

# St. Dominic's Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

16 October 2024 – Term 4 Week 2

WE SOAR LIKE THE EAGLE AND RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

### Prayer



Heavenly Father,

As we celebrate the retirement of our parish priest, Father Michael, we give thanks for his dedicated service and the many ways he has enriched our community. We are grateful for his guidance, compassion, and unwavering faith.

We ask for Your blessings upon him in this new chapter of his life. Grant him peace, joy, and the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of his labour. May he continue to feel Your presence and guidance as he embarks on this journey.

Help us to carry forward the lessons he has taught us and the love he has shared. May we honour his legacy in all we do.

In Your name, we pray.  
Amen.

# Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to term four. I hope the holidays allowed you to spend some valuable time as a family. Term 3 was very busy and I would like to thank the staff, the Leadership Team, Mr. Marasco and Mrs. Smakman for all their hard work over the term. This term has started off well with all classrooms hitting the ground running. Term four is very busy and the children will be involved in so many exciting activities which will complement the work that is done in the classroom.

Last Monday the Prep children went to Puffing Billy and were able to experience what train travel was like a long time ago. From all accounts the children had a wonderful time and learnt so much about steam trains.

Yesterday our Grade 3/4 mixed and girl's rugby teams competed against other schools in the area. It was a fun day and both our teams were very competitive. On Friday our Grade 5/6 rugby teams will be competing against other schools in the district. The Grade 3 students are off to Scienceworks and the Grade 4 students are off to the Art Centre on Friday.

Our swimming program has commenced with the Grade 2 and Grade 5 children swimming this week and next week. The rest of the Grades will begin their program over the next few weeks. Swimming is an important component of the school curriculum and all children are expected to participate. Unfortunately, swimming has been cancelled due to lack of swimming staff. There will be make up sessions later this year.

Father Michael has officially retired and will celebrate his final masses this weekend. The staff and families have been asked to attend the 11:00 pm mass on Sunday to say goodbye to Father Michael. Father Michael has been the parish priest of Melton for 23 years and in that time he has worked tirelessly for the people of Melton. Father Michael has been instrumental in developing Catholic Education in Melton and is responsible for the establishment of St Catherine's school and church. His latest project was the building and development of St Francis College in Cobblebank. I personally would like to thank Father Michael for his commitment and dedication to the people of Melton.

The school will be closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, the day before Melbourne Cup day. Also, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November is a testing day and the school will only be open for those children who are booked in for testing. The testing days are very important for our school as the data gathered gives us an indication of the growth made by children and the effectiveness of our teaching programs.

We will be having an assembly tomorrow at 2:30pm. All parents are invited to attend.

Jeffrey Parker.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

| WEEK      | DATE  | TIME   | EVENT  |
|-----------|---|--|--|
| <b>2</b>  | Friday 18 October   | 9.15am   | Year 5 Class Mass<br>Year 3 Scienceworks Excursion<br>Year 4 Art Centre Excursion  |
| <b>3</b>  | Thursday 24 October<br>Friday 25 October  |  | Year 5 Lady Northcote Camp<br>Year 5 students return   |
| <b>4</b>  | Friday 1 November   |  | Prep Orientation Sessions  |
| <b>5</b>  | Monday 4 November<br>Tuesday 5 November<br>Wednesday 6 November<br>Friday 8 November    | 9:15 -10:00 am                                       | <b>School Closure</b><br><b>Melbourne Cup Holiday</b><br><b>Testing Day</b><br>Year 2 Class Mass<br>Prep Orientation Sessions      |
| <b>6</b>  | Monday 11 November<br>Tuesday 12 November<br>Thursday 14 November<br>Friday 15 November | 10:45- 11:00 am<br><br>9:15am-10:00am                | Remembrance Day Prayer Service<br><b>Testing Day</b><br>Year 3/4 District Soccer<br>Year 1 Class Mass<br>Prep Orientation Sessions |
| <b>7</b>  | Friday 22 November  | 9:15am-10:00am                                       | Prep Orientation Sessions<br>Prep Class Mass   |
| <b>8</b>  | Friday 29 November  | 9:15am-10:00am                                       | Prep Orientation Sessions<br>Year 6 Class Mass<br>School Fete  |
| <b>9</b>  | Friday 6 December   | 9:15am-10:00am                                       | Prep Orientation and Parent<br>information session<br>Year 5 Class Mass  |
| <b>10</b> | Thursday 12 December<br>Friday 13 December  | 5:30pm-7:00pm<br><br>9:15am-10:00am<br>6:00pm-7:00pm | Carols Evening<br>SOAR Reward Event<br>Year 6 - Big Day Out<br>Year 4 Class Mass<br>Graduation Mass                                |
| <b>11</b> | Monday 16 December<br>Tuesday 17 December   | 9:15am-10:00am<br><br>8:45am - 1:30 pm               | End of year prayer service<br>Report sent home<br>End of Term  |

# PLAYGROUP

The school playgroup will begin for Term 4 on Friday October 18th (8:30 - 10am) in the school library.

We welcome all families with preschool children to come along. It is a great opportunity to meet other school parents and for preschool children to become familiar in the school environment.

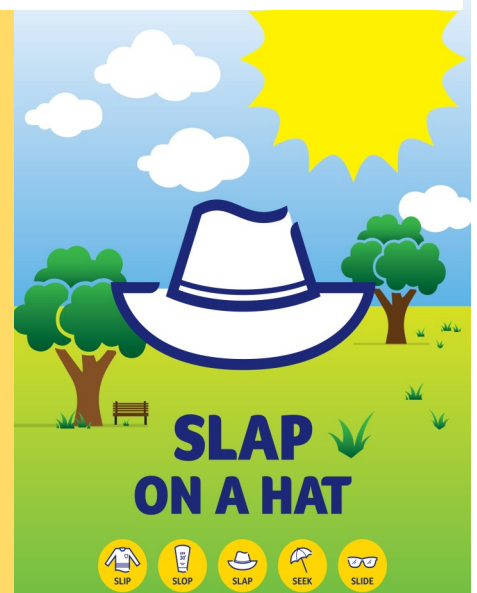
We hope to see you there!

Miss Hughes

WE ARE A SUNSMART SCHOOL

WE WEAR HATS IN TERM 4

\*Hats can be purchased from the school office for \$10 (cash only)

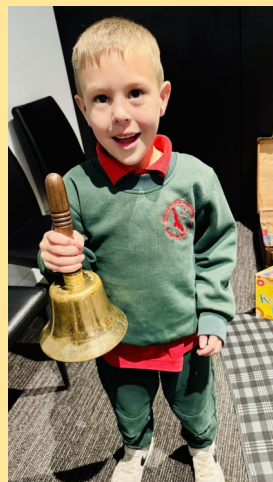


Thank you to our wonderful Parents and Friends Team for all their hard work! With the funds raised, the school has updated the games in the asphalt area. Students of all ages have been seen enjoying the games and it's great to see everyone having fun together.

Your support makes a real difference!



# Prep Puffing Billy Excursion



# VINNIES SOUP VANS STREET SERVICE MELTON



Soup Vans will continue its Street Service around Melton as follows;

## Tuesday

|               |   |
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| 6.00pm-7:00pm | Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre<br>Palmerston Street, Melton                |
| 7.00pm-7.45pm | Melton Station Square Shopping Centre<br>11-25 Station Street, Melton South |

## Thursday

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| 6.00pm-7:00pm | Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre<br>Palmerston Street, Melton |
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We provide non-perishable pantry items, toiletries, soup, sandwiches and hot food.

- Vinnies Welfare Assistance - 1800 305 330 (Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm)
- Opening Doors - 1800 825 955 (24 hour State Wide Support Crisis Accommodation)
- Lifeline (24 hour Crisis Counselling) - 13 11 14
- Safesteps Family Crisis Response (24 hour service) - 1800 015 188

## We are currently recruiting volunteers for our Melton Soup Van

Do you:

- ✓ Have a passion for giving a 'hand up' to individuals experiencing disadvantage?
- ✓ Love giving back to your local community?
- ✓ Enjoy engaging with people from all walks of life?

**What minimum age do I need to be?**

To attend and serve on the Soup Van Program you must be age 18 or over.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please email us at [soupvans@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:soupvans@svdp-vic.org.au) for more information, or sign up now using our QR code below:





READY-SET-CONNECT




# Hello, Melton!

**FREE NDIS  
NETWORKING EVENT**

 Wednesday 30/10/2024

 9:45 AM to 12:30 PM

 Cobblebank Stadium Ferris Rd,  
Melton South VIC

## WHO?

Support coordinators, support workers, people with disability, teachers, parents and carers are all welcome.

## WHY?

Get to know NDIS providers servicing your local area and boost your contacts in a fun and informative networking session.

## HOW?

Register at [onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect](https://onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect)

# JOIN US

## EVENT SPONSORS

