



**ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE**

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# BULLETIN



**WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019**

**WEEK 8 – TERM 4**

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## Diary Dates

Friday 6 December

Last day of Term 4  
End of Year Assembly

*Early Dismissal for Years  
REC to 9 inclusive: 2:30pm  
Year 10-12s will be dismissed from  
their classrooms after Assembly*

Tuesday 10 December  
Graduation Ball

Wednesday 11 December  
Report Collection  
8:00am - 3:30pm

Tuesday 17 December  
SACE Results Released

Friday 24 January  
Laptop Collection

Monday 27 January  
Australia Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 28 January  
Orientation Day for  
Year 7 & 8 Students

Wednesday 29 January  
First Day of Term 1

Weds 29 - Fri 31 January  
Year 8 Camp

Thursday 30 January  
Wellbeing Day

Thurs 30 - Fri 31 January  
Year 12 Retreat

Friday 31 January  
Year 10 First Aid

## UNIFORM SHOP

Thurs 5 Dec 12:30 - 4:30

Mon 9 Dec 10:00-2:00

Thurs 12 Dec 10:00-2:00

Mon 16 Dec 10:00-2:00

Thurs 19 Dec 10:00-2:00

Closed for Christmas  
+ New Years

Fri 10 Jan 10:00-2:00

Sat 11 Jan 10:00-2:00

Tues 14 Jan 10:00-2:00

Weds 15 Jan 10:00-2:00

Thurs 16 Jan 10:00-2:00

Thurs 23 Jan 10:00-2:00

Fri 24 Jan 10:00-2:00

Sat 25 Jan 10:00-2:00

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS OFFICE CLOSURE

**MONDAY 23 DEC**

until

**FRIDAY 10 JAN**  
inclusive

**REOPENING 9AM  
MONDAY 13 JAN**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

***I am sure you need no reminder of the 2:30pm dismissal for all students this Friday 6 December.***

### 2019 – The Finale Week

Last night's Year 3 – 12 End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving was a special celebration for a number of reasons; the obvious two being the presentation of our 2019 graduates, and focusing on Sr Jill's contributions in a special way, given it was her final Mass as College Principal. This gathering also coincided with the beginning of Advent.

Congratulations to all our students. From readers, choir members, soloists and those students involved in processions; well done on leading us so reverently. Thank you to our staff and in particular Key Music Teacher, Ms Stephanie Neale and Liturgy Coordinator, Ms Genevieve Taheny; who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make our Eucharistic encounter with Christ so distinct. Fr Tony Densley is also deserving of a special thanks for presiding at our Mass.

Tomorrow morning, our Reception – Year 2 students and parents will have an equally memorable End of Year Liturgy, where they too can give thanks as a junior primary community.

Next Tuesday, the Class of 2019 will celebrate their final goodbye at the Graduation Ball. Our graduating class will always remain a part of this community and are in our prayers, as they now await final ATAR results from the SACE Board. To Mr Greg Larwood and the entire team of Year 12 teachers, we say thank you for your work, as you have been very much a part of preparations for the Mass, Final Assembly, and the Graduation Ball.

### School of Languages Celebration of Achievement

I am delighted to inform you that the following students have been chosen as this year's language recipients and their achievements were formally acknowledged last week, by the School of Languages at the University of Adelaide, Bonython Hall. Congratulations to:

Justyna Dutka

Jennifer Ngo

Khanh-Lynh Katelyn Nguyen

Tessa Tranthim-Fryer

Stage 1 Polish Continuers

Year 8 Vietnamese

Stage 2 Vietnamese Continuers

Stage 2 Spanish Beginners

The Award of Excellence

Award of Merit

Award of Outstanding Academic Achievement

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**Assembly & Farewells:** This Friday we will hold our final Year 7-12 Assembly for the year. During this time many awards will be presented to students and we will also take the time to farewell staff. Leaving us at the end of 2019 are: **Ms Emily Upton** and **Mr Peter Rossi**. We are grateful for the contributions these wonderful staff members have made to our community and we wish them well, as they move on to permanent employment elsewhere. Sr Jill will also be acknowledged at this Assembly. However, we do hope she will remain very much connected to her community.

**Collection of Year 7 - 11 Term 4 Reports:** This will take place **8:00am until 3:30pm on Wednesday 11 December**. Providing an entire day means arrangements can hopefully be made for collection. Normally, this is done by the student or a parent/guardian. If you wish to delegate this to somebody else, please communicate this on the day via your daughter's College Planner.

**Condolences** to the Hennessy family, who are grieving the loss of Marion Hoenig; grandmother of Alice Hennessy in Year 11 and mother of Michael. May she rest in peace.

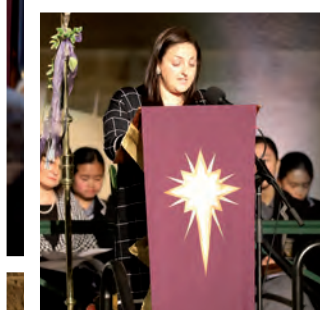
*In my capacity as Acting Principal, I would like to make space in my final Bulletin write up to send a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you, for your continued support throughout 2019 and particularly over this last 6 months.*

*I sincerely wish you and your family a safe and restful holiday break before we come together again in 2020.*

*The gift of love. The gift of peace. The gift of happiness. May all these be yours this Christmas.*

*Muriel Noajaim*  
Acting Principal







## The Parents and Friends are calling 2019 a year of change; we dared to do some things differently and succeeded!

The most significant change was in the structure of the Parents & Friends leadership, from defined positions to an Executive team who together undertook the responsibilities of the Association. We recommend this new model for future years. It worked very well for a number of reasons:

- We supported each other and made decisions together
- Meetings were a fun, supportive coming together
- We interchanged roles and were able to achieve more

Parents interested in contributing to the 2021 Parents & Friends Executive are encouraged to form a group of friends or like-minded parents and shadow the co-presidents in 2020. This will ensure a smooth transition at the end of the year, when the current Executive will retire from their co-president roles.

### Year in Review

The year began with the **Family Mass**, where we welcomed new families to St Dominic's. Due to the double intake of Year 7 and 8s, we changed the focus of the post-Mass gathering from a fundraising event to a Morning Tea; where acquaintances could be made and friendships formed. The feedback was that this created a great sense of community. The only stalls we had was the Memorabilia Stall (so families could satisfy their craving for all things St Dominic's). It was an extremely successful event and many new connections were made.

We changed the format of the **Parent Information Nights** that took place early in Term 1. The co-presidents put on their thespian hats and made a movie! It was a lot of fun, and we hope it encouraged involvement. We will bring you Episode 2, the sequel, in 2020!!

**Sports Day** was at Sacred Heart again this year and although the weather wasn't ideal in the morning, it improved and we had a most enjoyable day. The new Salad Stall was a hit, and the addition of Banh Mi Rolls at the Vietnamese Stall was a sell out success!! We took copious notes and sought feedback on how we might improve in 2020. Thank you to all the convenors, their helpers, and the College staff who ensured the day ran smoothly and successfully.

The **Chocolate Drive** is a staple fundraising event and it was successful again this year. Thank you to our coordinator - Philippa Sharpe.

The sold out *Country and Western* themed **Quiz Night** was a highlight of 2019! There was a great atmosphere, and side activities included line dancing, boot-scooting, a photo booth and lassoing! Thank you to the staff, students, parents and friends that attended and assisted with preparation and running the event. Special thanks are due to our gifted quiz master, Andrew O'Callaghan, and also to Danni and Scott Boyd-Turner and their family for their assistance in coordinating the night and donating the delicious wine. Also the Carpenters for their Prohibition Gin, Leah Raschella from Lula Blue who donated gorgeous scarves and vouchers and the Gunsons for their Smash and Grab cake! A generous donation of football Corporate Box tickets was also appreciated and well-received.

In line with our theme of change in 2019; the focus of the Quiz night was to make it a real community event! We included a cheese platter and a glass of bubbles in the ticket price, and also sold dessert platters and wine by the glass. Everyone had a boot scooting time!!

We started a Parents & Friends **Facebook** page this year. It is already proving popular and is a good way to reach parents. We look forward to increasing our followers in 2020!

Last, but not least, the **Fete & Auction** provided yet another successful community day, with great support from many volunteers. A very special thank you to Scott Griffin and Stuart Lapsley for their tireless work organising the event, and to the volunteers who set up and cleaned up, convened the stalls, made goods to sell, and assisted with the various jobs that make the event run so smoothly. It was a fabulous Day!

### Special Acknowledgments

We acknowledge the considerable support that Sr. Jill and Muriel Noujaim provided as they guided us through another year. Thanks to Cate O'Leary, who kept us up to date with all of the Primary news at our meetings. We thank you all for your leadership and support.

It would be remiss of us not to acknowledge Sr. Jill's retirement this year; there is so much that can be said about Sr. Jill and her contribution to St Dominic's; but from the perspective of the Parents & Friends Executive we would like to thank her for her words of wisdom, encouragement and guidance. We will especially miss her calming voice and her ever gracious manner.

We also acknowledge and thank all the parents and friends and school staff who volunteered their time and effort over the course of the year. This includes the many businesses who supported us with raffle prizes and donations of goods throughout the year. We recognise the Year 12 parents who are not returning next year; who made valuable contributions over the course of their daughters' schooling.

We extend a special thanks to Kathryn Hudson who continued her indefatigable support at all the school events and those working behind the scenes including Loretta, Lina, Vanessa and Danielle.

Our parent volunteers enable us to offer the events that we coordinate, and these events raise valuable funds for our school. Working together makes things easier, but it also provides an opportunity to form and nurture different friendships. It is a wonderful way to give back to the St Dominic's community and to exemplify to our daughters the importance of service as a key value.

**We are pleased to announce that the total of the Parents & Friends' fundraising efforts for 2019 is:**

**\$99,706!**

**We thank everyone for a fantastic 2019 and wish you all a Merry Christmas! We look forward to seeing returning and new parents next year and invite you to reflect over the summer break on what contribution you can make to the Parents & Friends in 2020.**

**Bec, Gabby, Kate and Maria**

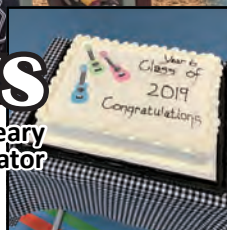
As we say goodbye to our fabulous Year 6s who will continue their journey past the Peppercorn Tree, we also say goodbye to our playground. Watch this space!



# Primary News

from Ms. Cate O'Leary  
Primary School Coordinator

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough."



Last Wednesday evening Year 6 students and their families joined together for our **Year 6 Graduation**. It was a happy event with a moving ceremony in the Hall after dinner. The students reflected on their Primary years through song, prayer and written memories which were both thoughtful and written in context with MYP Learner Profiles. Belinda Baker's speech on the positive and negative aspects of the change process, certainly resonated with the students. We thank Mrs Michelle Richter, Mrs Belinda Baker and Mrs Sordillo for creating a memorable evening for the girls.

Last week the Primary School was a hive of activity.

- Year 2 enjoyed *Ride a Bike Day*
- Year 3 had fun at *Pyjama Day* and *Stay*
- Year 4 had a sleep over at the *Adelaide Zoo*
- Year 6 had their *Graduation*

**We will leave for the movies at 9:20am on Friday and will return by lunch time. You should have received an email explaining what to wear on the last day. Christmas T/shirt and sport shorts for a \$2 donation.**

## Giving Tree

Our Primary parents have been very generous again with supporting our school and those in need. We thank them for the many contributions to our Vinnies Christmas appeal. Our foyer table is brimming with donations. On Friday Shane Copeland will collect all the gifts and take them to Vinnies.



To all the Parents and Friends of our school, a big thank you. We appreciate the time you give, the involvement you have and the engagement that you have in your child's learning. The dedication you give to your daughter's education and the support that you give to the school is always greatly appreciated.



## Ride a Bike Right

Last Friday our Year 2 Class participated in a learn to ride session. Some girls were already quite confident on a bike, while others needed to use their Growth Mindset to tackle a new challenge. Riding a bike can be tricky, but we were very proud of all the girls for giving it their best shot. Here are some words from Teresa:

"We got to ride a two wheeled bike with no pedals first to get the hang of balancing. Then we added the pedals. I was able to go very fast. It was so much fun!"

Our 2020 Primary staffing will remain the same as this year. It has again been a busy productive year and we are thankful for our Primary Staff who give so generously of their time before and after school to offer extra curricula activities, new learning experiences or support clubs.

**School resumes on Wednesday the 29 of January 2020.**

The Primary staff wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas. Until next year, God Bless.

See you in 2020

## Uniform Shop Christmas Holidays Hours

Monday 9 December	10:00am - 2:00pm
Thursday 12 December	10:00am - 2:00pm
Monday 16 December	10:00am - 2:00pm
Thursday 19 December	10:00am - 2:00pm
Friday 10 January	10:00am - 2:00pm
Saturday 11 January	10:00am - 2:00pm
Tuesday 14 January	10:00am - 2:00pm
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Friday 24 January	10:00am - 2:00pm
Saturday 25 January	10:00am - 2:00pm

Check front page of the Bulletin each week for upcoming opening hours during the Term.  
**NEW PRICES APPLY JANUARY 1 2020**



## In and around the classroom:

### ZOO SNOOZE

The classroom was abuzz Tuesday morning as the girls were ready to sleep with the animals. Meerkats, the giraffe, the nocturnal and reptile house were of course a highlight, as were the lions and monkeys. Our educational leader was very helpful in answering all our questions, challenging and easy, about the animals we came across. The playground was fun, particularly the new slide that surprisingly allowed a few of us to fly. Did you know that a giraffe's life expectancy is 25, or that different animals have different behaviours or that the Sumatran Tiger is found in the rainforest of Indonesia? The list of our new-found knowledge is endless.

**Zoo Snooze 2019 was fun and exciting, such a wonderful learning experience. We are all ready for Camp 2020.**

The Year 4 class enjoyed a wonderful trip to the zoo, where we learnt a lot about the animals and life at the zoo. A highlight was walking around the zoo in the evening and seeing (and hearing) many animals in action. We also used our Growth Mindset to master the experience of staying a night away from home. Thanks to Holly, Mrs Heggs and Ms O'Leary for joining us.

**Year 4**



### Noël Celebrations Year 9 French

In Week 7 the Year 9 French classes worked in groups to make traditional Bûche de Noël. The students then decorated them as authentic Yule logs and we celebrated an early Noël on the last day of lessons to the tune of Christmas Carols in French. Délicieux et très amusant !

Joyeux Noël, Bonne Année 2020 et Bonnes Vacances à tous!

**Madame Bosco & Madame Patti-Reid**



### Vietnamese Language Achievement

Adelaide Tuan Bao newspaper - 17 October 2019

Thien An Le (10B) is a student in the Vietnamese Language Class at St Mary's Vietnamese School. She is also a student of Sr Hieu Tran's co-curricular Vietnamese Class at St Dominic's. An's writing was published recently in the Vietnamese Newspaper *Adelaide Tuan Bao*. In it, An emphasised the importance of learning the mother tongue language. It reflected her appreciation of the previous and the current generations who have given their time to serve the community in order to keep the Vietnamese language and culture in Adelaide. Congratulations on this achievement!

## Hiếu và Yêu Thèm Truyền Thống, Văn Hoá, Ngôn Ngữ Việt Qua Một Chuyện Tham Quan của Lớp Tiếng Việt

*Nhằm mục đích giúp cho các em học sinh hiểu thêm về cộng đồng Việt Nam và cách người Việt hòa nhập vào văn hóa và xã hội Úc, vào ngày 27 tháng 7, lớp 10 và 11 của trường St Mary (Trường Việt Ngữ Trinh Vương) đã tham quan trung tâm sinh hoạt của cộng đồng Việt Nam. Chuyến tham quan đã thực sự để lại nhiều ấn tượng tốt đẹp cho chúng em, những người trẻ đang may mắn có gắng để trau dồi thêm tiếng Mẹ đẻ của mình.*

*Bài viết này chỉ nêu lên một vài suy nghĩ và cảm nhận của em sau chuyến tham quan, như một phần của bài làm trong khóa học tiếng Việt của năm 2019.*

Một điều cá nhân em nhận thấy, và có hướng dẫn viên cũng đề cập đến- là sự hào phóng của cộng đồng này. Trước đây, em không biết rằng có nhiều nhân viên ở nơi này thực sự là thiện nguyện viên. Những người này dành thời gian, công sức, tiền của để chúng tay đóng góp, xây dựng cộng đồng vì họ muốn duy trì bản sắc của người Việt và muốn công hiến cho xã hội, cho đất nước đã cưu mang họ. Đối với em, sự quảng đại này đã làm em rất xúc động và cảm kích vì nó truyền cảm hứng cho em với ước muốn tham gia nhiều hơn vào các sinh hoạt của

Cộng Đồng Việt Nam. Hơn nữa, nó đã khuyến khích em hiểu rõ hơn về văn hóa của Việt Nam, một nền văn hoá và truyền thống trọng ơn nghĩa.

Một điểm tích cực khác của chuyến tham quan là lúc chúng em có cơ hội nói chuyện với hai thiện nguyện viên trẻ. Hai cô nói về những lịch sử của việc biết tiếng Việt sẽ tốt như thế nào cho tương lai. Vì các cô ở gần tuổi của chúng em nên chúng em cảm thấy gần gũi và dễ hiểu những gì họ chia sẻ. Các thiện nguyện viên nói rằng khi các cô ở tuổi chúng em, các cô không thấy ý nghĩa của việc học tiếng Việt và nghĩ rằng nó là một sự lãng phí thời gian. Nhưng khi các cô lớn lên, các cô thấy nó rất bổ ích vì nó giúp họ hiểu hơn về những người họ gặp gỡ trong công việc, nhất là hiểu được những thể hệ người Việt đi trước khi họ gặp gỡ các cô vì công việc. Việc hiểu họ cũng giúp cho các cô ấy thành công hơn trong công việc của mình. Các cô đã giúp chúng em có thêm động lực để tiếp tục cố gắng học tiếng Việt và duy trì ngôn ngữ mẹ đẻ của mình.

Hơn nữa, vì trung tâm sinh hoạt được kết nối với cộng đồng người Việt trong tiểu bang, chúng em đã có cơ hội tìm hiểu về nhiều dịch vụ mà trung tâm của cộng đồng cung

cấp. Văn phòng phúc lợi là một trong ba lĩnh vực quản lý liên quan đến nhiều dịch vụ xã hội cho thanh thiếu niên, cơ bản, chăm sóc người già, khuyết tật, bạo lực gia đình, v.v. Rõ ràng là cộng đồng người Việt nhận được rất nhiều sự hỗ trợ từ các thiện nguyện viên, nhờ những sự cộng tác, đóng góp vô vị lợi này mà cộng đồng không những cung cấp hỗ trợ cho những người gặp khó khăn, giúp duy trì những truyền thống văn hoá tốt đẹp của dân tộc, mà còn tạo được một vị tin lớn tại tiểu bang Nam Úc và trong cả đất nước Úc nữa.

Chuyến tham quan đã để lại cho cá nhân em những dấu ấn sâu đậm và em cũng học được nhiều bài học rất bổ ích. Chuyến đi đã thực sự giúp em có thêm động lực để tiếp tục học tiếng Việt, để hiểu thêm về những giá trị cao đẹp của văn hoá Việt mà chúng em - những người sinh ra vì lòng lên tại Úc thực ra mới chỉ biết một cách rất mơ hồ. Em tin rằng, cá các bạn của em nữa, những người đã tham gia ngày tham quan đó, đều thấy được việc duy trì bản sắc và văn hoá Việt Nam qua việc học tiếng Việt là cần thiết biết bao.

*Lê Thiên An*  
Lớp 10, Trường Việt Ngữ Trinh Vương (St Mary's Vietnamese School)





### Year 10 Surfing

Over the course of three days last week, Year 10 students and some keen Year 11 students, as part of the Health and PE program, had the opportunity to spend a day (or two) learning to surf. Chasing the perfect surf conditions, we made our way to Moana and Middleton beach, where wet-suits were donned and many waves caught. The surf conditions were challenging, particularly on Tuesday, and both teachers and instructors were pleased by the effort and enthusiasm in which all girls attacked the day and were impressed with the skills that were shown.

### Student Laptop Collection 2020

All students in Years 6 - 12 are issued with a Laptop as part of the *College-Owned Laptop Program*. In 2020, distribution of these devices will take place as follows:

**YEARS 8, 9, 10, 11 + 12 - Friday 24 January:** students in Years 8 to 12 (inclusive) are to collect their Laptop **directly from the Library** between the hours of **8:30am - 4:00pm**. This date is in the last week of the school holidays - please mark it in your calendar now.

**YEAR 7 - Tuesday 28 January:** Year 7 students will be issued with their laptop as part of the Orientation Day program.

**YEAR 6 - Wednesday 29 January:** students in Year 6 will be issued with their laptop, and case, via their Home Group Teacher.

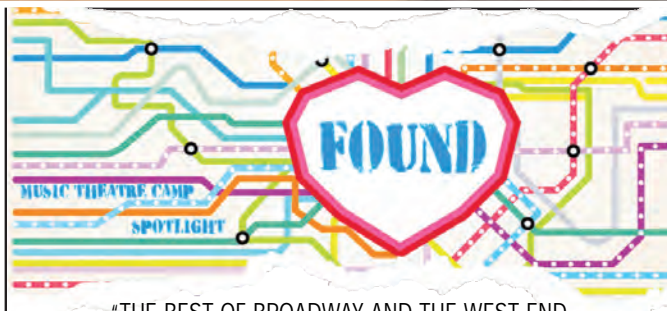
Laptop Collection on your daughters' dedicated pick up day means that there will be time at home to set up and charge the laptop, and be ready for a smooth start to school in Week 1. This will minimise disruption during class time at the start of term.

If your daughter has previously been issued with a **laptop case** (all students presently in Years 6-11) it is **essential** that she bring it to school when collecting her computer.

All current Year 6-12 families will have already signed the **College-Owned Laptop Agreement Program Student and Parent/Guardian Agreement**. If your daughter is new to Years 6-12, and receiving a laptop for the first time, please ensure you have returned your signed agreement. A copy of the agreement can be accessed online at: <https://stdo.ms/33J6qJJ>

Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and see you in the New Year!

Sandra Mason, Library Coordinator



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### Seeking a short stay Host Family in 2020



As many of you might know, St Dominic's Priory College welcomes short stay and long stay students from around the world. **This hospitality is reciprocated to our students when they go on exchanges.**

In June 2020, we will be welcoming two Year 10 female students from Fenwick High School, in Oak Park Illinois, USA (just outside Chicago) for two weeks. Fenwick High is also a Dominican school and has had a long association with Blackfriars Priory School, through boys' sport competitions.

**For the first time, we are hoping to extend the Australian Dominican experience of school to girls at Fenwick High.**

We will require some generosity from our families. Are you interested in welcoming a student into your home for approximately 2 weeks?

**Please contact Ms Vanda Sinicropi on (08) 8331 5104 if you might be interested.**

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Signed: ..... Date: ..... / ..... / 19.....

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