



# St. Dominic's Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 2 February 5 2023

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

### Prayer

As we begin a new year, let us take time to reflect:

How can I be an advocate for hope this year? For myself? For others?



What are your hopes for this new school year?

Offer them to God in this quiet time of prayer.

Jesus, you are hope for the hopeless.

Jesus, you are hope for those who cannot see.

Jesus, you are hope for all who stumble and struggle.

Jesus, you are hope for others, you are hope for me.

Amen.

# Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to St Dominic's for what will be a very exciting 2024. I hope you had an enjoyable holiday and you were able to spend some quality time with your family. I would like to extend my welcome to the Prep children and their families and to all the new families who have enrolled in our school this year. I hope that their time at St Dominic's will be enjoyable and rewarding.

I would also like to welcome the new staff members who begin their journey at St Dominic's this year, Luke Lambert (Prep), Molly Dodd (Grade 2), Ann Heap (Grade 5), Kristina Jusup (Grade 5) and Sean Morris (Music). I wish them all the best for 2024 and beyond.

The school has appointed two Deputy Principal's to assist in the overall running of the school. Our new Deputy Principal's are Sarah Smakman and Michael Marasco. Both Sarah and Michael bring experience and knowledge to the role and both will be instrumental supporting the school. I would like to congratulate Sarah and Michael and wish them all the best as they take on this very important role.

Our Prep children started school this week and all of them have settled in well. They spent most of their first day familiarising themselves with the school and looking for a green sheep!! Prep children will continue to have Friday at home during the month of February. Please remember that school starts at 8:45 am. When the bell sounds at 8:45 am, all children must make their way to their classroom and prepare themselves to start their day. The school gates will open at 8:30 am, however, classrooms will not open until 8:45 am. If your child is late for any reason, they must be signed in at the office by a parent or adult. At the end of the day, all children must be picked up at their classroom. The Grades upstairs will be brought down to the basketball court for you to pick them up from there.

St Dominic's school is a water only school which means children are only allowed to drink water while at school. Children must not bring soft drink, cordial or any other type of drink to school.

At St Dominic's we have a small group of parents who work tirelessly to raise money for the school. The money raised is used to purchase equipment for our children. Last year we used the money raised to buy a bank of I pads. Fundraising events are arranged annually and include Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls along with other fundraising events. At the moment the work is left to a small few. We are looking for more parents to volunteer their time to be part of this group. If you are interested in supporting this group, can you let me know and I will pass on your details. Assemblies will take place every two weeks in the hall on Thursday at 2:40 pm. All parents are welcome to attend. Our first school assembly will take place tomorrow. I hope to see you there.

I am looking forward to working with all of you in partnership, to provide the best education possible for our students and I wish all of you the very best for 2024.

God bless.

Mr. Jeffrey Parker.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Friday 9 February</b>	Year 6 Class Mass
<b>Monday 12 February</b>	Teeth on wheels
<b>Tuesday 13 February</b>	Shrove Tuesday
<b>Wednesday 14 February</b>	Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15 am at the Parish Hall
<b>Friday 16 February</b>	Swimming tryouts for selected students Year 5 Class Mass Prep students-Testing day

### EXCITING NEWS

## Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School!



At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

With the help of the government your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

Our dental services include:

- ✓ Check-ups
- ✓ Oral Health Education
- ✓ Scale, Clean & Fluoride Treatments
- ✓ Fissure Sealants
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Fillings
- ✓ Extractions



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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.



## FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2024

As part of the enrolment application process families are required to commit to the payment of all School and Curriculum Fees.

There are two payment options to choose from:

**OPTION 1:** Families can make payment by Cash, Eftpos, Credit Card and Internet transfer. Payments must be paid by the due date. For all Direct Debits and Centrelink payments see Option 2.

If you are eligible for Concessional School Fees, please complete the School Fees Concession Program forms.

### Timeline for payments:

#### First Payment

Curriculum Levy \$435  
& Swimming Levy \$75  
Due **28 February**



\$510

#### Second Payment

Fee Instalment  
Due **1 May**



\$470

#### Third Payment

Fee Instalment  
Due **1 August**



\$470

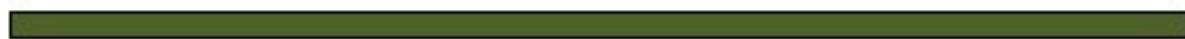
#### Fourth Payment

Fee Instalment  
Due **30 October**



\$460

Accounts must be finalised



#### Year 6 Student Camp

Due **7 February**



STBC

#### Year 5 Student Camp

Due **26 June**



STBC





Grand opening  
Tuesday  
6/2 at Lunchtime



# SOAR SHOP

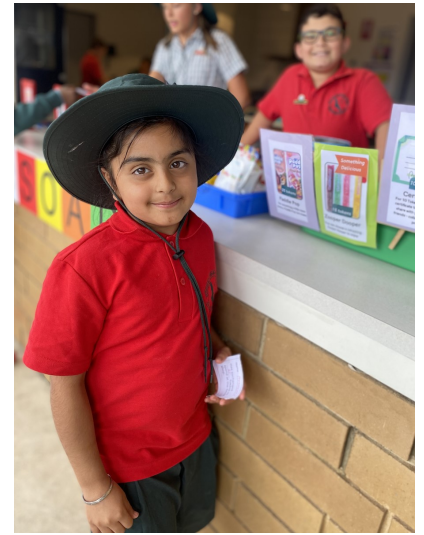
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THE CHALLENGE

At St. Dominic's, students have been working hard to demonstrate the school values of Safety, Optimism, Acceptance and Respect. As part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour - Positive Behaviour for Learning approach, students receive a SOAR token when they are recognised for demonstrating these values.

This year, we are excited to announce that students can save their tokens to spend at our school's SOAR shop. Our school SOAR shop is open at lunchtime every Tuesday. Our school leaders work in our SOAR shop, and students can spend their saved tokens on an item of choice.

Some students spend their tokens on smaller rewards, while others work hard to save for a bigger reward.





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



**Congratulations** to the following students who were able to shop at our SOAR shop today by collecting more than 10 tokens-

**Hermoine 2A spent 15 tokens**

**Chloe 4B spent 10 tokens**

**Tyler 5B spent 15 tokens**

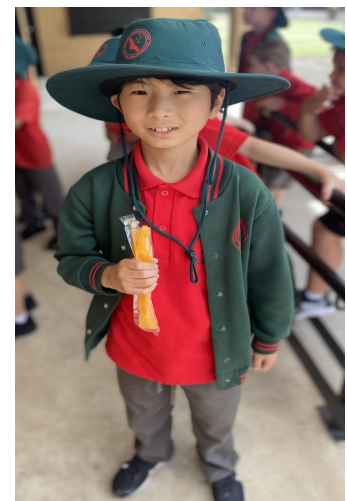
**John 6A spent 15 tokens**

**Joseph 5B spent 15 tokens**

**Malo 5B spent 15 tokens**

**Jordan 2A spent 15 tokens**

**Lachlan 2B spent 10 tokens**



A shout out to Isaac 5B, who showed a wonderful act of kindness by purchasing his Prep-sister an Icy Pole with his reward at the SOAR shop.



## STAFF EMAIL 2024

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### 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.



# ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF 2024

We look forward to supporting your child's learning journey in 2024. We welcome new staff member Sean Morris (Music) Ann Heap (Year 5), Christina Jusup (Term 1, Year 5), Luke Lambert (Prep B), Molly Dodd (Year 2)

## PREP TEAM



**PREP A**  
JESS HUGHES  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**PREP B**  
LUKE LAMBERT  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**PREP C**  
TIA CONTRERAS  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**LSO**  
VANESSA PILKINGTON



**LSO**  
BETH FERRIS



**LSO**  
DANIELLE SMITH



**Year 1A**  
EMILY DODD  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**YEAR 1 B**  
BARBARA O'FARRELL  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**LSO**  
MICHELLE HEYNE



**LSO**  
SELINA BARNETT

## YEAR ONE TEAM



**YEAR 2A**  
JACQUI GILLE  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**YEAR 2B**  
EDELLE PIROG  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**YEAR 2C**  
MOLLY DODD  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**LSO**  
ANGELA DIGIGITI



**LSO**  
NAVDEEP DHALWAL



**LSO**  
HEATHER PATTERSON



**LSO**  
RENAE PRASAD



**LSO**  
ALANNAH SAMMIT



## YEAR TWO TEAM



**YEAR 3A**  
CHLOE VETHI  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**YEAR 3B**  
VICTORIA CIRILLO  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**LSO**  
NIKKI MELLIS



**LSO**  
CHELSEA JENSEN



**YEAR 4A**  
REBECCA O'BRIEN  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**YEAR 4B**  
TELIAH SPARROW  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**YEAR 4C**  
KATE JACKSON  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**LSO**  
CHANELLE ZERAFI



**LSO**  
JALEH FORSYTHE



**LSO**  
JASMINE VANNUCCI



**LSO**  
ALANNAH VOLIC

## YEAR FOUR TEAM

## YEAR FIVE TEAM



**YEAR 5A**  
JAMES MCNAMARA  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**YEAR 5B**  
ANN HEAP  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**YEAR 5C**  
JESSICA MUNSEY  
LAUREN SPENCER-HARPER



**LSO**  
ELISE SODERBLOM



**LSO**  
KAVILA MITCHELL



**LSO**  
GINA THIELE



**Kristina Jusup**  
Term 1 Year 5  
Classroom teacher

## YEAR SIX TEAM



**YEAR 6A**  
COURTNEY OWEN / JAM BOYD  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**YEAR 6B**  
NATHANIEL MELAK  
CLASSROOM TEACHER



**LSO**  
LEONIE WILSON



**JAPANESE**  
AMAYA STEVENS



**PE**  
TOM NGUYEN



**ART**  
MEGAN HUMPHRIES

## SPECIALIST TEACHERS

## LEADERSHIP TEAM



Jeffrey Parker  
Principal



Sarah Smakman  
Deputy Principal  
Learning Diversity



Michael Marasco  
Deputy Principal  
Religious Education



Chiara Giannino  
Learning and Teaching  
Leader



Alyssa Galea  
Literacy Leader



Jami Surkitt  
Numeracy Leader



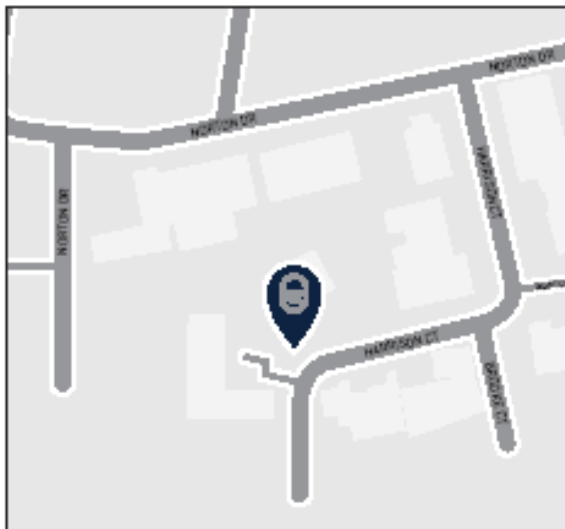
Michael Riley  
Wellbeing Leader



# 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](http://www.oshclub.com.au) or calling our Customer Service team on 1300 395 735.



# HOOK <sup>in</sup> 2 HOCKEY

## MELTON NORTH

*Join us for afterschool Hockey fun!*

Programs available for 5-12 year olds

**Every Monday from  
19 February - 25 March\***

*doesn't include Labour Day 11 March*

**3:30pm - 4:30pm**

***First session free!***



**REGISTER TODAY**

**<https://bit.ly/48KVfRJ>**



## The [GAP] On Graham.

We are calling all the youth of Melton from the ages of 12-25 years old. To join us on our Friday Nights drop in – We aim to provide a safe venue that encourages youth to engage in positive recreation, creating friendships, mixing with other youth. We have games, pool tables and other equipment available.

**Where:** The Gap on Graham

**When:** All Friday nights excluding school holidays

**Address:** 5 Graham Street, Melton Behind Micks Gym

**Time:** 6.30pm – 9.30pm

In addition to the drop in we also hold a Girls night for youth between the ages of 10-25 years please join us on Wednesday nights 6pm – 8pm.

**Did I hear you say what is the cost?** Well its only \$5 for a whole year membership plus additional costs if you want to purchase food and drinks..... So for that price we hope to see you here!!!





- **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

10 Unit Street, Melton

Tel: 9743 6515

Email: [melton@cam.org.au](mailto:melton@cam.org.au)

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](http://www.melbcatholic.org/melton)