



St. Dominic's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

7 August 2024 – Week 4

WE SOAR LIKE THE EAGLE AND RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Prayer

Feast of Mary MacKillop



Loving God,

We give thanks for the life and legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop. Her dedication to education and her compassion for those in need inspire us daily.

Help us to follow her example of faith, courage, and selfless service. May we be like Mary MacKillop, strive to bring hope and love to those around us, especially the marginalised and the vulnerable.

Bless our school community, that we may grow in unity, wisdom, and grace. Guide our teachers, students, and families, and fill our hearts with the same zeal and spirit that moved Mary MacKillop.

On this special feast day, we ask for Mary MacKillop's intercession. May her prayers support us in our endeavours, and may her legacy continue to inspire us to live lives of virtue and compassion.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful two weeks we have had at St. Dominic's! Our school has been alive with events and celebrations, showcasing our exceptional spirit and community.

We recently welcomed grandparents and special adults for the Grandparents Mass in honour of St. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was a delightful morning with a beautiful mass, a lovely morning tea, and the joy of having our visitors join us in the classrooms.

St. Dominic's Day was another highlight, filled with a whole school mass, engaging activities, KABOOM sports, and a thrilling teacher vs. student's basketball game. It was a day of joy and togetherness, celebrating our patron saint.

Our students have been busy with both in-class and out-of-class learning. They participated in a First Aid education program through St. John (Vic), learning the importance of First Aid and how to respond in an emergency. To reinforce this at home, please help your children memorize their address and phone number.

Today, our Year 6 students had an exciting excursion to Scienceworks, where they explored different kinds of energy, including light, sound, and electricity. This Friday, the 9th of August, our Year Three students will embark on an enriching excursion to Arts Centre Melbourne for a Podcasting Workshop and a tour of NGV Australia. This will be a fantastic opportunity for them to engage creatively and explore the arts.

This Thursday, the 8th of August, we are thrilled to celebrate 100 days of school with our prep students. We acknowledge the vibrant energy they bring, their enthusiasm for learning, and all they have achieved so far. We invite all prep parents to join us for a special assembly at 2:30 PM to commemorate this milestone. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated prep teachers and supportive parents who have been instrumental in helping our youngest learners thrive.

On the same day, we are excited to take 50 students from year prep to six on a positive behaviour reward excursion to Reading Cinemas. This special treat is well-earned by students who have collected 80 tokens through their exemplary behaviour.

Thank you for your continuous support and involvement in our vibrant school community. Together, we make St. Dominic's a truly special place for our students to learn, grow, and flourish.

Warm regards,
Sarah Smakman
Acting Principal, St. Dominic's

Volunteers needed

If any parent would like to volunteer their time for the Father's Day Stall and Footy Colours Day please leave your name at the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2024 Term Dates

Term 1: Wednesday 31st January, 2024 – Wednesday 27th March 2024

Term 2: Monday 15th April, 2024 – Friday 28th June, 2024

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

Term 4: Monday 7th October, 2024 – Friday 20th December, 2024

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:

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 has commenced.

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

Giving young people a fair go

The FairGo 4 Youth Fund is back. The program supports eligible young people aged 8 to 16-years-old to take part in local extra-curricular activities to improve physical and mental wellbeing.

Approved residents can submit one claim per financial year for a maximum of \$400. People living with disability can submit one claim for \$600.

Families can apply to register with dozens of sports including football, netball, cricket, tennis and activities such as dance, Scouts and fishing.

Applications are currently open for summer activities.

Applications for winter activities will open on 1 December.

For more information and to registration:

Visit the [**Melton City Council Website**](#)





Bullying No Way National week of action

12-16 August 2024

The theme for 2024 is 'Everyone belongs'.

When we all feel like we belong, bullying struggles to find a place. It's about embracing who we are, respecting everyone's differences and standing up together against unkindness.

Belonging means we all have a role in preventing bullying. We're encouraged to speak up and create a safe place where everyone feels supported and respected, and our voices are heard and valued.

On **Friday 16 August** ST Dominic's invite all students to wear a touch of purple to show their support.



Dear Families,

Just a reminder that we have Teeth On Wheels visiting our school for dental check-ups and oral health education starting on the August 26th 2024.

Please click on the link below to complete your child's consent form.

<https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-forms/consent-eform/>

Please complete your form today and the Teeth On Wheels team will be in contact to schedule your child's appointment and notify you on your eligibility. If you are not eligible, Teeth On Wheels will offer you a special deal of \$99 for the full check-up, oral cancer screening, clean, fluoride treatment and any x-rays if required (this can be claimed back through your private health insurance).

For any further questions, please contact the Teeth On Wheels team on (03) 9338 1191.

PLEASE NOTE, THE CUT OFF DATE FOR COMPLETING YOUR CHILD'S FORM IS August 19th 2024.

If families cannot complete their form online, there will be some paper forms available from the office.



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日本語

Nihongo (Japanese) News



YEAR 6 SPECIALIST EXCURSION

ART (NGV) :

We saw outstanding clothes from African fashion showcased on display, with many different styles over the African continent. After looking around we sat on the carpet and designed our own outfit inspired by the clothes surrounding us for someone special.

JAPANESE (restaurant)

Once our visit to the NGV was over, we walked to a Japanese restaurant called 'Chocolate Bhudda'. We had 4 options of bento boxes and when our orders arrived, we quickly dug in.

SPORT (MCG)

After our delicious meal, we headed over to the MCG. Upon arriving, we were blinded by all the displays in glass boxes and all the colorful lights. We were all handed these cool green and yellow wrist bands that we had to use to play the games in the games room!

Our trip to the city was very fun and we were all glad to have this opportunity in our lives and we hope that St.Dominic's can keep doing fun activities!

By Elizabeth Fachhai



GRANDPARENTS DAY

Thank you to all the wonderful Grandparent's who attended



St Dominic's Feast Day

Students had a wonderful day participating in different activities across the day.



VINNIES SOUP VANS STREET SERVICE MELTON



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

Tuesday

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

Thursday - new stop, from Thursday the 8th August

6.00pm-7:00pm	Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre 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
- Go to www.askizzy.org.au or scan the QR Code for access (A-Z list of services)



EXCITING NEWS



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



SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM

IT MIGHT BE FREE



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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



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

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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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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.