



# St. Dominic's Primary School

## Camberwell East



School Newsletter No. 1

Thursday 5th February, 2026



St Dominic's Primary School is committed to the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of Catholic education.

St Dominic's Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we work, learn and gather. We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future and acknowledge their spiritual connection to Country.



## Important Dates [St. Dominic's School Google Calendar](#)

- Friday 6th February: Whole School Assembly- 2.45pm, (Year 6 Student Leader presentations)
- Sunday 8th February: 2026 Welcome Mass (11am in St Dominic's Church- Prep/Year 6 Buddy Blessing); St Dominic's Tennis Club Social Tennis Day (12 noon onwards- see below)
- Monday 9th February: Footsteps Harmony Dance Program commences- 5 sessions (all students)
- Tuesday 10th February: National Safer Internet Day
- Tuesday 10th February: Parent Information Evening- 7-8pm: visit & meet our team! (see below)
- Wednesday 11th February: Prep Rest Day! Prep Assessments, as per bookings
- Wednesday 11th February: Swimming Trials (Year 3-6 students: Harold Holt Swimming Pool)
- Thursday 12th February: Year 6 & Staff Buddy Breakfast- 8am (note change of date)
- Tuesday 17th February: Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday
- Tuesday 17th February: School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting (7pm, staffroom)
- Wednesday 18th February: Prep Rest Day! Prep Assessments, as per bookings
- Wednesday 18th February: Ash Wednesday- Year 1-6 students attend 12 noon Parish Mass
- Thursday 19th February: DISCOVER ST DOM'S- School Tours (bookings via website and/or QR code)
- Friday 20th February: Parent Welcome Drinks (Thank you PFA!) See below!



### Reminders, Every Week:

- ★ Sunflower Kids Playgroup- Mon. 2.30-3.30pm & Thurs. 9-10.30am (Community Hub)
- ★ Chess for Kids- Wednesdays 1.40-2.40pm (Veritas Hall)
- ★ Footsteps Drama Program- Mondays during Term 1
- ★ St Dom's School Choir- dates and details soon!

## Many Hearts, One Home



Loving God,  
As we begin this new school year,  
We thank you for bringing us together once again.  
We come with many hearts, hearts that are excited, hearts that are nervous,  
hearts that are hopeful and ready to learn.  
Help us remember that here at St Dominic's,  
we are one home, a place where everyone belongs,  
where kindness is shared,  
and where love is shown through our words and actions.  
Bless our students as they learn and grow,  
our teachers and staff as they guide with patience and care,  
and our families who support us each day.  
May our classrooms be places of joy, our playgrounds places of friendship,  
and our school a home where your love is always felt.  
We ask this through Jesus, who teaches us to love one another. Amen.



## St. Dominic's Parish News

St. Dominic's Parish Newsletter: [The Dominican](#)

# Welcome!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of Week 2, the summer holidays already feel like a fond but distant memory. We begin this school year with gratitude, acknowledging the wonderful efforts of our students and staff who have returned with positivity, curiosity and a strong sense of belonging, as they embrace learning and community life at St Dominic's.

As a Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools (MACS) community, we are committed to nurturing the whole child—spiritually, academically, socially and emotionally—guided by our shared vision of Faith, Excellence, Community and Service. At St Dominic's, our learning and extracurricular programs provide all students with opportunities to shine in their own time and in their own ways. Across classrooms and specialist programs, students are forming new friendships, engaging in learning support, choir, STEM, chess club and instrumental lessons, and preparing for the commencement of Footsteps Harmony Dance program next week. We also look forward to upcoming school tours, student assessments, leadership opportunities and the introduction of new lunchtime clubs, including Drawing & Chill-Out Club and Library Club, supporting wellbeing, creativity and connection.

Mother Teresa reminds us, *"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."* This message beautifully reflects both our Catholic faith and our 2026 school theme, **'Many Hearts, One Home'**. Grounded in the teachings of Jesus and inspired by St Dominic, we strive to be a faith-filled learning community where each person is known, valued and called to serve others with compassion, respect and love.

I extend my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff, whose commitment to excellence ensures our students feel safe, supported and challenged in a trusted learning environment. To our parents and carers, thank you for your ongoing partnership and trust as we work together in the education, faith formation, care and wellbeing of your children. Your collaboration strengthens our shared mission and enriches our community.

Please know that we are always here to support your family and to celebrate the achievements of each and every St Dominic's student. Together, as **Many Hearts, One Home**, we will continue to walk alongside one another in faith and learning, inspired by our students and guided by God's love.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Warm regards,

*Natalie Kenny*

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“  
IT TAKES HANDS  
TO BUILD A HOUSE  
BUT ONLY HEARTS  
CAN BUILD A HOME.  
”



## Welcome Mass & opportunity to be part of St Dom's Tennis Club

### This Sunday 8th February!

*On Sunday 8th February, all St Dom's families are invited to attend our annual 'Welcome Mass', 11am Mass at St Dominic's Church, Riversdale Rd, Camberwell.*

*Our 2026 Welcome Mass will include opportunities for students to be engaged, as well as our Preps and their Year 6 Buddies to receive a special Blessing. A letter has been sent home for you to let us know if you can be there.*

**After 11am Mass, families are invited to take part in St Dom's Tennis Club's Social Tennis Day (see flyer and call to book for play and catering).**

**Some families may also like to get together in one of our local parks for a picnic instead!**

*Many Hearts, One Home: St Dom's 2026!!*



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## Tuesday 10th Feb: P-6 Learning Matters Parent Information Evening

### *You are Warmly Invited!*

Parents, you are invited to attend Information sessions in our learning spaces, next Tuesday 10th February. These sessions will be run by our class teachers with some support staff also attending.

Teachers will present to you as a level (ie. P-2s in Year 1/2 rooms, Year 3/4s in 3/4L, Year 5/6s in 5/6B), sharing level relevant information to support the beginning of the year (eg. curriculum and learning, support programs, sample learning experiences, specialist timetable, ways you can support, upcoming events, etc.

There may be some time for questions relevant to the group, with any specific conversations about your child having with the teacher only or by arranged meetings. Afterwards, you will be invited to spend some time in your own child's classroom.

We look forward to trialling this format of information sharing with you, which we have not done in this way for many years. We will look forward to your feedback as well and we are always looking for ways to improve our ways of sharing relevant information, strengthening our connection between home and school and always working in partnership with you!

We hope you can attend!



### *Superstar Preps!*

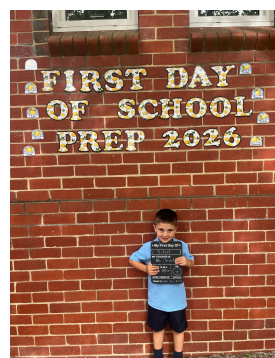
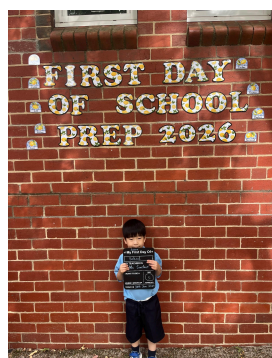
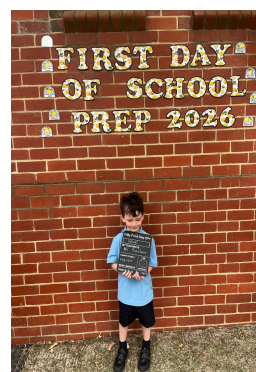
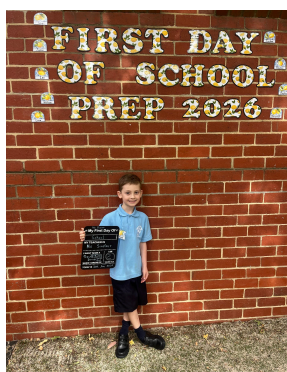


#### **What a start to Prep at St Dom's!**

Some of our older students now have their younger sibling/s here at school and they are beyond excited!!

We look forward to welcoming our Preps and their families into our St Dom's community, including the younger siblings of new families!

*WELCOME!*



*Preps are the BEST!*

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## Staffing News!

Jenny Levitan, our Student Wellbeing & Learning Diversity Leader has accepted a position at another Catholic school, and will leave St Dom's on Thursday 5th March. We will be both sad to see her leave, though so happy for this career opportunity, after Jenny's 9 years at St Dom's.

School communities are indeed places of change and with change comes new opportunities!

Anne Cochrane, will take on the Learning Diversity Leader role and Anne has been in this role for 8 years at other schools, therefore a seamless and smooth transition for us all!

We are currently exploring possibilities for our Wellbeing & Mental Health Leader role and will advise.

## 2026 Family Buddies



Parents & Carers,

Recently, we have welcomed new families into our school community.

Our 'Welcome to St. Dom's Family Buddies' initiative is a positive way that you can support these families as they settle into school life and our community.

If you are willing to be a 'Family Buddy' and connect with a new 2026 family (either beginning Prep or students commencing in other levels), please email

[office@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au)

## Introducing our 2026 Student Leaders! (Here they are in Prep too!!)



**Hi, I am Victoria! Being a School Leader is one of the many things I am grateful for and I have been looking forward to this since Prep! From hanging out with my friends, to playing netball and learning new things, I can't wait for this year, to be one of your school leaders for 2026!**



**Hi, I am Aria and being a School Leader means so much to me. I'm very excited and it's only Week 2! To be selected by my friends and peers makes me so happy. Another thing that means a lot to me is dance. I think I have really stepped up and I know there are lots of opportunities in store for me this year. I play a bit of basketball and I love swimming. This school couldn't be better! I don't know how I'm going to do anything to possibly make it better, but I'll try!**



**Hi, I'm Sebastian and I am one of the Deputy Leaders. I am excited to have a bigger role and be an example to smaller kids. I like to play sports like cricket and I like being creative. I hope to be a really good leader in 2026!**



**Hello, my name is Ivy! This year I am in Year 6 and I'm a Deputy Leader which I'm so very grateful for. I cannot wait for the upcoming events that I'm sure will be lots of fun. Outside of school, I do rep netball and domestic netball.... Once again, something I am grateful for because I have got into my second year of rep netball! I cannot wait for this year and I know it is going to be amazing!**



## NEW: Feature the Teacher! Meet our Admin & Leadership Team

### **Mrs Kenny**

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I have been an educator for over 30 years and I love what I do to my core! Once a teacher, always a teacher, and every student is always at the heart of what I do. In my career I have been in Leadership roles for over 20 years and this is my 5th year as Principal of St Dom's! I am blessed with my family and friends, a love of sports, music and the beach. I have many favourite quotes, with a favourite being the African Proverb, 'It takes a village to raise a child!' We do that at St Dom's, together, as community and in partnership. I am excited for what 2026 brings for every member of our St Dom's family!

### **Mrs Cochrane**

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I have been teaching for the past 25 years, it is my passion. I'm blessed with a beautiful family and two dogs. I love beach time, reading and belonging to a community is vital to me. "Leap and the net will appear" inspires me to be courageous and try new things. Thank you for the warm welcome!

### **Mrs Levitan**

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St Dom's is a special place! It is super lovely to see care and kindness here, everyday. My family and my rescued dog Ozzy, bring me joy. Ozzy is so generous with his love & licks. I love 'real' wood fired pizza and my YoChi tub is always filled to the brim with deliciousness. If anybody in our community has 'worry thoughts' or needs 'listening ears', reach out always. Lastly, I am a staff member that does not like summer as I really hate the heat!

### **Miss Miezis**

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This is my 6th year at St Dom's and I still love it just as much as when I started. I'm a huge ocean lover, and in the holidays you'll often find me snorkelling - usually alongside some pretty amazing (and sometimes crazy) sea animals. I am a Hawks supporter so come and find me if you are too - GO HAWKS! I am always up for a challenge and trying new things.

### **Ms Dalton**

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I have come from a Catholic Primary School in South Melbourne, where I worked in the school office for 17 years. I have been very warmly welcomed by all the staff, students and parents within the St. Dominic's community. Thanks for making me feel so welcome and I look forward to connecting with you all over the coming year.



## Welcome to our newest St Dom's Students!

*Welcome to the following students & their families who have recently joined us at St Dom's!  
We asked them what they love most about being here at St Dom's.....*



**Evelyn- Year 4:** "I really enjoy having my new kind teacher, Mrs Lee, making new friends and learning lots and lots of new things!"

**Ava- Year 6:** "I love learning new things, meeting new people and feeling so welcome here at St Dom's!"

**Sofia G- Year 4:** "At St Dom's I've been making new friends and I've seen some on the weekend too! I'm enjoying Maths which has been fun!"

**Nicholas- Year 2:** "I love my Principal because she's so kind and all the teachers are kind too. I really like meeting new people and they are very kind!"

**Julia- Year 1:** "I really love playing with my new friends at playtime and learning Maths and Literacy. We've learnt about tally marks in Maths this week!"

**Charlotte G- Year 3:** "I like playing with my friends and meeting new people. The teachers and principal are so kind and helpful and I love learning lots of new things too!"

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# 2026 School Closure Dates

## Student-free Days:

*Friday 13/3/2026- Staff Professional Learning Day*  
*Tuesday 9/6/2026- Staff Professional Learning Day*  
*Wednesday 26/8/2026- Staff Professional Learning Day*  
*Friday 30/10/2026- Staff Professional Learning Day*  
*Monday 2/11/2026- Staff Time in Lieu day (day before Cup day)*  
*Tuesday 24/11/2026- Staff Professional Learning Day: Preparation for 2027*  
*Thursday 17/12 & Friday 18/12/2026- Staff Time in Lieu days*

NOTE: dates in green & 24/11/2026 will have offer of OSHC- Beyond Educare onsite for families: further details TBA

## 2026 Sacrament Dates: Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

We are pleased to share the key dates for the 2026 St Dominic's Parish Sacramental Program. Families are asked to please note the relevant dates carefully and ensure availability for all compulsory components of the program.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Year 3 students)

- **Parent Information Night:**  
Wednesday 19 February – 6:45pm, Parish Centre
- **Commitment Masses:**  
Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 February – All Masses
- **Preparation Sessions (SD Church, 6.45pm):**  
Thursday 26 February, Thursday 5 March, Thursday 12 March
- **Retreat Day:** Wednesday 25 March – All day, School
- **Reconciliation Celebration:**  
Wednesday 26 March – 7:00pm, Church



### Sacrament of Eucharist: First Holy Communion (Year 4 students)

- **Parent Information Night:**  
Thursday 30 April – 6:45pm, Parish Centre
- **Commitment Masses:**  
Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 May – All Masses
- **Preparation Sessions (SD Church, 6.45pm):**  
Thursday 7 May, Thursday 14 May, Thursday 21 May
- **Retreat:** Thursday 28 May – Parish
- **Eucharist Celebration:**  
Sunday 31 May – 3:00pm Mass



### Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6 students)

- **Parent Information Night:**  
Thursday 30 July – 6:45pm, Parish Centre
- **Commitment Masses:**  
Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 August – All Masses
- **Preparation Sessions (SD Church, 6.45pm):**  
Thursday 6 August, Thursday 13 August, Thursday 20 August, Thursday 27 August
- **Confirmation Celebration:**  
Sunday 30 August – 3:00pm, Church





## Parent Communication

There are a number of online platforms & apps that we use to communicate to our community.....



**Audiri** is a free app which supports more immediate, school/ level-wide communication.

*\*\*We use this app for communicating from the school to families for instant messages, school calendar. Stay tuned for updates as with the roll over to nForma, there may be changes with Audiri.*

### nForma

is an electronic form system that collates medical and emergency details, making this important

information instantly available to authorised staff. We also use nForma to send e-forms, excursion forms, permission forms, etc. See below for further information about nForma in 2026.



### **Supporting Clear Communication**



*With the change from Operoo (which has ceased operation in all schools) St Dominic's has introduced nForma, a secure digital system used across Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools (MACS) to support clear, consistent and timely communication.*

*nForma works behind the scenes to help the school manage information accurately, protect privacy and ensure matters relating to student wellbeing and behaviour are*

*handled professionally and in line with MACS guidelines.*

*For families, this means clearer communication, reduced confusion and confidence that the right information is shared at the right time. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy in our school office.*

### SeeSaw

SeeSaw is a communication app, which is managed by each teacher. They will communicate with you about your child's learning or specific messages for your class.

*\*Thank you for your patience while we set up our 2026 classes, for our teachers and families in Seesaw. We expect that everyone should have access by Friday afternoon.*



### WhatsApp

Class Parent Representatives set up a class only group to communicate information to parents directly relating to the class.

SEE BELOW



### **St. Dom's Social media-**

[Facebook](#)

Instagram: @stdominicscamberwell



### **St. Dominic's Primary School**

[Website](#)

## Friendly Reminders....

### **Morning Drop off times & Supervision:**

Staff playground supervision commences at 8.30am each school morning and classroom doors open at 8.45am.

NOTE: there is not a Staff member on duty in P1- Junior Playground, therefore NO children should be playing in this area before school.

Until 8.30am each day, we request that no children are dropped off at school, where possible. If work commitments require earlier drop offs, we recommend you contact our OHSC provider, Beyond Educare, as this may be an option for your family. If you need to discuss this, please call our office.

### **Safety:**

We ask that students not come into school in the morning carrying hot drinks up the driveway and across the yard. This presents a safety issue in the event of hot liquid spilling onto themselves or another child. Please DO NOT allow your children to come into school with a hot drink in their hands for this safety reason. While at school, all students are expected to be seated when eating or drinking, and this includes any drinks they come into school with. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Afternoon Pickup times & Supervision:**

Staff supervision after school is from 3.30-3.45pm. This is at the front of the school and all students waiting to be picked up must remain there, supervised by a Staff member until picked up by a family member. Students cannot linger in the playground area after school as this area is not supervised. Any student still at school by 3.45pm will then wait in the office area and a parent will be contacted. We do remind parents that should you be running late, please contact the office to advise and avoid unnecessary worry for your child. If work commitments require later pickups, we recommend contacting OHSC Beyond Educare, as this may be an option for your family.

### **Communication:**

Clear communication is vital and our key channels of communication are nForma, Audiri, Newsletter, Bulletin & SeeSaw. Please regularly check on all forms of communication, particularly when receiving notifications from nForma, and each Thursday for our Newsletter or Bulletin.

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# Learning Matters!



Last week's student assessment days provided staff with valuable opportunities to connect with students individually while gathering essential information about their reading and mathematics knowledge. This data is already informing our planning for targeted learning and teaching opportunities throughout the term. Continuing our work driven by the MACS *Vision For Instruction* and *Vision For Engagement*, teachers are supplementing their teaching with quality resources, including the OCHRE platform which provides units of work in English, Mathematics and Science. Our teaching includes regular reviews, direct teaching, multiple opportunities for practice (with and without adult support) and frequent checks for understanding during each lesson. This aims to ensure all students understand the skills and concepts being taught and everyone has the chance to be successful.

Reading instruction at St Dominic's is taught in a systematic, step-by-step manner, ensuring every student develops strong foundational skills. We expose students to a wide range of high-quality texts that build their vocabulary and broaden their understanding of the world around them. Through Little Learners Love Literacy in the early years and in-depth novel studies for older students, we develop both essential reading skills and a genuine love of literature.

We're strengthening our mathematics program through the MAPS Project, which focuses on building number sense and fluency with operations. This program supports our teachers in delivering quality mathematics instruction, recognising how important it is for students to develop strong number skills from Prep right through to Secondary school. Building this solid foundation ensures students can confidently and successfully tackle increasingly complex maths as they progress through their education.

Beyond the classroom, our specialist program offers rich learning experiences, complemented by exciting extra-curricular opportunities including Choir, chess club and Junior Rockers, with an Art club potentially launching this term. Together, these initiatives create a well-rounded learning program at St Dominic's, supporting every student's academic growth while developing their social, creative and personal capabilities.

Regards, Anne Cochrane (Learning & Teaching Leader)



# Wellbeing Matters

## Kindness Kids

We continue to recognise '**Kindness Kids**' at St Dominic's, but we need your help!

When your child does any, 'random act of kindness', please forward information/photo, of this to

[jlevitan@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jlevitan@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au)

or

[acochrane@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:acochrane@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au)

[Random Acts of Kindness](#) ideas can be found here, or ask your child how they can show kindness (to others, to our environment, to their pet, etc).

We will keep promoting this Random Acts of Kindness initiative at school, but would greatly appreciate you encouraging this at home too.

*"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."* - Aesop

Kindly, Jenny L



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# DigiTech News

## **Social Media Permissions**

Social Media Permission Forms have now been posted on Nforma for all families to complete.

These permissions are essential as they allow us to celebrate student learning, share special moments and showcase the life of our St Dominic's community through our school social media channels.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to please complete and return the Social Media Permission Form via Nforma as soon as possible. Without a completed form, we are unable to include your child in any social media posts or promotional material.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us share and celebrate the wonderful things happening at St Dominic's.

## **Digital User Agreements**

At St Dominic's, digital technologies play an important role in supporting learning, creativity and collaboration across all year levels. To ensure our students use technology safely, responsibly and in line with our Catholic values, we ask all families to carefully read and complete the 2026 Digital Technologies User Agreement.

The agreement outlines expectations for:

- **Appropriate and respectful online behaviour**
- **Care and responsibility when using school devices**
- **Cybersafety**, including privacy, reporting concerns and safe communication
- **Mobile phones and smart watches** during school hours
- **Shared responsibilities** between students, parents/carers and the school

## **A Shared Conversation**

We strongly encourage parents and carers to go through the agreement with your child, discussing what safe and responsible technology use looks like both at school and at home. These conversations help children understand their responsibilities and reinforce consistent expectations.

## **What You Need to Do**

- Read the Digital Technologies User Agreement relevant to your child's year level
- Discuss the expectations together
- Complete and return the signed agreement to school by the requested date

Access to school devices and online platforms is dependent on the agreement being completed and returned.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting safe, respectful and purposeful use of digital technologies.

## *New: 2026 learning & community opportunities: What's on the horizon?*

### **MACS Mathematics Acceleration Program (MAP):**

We are delighted to advise that we have been successful in our application for this specialised program, designed to provide targeted support to selected MACS schools. Participation in this program aims to sustainably accelerate mathematics performance through a series of structured interventions over 12 months. Further information will be shared in the coming weeks.

### **Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHIPS) Initiative:**

We were also successful in securing funding to support student wellbeing at St Dom's with the MHIPS initiative. Leadership training commences in the coming weeks, then training and implementation for staff, followed by further information for our community. Watch this space!

### **MACS Playgroup Strategy- pilot school:**

MACS has recognised our Sunflower Kids Playgroup initiative and invited us to be their 'pilot' school. We look forward to sharing more information with you very soon. The vision for our Playgroup, which commenced in March 2023, was and continues to engage families within and beyond our community with children from 0-5 years of age.

### **MACS Social Media- case study school:**

MACS has also recognised the incredible impact of our social media at St Dom's! We are so proud of the reach and engagement of our Instagram and Facebook, and especially now that we have been recognised and will be supported with specialised training and support from the MACS Enrolment Growth team. Stay tuned!

### **Community Connections:**

Connections with all local kinders, child care centres, MCHC; including storytimes, visits and Prep Transition supports

### **Student Leadership & SRC:**

SRC re-launch and structured program for all leaders

### **Our St Dom's PFA:**

2026 awaits with many opportunities for our school community to connect, to support each other and to engage. Once our PFA meets next week, we will add dates and details to our school Google Calendar and advertise in due course. In advance, I wish to thank those who volunteer their time and incredible energy to our PFA. If you wish to join us in 2026, please advise Wendy in our school office. Thank you!



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## St Dom's PFA News....

### Festa update from the PFA

To our St Families, from your PFA,  
We wanted to share an update with our school community that, while a little disappointing, comes with some exciting plans ahead. The PFA has made the decision to postpone Festa, originally scheduled for Saturday 14 March.

This decision was not taken lightly and reflects a combination of challenges around securing sponsorships, volunteer numbers to help organise and run stalls, and overall capacity to deliver the event in the way our community deserves.

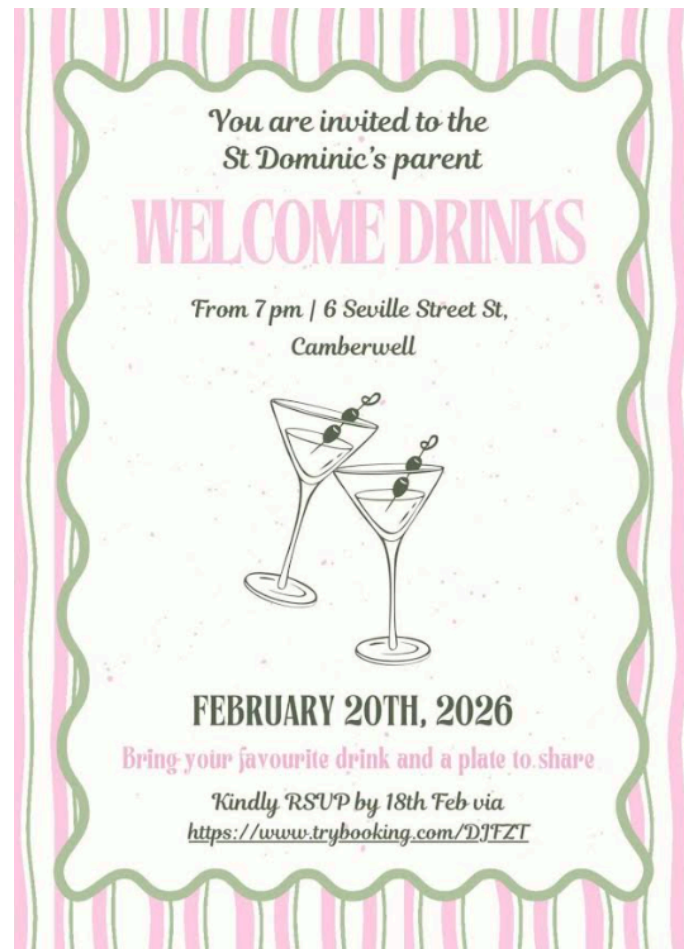
That said, we're very keen to still bring everyone together on the night. In place of Festa, we are exploring a family movie night at the school on Saturday 14 March, complete with a family-friendly film, popcorn and fairy floss for the kids, and a bar for the adults. More details will be shared in the coming weeks — so watch this space!

The PFA met earlier this week to also discuss other events planned for the year and how we can continue to create opportunities to connect and celebrate our wonderful school community.

If you'd like to get involved, lend a hand, or share ideas for future events, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Steph McNulty 0401 097 819

PFA Comms Coordinator



## Discover St. Dom's! Spread the word.....

St. Dominic's Primary School



Every child,  
every opportunity,  
everyday.

Discover the St. Dom's difference.  
**ENROL NOW!** Contact us for a school tour.



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Raising flourishing  
hearts and minds  
together.



You are invited  
to join us for  
our 2027 school  
tour dates.

Thursday 19th February - School Tours	Monday 27th April - School Tours
Wednesday 4th March - School Tours	Thursday 30th April - Discover St Dom's
Tuesday 17th March - Open Day	- Prep 2027/2028 Information Evening 7pm
Tuesday 31st March - School Tours	Thursday 21st May - School Tours
	Wednesday 27th May - School Tours



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# Sunflower Kids Playgroup

We offer 2 Playgroup sessions each week at St. Dom's!

*Mondays, 2.30-3.30pm  
Thursdays 9.00-10.30am*

New Playgroup families to register via the QR code on our posters or board at the front of the school.

We are **SO** excited to welcome 'Sunflower Kids' back to St. Dom's for 2026!!



Please share with your friends and family.....

*Thank you, from the  
'Sunflower Kids Team'!*



**St. Dominic's Primary School**  
*Seeking Truth through Prayer, Learning, Service and Community*

**Join our St. Dominic's Sunflower Kids Playgroup**

At St. Dom's Sunflower Kids Playgroup, all parents, caregivers and their young children from birth to school age are welcome! Our Playgroup enables parents and caregivers to build social and support networks that assist them in their valuable parenting role. Sunflower Kids Playgroup is based in our school's Community Hub, with an emphasis on providing an engaging, welcoming and inclusive environment for preschoolers and their special adults. Children learn, connect and socialise through play, creativity, song and story as they are immersed in play and interaction with other children and adults. To book in, scan our Sunflower Kids QR code.

9836 8300 145 Highfield Road, Camberwell East VIC 3124  
[www.sdcamberwelldale.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sdcamberwelldale.catholic.edu.au)

St. Dominic's Primary School  
St. Dominic's Catholic Primary School is committed to the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of Catholic education.

Playgroup Victoria

## PFA- Centenary Book: copies still available!

Get your Copy of our **St. Dom's Centenary Book!**

Follow the Trybooking link below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1454763>

## Join Junior Rockers!

**Junior Rockers**  
primary music education specialists

**MUSIC LESSONS**

Music tuition at your school!

Piano Drums Guitar Singing ... and more!

- No sign-up fee
- Experienced and dedicated teachers
- Parent Portal
- Lesson notes and practice logs
- Private or shared lessons available
- Comprehensive method books designed for young beginners
- Lessons conducted during school times or after school
- Financial hardship assistance available - we believe everyone deserves the chance to learn music

**SIGN UP HERE**

Info@juniorrockers.com www.juniorrockers.com

## Join Chess for Kids!

**TERM 1, 2026 - REGISTER NOW @**  
[CHESSFORSCHOOLS.COM.AU](http://CHESSFORSCHOOLS.COM.AU)

**SPECIALISED CHESS COACHING**

Since 2002, we have been providing our popular Chess For Schools program in schools throughout Melbourne and Greater Geelong

**HOW CAN CHESS BENEFIT YOUR CHILD?**

**Educational:** Improved IQ, critical thinking, concentration, analytical skills, memory.  
**Social:** Develop new friendships, social interaction skills, sportsmanship.  
**Emotional:** Confidence, self-esteem, resilience through winning and losing games.

**CLASS STRUCTURE:**  
Different lessons are taught each week from a structured syllabus ranging from tactics, strategies, master openings, traps & special moves. After the lesson children are paired up in a fun tournament play off. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 players at end of term.

**BOOK HERE** ➔ [CHESSFORSCHOOLS.COM.AU](http://CHESSFORSCHOOLS.COM.AU)

**CLASS DETAILS - ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY**

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Wednesdays	1:40pm-2:30pm	Library	04 February to 25 March	\$145 per child per term

*"Alex loves chess club and gets very upset if he misses a session. His chess has definitely improved and his teacher, Anita feels that it helps with his math in class in terms of concept and thinking. Keep up the great work!"*  
Katherine Lambert: Hampton Primary School

*"The school story grows richer and stronger with every student enrolled, every staff member employed and every partnership formed."*

## SDNC: St Dom's Netball Club

**Open to Preps & Years 1, 2 & 3**

Register now:



**Woolworths net set g**

**TUESDAYS  
3:45-4:30pm**

**St Dominic's PS  
Highfield Rd,  
Camberwell East**

**JUST TURN UP!**

For more info:  
[stdominicsnetball.club](http://stdominicsnetball.club)

## Beyond Educare: Our OSHC

### BEYOND EDUCARE

ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OSHC

#### HOW TO GET STARTED!

[https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment\\_v2/centre/OYcBI5GLehJ18MtBoY171A](https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment_v2/centre/OYcBI5GLehJ18MtBoY171A)

Please use the enrolment link above to sign up for the program and provide your details. Don't worry if some information is missed during the process — our team can always follow up later to ensure everything is complete. Once your enrolment is visible on our end, our coordinator will reach out to answer any questions you may have and introduce you to our team and philosophy. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our educators and learn about our center's approach. Whenever possible, we love to organize a tour of the service and meet our families face-to-face.

If you have any questions or need assistance before finalizing your enrolment, please don't hesitate to contact our coordinator using the details provided in this document. We're here to support you every step of the way!

#### BECOME PART OF THE OSHC FAMILY

We couldn't be more proud to be a part of your school community.

At Beyond Educare, we pride ourselves on providing high-quality OSHC services that are more than just care — they're an opportunity for children to grow, learn, and thrive in a safe, supportive, and engaging environment. Our experienced team is committed to creating programs tailored to your children's interests, needs, and development.

We value collaboration and connection; together, we aim to create a space where children feel inspired, families feel supported, and everyone can enjoy the benefits of a truly caring community.

We are confident that we will positively impact not only your families but the broader school community as well. From our engaging programs to our emphasis on communication and transparency, we're here to ensure a smooth start for everyone involved.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about what we offer, please don't hesitate to reach out. We can't wait to meet you and your children and begin this exciting journey together! Information relating to the program, OSHC menu, educators as well as pupil free day programs will be shared upon enrolment!

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