



St. Dominic's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

21 February 2024

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

I Will Turn



Lord, I will turn, Turn my face towards you. I will lay before you the desert areas I
hide and turn to soak in your refreshing words of life.

I will cast aside the barren, selfish pursuits and turn to rest in the tranquil warmth
of your love. I will draw back from the harsh pull of media and turn to bathe in the
gentle power of your Spirit.

Lord, today I turn my face towards you. I will turn to soak in your words of life, to
rest in the warmth of your love, and to bathe in the power of your Spirit.

Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Parent Teacher Interviews

On Tuesday 6th & 13th February, the school provided opportunities for parents/guardians to meet with their child's teacher to talk about their child. I thank all the parents/guardians for attending the meeting as the information obtained will help staff to cater for any needs that your child may have.

Lent

The season of Lent began last week on Ash Wednesday. Last Wednesday, Father Michael celebrated mass with the school community. It was great to see parents, relatives and parishioners in attendance. Lent is a time where we are called to fast, pray and give more to those in need. It is a time where we reflect on our lives and think of ways to become better people in our relationship with Christ, family members and work colleagues.

Year 6 Camp

The Grade 6 students are on their way to Camp Doga in Malmsbury. They should arrive at about 11:30 am and will return on Friday. I am sure all the children, and staff, will enjoy their time away from school as they participate in a range of exciting activities.

Assembly

Due to camp, assembly this week will be on Friday 23rd February at 2:40 pm. All parents, relatives and friends are welcome to attend. Principal awards will be given out and our SOAR raffle will be drawn. The SOAR raffle is a new initiative that has been introduced this year and children are eligible to enter by demonstrating the school SOAR values.

Reconciliation

The children in Grade 3 who are preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation, continue their sacramental journey by attending mass this weekend and being presented to the faith community. The children can attend any of the weekend masses. They will need to bring their completed sacramental enrolment form with them.

School Picnic

The school picnic will be held on Wednesday 13th March from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. The picnic is an opportunity for parents to get to know each other and also to get to know the staff in a relaxed environment.

School communication platform

There are still some families who haven't signed up to our communication platform called SIMON. All school information will be sent through SIMON so it is really important that you have access to the program. If you are having difficulties registering, we will be able to help you. Make time to come to the office and we will assist you.

Free Chairs

If anyone is interested in chairs for home, we have 7 plastic chairs looking for a new home. If you are interested, you can help yourself. The chairs are situated outside the bike shed.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

God bless!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM	WEEK	DATE	TIME	EVENT
1	4	Wednesday 21 February Thursday 22 February Friday 23 February	9:00-10:00am 2:40pm	Year 6 DOXA Camp depart Year 1 Waste Incursion Year 4 Class Mass Teeth on Wheels School Assembly Year 6 students return
	5	Friday 1 March	9:00-10:00am	Year 3 Class Mass
	6	Monday 4 March Friday 8 March	8:45am-3:25pm 9:00-10:00am	Prep students full time Year 6 Class Mass
	7	Wednesday 13 March Friday 15 March	5:00-7:00pm	NAPLAN begins St Dominic's picnic Year 2 Wild Action Incursion
	8	Friday 22 March		NAPLAN concludes Year 4 Class Mass
	9	Thursday 28 March		Term 1 concludes



STUDENTS WITH ANAPHYLAXIS, ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES

Parents of children with Anaphylaxis, Asthma and Allergies please make sure the office has an updated plan & medication is up to date. School must receive an updated plan yearly AND when there are changes made.



To assist your decision making in relation to your child's education for 2025 and beyond, please find below a link to the Feb 2024 edition of the Secondary Education Guide.

CLICK HERE:

<https://victoriaschoolguides.starcommunity.com.au/...>

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



Please find below details regarding the sacramental program for St Dominic's Catholic Primary. 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 Penance - Grade Threes

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th February - Presentation Mass for the Sacrament of Penance. 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 6th of March - Sacrament of Penance family workshop. Event held at St Dominic's Catholic Primary School. Families are invited to learn about the sacrament of penance. Please be in attendance with the candidate for the duration of the event.

Tuesday 19th of March - Sacrament of Penance. Ceremony held at St Catherine of Siena in Melton West. Ceremony begins at 7:00 PM. Gates opened at 6:30 PM, please be seated at least 15 minutes prior to the ceremony beginning.

Sacrament of First Eucharist - Grade Fours

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th May - Presentation Mass for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. 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 29th of May - Sacrament of First Eucharist family workshop. Event held at St Dominic's Catholic Primary School. Families are invited to learn about the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please be in attendance with the candidate for the duration of the event.

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.



日本語

Nihongo (Japanese) News



みなさん こんにちは MINASAN KONNICHIIWA
Hello Everyone. Welcome to 2024 Nihongo



We have started the year learning how New Year time is celebrated in Japan and how to say "Happy New Year, it's the year of the dragon".
Akemashite Omedetou. Tastsu doshi desu.
あけましておめでとう たつどしです
We have also learnt the 12 animals of the oriental zodiac.

Japanese lessons have been so much fun in our Japanese room this year.....



WILL CHU BE
MY VALENTINE?



Year 3 students were my valentine :)



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JAPANESE LEARNING TERM 1



Year 6 ema wishing plaques



Year 2 Year of the Dragon lanterns

Year 5 'kakizome' - New Year calligraphy
with our special parent helper Yuko





Grand opening
Tuesday
6/2 at Lunchtime



SOAR SHOP

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ST DOMINIC'S SOAR SHOP - Positive Behaviour For Learning

Over the past two weeks, we have had 95 customers (names below) at our SOAR shop, all spending their reward tokens for displaying our school values of **SAFETY**, **OPTIMISM**, **ACCEPTANCE** and **RESPECT**.



Our students have spent a total of

1,305 Tokens

What a fantastic effort !!

Jordan Jonathan Xavier Athie
Isa Elizabeth Riak Julia
Widase Yvaine Nyanriak
Ayok Madison Abuk
Chloe Ashton Yar Malo Siena
Nicola Lily Agerdit Aylee Benji
Hendrix Nina Yel Ava
Gopi Catherine Josiah
Helena Akoulkim Kee Tyler
Keth Luke Zaine Lacey Isabella Flynn
James Luca Robert
Mia Harry Hanah Olivia
Amelia Ayden Ayak Christina
Aberny Israel Maddison Delta
Ruby Gavin Annie Aiden

Happy Easter

**Once I saw the Easter Bunny
Come hop, hop, hop
So I cried, "dear bunny,
Will you stop, stop, stop?"
I ran to the window
To say, "how do you do?"
But he shook his fluffy tail
And said, Happy Easter to you**

Celebrate Easter with St Dominic's Primary School and please help support our school by purchasing some raffle tickets for \$1 each. Drawn March 25th

We are grateful for any donations towards the raffle, big or small, we appreciate them all.

Thank you

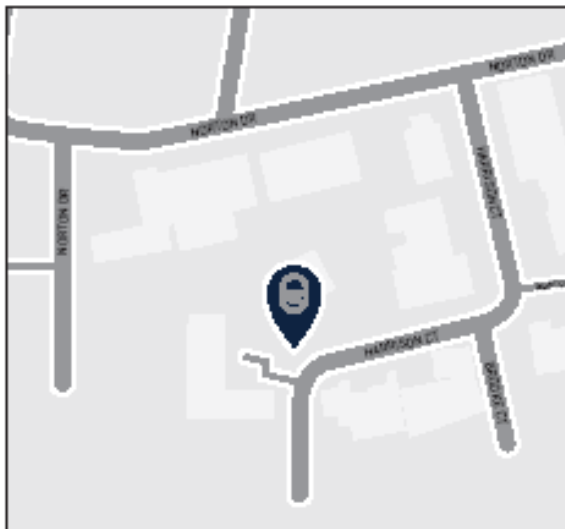




NEW STORE OPENING MELTON

4/18 Harrison Court, Melton.

Date: *September 14, 2023*



PSW & Academy Uniforms (divisions of The Uniform Group) are delighted to announce the opening of our new Melton store to be located at **4/18 Harrison Court, Melton.**

The new store will officially open for trade on **September 14, 2023**, with minimal or no disruption to trade during the move as we endeavour to avoid any disruptions to your communities shopping experience.

Our new store offers a completely new concept, look and experience for our customers, one that will enhance the service levels and deliver positive customer experience to all our schools.

Welcome to OSHClub

Let's go!

OSHClub pride ourselves on providing your children with fun, play-based learning experiences before and after school as well as during the school holidays. Whether your child attends OSHC daily or only occasionally, each visit is an exciting and engaging adventure!



Compelling programs

We'll empower your child to explore, navigate, experiment and engage in a diverse range of experiences.

Educators who care

Our educators will embrace your child's journey: caring deeply, thinking creatively and inspiring them to thrive.

Future ready

We focus on building knowledge, skills and behaviours that help prepare your child for whatever the future may hold.

Unified partnership

As an integral part of the school community, together we'll create a fun and engaging environment for your child to flourish.

Fabulous food

We fuel curious minds and growing bodies, helping to shape your child's understanding of health and wellness positively.

Peace of mind

You can be confident that your child is safe, happy and given every opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Enrolment and Booking

We offer an easy and uncomplicated free registration system using our online platform at www.oshclub.com.au or calling our Customer Service team on 1300 395 735.



- **PLEASE ENSURE STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS IN CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM:** The uniform shop is located at Unit 4/18 Harrison Court, Melton .
- **VISITORS:** All parents visiting the school during school hours for whatever reason **MUST** enter through the office, sign in and receive a visitors pass which must be worn throughout your visit. **You will need to enter your Working With Children Check number every time you sign in.** The office is available **8.45am** onwards to sign in. **Please do not walk through the corridors or onto the school grounds during the hours of 8.45am and 3.25pm.**
- **ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL:** Please remember that no-one is on yard duty before **8.30 a.m.** in the morning. We ask that your children **do not** arrive before this time and all students arrive by 8.45am. Before school care is run by OSHClub and available at Melton Primary School. Brochures available at the office.
- **LATE STUDENTS:** Children arriving after 8.45am are considered late arrivals. Please accompany them into the office and sign your children in on our Passtab system and collect a late pass.
- **ILL STUDENTS:** If your child is unwell it is important that they stay at home to recover. It is a legal requirement that a note (the app note is sufficient) or doctor's certificate is given to their teacher, once they return to school, stating the reason for the absence. All absences must be reported. Parents are asked to leave a message on the student absentee line. Call 9743 6225 and press option 1 or you can also alert the school of your child's absence through SIMON.
- **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.**
- **CARPARK SAFETY:** Parents and Children are asked **NOT TO ENTER OR EXIT THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK GATES**...this is of paramount importance if we are to keep you and your child safe.
- **MOBILE PHONES:** If children are bringing a mobile phone to school, please turn them off and hand them in to their teacher where they will be locked away until the end of the school day. **Smart watches** are not allowed to be worn.
- **START AND END OF DAY:** Children are reminded at the start and finish of the school day, they are not to walk through the office foyer unless they need to attend the office. All children must be collected from their classroom. At the end of the day The Grades upstairs will be brought down to the basketball court.
- **SCHOOL ENTRY GATE:** The gates are locked between the hours of 8.55am and 3.25pm. To enter the school during school hours enter through Gate 4 - push the button on the pad on the office gate **ONCE** and we will communicate with you through the pad and buzz you in. Sometimes the office is unmanned or we are attending to another matter, please wait a few minutes and if you do not get a response please call the school number on 9743 6225.
- **NOTES & MONEY:** When returning any forms and money to school, please remember to put it in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class, what the money is for and return it to your child's classroom. Please ask your child every day and check your child's school bag every day for any notes that have been sent home.



- **ROAD SAFETY:** Parents are reminded not to double park when picking up or dropping their child off at school. We also have strict speed limits in place and we urge parents to drive slowly and consider the safety of those around the school, in particular our children. When children need to cross the road they must use the school crossings even if accompanied by parents. It is all parents/carers responsibility to teach their child/ren road safety and to set a good example. This is of paramount importance to keep our children safe.
- **SCOOTERS/BIKES:** If riding a scooter to school, essential safety equipment includes a safety helmet (**mandatory**) and guards for the wrists, elbows and knees. All bike riders must wear a helmet. To keep children safe please teach your child road safety rules.
- **AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL:** Parents are reminded that school finishes at 3.25pm and children are dismissed at this time. Staff have meetings on most days after school and therefore miss important information if students are not picked up at this time. As we have our meetings commence at 3.30pm any remaining children will be taken into the office foyer. **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE PICKED UP BY 3.30PM. ANY LATER IS UNACCEPTABLE.** If you have a valid reason to be late please contact the office prior to 3pm.
- **BIRTHDAYS:** Due to sharing restrictions please do not send cakes to school to share with the class. Only lolly bags (all lollies must be in a wrapper) will be given out. Please be mindful of children in the classroom who have any allergies. Always check with the class teacher first. Please do not bring in any other food or drink.

School Timetable

8:45:	Start of school day
8:55:	Session 1 commences
10.50:	Supervised eating time
11.00:	Morning Recess
11.30:	End of Recess - Classes resume
1.30:	Supervised eating time
1.40:	Lunch play
2.20:	End of lunch - Classes resume
3.25:	Dismissal bell

Parish Of Melton Office

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Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm



Mass Times - St Dominic's

Thursday - Friday : 9.15am

Mass Times - St Catherine of Siena

Saturday Evening: 6.00pm

Sunday Morning: 9.00am & 11.00am

Sunday Evening: 5.00pm

w: www.melbcatholic.org/melton