

BULLETIN

Diary Dates

Wednesday 8 April Sports & Special Photos

> Thursday 9 April Last Day of Term 1

2020 TERM DATES

Term 1: 29 Jan - 9 April Term 2: 28 April - 3 July Term 3: 20 July - 25 Sep Term 4: 12 Oct - 4 Dec

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2020

WEEK 8 - TERM 1

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Dear families

At this time of unprecedented unrest, I write this bulletin with three things in mind:

Being prepared showing respect and remaining connected.

Being Prepared

As a school community we have developed a plan for continuous learning, should the school have to close for a short or medium term. Whilst the Prime Minister has announced today that schools will remain open, we remain prepared and planned for such an event.

- Resources and on-line learning will be available for students so that they can learn from home.
- The SACE Board has provided information to schools and our SACE Coordinator, Greg Larwood will respond to any parent queries.
- In the letter I sent home on Monday, we asked parents to have a conversation with their daughters about how they would get home if the school had to unexpectedly close.

Measures are taking place on campus, as well. Our College is being cleaned more regularly and personal hygiene is paramount. We are keeping a social distance of 1.5 meters where possible and lessons are unfolding in a normal fashion, where possible. To ensure information is available to our community, we have activated a Coronavirus update portal on our website that will have all communication to families, along with support material for parents.

As a follow-up to Monday's communications, I ask all families to complete the attached form and return to school tomorrow.

Showing Respect

Our world is impacted by COVID-19, and as we respond we must surely show respect for each other; for the work of our leaders, our medical professionals, and all those in work that provides service. Respect in the supermarket, on the bus, at work and wherever we move. Let us think about how we can look after ourselves, which will mean we are looking after each other.

Remaining Connected

If there was one word I would use to describe St Dominic's Priory College it would be... Community! We are a College founded on the belief that 'in community we come to know ourselves and each other.' In having to suspend our community events such as Sports Day, I am mindful of the impact on us. We love to gather with families, to celebrate, to work together in preparation and to achieve great events. The challenge for us is to remain connected as a school community in the absence of these events. We are creative, clever people and thrive when we are together. I do know this community does pull together strongly, during times of adversity and this is our strength as we support one another during these uncertain times.

I thank all our parents, students and staff for their proactive, positive and helpful manner by which we are managing these most difficult times.

Friday morning mass in

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours During Term Mondays 10:30am - 1:30pm

Thursday 19 March 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Saturday 21 March 10:30am - 1:30pm

Thursday 26 March

10:30am - 1:30pm

riday morning mass in the Chapel 8.15am Kindest regards,

Ms Helen Steele, Principal



from Ms. Cate O'Leary, Primary School Coordinator

Keep Calm, Carry On and WASH YOUR HANDS

We are all travelling in unchartered waters at this time and there are no certainties as what will follow. It is a stressful time for all. We have received many positive emails from parents offering support, gratitude and prayers. We have appreciated your thoughtful concern. In the event of a school closure all teachers will be in contact with you via email or the Seesaw app, depending on your daughter's year level, with suggestions for learning and work packages.

Week 8 Assembly

We did not come together in the Hall for our normal fortnightly assembly. We used our creative talents and came up with a Plan B. Yesterday we certainly had history in the making with our Year 3 Class hosting our assembly. All classes stayed in their rooms and watched a well prepared slideshow, while the Year 3s spoke and sang over the intercom. It was truly a special and unique assembly. All classes loved it. Our next assembly will be in Week 10 and will be hosted by the Year 2 Class. We know they will also have an intriguing way of presenting their assembly.

With all incursions and excursions being cancelled there are still many exciting learning opportunities occurring:

Being Connected

As a class, the Year 3s are participating in the **Australia Post Pen Pal Club**. They have each written a letter to a student in Orange Grove Primary School in Lilyfield, New South Wales. We have told them about some of their hobbies, family, foods and they have also explained why St Dominic is so important to us. They will post their letters this week and we know they can't wait to receive replies.

The following students are preparing for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** next week, please keep them in your prayers: *Rose, Daisy, Teresa, Sophe, Aria, Hannah L*, and *Izabel*

The students have learnt about what it means to forgive. We all make mistakes and it is important to accept someone's apology and forgive them if they have hurt us. We also need to remember that we must offer our own apology and seek forgiveness when we hurt someone else with our words or actions.

This is My Acoustic Poem by Rose

F is for forgiving friends

O is for offering your apologies

R is for respecting your friends

G is for giving respect to your family and your friends

I is for including others

V is for various ways to say sorry

E is for everyone makes mistakes

Time to Shine!

Well done to **Chloe Addison** (Year 5) who competed in a **Bouldering (rock climbing) Competition** on Sunday, which were preliminary competitions to the state trials. Congratulations Chloe on placing 3rd in her category.



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Reception Name Inquiry

We have been investigating our names to get to know each other and as part of our learning in English and Maths. We have been looking at

which letters and sounds are in our names and sorting and grouping our names according to their sounds and length. We have also been finding out how many syllables our names have. We spoke to our parents to find out how they chose our name, whether it has a meaning and which country our surname originates from.









Last Wednesday our primary music students had the opportunity to participate in music workshops with Jon Madin. The instruments were made from every day materials found in Jon's garage and the girls had a great time learning how to play them experimenting with different techniques and sounds. It was great to see all classes present their learning at the end of the day in a whole school concert. It was a wonderful and joyous display of musicianship.

Anna Sordillo - Primary Music

Swimming Lessons

Last week, the Year 3, 4 and 5 classes enjoyed participating in swimming lessons at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre. Taking three classes of students everyday for a week of swimming lessons can be a challenge but not for us. Our teachers were very proud of all our students. The comments from every swimming instructors was extremely flattering and they wished all students were as well mannered, polite and focussed as our girls are.

Catherine: We learnt some new skills and even though we were sometimes pushed out of our comfort zone, most of us overcame our fears and showed a good growth mindset when dealing with new challenges in the water.

Katika: I enjoyed getting the sinky toys from the bottom of the deep pool!

Vi-Anh: My favourite part was when we all came together and did a big dance to music. It was funny.

Teresa: My favourite part was swimming with the flippers on and playing and sliding on the slides.





Wednesday Thursday, the Year 7s visited the Chapel with Sr Jill. We got to learn more about the story behind how the school was started and why the Chapel was built.

Sr Jill talked to us and explained about how the sisters arrived in Semaphore in 1883 and were planning to build a hospital. They were unable to, so instead they decided to build a school. St Dominic's Priory College was established a year later



in 1884. When Mother Rose Columba's father passed away, he left some money to her in his will and so, when she then passed away, the sisters used that money to make the marvellous Chapel that we have today.

It was really fun and fascinating, looking at all the wonderful and unique features of the Chapel, such as the beautiful statues, stained glass windows, altar and sanctuary lamp. We look forward to visiting the Chapel again soon.

Matilda Prouza & Gemma Moran-Machen 7G



Barry's Story



Barry, a Gamilaroi man originally from western NSW, is a father of four and he embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt

and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may have been life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Your support of Project compassion can help build a brighter future for people like Barry through the Red Dust Healing program.

Let's Go Further, Together!. You can donate through Project Compassion boxes, online at lent.caritas.org.au or by phone 1800 024 413



SPORTS NEWS

Round 5 Results - Thursday 12 March

Water Polo

Middle C lost to Seymour (18 - 4)

Senior B drew St Ignatius 2 (8-8)

SA Catholic Secondary School Girls Sports Association (SACSSGSA)



WEEKEND GIRLS SPORT CANCELLED

Until Further Notice Years 7 - 12

Includes all Games and Trainings of Water Polo Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis and Touch Football

It is time to start thinking about getting your Winter Uniform ready for Term 2

UNIFORM SHOP **OPENING HOURS**

Thursday 19 March Saturday 21 March Monday 23 March 12:30pm - 4:30pm 10:30am - 1:30pm 10:30am - 1:30pm Thursday 26 March 10:30am - 1:30pm Monday 30 March 10:30am - 1:30pm 12:30pm - 4:30pm Thursday 2 April 10:30am - 1:30pm Saturday 4 April Monday 6 April 10:30am - 1:30pm Thursday 9 April 10:30am - 1:30pm

TERM 1 HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 14 April 10:30am - 1:30pm Wednesday 15 April 10:30am - 1:30pm Tuesday 21 April Wednesday 22 April 10:30am - 1:30pm 10:30am - 1:30pm Thursday 23 April 10:30am - 1:30pm

Check front page of the Bulletin each week for upcoming opening hours during the Term.

Week 9 Wednesday Special

Steak Roll with Cheese, sauce & Salad

\$6.50

LUNCH ORDERs must be received by 9:15am and be CLEARLY LABELLED with FULL NAME + CLASS











2020 Student Leaders Gathering: Leaders for the World God Desires. This exciting opportunity aimed to support young people in building their leadership capacity, and featured a keynote presentation from Dr Neil McGoran, Director of Catholic Education SA.

Over the course of the day, St Dominic's girls developed and practiced leadership through group activities with student leaders from other schools, and listened to other keynote presentations from inspirational young people.



Wednesday 11 March

On Wednesday 11 March, the Year 10 Geography class went on a coastal walk between Henley Beach and Glenelg. The aim of this excursion was for students to develop an understanding of the environmental impact of coastal development.





ATTN: PARENTS / GUARDIANS Have you read today's Bulletin? Please let your daughter/s class teacher know via the checkbox in her College Planner