Dear Parents/Guardians,

What does the Fete experience mean to your families and your daughter/s?

For me, a sensory overload of certain sounds, sights and smells take me on a trip down memory lane. I can’t help but have this strong feeling of nostalgia from my own school days at St Dominic’s. Although many aspects have changed, others remain familiar in a good way;

- A warm drink, delicious scones and the regulars rushing in to enter their rose in the Rose Competition.
- Craft items and Produce either handmade, homemade, or donated with love by parents, grandparents and friends of the College.
- The aroma that journeys across the campus, from all the multicultural foods on offer.
- Hearing a passionate Auctioneer yelling ‘Sold! Sold! Sold!’, with conviction.
- The sights and sounds of singing and dancing.
- Hearing the excited squeals and giggles from young children after they have been on a ride and been surprised with edible treats, a preloved book, classic treasure, or lucky dip toy.

Hopefully our students feel a sense of belonging when at school, and continue to feel that this is a place they can return to; where they feel a sense of home. Given the number of repeat attendees to the Fete, many who are former students, it is fair to deduce that the feeling of community is alive and well at St Dominic’s Priory College.

Thank you to...

The Leaders of the Fete:
Fete Coordinator Scott Griffin and Assistant Stuart Lapsley; Fete Secretary Vanda Sinicropi; Events Coordinator and keeper of all the fine details; the extraordinary Kathryn Hudson. These four people are key people who spend months planning for the October Fete and once the Fete concludes, they are the people who stay until the sun goes down, so that school can run in the usual fashion on Monday morning.

Parent Convenors & Teams:
Without this dedicated and generous group of parents, we would not be able to run a successful Fete. A big THANKYOU to each and everyone of you.

We will be farewelling a number of Convenors this year, who have handed the baton over to the next Convenor. We are grateful and thankful for your service and will formally acknowledge your work at the last Fete Meeting for the year. Any interested parents are welcome to join one of the many Convening Teams for 2020. All you have to do is let us know that you are interested!

College Staff:
Only the Admin and Grounds Staff completely understand the thousands of jobs (both large and small) that must take place to ensure the smooth running of the Fete.

In every classroom, there are Teaching Staff who are front and centre also doing their part to remind your daughter/s of what comes next in the Fete journey. Each Staff member also donates their time on Fete Day to support the community they too are a part of.

St Dominic’s Students:
St Dominic’s would not be able to run a Fete without our student helpers on the day, having student cooperation in bringing in weekly Fete Appeals, selling and returning of raffle books, and most importantly seeing these girls enjoying themselves on the day.

Every student makes our coming to work each day, an absolute pleasure!

The Mary MacKillop Awards
This award is presented annually to two senior students for their academic excellence and dedication to their school community. Congratulations to Isabella Haddad (Year 12) and Isabel Palmer (Year 11) who were presented with their award at a Mass in St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Saturday evening.

Spring Poetry Festival Anthology
It is true that ‘Poets can say so much in so few words’ (Nigel Ford, 2019 Guest Poet).

This week’s Bulletin includes a full coverage of our Spring Poetry Winners. St Dominic’s scooped the pool at Saturday’s ceremony, receiving more mentions than any school in SA. Congratulations to the 15 students who were published and a very well done to; Mehul Sharma (Year 9), Thuy Do (Year 9) and Vivian Nguyen (Year 10), who are named award winners for 2019.

Condolences
To Minh-Nguyet Nguyen (Year 6) and her family. Minh’s grandfather recently passed away. This is the much loved father of Nguyet. As the family make the trip to Vietnam to attend the funeral, on behalf of this community we offer our condolences.

Muriel Noujaim
Acting Principal
The sun came out and what a great community event we had last Sunday, at our school Fete. The successful day is a result of hard work and commitment to our school, from many parents, students, families, friends and staff. Your support with donations, helping on the various stalls, all the behind the scenes movement of items, the selling of raffle tickets and attending this very important school event, is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our Reception Class who worked very hard at hosting our Assembly this week. They were very excited to present on Tuesday and we all enjoyed their welcome song too. If you have not sent in your daughter’s Celebrating the Whole Child Award, please do so, as we love hearing all about their achievements and your gratefulness for your daughter. They too enjoy the awards being read over the intercom.

Our Week 5 Assembly will be hosted by the Year 5 Class. The last Assembly for the year in Week 7 will be our special farewell to our Year 6 class and will be hosted by them.

This Friday we look forward to Growth Mindset Day with many challenges which focus on Mind, Body and Creative thinking.

We all enjoy ‘Move Up Day’. This year our Reception to Year 5 classes will move up on the 8th of November (Friday Week 4). Students will move to their 2020 class after the 8:30 bell until recess. Our Year 6 Class have already had their transition session and will have classes per normal.

We have several busy weeks ahead. Please make sure you keep an eye out for notes and information in the Bulletin.

State Water Polo
Congratulations to Lilli Morkunas and Morgan Hillman for making the Under 14 Girls SA State Water Polo Team. They will represent South Australia in January 2020 in Brisbane. An excellent effort girls, you should be very proud.

We are very excited to represent our state in water polo throughout the summer of 2020.

– Morgan and Lilli

Writing
Bianca Jovel, Yr 3
Scratch scratch
Goes my pencil
Ugh Ugh
Go my classmates
Whisper whisper
Go my friends
Crick crick
Go my knuckles
Quick quick
Go the teacher
Shh shh
Goes Miss Bossy
Let’s Party Let’s Party
Says the kids
Click click
Goes Jenny’s slime
And then there is me
In the corner
As quiet as a mouse
doing my work
I feel so left out
So
I join the party!

Aussie Backyard Bird Count
Last week the Year 4s and Year 6s joined in the nationwide ‘Aussie Backyard Bird Count’.
We recognised many species living in and around the school, showing healthy natural biodiversity, including rainbow lorikeets, noisy miners, galahs, common magpies, magpie larks, Australian Ravens, bowerbirds, pigeons and more.

Have you spotted the nest of noisy miners in the tree near the primary office?

Time to Shine
Congratulations to Harper Saunders in Reception
Harper entered our Essence of Heritage Photo competition and has her photo of Adelaide Gaol included in our Top 20 by the judges! Congratulations!

In and around the classroom:

The Year 2 Class have been trying some of the seven steps strategies in their writing to build tension and add interest. They have also been trying ‘show don’t tell’ techniques in some of their recent writing tasks. Here are a few:

Rrrip went my tooth as I ate my stretchy gummy. Blood filled my mouth as I tried to talk to my mum. I didn’t know where my tooth was! I searched the floor and finally found my tooth disguised as a piece of popcorn! - Mai

A pan as big as a table filled with Mexican rice, tacos, corn on the cob and many more. I waited and waited and then finally I ate the food. - Natanya

Oh it’s so cold! Brrr my hands, my hands are freezing. But I’m going faster and faster. Now I’m slow and steady. Phew that was great to skate on the ice. - Mahnaz

Cats! What are you doing, chewing my new shoes, scratching the repainted fence? You’re nothing but trouble get out of here right now! - Sophe
Spring Poetry Awards
SAETA Spring Poetry Festival Anthology Launch

On Saturday we were privileged to attend the launch of the South Australian English Teachers’ Association Spring Poetry Festival anthology for 2019. With over 700 entries from 50 schools, our students excelled. Not only were fifteen girls published, the most from any school in SA, but three were awarded prizes on the day:

Mehul Sharma (9): First Prize, ‘Writers SA’ category
Thuy Do (9): Highly Commended
Vivian Nguyen (10): Budding Poet’s Prize

In addition, the following had their poems published: Bianca Jovel (Year 3), Willow Rann (Year 7), Ayo Adejoro (Year 7), Gabriela Bonilla (Year 7), Adela Hyunh (Year 8), Isabella Gonzalez Varas (Year 9), Mary Castigo (Year 9), Tamika Gunson (Year 9), Lizbal Binu (Year 9), Justyna Dutka (Year 10), Sarah Runnegar-Mullins (Year 11), Julia Pickersgill (Year 12), Ms Reid and Ms Rathmann.

It was a delight to see our award winners read and perform their poems with confidence in front of a large, receptive audience. Congratulations to our poets!

Ms Shelda Rathmann

Amelia Bradshaw Turns Eight!
and you are invited to her birthday party
Friday 8th of November, SDPC hall
Doors open at 7pm – starts at 7.30pm
$5 for students & £10 adults
buy tickets at the door

St Dominic’s Priory College

Generations in Jazz
Music Camp & Competition
MAY 1 - 3 2020
Mt Gambier, SA

In 2020 St Dominic’s Priory College will be participating in the vocal division as a “Jazz Vocal Ensemble” This is open to all students currently in Years 7-11

Auditions will be held in Week 4
Please sign up outside the Music Room

For further information please visit www.generationsinjazz.com.au or contact Miss Neale
FETE
Sunday 27 October 2019

People’s Choice Rose competition

2019 ART UNION RAFFLE DRAW

1st Prize | $1000
#5572 J. Keane

2nd Prize | $500
#3643 E. Bressan

3rd Prize | $250
#2844 L. Davie

4th Prize | $150
#4486 A. Limgenco