

St. Dominic's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

27 November 2024 – Term 4 Week 8

WE SOAR LIKE THE EAGLE AND RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

PRAYER



Loving God,

We thank You for the celebration of Christ the King,
reminding us that Jesus reigns with love and mercy.
As we move into Advent, help us to prepare our hearts
for His coming by waiting with hope, praying with faith,
and serving with love.

Bless our school community during this season of Advent.

May we grow in peace and kindness,
ready to welcome Christ at Christmas.

We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to week eight! The school year is quickly coming to an end and the saying is true, time flies when you are having fun! Including today there are only fifteen school days left for our children and eighteen for our staff. At the moment the teachers are putting together the class lists for next year. This is a very important process as the staff work really hard to make sure the classes are divided equally and that the students have a learning buddy with them as they move into the new school year. The children will find out their new class and new teacher on our orientation day on Tuesday 3rd December. It is important for parents to know that the children are allocated to a certain grade due to a number of factors. Therefore, it is impossible to change grades once the children have been allocated. Please have faith and trust in the school and know that your child has been allocated to a grade and teacher for a number of reasons.

Last Wednesday the Fundraising Committee held a sausage sizzle to raise money for the school. The parents and friends who helped out did an amazing job and I thank them for all their hard work. Thank you to Josie, Amber, Michelle, Laurie, Rachel and Halina a past grandparent.

The support of our parents is so important and again I thank all those who helped in preparing and working on the day.



On Thursday 21st November, I had the pleasure of attending the Outer North Western EAL Network where two of our staff members were presenting to a number of Catholic School teachers. Congratulations to Anna Takluem and Rose Mifsud who did an amazing job representing our school. We are doing some great things at St Dominic's and it is great to share the wonderful work that we are doing with other Catholic Schools.

On Friday 29th November the school will be having its mini fete where we work in conjunction with the fundraising team to provide an enjoyable experience for the children and their families. The fete will begin at 1:00 pm and conclude at 3:00 pm. All family members are welcome to attend.

At the end of this year we have some teachers leaving us and moving on to other schools. Miss Galea, Miss Jackson, Miss Spargo and Mrs Owen are taking up positions elsewhere and I would like to thank them for their contribution to our school and wish them the very best of luck for the future. Also, Mrs Boyd will be leaving us as she is going on maternity leave.

Enjoy the rest of the week.
Jeffrey Parker

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK	DATE	TIME	EVENT
8	Friday 29 November	9:15am-10:00am 9:15am-10:00am 1:00pm-3:00pm	Prep Orientation Sessions Year 4 Class Mass School Fete
9	Friday 6 December	9:15am-10:00am 9:15am-10:00am	Prep Orientation and Parent information session Year 3 / Year 1 Class Mass
10	Monday 9 December Thursday 12 December Friday 13 December	6:00pm-7:00pm 9:15am-10:00am 6:00pm-7:00pm	Year 2 Lake Dewar YMCA Excursion Carols Evening Whole school - End of year Mass SOAR Reward Event Year 6 - Big Day Out Graduation Mass
11	Monday 16 December Tuesday 17 December	8:45am - 1:30 pm	Report sent home via SIMON End of Term

2024 Term Dates

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

Term 4: Monday 7th October, 2024 – Wednesday 17th December, 2024



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 13 December

We hope to see you all at our next session

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony



On Friday the 13th of December, St Dominic's Primary School will be hosting the grade 6 graduation ceremony.

Details as follows:

When: Friday the 13th of December at 6:00 PM

Where: St Dominic's Primary School, Melton - Parish Hall

We look forward to seeing you all there and celebrating the wonderful journeys of our Grade 6 cohort in their primary schooling

MPSSA 3/4 SOCCER

On Thursday 14th November our 3/4 Soccer teams travelled to MacPhersons Park to compete against 8 other schools in the MPSSA 3/4 Soccer Day.

Our boys team finished on top in their pool. Unfortunately, they were narrowly beaten in the semi-final and finished the day in 3rd place. The girls team dominated the day from start to finish. Not conceding a goal and going on to win the tournament. Congratulations girls.

Well done to both our teams and a big thanks to the coaches on the day, Miss Chloe Vieth and Jasmine Vannuccini.



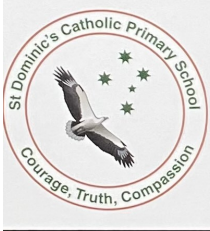
Library Books



As we approach the end of the year, please be aware that the process for returning outstanding library books has begun. Your child has been sent home with a list of any books that need to be returned.

We kindly ask that you return these items as soon as possible to ensure that all books are accounted for before the school year concludes.

Thank you for your cooperation!



SOAR



This week, students exchanged their SOAR Tokens for a fun and delicious donut decorating activity. What a sweet treat it was! They had a blast decorating their donuts, and even more fun indulging in their tasty creations afterward.



Uniform Donations

If you have any clean, old uniforms, please consider donating them to the school office. Your generous contributions will help other students in need.

Thank you!



CAFÉ NEWS

On Friday 22nd November, we celebrated all the amazing work our LSO's do for our school. We are so lucky to have such a caring group who come to work each day and make a real difference to the students, teachers and greater school community.

Thank you for everything you do.



John Kon, commUnity+ lawyer, wins prestigious award

Last night at VU Inaugural student leadership & Alumni awards, I was awarded 2024

Professional Achievement Alumni Award



Two decades ago, I came to Australia as a young person with full of dreams and aspirations, I was always told that education is a key to success and today, I have discovered that with education, you can unlock all your potentials to achieve the desired outcomes.

This award is a catalyst, it has ignited so many potentials and has inspired me to continue giving back to the community and to advocate for equitable access to justice.

Thanks to CommUnity Plus, Brimbank Melton CLC for their excellent contribution to my professional development, I am so grateful for their support.

I am incredibly honoured to be part of BMCLC. This recognition is dedicated to all my colleagues at BMCLC and Community+ for providing the opportunity to grow and to use my legal expertise for the betterment of our community. I am so grateful for this award, it has inspired me to look beyond and above the horizon, thanks to Victoria University for this prestigious award.

I congratulate all the finalists and other recipients of the awards for their immense contributions to our community in their respective fields. Thanks to all the amazing voters who took time to vote for me, your vote was well received with a good heart.

As VU Alumni, we are Ambassadors, we are given all the tools to contribute in changing the world and as we explore our endeavours, we must always remember to use all those skills to unlock every opportunity.

I am so indebted to all my family members (in Australia & Africa) & my friends for their contribution in shaping me to be who I am today. Special thanks to my wife, Jacki Kuol (Mama Yar) for attending the award ceremony last night, her support to my career achievement is remarkably appreciated.

Lastly, I feel blessed to receive this award and I am truly humbled and grateful to the almighty God!

#VU#Alumni Award #2024



If you are looking for opportunities to become involved in the work of BMCLC and commUnity+, check out our [volunteer page](#).

Image credit: Victoria University





St Dominic's School Fete

Guess how many!

Jumping Castles

Raffle Prizes

Sausage Sizzle



...and more!



All proceeds go to improving our school facilities.



Please send your child with money,
which will be exchanged for
tokens to use on the day.

1:00 - 3:00 PM | 29TH NOVEMBER | FREE ENTRY

St Dominic's Raffle

 Raffle Tickets \$2 each

WIN A SMALL SPIT ROASTER *and...*

- Heat Beads
- Charcoal BBQ Starter
- Firelighters
- Automatic Firelighter
- 3PCE BBQ Tool Set
- Meat Thermometer
- Citronella Candle
- Bunnings 10L Bucket
- Bunnings Hat



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St Dominic's Carols

We are excited to announce further details regarding our upcoming Carols Concert.

Please note the following:

Carols to take place on Thursday the **12th of December at 6:00- 7:00pm.**

Event to take place at St Dominic's Primary School, Melton, in the Parish Hall

We ask families to begin arriving at 5:45 PM from Gates 3 and 4.

When arriving, please send your child to their classroom. Students will stay with their class teacher for the duration of the event.

Students are asked to wear something festive.

