



Term 2, Week 6 2024

Dominican School, Semaphore

Celebrating 125 Years of Education in 2024



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From the School Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our Little Dominican Transition Program starts next week, where we welcome 16 new students into our Dominican School Community. We also welcome Angus (Year 5) and Clara (Year 6), as well as three new staff members Louisa Martino (Performing Arts), Heather Manning (Transition) and Tanya Weber (Executive Assistant). We extend a warm welcome to all our new students, staff and families and we hope that their journey at our school will be full of excitement, new learning and lasting friendships.

South Australian Catholic Primary Principal Association Conference: Leading a High Performance Culture Now and Into the Future

Two weeks ago I attended this year's South Australian Catholic Primary Principal Association (SACPPA) conference, which was centred on the compelling theme, "Leading a High Performance Culture Now and Into the Future." The event brought together visionary educators and thought leaders to explore innovative strategies for fostering a culture of high performance within schools, ensuring that students receive the best possible education and support for their futures.

All leaders left with a renewed sense of purpose and a toolkit of strategies to implement in their schools. The discussions underscored that leading a high-performance culture is not a one-time effort but an ongoing commitment to excellence, adaptability, and innovation.

The SACPPA conference once again proved to be a pivotal event for educational leaders, providing us with the insights and inspiration needed to lead our schools effectively now and into the future. Together, all Catholic leaders are poised to make a lasting impact, ensuring that South Australian Catholic primary schools remain beacons of high performance and holistic education.

National Reconciliation Week

Last week we celebrated National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The 2024 theme, 'Now More Than Ever'. This theme is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will—and must—continue. The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



*Lord God, bring us together as one,
Reconciled with you and with each other.
You made us in your likeness.
You gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.
He has given us forgiveness from sin.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
Different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ:
Together as your body, your church, your people. Lord
God, bring us together as one,
Reconciled, healed, forgiven,
Sharing you with others as you have called us to do.
In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one.*

Pupil Free Day

This Friday on the Pupil Free Day all staff will be participating in a staff retreat day that will focus on The Dominican Spirit Alive in Our World Today. Our day will be structured around our four Dominican Pillars and grounded in the Dominican tradition and the work of Jesus.

This staff retreat day is designed to foster personal and professional growth among staff members, to enhance teamwork, deepen individual reflection, and to participate in faith in action.

A huge thank you to Mrs Kovacev for her thorough planning and organisation of this event.

125 Year Celebrations at Dominican

This term we have two significant celebrations:

Back to Dominican Day – Tuesday 25th June from 2-6pm. We welcome back all old scholars and families for an afternoon of memories. Visitors are invited to take a tour of what's new, revisit what's old and share stories with fellow past students.

Dominican Gala Ball - Saturday 6 July. Invite all your family and friends to an evening of good food, dancing, silent auctions, and celebrations. Tickets are selling fast, so be sure to purchase your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

If possible, families are also asked to contribute any donations for either the silent auction and/or wine wall at the Gala Ball. All donations can be left in the front office.

We thank all our families for their kind generosity and their continued support of our Dominican School Community.

Many blessings for the weeks ahead.

Angela Scodella

PRINCIPAL

From the Religious Education Coordinator

RECONCILIATION WEEK MASS

Last Wednesday, RN and 5/6T led a Reconciliation Mass at Sacred Heart Church. They gathered together as one, to give thanks for the

diversity of peoples and cultures with which we live. At Dominican, Reconciliation means that we have the grace to say sorry, to hear sorry and to live with forgiveness. We thank RN and 5/6T for leading us in prayer during Reconciliation Week.

FAITH IN ACTION

Our Justice Leaders are inspiring us to take action and work for social justice with their **'Be the Sunshine on Someone's Cloudy Day'** campaign. Donations have been collected to create care packs for the **Hutt St Centre** and hospital packs for **Aboriginal Catholic Ministries Otherway Centre**, which will be given to Indigenous hospital patients. To thank everyone for their support and generosity, on **Thursday 6th June** we had a casual day celebration. Justice Leaders also sold smiley face cookies for \$2 with all money raised going towards the hospital and care packs.

PHILIP KENNEDY CENTRE VISIT

Over the last few weeks, our Justice Leaders made heartfelt visits to Philip Kennedy Centre, bringing joy and companionship to its residents. This visit was part of our ongoing commitment to community service and social justice. The students spent quality time engaging with the residents through conversations, reading sessions, and even a few games of balloon tennis. Their efforts not only brightened the day of the residents but also fostered intergenerational connections and empathy among our students. We are proud of our Justice Leaders for exemplifying compassion and making a positive impact in our community.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

On Saturday 1st June, our students and families in the Sacramental Program gathered for their first **Confirmation Family Workshop**. We pray for **Brooklyn, Scarlett, Brax, Sophia, Robben and Addison** who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they receive the fullness of God's Spirit. The next workshop is on Tuesday 11th June 4.00pm – 5.00pm at the Sacred Heart Meeting Room.

SUSTAINABILITY AND ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION

The Dominican Sustainability Committee (which includes five students, three staff members, two parents and a Green Adelaide representative) are excited to announce their latest initiative to foster ecological stewardship within our school community. Our dedicated team is diligently developing a comprehensive School Action Plan for Sustainability and Ecological Conversion, aimed at promoting practices that align with our commitment to caring for our common home. This plan will include actionable steps for reducing our environmental footprint, enhancing recycling programs, and integrating sustainability education into our curriculum. By engaging students, staff, and families in these efforts, we aim to cultivate a culture of environmental responsibility and ensure a greener, healthier future for all. Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to get involved!

Martina Kovacev

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Leader of Learning

Celebrating National Reconciliation Week

Our Nunga Club students have been hard at work creating stunning artworks that reflect their deepening knowledge and respect for the

culture and history of the Indigenous Australian people. These pieces are not just art; they are powerful stories and symbols of our commitment to reconciliation.

This year's theme for National Reconciliation Week, "Now More Than Ever". Reconciliation taking action is important now more than ever, with a growing number of students in our Nunga Club, and with us as a school deepening our understanding of Aboriginal culture and history. These actions resonate deeply with our school's pillars of community and recognising the diversity of all our students and what they bring to our community. We're proud to be taking meaningful steps towards a more inclusive and respectful future by engaging our students with the rich traditions and wisdom of the Kurna People.

Join us in celebrating the creativity and dedication of our students as we continue to learn and grow together on this journey of reconciliation.

Thank you to The Laser Shed for your collaboration in this project and providing us with the hands for each of our students to participate in this artwork installation.



Nick Ryan
LEADER OF LEARNING

Learning in Specialist Areas

JAPANESE

Language is interconnected with culture and our students are learning not only the Japanese language but also culture.

As part of the year 5/6 classes lessons on Hinamatsuri, Girls' Day in Japan, students made and decorated paper Japanese dolls. Our younger students enjoyed making origami Japanese dolls that wore a Kimono, a Japanese traditional dress.

In Term 2, students have learnt about Children's Day, which happens every May, and is one of the biggest celebrations in Japan. One of the highlights was making a carp streamer. Carp fish is a symbol of strength in Japan, and students made their fish beautifully.





PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Reception PE Lessons Term 2

In our Reception PE lessons, our young students have been focusing on honing their fundamental movement skills throughout Term 2. With a strong emphasis on balancing, running, and jumping, our students have been making great strides in their physical development.

During Term 2, students have been mastering the art of balancing, learning how to maintain stability and control their bodies. They have been practicing running techniques, improving their speed and agility, while also working on their jumping skills to enhance their coordination and strength.

Through fun and engaging activities, our students have been exploring these fundamental movement skills in a supportive and encouraging environment. It's been a joy to witness their progress and enthusiasm as they grow more confident in their physical abilities.

We are excited to continue building upon these foundational skills and nurturing a love for physical activity and movement.



Matthew Annetta

PE TEACHER AND SPORTS COORDINATOR

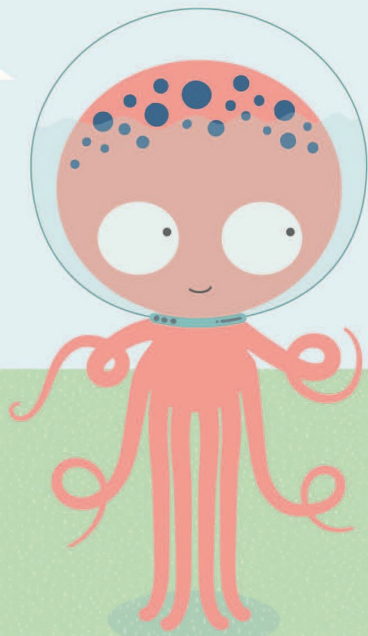
Student Wellbeing

GROW YOUR MIND @ DOMINICAN

The last of the Grow Your Mind animals for us to meet is The Sensitive Octopus- the insular cortex. We know that in nature, the octopus is always aware of its surroundings and is constantly changing. Likewise, our Sensitive Octopus can notice when a friend is sad, lonely or frustrated and can respond. This super power is called empathy. We teach students that having empathy is a core part of friendships. What are some ways that you can stay connected and show empathy to others? Check out the poster below and for more insights into how to grow your Sensitive Octopus, have a listen to episode 1, season 2 of the Grow Your Mind children's podcast- <https://growyourmind.life/podcast/>.

The Sensitive Octopus

(insular cortex)



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WAKE ME UP BY

Imagining how someone else is feeling

Checking in with your internal weather. Are you feeling Sunny? Stormy? Cloudy?

Reading BOOKS!

Naming your feelings

Staying curious

Lisa Osborne
STUDENT COUNSELLOR

July 2024 Vacation Care Program

Book now via the app to secure your place.

Dominican School OSHC

Vacation Care Week 1 July 2024

Mon 8th July	OLD MACDONALD'S FARM COME AND VISIT ALL THE FARM ANIMALS THAT WILL BE VISITING US TODAY. LOADS OF FUN! <i>Service Day</i>
Tue 9th July	CAKES AND COOKING DAY SISTERS SARAH AND KATE ARE BACK AGAIN!... FOR A WONDERFUL SESSION OF CAKE BAKING AND DECORATING. <i>Service Day</i>
Wed 10th July	FUNTOPIA LET'S HEAD FOR AN EXCURSION TO PROSPECT FUNTOPIA. LOADS OF FUN AT PLAYGROUND WORLD! <i>Excursion Day</i>
Thu 11th July	OSHC FASHION PARADE AND KARAOKE FUN LET'S CREATE AND DESIGN SOME WILD COSTUMES FOR OUR DOMINICAN OSHC FASHION PARADE WITH A LITTLE KARAOKE TO FOLLOW! <i>Service Day</i>
Fri 12th July	SEMAPHORE ODEON AT 10AM THE MOVIES ARE CALLING US! <i>Excursion Day</i>

Dominican School OSHC

Vacation Care Week 2 July 2024

Mon 15th July	AFL MAX COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS AT OSHC AND LEARN SOME NEW SKILLS OF AFL FOOTY! <i>Excursion Day</i>
Tue 16th July	SUSTAINABILITY DAY COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN WITH RESOURCES SUPPLIED TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS AT OSHC <i>Service Day</i>
Wed 17th July	SEMAPHORE ODEON AT 12PM DESPICABLE ME 4 IS NOW PLAYING AT THE ODEON. PLAYGROUND VISIT AFTERWARDS AT SEMAPHORE, WEATHER PERMITTING! <i>Excursion Day</i>
Thu 18th July	TEDDY BEAR MAKING AND PICNIC LET'S MAKE A TEDDY BEAR AND PREPARE FOR A TEDDY BEARS PICNIC AT OSHC <i>Service Day</i>
Fri 19th July	INFLATABLE WORLD TODAY WE WILL RIDE ON THE BUS <i>Excursion Day</i>

Extra Curricular and Sports

SACPSSA LACROSSE CARNIVAL

Dominican School showcased their sporting abilities at the recent Catholic Schools Lacrosse Carnival held at Woodville Lacrosse Club in Findon. With a representation of 26 students from Years 3 to 6, the school entered four competitive teams that battled it out against other Catholic Schools in a great display of sportsmanship and skill.

A huge thank you to our dedicated parent volunteers - Adrian Tatrai, Mimma Lupoi, and Rebecca King whose support in supervising and managing the teams ensured a smooth and successful day for all involved.



SAPSASA REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to Luisa Z and Imogen M on their recent selections into their respective Port SAPSASA Representative teams. Luisa was selected into the Port District SAPSASA Girls Netball Team and Imogen was selected into the Port SAPSASA Cross Country Team. We wish the girls all the best for their upcoming carnivals.



SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

We are thrilled to share the news that 35 of our talented students, ranging from Years 3-6, represented our school at the SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday 7 May, at Point Malcolm Reserve in Semaphore Park. These remarkable students showcased incredible grit, stamina and determination throughout their nominated races.

Congratulations to the students who achieved outstanding results and placed in their respective races.

A special thank you goes to Katy Tatrai and Troy Jamieson for their officiating and support during the carnival.

Matthew Annetta

PE TEACHER AND SPORTS COORDINATOR

News and Other Reminders

125 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

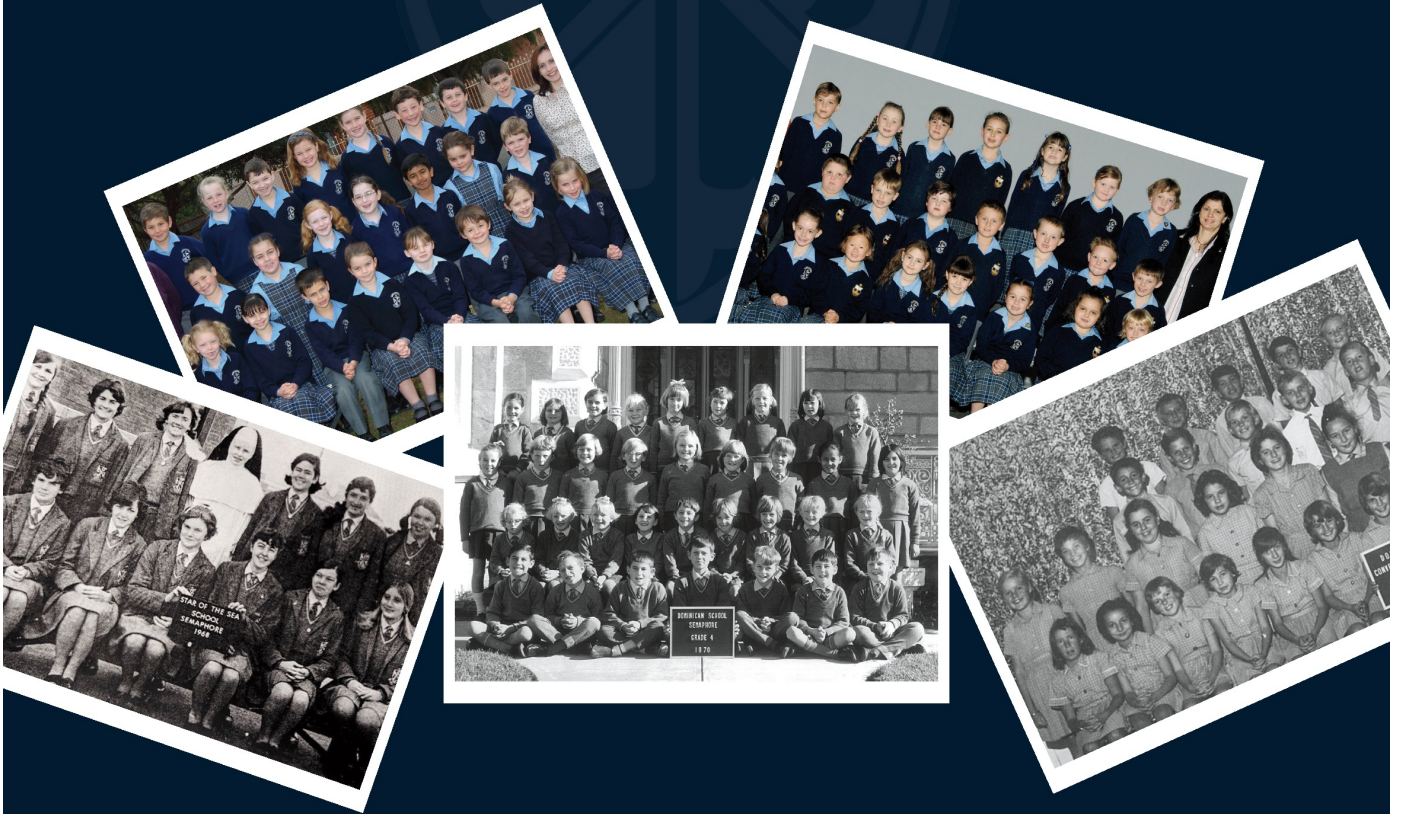
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF DOMINICAN SCHOOL

Back to Dominican

OPEN AFTERNOON AND HIGH TEA

TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2024

2.00PM - 6.00PM



WELCOME BACK TO DOMINICAN
FOR AN AFTERNOON OF MEMORIES

TAKE A TOUR OF WHAT'S NEW, REVISIT WHAT'S OLD
AND SHARE YOUR STORY WITH FELLOW PAST STUDENTS

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Dominican Gala Ball

JUL
SATURDAY **06** AT 6 PM
2024

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TICKETS \$85.00
PURCHASE BEFORE 22 MAY FOR
EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT - \$80.00

TABLES OF 10 - \$800

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**Catholic
School
Parents**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

Cybersafe Families

presented by Todd Murfitt

Wednesday June 19 2024

6pm - 8pm (in person or online)

**St Martin de Porres Catholic School
1 Berrima Road, Sheidow Park**

This Parent Engagement Evening, hosted by Catholic School Parent SA, welcomes all parents and carers of children in Catholic schools.

The workshop will explore how we as families can work together with our children to be Cybersafe.

Todd Murfitt has a unique perspective on the importance of technology and education, following nearly twenty years as an educator, including ten years as a primary school principal.

This will be a poignant workshop for teachers, parents, and carers.

The event will have online and in person attendance options.

Register via the [CESA Registration Centre](#) or go to the [Events page](#) on the Catholic School Parents SA Website.

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AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



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Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our
JUNE OPEN DAY



An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

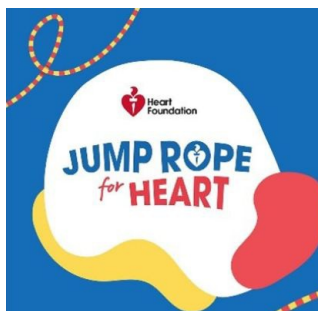
Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman, Amy Shark and Kylie Minogue. You may have seen our girls perform for the FIFA Women's World Cup or AFL Grand Final; or on television appearances on Sunrise, Today, Carols by Candlelight and Carols in the Domain.

Now accepting Semester 2 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Glenelg, Glen Osmond and Walkerville.



JOIN US AT OUR **JUNE OPEN DAY**



**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
KICKS OFF THIS TERM
AT DOMINICAN**

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Jump Rope for Heart is the Heart Foundation's primary school skipping challenge that helps kids move more, have fun, and raise funds for life-saving research and programs.

This year we've got an audacious goal to see our student Heart Heroes at Dominican to log 40 hours of skipping throughout the program!

Register your child online, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started. www.jumprope.org.au/parents

Students will be skipping throughout the term in PE lessons, during fitness lessons and during recess and lunch breaks. During this time you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

THE STRENGTH SWITCH PARENTING COURSE

- developed by Professor Lea Waters AM, PhD
Trained Psychologist, Founder - Visible Wellbeing, Honorary Professorial Fellow - University of Melbourne
Bestselling author of THE STRENGTH SWITCH

How can you help your children to thrive by drawing on what's best in them and you?

Based on Professor Lea Waters AM, PhD bestselling parenting book *The Strength Switch*, this course provides you with evidence based strategies to bring strength-based parenting to life. It helps your children to understand themselves and their strengths better, helping them to navigate life's ups and downs.

The research by Dr Waters has linked strength-based parenting to:

- Increased wellbeing and life satisfaction
- Improved grades and academic achievement
- Lower rates of depression and anxiety
- Increased parent satisfaction.

Professor Lea Waters, mother of two and pioneer in the field of positive psychology, designed this course to equip parents with a tool-kit of strategies, as well as the confidence to start practising strength-based parenting at home.

Come together for this three-workshop series, with other parents from our school community and learn how to tap into your strengths to help both you and your children flourish in life.



THE STRENGTH SWITCH PARENTING COURSE

Who is the course for?

Parents of kids of all ages - it's never too early or too late to start applying the principles of strength-based parenting.

What will I come away with?

- Action plans to help you start to change some of your immediate reactions to certain behaviours at home, focusing more on strengths.
- Confidence in applying the concepts you've learnt having had the opportunity to practise them with other parents.
- Fun activities to do with your kids that strengthen family bonds.
- Expertise from your facilitator for those tricky issues.
- An increased awareness of your strengths and how you can use them during both good and tough times.
- A network of other parents who you can share your journey with.

Term 3

Wednesday 21st August
Wednesday 4th September
Wednesday 18th September

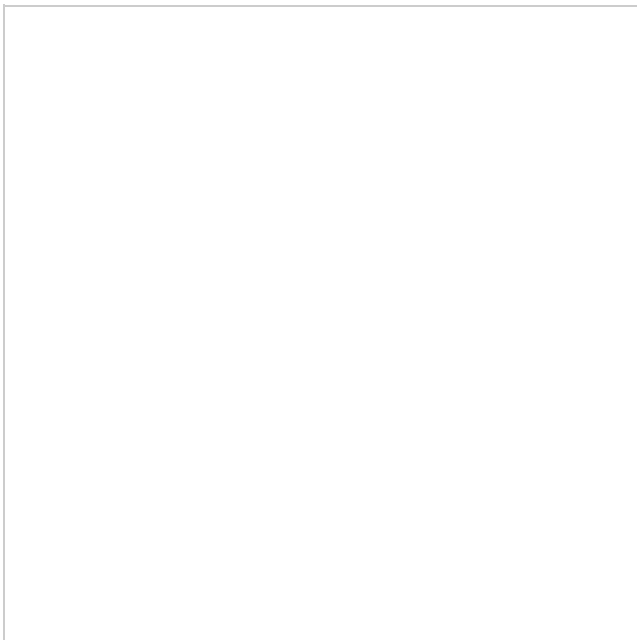
TIME:

6:30pm – 8:00pm

The Strength Switch - Parenting Course



SCHOOL CALENDAR



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SCHOOL BEANIES

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VITO GRILLO

GUITAR AND VOICE TEACHER

A music professional in his own right, Vito has been teaching music to students at Dominican School for over 4 years, including leading our rock band in 2022. His years of experience as a private tutor have seen many of his students go on to become established musicians and performers in their own right. Vito is passionate about helping others and inspiring them to reach their best.

Vito is also a very experienced live performer and has graced many stages both Nationally and Internationally.

If you would like to learn more about enrolling your child for guitar or singing lessons please contact the front office.



LET THE FUN BEGIN!

