



## Mary MacKillop Centenary Mass



Archbishop Doyle will preside at a Mass to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the death of Blessed Mary MacKillop at St Mary's Cathedral on **Saturday, 8 August at 10.00 a.m.** The Sisters of St Joseph warmly invite everyone to join them following the celebration for refreshments in St Peter's Hall.

## For Sale by Tender

Dominic College has a 2007 LX 4x2 Holden Rodeo flat tray ute with Lyco loader for sale.

Number plate: FP 2971  
Odometer: 42,400(approx)

Inspections are welcome and can be arranged by calling Steve Halls on 6274 6002  
Prospective purchasers are advised to submit a tender in a sealed envelope, marked:

**'Attention Business Manager.  
Car for sale FP 2971.'**

Tenders should arrive no later than close of business  
Wednesday 5 August 2009.



## Parents & Friends Federation Golden Jubilee Conference

The president of the TCSPFF would like to remind you of their open invitation to this year's annual conference. Since the first Tasmanian Catholic School, parents and friends have been an integral part of the success of our schools and parishes. Over 50 year of active advocacy at local, state & federal level has ensured that our schools continue to provide outstanding holistic education, with our faith at its core. The celebration will occur at St Patrick's College, Prospect on Saturday 15 August including a Conference Mass in the St Patrick's Chapel followed by the conference dinner @ the Country Club. For more details please contact the Federation office on 6272 4209 or visit [www.tcspff.org.au](http://www.tcspff.org.au)

### Dates to Remember:

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> August  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> August  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> August

SATIS Cross Country  
Dominic Mass and Activities Day  
Yr 10 Work Experience  
P & F Grantleigh 7.15pm

## Principals Message.....Ms Beth Gilligan

31<sup>st</sup> July 2009

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week Dominic College is enrolling two more Humanitarian Entrant families into our school community. Both families come from Eritrea, in the horn of Africa. They have spent a number of years in Uganda waiting to find a new home. I am delighted that their journey brings them to Australia, in particular to Hobart and especially to Dominic College.

When families enter a new community that is to be their home, it is time for us to reflect on the way in which we can welcome strangers amongst our midst and make them feel comfortable.

From my own experience, our students are particularly skilled at embracing new people and offering ready words of welcome and smiles. Our students seem to have a natural way of welcome that is open to new peers in their classes and year groups.

I think Dominic students are outstanding at being inclusive of others. I see this in their group work and on the playground where anyone can enter into a game or give something a go. I know that they'll be exceptional in welcoming Ben in Year 4, Lydia and Daniel in Year 8 and Solomon and Lydia in Year 10.

Our new students will have an extensive orientation to the College beginning this week. I know that parents will also welcome the other family members of the students. It is a daunting experience to enter a new country, community and school. The sense of being overwhelmed by newness can be reduced greatly when a community offers genuine friendship and we are exceptional at this at Dominic.

Most Humanitarian Entrant families are grateful not to be asked personal questions about their past. Many families have come from countries that have been ravaged by conflict and war and they have experienced real hardships. General questions are great starter questions such as their interests, things they want to learn about now they are in Australia and ideas they may have.

As we welcome the Gufla and John families, I offer this prayer for all of us at Dominic College from Graham Cook's *Say One for Me*:

*Wind of God, keep on blowing.  
Sail over the barriers that we build  
to divide ourselves from each other.  
Pick up your seeds of freedom and truth  
wherever they flourish,  
carry them across frontiers to be planted in other soil,  
to begin fresh growth and new forms.  
Reveal the new future you have in mind for us.....*

*Tongue of God, keep on speaking  
So that peoples of earth  
Can speak your language to each other  
And all can hear you in their own.*

I ask you to especially keep in your prayers the 45 million refugees in our world today, not counting the millions of displaced people, mostly women and children who have had to abandon everything to flee their homelands for fear of their safety.

**Quote of the Week:** *We are injured and hurt emotionally - not so much by other people or what they say or don't say - but by our own attitude and our own response*

...Maxwell Maltx



**REMINDER  
NEXT WEEK:  
WEEK 2**

**Head of Campus.....Mr John Visentin  
Responsibility**

There have been some unfortunate and disturbing incidents this week that have been a very poor reflection of us as a College and the manner in which we treat each other. Whilst it is not appropriate for the details of these incidents to be relayed in a public document such as this, I can say that in each incident students failed to show respect for others and did not take their responsibility as a Dominic student seriously enough.

Whilst the vast majority of students are helpful, courteous, responsible, caring and thoughtful some have forgotten that all of us have the right to be safe, happy and to learn at our College. While each particular situation is followed up with students in collaboration with parents it is worthwhile taking the time to reflect on how our actions can either build up or diminish our community both within the school and in the eyes of others.

How have I shown respect for everyone with whom I work and play? When have I hurt others by my words or actions? How do I resolve situations when I am hurt or angry? How can I be a person who encourages forgiveness and reconciliation?

**Feast Day**

Next Friday is the college feast and activities day. On that day we will celebrate together in prayer and by sharing a BBQ lunch, which is provided for all students and staff. All students should now have been allocated their activities for the afternoon. All secondary students may wear suitable plain clothes on the activities day as most will be involved in physical activities.

Normal rules and expectations are as always, in place on the day.

**Public Persona**

The public face of Dominic College is provided by every one of our students each day as they travel to and from school in their uniform. As they do so they encounter possibly 10, 20 or more people on buses, in the street or in other public places. This means that hundreds or thousands of people each day have their perception of Dominic College influenced by our students' portrayal of what a Dominic College student is like. Mostly this public persona is one that lives up to our high standards and expectations. Unfortunately it only takes a few poor decisions to influence others and their perceptions of us as a College. It is vital that all students ensure that their behaviour and uniform in public is at the highest possible standard.

**Leadership Camp.....Teagan Nettlefold-Roberts**

On the 16th of July the Secondary Campus student leaders gathered for the mid-year leadership camp. We began by meeting with house coordinators to discuss our progress this year and our plans for the short time we have left.

We then as a group continued to discuss what has been achieved this year and what things we need to work on. We made decisions on how we should act as leaders for the rest of the year and what challenges we would face.

After a few short games we headed to the kitchen for an interesting challenge in providing our food for the night. After choosing a selection of somewhat peculiar ingredients (all of which had to be used) we created some truly hideous masterpieces. From a sweet chilli tuna and tofu dip, to half cooked veggie burgers the final results proved difficult to swallow.

We then returned to the drama room to discuss our opinions and ideas on the college rules. We assessed what we believed to be good rules and the things we believe need attention. We then headed for the Savio centre to play some recently invented and exciting games. After our return to the drama room and after a game of "Sardines" (a peculiar version of murder in the dark) we settled down for the night.

Leadership Camp was a lot of fun and we are satisfied with the goals we have made for the remainder of the year.

**YR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE..... Mrs Heinze**

The College has now formalized workplace learning arrangements with host employers in preparation for Year 10 Work Experience Week (August 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>). Students, however, are expected to contact their respective employers next week prior to commencement (both as a matter of courtesy, and to discuss the finer details of the placement).

Students are also reminded that they are required to present their Personal Résumé to their workplace supervisor which should include both personal and emergency contact details. Students should also ensure they complete the Safe@Work occupational health and safety General Module.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/safe@work/guides/student/index.asp>

**Sport Report.....Mr Aaron Davey  
Representative Basketball Championships**



The dates for the Southern Basketball Championships were in last week's Newsletter.

Representative Basketball is the only time in the school year where we will pick our strongest team. Obviously this means students may miss out on making the 'A' team, but if we receive enough numbers we will certainly enter a second team into Division 2. This will particularly occur for students in Year 7 and 9, who will sometimes find it hard to make it into the 'A' team, as the teams are combined 7/8 and 9/10.

Try-outs will be held in the Savio Centre in the upcoming weeks, and we are in desperate need for coaches/managers who wish to be involved in our lead-up to the Southern and State Champs.

Please try and attend all try-outs, and I certainly hope many parents/guardians are interested in being involved with the various teams. If you wish to be involved in any way, please contact me via email or phone.

Last year we were very successful and the year before we travelled to the State Championships. Basketball is a very strong sport at Dominic College and we look to further developing that strong sporting culture Dominic possesses.

**SSATIS CROSS COUNTRY**

This coming Thursday, Dominic will send an 80+ strong team to the Rokeby Police Academy for the SSATIS Interschool Cross Country Carnival. The top ten runners from each age group will represent the college.

Event times are estimated as follows:

Time	Age Group	Distance	
10:30am	Under 15 Boys	4kms	2 laps
10:50am	Under 13 Girls	3kms	1 ½ laps
11:10am	Under 16 Girls	3kms	1 ½ laps
11:30am	Under 16 Boys	5kms	2 ½ laps
11:50am	Under 14 Girls	3kms	1 ½ laps
12:05pm	Under 14 Boys	4kms	2 laps
12:25pm	Under 15 Girls	3kms	1 ½ laps
12:40pm	Under 13 Boys	3kms	1 ½ laps



Students are required to wear their FULL SPORT UNIFORM.

This includes

- Black Shorts – No Football Shorts – No Skins.
- School Athletics Tops – Provided by school on day.
- Suitable running shoes – No volleys.

Parents who are interested in helping out next Thursday in any capacity, please contact me via email or phone.

**Advice for Parents .....Swine Flu**

H1N1 (swine flu) and seasonal flu is clearly evident in the Tasmanian community and it is making its way through Tasmanian schools. It also appears that the distinctions between H1N1 and seasonal flu are no longer being made and that all cases will most likely be treated as simply, "the flu".

Advice from DHHS is that the majority of people in Tasmania who have the H1N1 have a relatively mild illness which can be managed at home without needing to see a doctor.

**There is, however, a section of the community that may be at risk of severe illness from the virus. People who are at risk of severe illness include:**

- People with chronic respiratory conditions like asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
- People with other chronic conditions including heart disease, diabetes, metabolic diseases, kidney or liver disease, immune suppression or chronic neurological conditions.
- Indigenous people of any age.
- People who are very obese.
- Pregnant women (particularly in the middle and later months of pregnancy).

If your child has flu like symptoms please ensure that they stay at home until they have recovered. **If your child falls into the category of 'people at risk' and are displaying flu like symptoms, you should seek medical care early if they get sick with a fever and cough and/or sore throat, even if the illness starts off as mild.** You should phone their doctor or 1800 358 362 (1800 FLU DOC)