



St. Dominic's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

24 July 2024 – Week 2

WE SOAR LIKE THE EAGLE AND RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Prayer



Feast of St Joachim and St Anne

Loving God,

You have given us the great gift of family,
and on the upcoming feast of St Joachim and St Anne,
we recognise and celebrate the gift of grandparents.
Thank you for the wisdom and experience they bring,
for their guidance and love,
for the stories and traditions they pass down,
and for the unconditional support they offer.

Bless all grandparents with good health,
peace of mind, and the comfort of family.
Grant them the strength to continue to be sources of faith
and examples of your love.

May the example of St Joachim and St Anne inspire them
to remain steadfast in their faith,
always trusting in Your divine plan.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3! It was wonderful to see students return this week, and we look forward to a fantastic term ahead. This term has already begun with many exciting learning opportunities and experiences for our students and school community.

Last week, St Francis Catholic College graciously hosted 22 of our St Dominic's students for a full dress rehearsal of their production, "Rock of Ages." The students selected to attend have consistently demonstrated our SOAR values, and it was a delightful afternoon for all involved. The talent showcased at St. Francis was truly spectacular.

We also welcomed back our Footsteps incursion program last week, which will take place every Thursday for students from Prep to Year 6. Each week, students participate in a choreographed dance routine with a Footstep instructor. This program will culminate in a performance on Thursday, September 19th, at 6:00 PM, where students will showcase what they have learned.

Our Year 6 students recently enjoyed a specialist excursion to complement their studies in Japanese, Music, Visual Arts, and Physical Education. They had an eventful day, visiting the National Gallery of Victoria, experiencing music at Federation Square, having lunch at Chocolate Buddha (a Japanese restaurant), and exploring the MCG Sports Museum. This excursion provided a rich tapestry of experiences in each specialist area. This week, our Prep students will extend their learning outside the classroom with a community walk. They will explore High Street to learn more about the shops and services in the Melton area, including a visit to the local post office to send a letter to their families.

We also wish our Year 5/6 girls' soccer and netball teams all the best as they compete against other schools in the area. Their dedication and hard work are commendable, and we look forward to cheering them on.

Lastly, we are excited to celebrate Grandparents Day this Friday. We invite all grandparents and special guests to join us for a whole school mass at 9:00 AM. Morning tea will be provided afterward, and we welcome them to spend time with their grandchildren in classes concluding at 11:00 AM.

Here's to a wonderful Term 3 filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences!

Warm regards,

Sarah Smakman

Acting Principal

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM	WEEK	DATE	TIME	EVENT	
3	2	Wednesday 24 July Thursday 25 July	9.15am	Prep Local Community Walk Girls 5/6 Netball @ Macedon Rangers Grade 5 Mad about Science Incursion	
		Friday 26 July		Grandparents Mass	
	3	Friday 2 August	9.15am	Feast of St Dominic Mass	
	4	Tuesday 6 August Thursday 8 August	9.15am	Grade 6 Scienceworks Excursion St Mary of the Cross Feast Mass Prep 100 Days	
		Friday 9 August		Grade 3 NGV Excursion	
		Thursday 15 August		12.00pm 2.30pm	MPSSA Athletics @ Bridge Road Feast of the Assumption Whole School Assembly
	5	Friday 16 August		Anti Bullying Day– CASUAL DRESS Cyber safety Activities	
		Wednesday 21 August Friday 23 August	6.00pm	5/6 Basketball @ Cobblebank Stadium Prep Moving Stories Excursion Sacrament of Confirmation– Family Workshop Book Day Activities Cyber safety Activities	
	7	Monday 26 August Tuesday 27 August Wednesday 28 August	8.00am 11.00am	Teeth On Wheels Teeth On Wheels Father's Day Stall	
		Friday 30 August Saturday 31 August		Father's Day Breakfast/Footy Day Sacrament of Confirmation	
		Thursday 5 September Friday 6 September			MPSSA 3/4 Basketball – Cobblebank School Closure
		Monday 9 September Tuesday 10 September Wednesday 11 September Thursday 12 September			Teeth On Wheels Japanese Day Prep—GRUG Performance Excursion Prep Melton Library Visit R U OK Day
		Friday 13 September			Grade 3 Mad About Science Incursion
	10	Thursday 19 September	2.30pm 6.00pm	Whole School Assembly FOOTSTEPS Performance	

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.

Upcoming Feasts

We invite families in the community to be part of our upcoming School Masses:

Friday 26th of July at 9:15 AM	St Joachim and Ann, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass (Grandparents Mass)
Friday 2nd of August at 9:15 AM	Feast of St Dominic
Thursday 8th of August at 9:15 AM	Feast of St Mary of the Cross
Thursday 15th of August at 12:00 PM	Feast of the Assumption

Breakfast Club will commence Wednesday 31 July.

Breakfast will be available to students on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30am—8:40am.



8:30am – 10:00am

We welcome all families with preschool aged children to attend our school playgroup.

Session will be held in our school Library on the following dates;

Friday August 9

Friday August 16

Friday September 13

We hope to see you all at our next session

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.



Getting started with parental controls in social media, games and apps



Many social media sites, games and apps now come with parental controls. The eSafety Guide has advice on safety features that can be useful for parents and carers, including how to use the settings to protect personal information and report online abuse.

Here are some examples of the parental control features included in popular social media, games and apps.

Roblox

Roblox is a game creation platform that allows users to design games, play together and chat. Using built-in parental controls, parents can manage the way their children use the game. These features include a 'restricted' mode that prevents access to chat and inappropriate games.

Find out more about Roblox safety settings in [The eSafety Guide](#) or Roblox [account restrictions](#).

TikTok

TikTok is a social media app for creating and sharing short videos. TikTok has a feature called Family Pairing that allows parents to link their Tik Tok account to their teen's account. Family pairing lets parents set controls like how much time their child spends on TikTok, the content they can see and their privacy settings.

Find out more about TikTok's safety settings in the [The eSafety Guide](#) or TikTok [for parents](#).

YouTube Kids

YouTube Kids is a filtered version of YouTube. Parents can create a separate profile for each child in their household. YouTube Kids uses a mix of automated filters, human review and parent feedback to limit the content that kids can see on the platform. Parents can also manually approve videos for their kids to watch, block videos and set screen time limits.

Find out more about YouTube Kids in the [The eSafety Guide](#) or [YouTube Kids](#).

Facebook Messenger for Kids

Messenger Kids is a free video calling and messaging app owned by Facebook. Parents can monitor their child's activity and control their contact list using a Parent Dashboard. Parents can sign up on behalf of their child, and it doesn't require the child to have Facebook account. Messenger Kids does not show advertising or offer in-app purchases.

Find out more about Facebook Messenger for Kids in [The eSafety guide](#) or [Messenger Kids](#).

SPORT NEWS

Students at St Dominic had great fun doing NRL with coaches Jason and Nathan. The coaches came for the whole week so that all students had a session of Rugby with the coaches. There will also be other sessions after school from 3:30 to 4:30 for students who want to learn more about rugby and of course more fun. Parents can sign up from the flyer that was given to students or on the poster that Mr Tom has put around the school. If you need more help, please ask Mr Tom.



Footsteps

↓ **TIMETABLE** ↓

TIME	CLASS
9:00AM - 9:40AM	Grade 6
9:40AM - 10:20AM	Grade 1
10:20AM - 11:00AM	Grade 3
11:30AM - 12:10PM	Prep
12:10PM - 12:50PM	Grade 4
12:50PM - 1:30PM	Grade 5
2:30PM - 3:10PM	Grade 2

NAPLAN individual student report

Information for parents and carers

2024

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment undertaken by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is the only national assessment that all Australian children undertake. Literacy and numeracy skills are the critical foundation for all learning and for the ability to participate effectively in society. NAPLAN questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum in English and Mathematics.

NAPLAN tests are only one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process. As they are held once every 2 years for each student, they cannot replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. Your child's teacher will have the best insight into your child's educational progress. Along with other school assessment reports, NAPLAN individual student reports can be used to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

How does NAPLAN assess students?

NAPLAN tests are delivered online to schools across Australia. Online assessment presents questions tailored to an individual student's responses, delivering more precise results and an engaging test experience for students.

Questions in NAPLAN are based mostly on the literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills students have learnt from previous years of schooling. A few questions assess additional content from the year of testing and the following year. These questions have been designed so that they can be answered using strategies students have learnt in previous years. This ensures students of all abilities can show their capabilities.

Detailed information on the knowledge and skills being measured in NAPLAN is available at www.nap.edu.au.

New proficiency standards

From 2023, new standards were introduced to NAPLAN reporting. This reporting replaces the previous numerical NAPLAN reporting bands and national minimum standards. Education ministers agreed 2023 was the right time to introduce this change alongside moving NAPLAN to March.

Proficiency standards provide clear information on student achievement. They are set at a challenging but reasonable level expected for the child at the time of NAPLAN testing, based mainly on what has been taught in previous years of schooling.

There are 4 proficiency levels:

- **Exceeding:** The student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- **Strong:** The student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- **Developing:** The student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- **Needs additional support:** The student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

What NAPLAN assesses has not changed. Page 4 of the individual student report provides a more detailed summary about what students know and can do within each of the proficiency levels. Further information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

How were the proficiency levels determined?

Panels of expert teachers identified the levels of proficiency against learning expectations for each assessment area and year level. Parent and carer input on student reports was also provided through focus groups and national parent organisations.

EXCITING NEWS



Teeth on Wheels will be
visiting our School for
Dental Check-ups and
Oral Health Education!!



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YEAR 7 2026

ENROLMENTS DUE

FRIDAY 16 AUGUST

As demand for places is high, applications received after 16 August will be classed as late and may affect your ability to secure a position in Year 7 2026.



You can apply online for our Melton and Cobblebank campuses at www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/enrolment



St Francis
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

We welcome you to join one of our final campus tours for 2023.

Reserve your place at www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/college-tour



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ST DOMINIC'S PS MELTON TERM 3 AUSKICK CENTRE

Location: At School

Tuesday's 3.30-4.30pm (After School)

5 sessions beginning 13th August



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- Kindergarten Program
- Play-Based Learning



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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.