



# St. Dominic's Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

5 June 2024 – Week 8

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

### Prayer

God, as we near the end of this term, we gather to express gratitude for the journey we've shared. Grant us the strength to navigate these final days with resilience and grace, keeping the safety of our community in mind. Help us remain optimistic, facing challenges with hope and determination. Guide us to treat each other with acceptance and respect, honouring our differences. Bless us with harmony as we look ahead to the future. Amen.

Amen.



### 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.

# Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Winter is here and with the cold weather comes sickness that impacts our staff and students. With the staffing situation as it is, it is very difficult to find emergency teachers to fill the void. In some cases, we have had to split classes as we are unable to get staff to teach them. Splitting classes is not ideal but on some days, it's our only and last option. If a class is split, the children are provided with work from their classroom teacher to complete during the day.

Last Wednesday Mr. Marasco facilitated a First Communion information night for parents and the Grade 4 students. The night was well attended and I thank all the parents for being here and supporting the school. The night provided opportunities for families and their children to reflect on the sacrament and to learn more about it. I thank Mr. Marasco and the Grade 4 teachers for preparing the children for the Sacrament. The Grade 4 children will be celebrating their First Communion on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. I would like to wish all the children the best of luck as they continue their sacramental journey.

Enrolments for Prep 2025 will close this week. If you have a child commencing Prep next year, can you complete the enrolment form and return it to the school by Friday. Having numbers early helps us to plan for next year.

Congratulations to those children who represented the school at the Cross Country last Thursday. All the children ran well and were great ambassadors for our school.

Please follow the road rules when dropping off and picking up your children. The rules are put in place to keep everyone safe. Children should not be crossing the road without adult supervision. The last thing we need at St Dominic's is to have someone injured because rules have not been followed.

I will be taking leave next term and will be back at the start of term 4. While I am away Mrs. Smakman will be acting principal.

The school is closed next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June for the King's birthday.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

God bless!

Jeff Parker  
Principal

## UPCOMING SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS:

Thursday, June 27 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday, July 16 - Professional Development day for Teachers



## **SPECIAL LUNCH DAY**

**Wednesday, June 26**

**Cost: \$2 each**

The Fundraising Committed have organised a Sausage Sizzle Lunch day on Wednesday, 26th June. Students are to bring \$2 on the day.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM	WEEK	DATE	TIME	EVENT
	8	Friday 7 June	9.00am-10.00am	Feast of Sacred Heart Mass
	9	Monday 10 June		Monarch's Birthday— <b>No School</b>
	10	Friday 21 June	9.15am-3.10pm	Year Prep–4 AFL Clinic Incursion
	11	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

### ILLNESS

If your child is unwell it is important that they stay at home to recover. It is a legal requirement that Parents contact the school to report an absence. Parent's can report an absence through the SIMON app or the student absentee line - call 9743 6225 and press option 1.

**MEDICATION:** Parents must fill out a medication form / parent note before any staff will be allowed to administer medication to your child/ren. All medication must be handed into the office in the original box with your child's name. Forms are available at the office. **Students with Anaphylaxis, Asthma or Allergies must have a medical plan signed by your child's doctor which must be updated yearly AND when changes occur.**

**It would be appreciated if families could donate a box of tissues as we head into the winter months.**



Please return all 2025 Enrolment Applications this week. Interviews will be held next week.

**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 First Eucharist - Grade Fours

**Saturday 8th of June** - Sacrament of First Eucharist. 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.

## 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.

## P.E. NEWS - Cross Country

Ayak Mabiei has been amazing, she has been training herself and at school in the mornings and today Ayak participated in the Western Ranges Cross Country where she qualified to compete in the Cross Country in the West Metro Finals at Brimbank on June 20th. Congratulations to Ayak.

We had a number of students who did a great job on the day but just missed out to the next level. Thank you to the many parents who came to support us.



## Online Safety



Sophos Home. (2021). Keep Kids Safe Online [Image]. Retrieved from <https://home.sophos.com/sites/default/files/2021-12/keep-kids-safe-online.png>

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.



## Positive play on the playground

At St. Dominic's, we endeavour to provide our students with positive play experiences on the playground.

This week, we introduced our **Wellbeing Wagon**, a wagon that is wheeled out each recess and lunch with quiet passive activities our students may like to engage in. Activities include colouring, chalk, blocks, whiteboards, cars and fine motor activities.



This week also saw the introduction of Chess tables to our yard for students to use. A big thank you to the Eynesbury Men's Shed for making these for us. These tables are now a permanent fixture to our playground providing a space for our students to play chess at recess and lunchtime.



## 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.



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## MELTON & COBBLEBANK

# Let us help you enrol your child for 2026

## Wednesday 12 June

anytime between 2pm - 8pm

109-141 Bulmans Road, Melton West

Enter via Gate 4

Our staff and interpreters will be there to help you complete your application for both our campuses.

Please refer to the list of what to bring along.





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**When you come along to enrol please bring with you:**

- Your child's **birth certificate** (required).
- Your child's **Baptism certificate** (if applicable).
- **Immunisation** history statement
- **School report** (end of semester)
- Your child's most recent school reports and **NAPLAN** results (required)
- Your child's **passport** and **visa** (required if they were born overseas).
- **Court orders** including family court orders and intervention orders (if applicable). If both parents cannot sign the application, a Statutory Declaration must be provided stating the reason why.
- **Two** separate documents confirming your residential address (required).

**A non-refundable application fee (paid via credit card or EFT) of \$50 is required for each child.**

There will be Dinka, Arabic and Burmese interpreters (various dialects) available on-site to help families.

**Applications for Year 7 2026 close on Friday 16 August 2024**



# 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.



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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

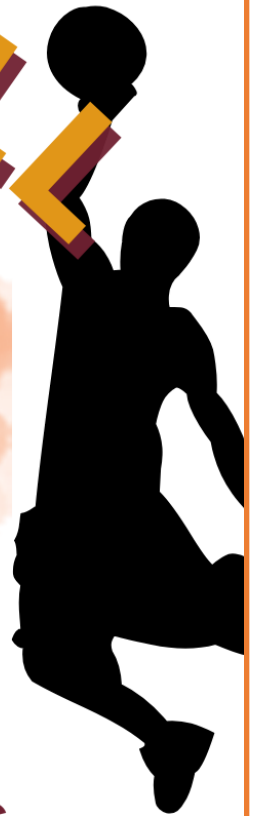
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please contact 0414 769 605





# BASKETBALL



O P E N   T R A I N I N G  
S E S S I O N S

Interested in trying Basketball?  
Melton Basketball is offering FREE  
training sessions for those wanting to  
try Basketball!

Where: Cobblebank Stadium

Ages: 6-10

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.45pm-4.30pm

NEW PLAYERS  
ONLY