



St. Dominic's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

30 October 2024 – Term 4 Week 4

WE SOAR LIKE THE EAGLE AND RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Prayer



Dear God,

On this special day, we gather to honour all the saints - those who have lived their lives in faith, love, and service. We thank You for their examples and for the light they bring to our lives.

As a school community, help us to follow in their footsteps. Inspire us to be kind, to serve others, and to share Your love with everyone we meet. May we strive for holiness in our thoughts, words, and actions.

We ask for the intercession of all the saints as we support one another in our studies and friendships. Guide us in our journey, and help us to grow in faith and compassion.

Amen.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As I write my message this week, my thoughts go out to the students, staff and families of Aurburn South Primary School where a tragic accident took the life of an eleven-year-old boy and injured four other children. It is so important to follow the road rules when around schools. As a school principal and parent it is devastating to hear that such a tragedy could happen in a school yard.

The Grade five children attended a two-day camp last week at Lady Northcote Camp in Glenmore. The camp was an exciting experience for the children and the staff. The activities planned enabled the children to enter out of their comfort zone. It was a great camp which was enjoyed by all. I would like to thank all the staff members who gave up their time with their family to support our children.

The Melbourne Cup long weekend is fast approaching and this year the school will be **closed on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th November**. Wednesday will be a testing day as well as **Tuesday 12th November**. On one of these days your child/children will need to come to school to complete a numeracy and literacy test with their teacher. These days are important as they provide the school with some very valuable data about your child's growth and the effectiveness of our teaching and learning. If you haven't booked in a testing time can you do so as soon as possible.

Since the beginning of this term, I have noticed a lot of children coming late to school. Being late can be disruptive to classes and late children are missing out on important information. Please make an effort to get you child/children to school on time. Also, there are many children being picked up late. All children must be picked up from school before 3:30pm. If you are having difficulties picking up your children on time, there is an option of After School Care. If you consider After School Care the information can be obtained from the school office.

Enjoy the long weekend.

God Bless!

Jeffrey Parker.

Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK	DATE	TIME	EVENT
4	Friday 1 November		Prep Orientation Sessions
5	Monday 4 November Tuesday 5 November Wednesday 6 November Friday 8 November	9:15 -10:00 am	School Closure Melbourne Cup Holiday Testing Day - (No School) Year 2 Class Mass Prep Orientation Sessions
6	Monday 11 November Tuesday 12 November Thursday 14 November Friday 15 November	10:45- 11:00 am 9:15am-10:00am	Remembrance Day Prayer Service Testing Day - (No School) Year 3/4 District Soccer Year 1 Class Mass Prep Orientation Sessions
7	Friday 22 November	9:15am-10:00am	Prep Orientation Sessions Prep Class Mass
8	Friday 29 November	9:15am-10:00am	Prep Orientation Sessions Year 6 Class Mass School Fete
9	Friday 6 December	9:15am-10:00am	Prep Orientation and Parent information session Year 5 Class Mass
10	Thursday 12 December Friday 13 December	6:00pm-7:00pm 9:15am-10:00am 6:00pm-7:00pm	Carols Evening SOAR Reward Event Year 6 - Big Day Out Year 4 Class Mass Graduation Mass
11	Monday 16 December Tuesday 17 December	9:15am-10:00am 8:45am - 1:30 pm	End of year prayer service Report sent home End of Term

School Closure Day's

There is **NO** school for students Monday 4 November, Tuesday 5 November , Wednesday 6 November.

Grade 5 Lady Northcote Camp

Last week we had the wonderful success of our recent Grade 5 camp at Lady Northcote! Our students truly embraced this experience, demonstrating safety, optimism, acceptance and respect.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff, whose commitment and passion made this camp possible. Your support and guidance ensured that our students not only learned valuable skills but also created lasting memories.

To the families, thank you for your encouragement and involvement. Your trust in us and support for your children played a crucial role in making this adventure successful.

And, of course, congratulations to our Grade 5 students! You have all shown incredible spirit and camaraderie. We are proud of each of you for stepping out of your comfort zones and making the most of this experience.





Grade 3/4 Basketball

The grade 3/4's did a great job at basketball with the girls team making the grand final and coming in second place and boys team coming third place.

Great effort !



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 1st November

Friday 8th November

We hope to see you all at our next session

Anna's Family Reunion and Voluntary Work

This week, we celebrated the safe return of Anna, our Multicultural Education Aide at St Dominic's. She recently visited her family in Thailand, whom she hadn't seen in 17 years since fleeing the Myanmar military. During her trip, she also dedicated two weeks to volunteering at the India-Myanmar border, teaching refugee children who have escaped the Myanmar military due to the recent coup.

Anna, we honour the incredible work you've done to support these children, as well as your on-going efforts with our families and students at St Dominic's. Welcome back!



School at the Refugee Camp - Myanmar-India Border



Medical Clinic at the Refugee Camp



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

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

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 for more information, or sign up now using our QR code below:

