

# St. Dominic's Primary School Camberwell East



#### School Bulletin No. 2

#### **Thursday 13th February, 2025**



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 TERM 1 DATES St. Dominic's School Google Calendar

#### **FEBRUARY:**

- Year 5/6s Level Assembly- Friday 14th February- NOTE: 10.15am (due to Centenary Launch set up in the afternoon)
- CENTENARY LAUNCH- Sunday 16th February (Mass- 11am; Launch & Lunch- 12-3pm)
- Prep 'Stay at Home' Day- Wednesday 19th February
- Preps Full Time!- from Monday 24th February
- GIDSSA Swimming Carnival- Tuesday 25th February
- Year 6s & Staff Buddy Breakfast- Wednesday 26th February- 8am
- Whole School Assembly- Friday 28th February (2.45pm- all welcome)

#### MARCH:

- SCHOOL ENROLMENT TOURS- TUESDAY 4TH MARCH
- Learning in Partnership (LIP) Chats- Tuesday 4th March (1.40-7pm)
- Shrove Tuesday-Tuesday 4th March
- Ash Wednesday- Wednesday 5th March
- Year 5/6s Lifesaving & Beach Safety Program (Mordialloc Beach)- Friday 7th March
- Year 3/4s Level Assembly- Friday 7th March- 2.45pm
- PUBLIC HOLIDAY- Monday 10th March
- SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY- Staff Professional Learning Day- Tuesday 11th March
- 2025 NAPLAN TESTING- 12TH-19TH MARCH (YEAR 3 & YEAR 3 STUDENTS)
- PFA Meeting- Wednesday 12th March- 7pm
- SCHOOL PHOTOS- THURSDAY 13TH MARCH
- Whole School Assembly- Friday 14th March (2.45pm- all welcome)
- CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK- 16th-22nd March
- HARMONY WEEK- 17th-21st March (Harmony Dance presentation- Monday 17th March)
- Bike Education Program- Tuesday 18th March
- School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting- Tuesday 18th March- 7pm
- SCHOOL ENROLMENT TOURS- WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH
- St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral (Year 6 Leaders)- Friday 21st March
- SCHOOL ENROLMENT TOURS- WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH
- Year P-2s Level Assembly- Friday 28th March- 2.45pm

#### **APRIL:**

- CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF LEARNING- Tuesday 1st April- 5-7PM: Student showcase of learning (details closer to the date!)
- SCHOOL ENROLMENT TOURS- THURSDAY 3RD APRIL
- Whole School Assembly- Friday 4th April (12.00pm- all welcome)/ TERM FINISHES- 1.00PM



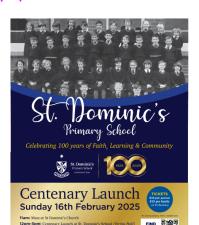


#### Parents & Carers,

In 2025, we are welcoming many 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.

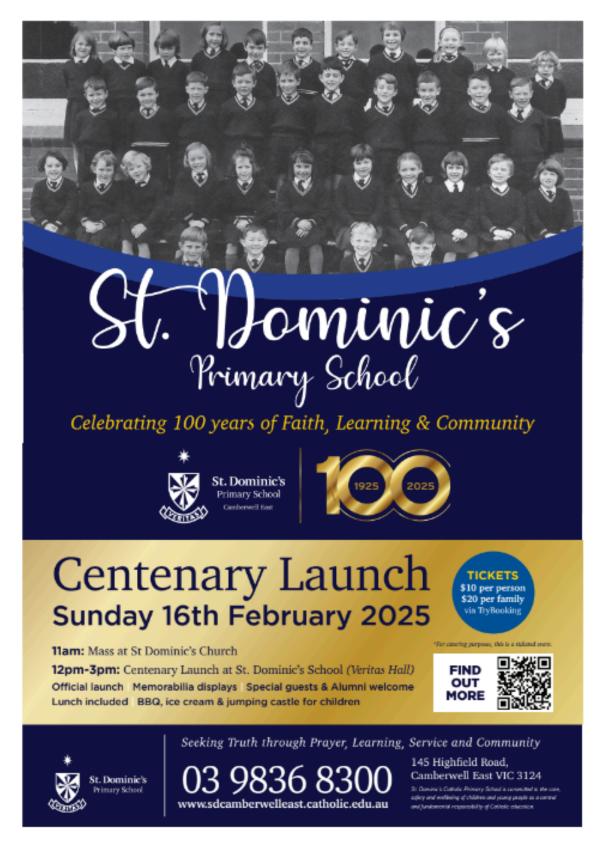
If you are willing to be a 'Family Buddy' and connect with a new 2025 family (either beginning Prep or students commencing in other levels), please email

office@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au



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### 2025 Centenary



It's only once in a Century that a School Centenary comes around, and we will most certainly do this well; together, in partnership & for our community! The history and legacy of past students, families, staff and principals will be honoured

and celebrated in so many incredible ways and we want you all to be part of that!

## Please join us for our Centenary Launch & Festivities, this Sunday 16th February!

2025 is our Centenary Year and we are thrilled to be sharing this momentous milestone with you all, as well as our parish and extended communities.

As you know we have been working towards our Centenary celebrations for some time now and our Centenary Website officially 'went live' on 1/1/2025!

If you haven't already.... Check it out......

### ST. DOMINIC'S CENTENARY WEBSITE



- ★ Some areas of our Centenary Website are 'Under Construction' and all will be revealed in the coming weeks!
- ★ Merchandise will be sold as of this Sunday 16th February, where there will be a 'merch stand' at our Centenary Launch!
- ★ From then on, all Centenary merchandise can be purchased via the Online Store on our Centenary website, as well as on display in our school office area from next week.
- ★ Throughout the year, purchases can be made online, as well at our planned events!
- ★ Get yourself a souvenir of St. Dom's history!!

#### For now.....

☐ Book your Centenary Launch tickets for Sunday 16th Feb☐ Enjoy browsing our Centenary Website!

## 2025 will indeed be a year to remember!





### St. Dominic's School Choir

# We look forward to our School Choir singing at our Centenary Mass, this Sunday 16th Feb, 11am.



With the commencement of the new school year comes the beginning of wonderful performance opportunities for our St. Dom's School Choir!

The Choir team is working together to plan a calendar of performances for our amazing singers this year. Our Choir will be featured regularly in upcoming newsletters and there is always the invitation for more students to join in the fun!

Choir practice is each Friday morning at 8am, in the Italian room.

If your child is interested in joining, please contact the office via email.

office@sdcamberwelleast.catholic.edu.au

### 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.

**Operoo** is an electronic form system that automatically collates medical and emergency details.

This makes this important

information instantly available to authorised staff.

\*\*We also use Operoo to send e-forms, excursion forms, permission forms, etc. Operoo allows only <u>one</u> primary owner, who then shares access.

#### **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.



#### **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

### Edstart-paying your school fees with ease





If you had an Edstart account last year; please be advised that your account will roll over into the 2025 school year automatically. If you require your repayments to be recalculated or need any assistance with your account, please reach out to Edstart on

contact@edstart.com.au or 1300 139 445 and they can assist you.

If you need to set up your account, you can do so by visiting

www.edstart.com.au/sdcamberwelleast

### 2025 Class WhatsApp Groups

Parents, If you haven't done so already, please connect with your child/ren's class WhatsApp group via the links below. Prep already has theirs!

1/2M: https://chat.whatsapp.com/CWRv4ZTNMBg0946cFE8aTK

1/2L: <a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/IIgosOdb5pR55gcQZ4eBp9">https://chat.whatsapp.com/IIgosOdb5pR55gcQZ4eBp9</a>

3/4T: https://chat.whatsapp.com/KPP4zDNFig5LWQV7IKWZMg

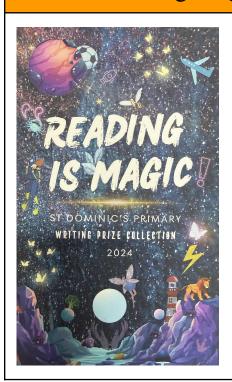
3/4GI: https://chat.whatsapp.com/CkDxh9w5TN2HfOL0054zrw

5/6BP: https://chat.whatsapp.com/FW2pGCH3fdx7moGyeIC0PK

5/6H: https://chat.whatsapp.com/BG4mBtEZCDC0ZAi59uqlAs



### Our St. Dom's Published Authors!



In 2024, for the very first time, we had a
St. Dom's Writing Competition, during Book Week.
While this special opportunity inspired all of our young and aspiring writers, it also resulted in the publishing of a book.....

'Reading is Magic: Writing Prize Collection'!

We have copies of this book available for purchase at \$10 each, so you can get your hands on one NOW!!

Special thanks to Elouise Tynan & our PFA, whose initiative inspired what will now be an annual event and a wonderful opportunity for our students to shine!



### Term 1 Assemblies

- ☐ Year 5/6s Level Assembly- Friday 14th February-10.15am
- Whole School Assembly- Friday 28th February (2.45pm- all welcome)
- Year 3/4s Level Assembly- Friday 7th March-2.45pm
- Whole School Assembly- Friday 14th March (2.45pm- all welcome)
- Year P-2s Level Assembly- Friday 28th March-2.45pm

### Follow us on our Socials!



### Ongoing 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 Operoo, Audirri, Newsletter, Bulletin & SeeSaw. Please regularly check on all forms of communication, particularly when receiving notifications for Operoo or Audirri information, and each Thursday for our Newsletter or Bulletin.

### St. Dominic's Parish News

St. Dominic's Parish Newsletter The Dominican

### Sunflower Kids Playgroup

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

Mondays, 2.30-3.30pm Thursdays 9.00-10.30am

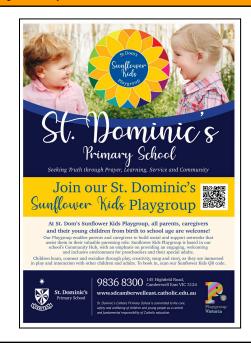
All information is on our posters & billboard at the front of the school.

We are <u>SO</u> excited to welcome our 'Sunflower Kids' back to St. Dom's for 2025!!



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

Thank you, from the Sunflower Kids Team!



### St Dominic's OSHC

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#### ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OSHC

#### HOW TO GET STARTED!

https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment\_v2/centre/OYcBi5GLehJ18MtBoYL7IA

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 enr<mark>olment, pl</mark>ease 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!

ADMIN@BEYONDEDUCARE.COM.AU

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## ST DOMINICS OSHC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to a brand-new year at Beyond EduCare! We are delighted to have you and your wonderful children as part of our OSHC community. It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we look forward to sharing many exciting

We began the year with a joyful Lunar New Year celebration, where the children created beautiful lanterns and explored their Chinese Zodiac animals. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and creativity shine as they learned about this cultural tradition.

moments together.

Alongside our celebrations, the children have been having a blast playing mini golf, building cubbies, and engaging in fun activities designed to help everyone get to know each other. It has been heartwarming to see new friendships forming and a strong sense of belonging growing within our OSHC space.

A very warm welcome to our new families! We encourage you to drop by anytime to chat, ask questions, and get to know our program and educators. Your involvement and feedback are always valued, and we are here to support you and your children in any way we can.

We are excited for all the adventures ahead and look forward to another year filled with learning, laughter, and connection. Stay tuned for more updates and





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### Junior Rockers



### Chess For Schools



### SDNC: St. Dominic's Netball Club





We're looking for players in Years 2 to 6 to join our teams!

No experience needed!



Training on
TUESDAYS (at school)
Games on SATURDAYS
(Ashwood courts)

Check out our website for more info.
STDOMINICSNETBALL.CLUB

Email us if interested:

STDOMSNETBALL@GMAIL.COM

### Community News

### 2025 FATHER – SON CAMP

#### 22-23 FEBRUARY

Golden Valleys Adventure Camp – 151 Baldrys Rd, Flinders

Fun-filled activities including flying fox, giant swing, ropes course, obstacle course, campfire and more...

Register your interest in attending the annual Father / Son Camp by emailing your details (name, and number and year levels of your children) to <a href="mailto:stdomsfathcamp@gmail.com">stdomsfathcamp@gmail.com</a>

Indicative cost for father and first child is \$300, second/third child is \$150

While this event is exclusive to St Dominic's families, it is run independently of the school and PFA. Child safety is the responsibility of each individual father.



#### Live Your Best Life in Love...

#### A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend.

Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected

and with tools to help keep the passion alive.

No group sharing required.

The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

Our next weekend is: 25-27 April 2025 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: <a href="mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au">vicbookings@wwme.org.au</a> Website: <a href="wwme.org.au">wwme.org.au</a>

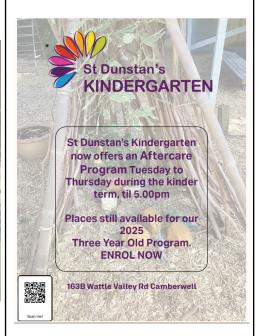








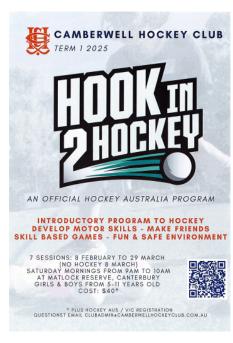




















Enrolments for 2025 are now open to boys and girls from 9 years of age.

An opportunity to develop:

- singing
- musicianship; choral repertoire
- confidence
- self-esteem
- new friendships

Weekly rehearsals in Canterbury during school Term with performance opportunities during the year.

#### **AUDITION NOW FOR 2025**

Appointments are available by contacting us:

EMAIL: office2@niypaa.com.au

Boys and Girls singing together since 1975

Est. 1975, the Australian Youth Choir is a division of National Institute of Youth Performing Arts Australia (NIYPAA) ABN 28 007 124 629



Physic (Physical Culture) combines Ballet, Hip-Hop, Aerobics and Gymnastics in one affordable class.

Stonnington Physic promotes a FUN and FRIENDLY community driven to empower girls for life!

Junior classes held in SURREY HILLS and Ladies classes held in MALVERN EAST.

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