



St. Dominic's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

21 August 2024 – Week 6

WE SOAR LIKE THE EAGLE AND RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Prayer

Feast of the Assumption



As we reflect on the recent Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us join together in prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We give thanks for the gift of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was assumed body and soul into heaven. Through her life, she exemplified faith, love, and obedience to Your will.

Mary, our Mother,

You were chosen by God to bear His only Son. With a humble heart, you accepted His will, trusting in His plan. We ask for your intercession today, that we too may embrace God's will in our lives, with the same trust and humility that you showed.

O Blessed Mother,

Guide our thoughts, words, and actions,
That they may reflect the love of your Son, Jesus.
Help us to grow in faith, hope, and charity,
And lead us ever closer to your Son,
Who is our Lord and Savior.

As we remember your Assumption, we pray for the grace to live as you did—faithful and devoted to God's call.

Amen.

Principal's Address

Dear Families,

I hope this message finds you well and that you are enjoying the school term as much as we are! The past couple of weeks have been brimming with exciting events and special moments here at school.

Over the past two weeks, our school has had the privilege of gathering for two meaningful Masses, each honouring important days in our Catholic tradition. We began by celebrating the Feast of St. Mary of the Cross, reflecting on St. Mary Mackillop's enduring legacy of education and compassion. The students' reverent participation made it a truly memorable occasion. Following this, we came together for the Feast of the Assumption, a time for deepening our communal faith through prayer and reflection. The students' engagement once again highlighted the strong bond that unites us as a faith-filled community.

Last Thursday we had 51 students from Year 3-6 participate in the MPSAA Athletics Carnival at Bridge Road, and what a day it was! The spirit of competition, teamwork, and sportsmanship was evident in every event. Our students gave their best effort, cheered each other on, and displayed tremendous determination and enthusiasm. It was a proud moment to see them represent our school with such pride and energy. Congratulations to all our athletes!

One of the standout days was our Anti-Bullying Day last Friday, where the school turned into a sea of purple! The energy was incredible as students and staff came together to promote kindness and respect. The conversations we had about standing up for one another were powerful, and it's clear that our students are committed to making our school a welcoming and safe space for everyone. On this day we also had a focus on Cyber Safety with our Year P-2 participating in a incursion. This provided some engaging activities across different year levels. It's so important that our students understand how to navigate the online world safely, and I was impressed with their enthusiasm and thoughtful participation. They're becoming real digital citizens! We look forward to welcoming this Cyber Safety incursion back to work with our year 3-6 cohort.

This week, we celebrated Book Week with a series of exciting events centred around this year's theme, "Reading is Magic." The highlight was Book Day, which truly lived up to its name. The school was buzzing with creativity as students and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters, filling the day with joy and imagination. It was a fantastic way to celebrate the magic of reading and to inspire a love of books in our students.

Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support and involvement in these activities. It's the strong partnership between home and school that makes these events so special and impactful for our students.

Looking forward to more wonderful weeks ahead!

Sarah Smackman
Deputy Principal

Volunteers needed

If any parent would like to volunteer their time for the Father's Day Stall and Footy Colours Day please leave your name at the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK	DATE	TIME	EVENT
6	Wednesday 21 August Friday 23 August	6.00pm	Prep Moving Stories Excursion Sacrament of Confirmation– Family Workshop Cyber safety Activities
7	Monday 26 August Tuesday 27 August Wednesday 28 August Friday 30 August Saturday 31 August	8.00am 11.00am	Teeth On Wheels Teeth On Wheels Father's Day Stall Father's Day Breakfast/Footy Day Sacrament of Confirmation
8	Wednesday 4 September Friday 6 September		MPSSA 5/6 Basketball – Cobblebank School Closure
9	Monday 9 September Tuesday 10 September Wednesday 11 September Thursday 12 September Friday 13 September		Teeth On Wheels Japanese Day Prep—GRUG Performance Excursion Prep Melton Library Visit R U OK Day Grade 3 Mad About Science Incursion
10	Wednesday 18 September Thursday 19 September Friday 20 September	2.30pm 6.00pm	Waste Education Incursion Whole School Assembly FOOTSTEPS Performance Last Day of Term - 1: 30pm finish

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2023 Annual Report is released

We're delighted to report on a year of indelible change, progress and material strides as we embarked on the first full year of our MACS2030 strategy.

Available via our website
macs.vic.edu.au

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

Wednesday 21st August - Sacrament of Confirmation family workshop. Event held at 6:00pm , St Dominic's Catholic Primary School Hall . 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.

Giving young people a fair go

The FairGo 4 Youth Fund is back. The program supports eligible young people aged 8 to 16-years-old to take part in local extra-curricular activities to improve physical and mental wellbeing.

Approved residents can submit one claim per financial year for a maximum of \$400. People living with disability can submit one claim for \$600.

Families can apply to register with dozens of sports including football, netball, cricket, tennis and activities such as dance, Scouts and fishing.

Applications are currently open for summer activities.

Applications for winter activities will open on 1 December.

For more information and to registration:

Visit the [Melton City Council Website](#)





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JAPANESE DAY - TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

On Tuesday 10th of September, St Dominic's will be celebrating Japanese language and culture.

Children will be participating in a variety of activities throughout the day and are encouraged to wear a touch of Japanese.

For example:

- Karate belt / headband
- Chopsticks in hair
- Red and white clothing
- Kimono
- Anime t-shirts / jumpers
- Sanrio t-shirts / jumpers