADE! No wonder why there were no kids in the village anymore! **Piath**

13. In the big brutal arena of Brutal bastion Jonsey and Peely fought their way down to victory, their battle cries howl in the arena. Jonsey's heart pounding with adrenaline as he painted the walls with loot. Out of the corner of his eye, Peely saw Hades and Cerberus gliding across the sky with their guns drawn. Jonesy's joy quickly diminished as he realised the seriousness of the situation. As the storm closed in, they placed a launch pad and glided to the safety Slappy shores, laying their weapons down as they tried to rest their injured and exhausted bodies, resourcefully healing with the loot around them.

As the sun went down, unfamiliar noises howled through the night keeping Jonsey shaking in his boots, the dim light of the fireflies providing comfort. **Tyler**

14. In the small quite cottage of Lalaland, Luna ran down the cobblestones streets, her loud breathing like a big fan in the summer time her heart sank with fright, painting the world around her in colourful joy of happiness. She saw the cold, scary house at the end of her road, a quake of scareiness and dreadfulness went down her whole body, her smile started to fade away and it became a scared frown but a bit of adventure in Luna's eyes she squinted her eyes and put one foot in the book then another. Her excited and unique spirit was fading each time she stepped in that cold and scary house but she wasn't giving up as she was an adventurer, but she is curious and wondering what mysterious and memories this cold creepy house has hold **Savannah**



# SOAR



## Cooking with Miss Pirro / Sushi making with Sensei Stevens

Students continue to work hard to earn their SOAR rewards. Last week they enjoyed a cooking experience with Miss Pirro and Sensei Stevens. Students brought this experience with their SOAR tokens and had a great time with Miss Pirro and Sensei Stevens making biscuits, chocolate crackles, and Sushi. Thank you to Miss Pirro and Sensei Stevens for supporting our students to enjoy their cooking experience.

We continue to celebrate and reward students for demonstrating the school values of Safety, Optimism, Safety and Respect.



## SOAR Bracelet Making



<b>1 or 2 days a week absent from school does not seem like much but...</b>			
<b>If your child misses...</b>	<b>That equals...</b>	<b>Which is...</b>	<b>And over 13 years of schooling that's...</b>
<b>1 day per fortnight</b>	<b>20 days per year</b>	<b>4 weeks per year</b>	<b>Nearly 1.5 years</b>
<b>1 day per week</b>	<b>40 days per year</b>	<b>8 weeks per year</b>	<b>Over 2.5 years</b>
<b>2 days per week</b>	<b>80 days per year</b>	<b>16 weeks per year</b>	<b>Over 5 years</b>
<b>3 days per week</b>	<b>120 days per year</b>	<b>24 weeks per year</b>	<b>Over 8 years</b>

## **Online Safety**



We want to bring to your attention some concerning reports regarding our students' online activities. It has come to our notice that some students have been engaging in unsafe behaviours on various social media platforms such as TikTok, Snapchat, and Discord. It's important to note that most of these platforms have a minimum age requirement of 13 years, which our students are disregarding.

We urge all families to actively monitor their child's online activities. The eSafety Guide (<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-topics/esafety-guide>) offers valuable insights into the content and usage of various online apps. We encourage you to familiarise yourselves with this resource and have open discussions with your child about their online behaviour and the expectations for interacting with others online.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued partnership in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students.



# *Winter appeal 2024*

## **WHAT TO DONATE TO A WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**

1



Sweaters

2



Jackets

3



Coats

4



Socks

5



Boots

6



Hats

7



Gloves

8



Scarves

**Help keep our community warm this winter.**  
Please donate warm clothes to the school on  
Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, 2024.

AFL

PLAY

FOR  
the  
KICKS

come  
find your  
awesome

## MELTON MID-WEEK AUSKICK

MacPherson Park, Toolern Vale  
Wednesday's 5pm-6pm

Beginning 19/06/2024



play.afl/auskick



Scan QR code to register, or visit:

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/8e01de>

## School Uniform

All children are expected to wear the prescribed school uniform and use the St. Dominic's school bag. Presentation in the correct uniform, with clean shoes and tidy hair, expresses pride and upholds the standards of the school. Please note runners are only to be worn on designated PE days. Parents are asked to send a note of explanation if a child is unable to wear the correct uniform. We ask that students do not wear nail polish or fake nails to school. All clothing has to be clearly marked with your child's name. Your full co-operation is sought on this matter. Children are being monitored and parents will be contacted by the principal if their child/ren are out of uniform regularly.

The specified uniform is:-

**Girls**            School dress (**Summer - Term 1 & 4**)  
Tartan pinafore/skirt or bottle green school pants (not track pants) (**Winter – Term 2 & 3**)  
White peter-pan collared shirt (with pinafore) or Red long sleeved polo shirt (with pant) (**Winter**)  
Bottle green v neck jumper / windcheater / bomber jacket - all with logo  
White or green socks (not ankle socks) – **bottle green tights**  
Black school shoes  
Hair ribbons - green, white or red  
School hat (with logo) - compulsory 1st & 4th Term - no other hats permitted  
School beanie - winter (optional) – no other beanies permitted  
School bag (with logo) - no other bags permitted

**Boys**            Grey shorts & red short sleeved polo shirt (**Summer - Term 1 & 4**)  
Grey school pants (not cord) & red long sleeved polo top (**Winter – Term 2 & 3**)  
Bottle green v neck jumper / windcheater / bomber jacket - all with logo  
Grey socks (not ankle socks)  
Black school shoes  
School hat (with logo) - compulsory 1st & 4th Term - no other hats permitted  
School beanie – winter (optional) – no other beanies permitted  
School bag (with logo) - no other bags permitted

**Please note that school hats are compulsory in 1st and 4th Terms. Children will be asked to stay in the shade if they do not wear their school hat during recess, P.E. lessons or sport activities.**

### **Physical Education**

Children are to wear the sports uniform for the day when they have their allocated P.E. lesson. Sports uniform is as follows for Girls and Boys:

Bottle green school track pant  
Black unisex sports shorts (Summer) - **no bike shorts or leggings**  
Red polo shirt  
White sports socks  
School Hat with logo - compulsory for Term 1 & 4 - no other hats permitted

**Runners (proper runners not flat sneakers) are ONLY to be worn with Sport uniform on PE days only. White or black runners are preferred.**

### **JEWELLERY / ADORNMENTS**

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery to school. This includes rings, necklaces and bracelets. While the wearing of small studs or sleepers is allowed, parents / guardians and students should be aware that these may present a risk of injury to the wearer. Watches are permissible (**no smart watches**). The school takes no responsibility for any lost items.

Nail polish or fake nails are **NOT** permissible. Hair should **NOT** be beaded and all long hair **tied up**.

**Please note:** Children are permitted to wear their own coat to and from school but is to be removed once inside the school building.

**Beanies (winter only):** ONLY school beanies are permitted to be worn outside. No beanies inside the school building.



# YEAR 7 2026 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2026 at St Francis Catholic College are now open.

You can apply online at [www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/enrolment](http://www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/enrolment)

Applications close on Friday 16 August 2024.



**St Francis**  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



We welcome you to join one of our College tours. Reserve your place at [www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/college-tour](http://www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/college-tour)



THE GAR ON GRAHAM



GAP

# COSTUME JUNIOR DISCO

FRIDAY  
28TH  
JUNE 2024  
6-8 PM

Prizes for the  
best costumes

\$5 PER  
CHILD

FOR  
CHILDREN  
AGED 5-12

CAFE OPEN  
CASH ONLY!!

5 Graham Street  
Melton

PRE PURCHASE TICKETS THROUGH TRYBOOKING  
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CRDRF](https://www.trybooking.com/CRDRF)

For assistance with bookings  
please contact 0414 769 605

