



ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

139 Molesworth Street, North Adelaide. 5006.

BULLETIN

Diary Dates

Thursday 2 April
Last Day of Classes

Friday 3 April
Check-in Morning
R - 11 [online] | Yr 12 [onsite]
Term 1 ends 12noon

Tuesday 28 April
Term 2 Begins

UNIFORM SHOP

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

Thursday 2 April
12:30pm - 4:30pm

HOLIDAY HOURS

10:30am - 1:30pm
Saturday 4 April
Monday 6 April
Thursday 9 April
Tuesday 14 April
Wednesday 15 April
Tuesday 21 April
Wednesday 22 April
Thursday 23 April

Book Uniform Fittings online:
stdo.ms/UniformShopT120



Friday morning mass
has been suspended

A socially-distant congratulations to Sonali (Year 11)
who sold her Mum the winning ticket!



RAFFLE DRAW APRIL 1 2020

Congratulations to the following winners:

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| 1 st Prize \$1000 Cash | #0004104 Geetha, North Adl |
| 2 nd Prize \$300 Cash | #0005052 D. Petryszak, St Peters |
| 3 rd Prize SDPC Sport Tracksuit | #0002066 A Piantadosi, Broadview |

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2020

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WEEK 10 – TERM 1

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Dear Families,

Term One 2020 is quickly coming to a close. It has been a term like no other. Our school community has responded with a strong sense of collaboration, understanding and support. Tomorrow, the Reception to Year 11 girls will pack their bags and say goodbye to us for at least three weeks. They will logon Friday morning and be met by their Pastoral Care teachers, and together they will navigate what *Remote Learning 4 St Dom's Girls* looks like in reality. The St Dominic's staff will then work throughout Week 11 to finalise our preparations for a remote learning option for Term 2. I will write to all families again next week to communicate the latest information in regards to all matters as we respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic as a school community.

I want take this opportunity to thank the girls for their optimism and their commitment to the College. At St Dominic's Priory College, we have a strong positive learning culture no matter the circumstance. We achieve outstanding results, we know how to work collaboratively, and we solve problems methodically. We have an exceptional attitude to our studies and we place great trust in our remarkable teachers. St Dominic's girls have a reputation for excellence in their studies and as we enter a new realm for our learning, I encourage the girls to maintain a positive mindset to their school work. Our theme for Term 2 will be ***St Dominic's girls love to learn – wherever we are.*** We will take our positive learning culture to our lounge rooms and studies. We will set goals, we will check in with our teachers daily, and we will achieve more than we imagined. In this time of change let us remain committed to learning.

I am most pleased to share with you that Ms Jo Surman has been appointed as the Director of Teaching and Learning at St Dominic's Priory College. Jo will join us in Term 2 as a member of the College Leadership Team. Jo has a background in Science and Mathematics, having taught across various year levels. Jo has a passion for STEM and girls education, and we are delighted she is joining our community.

I am looking forward to Crazy Day Thursday as advertised in today's Bulletin and thank Mrs Piotto and the Prefects for engaging us in this fun to end the Term. Congratulations to all the raffle winners. We hope you enjoy your prizes.

I hope that the coming days and weeks find you discovering the gifts, talents and abilities of your daughter and all those in your family. Finding time for daily prayer may just bring everyone the peace we need in the turmoil.

Kindest regards,

Dr. Helen Steele
Principal

TERM 1 SCHOOL REPORTS
WILL BE POSTED HOME
After the Easter Long Weekend

Primary News

from **Ms. Cate O'Leary, Primary School Coordinator**

"Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today."

Thich Nhat Hanh

Thank you to our wonderful parents. We are very appreciative of the many emails we have received from parents over the last few weeks, thanking St Dominic's Priory College staff for their support, positivity and caring concern during this very challenging time for all.

I have also thoroughly enjoyed reading all the stories, poems, watching PowerPoints and the delightful emails sent from families to us, who are not at school at the moment and are sharing their 'at home learning'. We know that it is very important for us all to be connected, and we will endeavour to keep you informed - hopefully not overloaded - with information.



PARENTS BEING CREATIVE
Elise Year 1 in her "tuck shop"

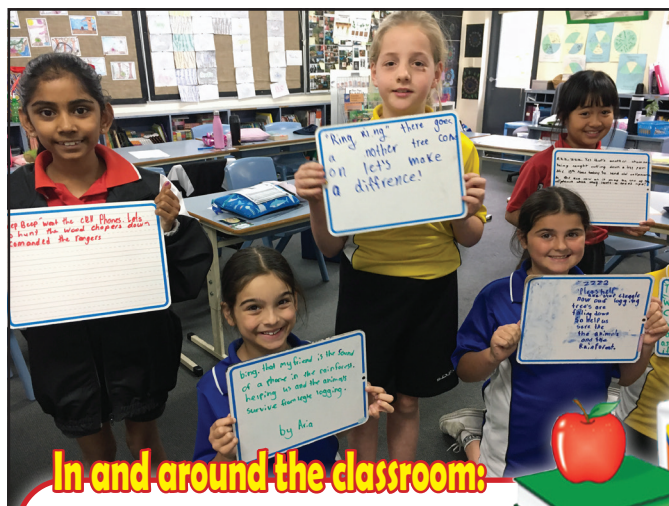
We will be there for you when you need it. We don't know what the whole picture will look like, but our Primary staff will be with you on this journey. You will receive a few emails this week outlining our remote learning procedures and we ask that you read it carefully and seek clarification from Primary staff if you have any questions before we move to remote learning.

Student Engagement

We thank our **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes** who last week sent letters and pictures to residents at an aged care facility, who are all currently unable to have visitors. They are all in isolation and our letters and pictures did what they were intended to do and that was to brighten their day.

We thank our **Year 2 class** for presenting a very interesting and well organised **Assembly** this week. As we do not gather as a large group now, our assemblies are very different but are very exciting and entertaining. The girls lead us so confidently and capably through their PowerPoint presentation to all classes; leading the assembly over the intercom. A particular favourite was the dance off at the end; it was loved by all classes. All Year 2 families will be sent the PowerPoint voiceover soon. That was our last formal assembly for the term. We will see what creative spin we have on next term's assemblies. Stay tuned.

As part of the **Year 6 Service Learning** for MYP, several students had offered to be part of our Liturgy group and have helped with the preparation of this week's **Easter Liturgy**. We, with the help of Year 6 and Year 5 students held a pre Easter Liturgy in the Chapel on Tuesday, which was filmed and will be sent to all Primary families, next week on Holy Thursday. We ask that you set aside some time to be in prayer with your daughters and watch our Easter Liturgy. It is a time for us to



In and around the classroom:

This term, the Year 4 class developed a love for the tropical rainforest. Each student researched an animal and presented a PowerPoint presentation, wrote a senses poem, viewed a TED talk, created artworks and discovered new vocabulary. After learning that a old mobile phone can be used to detect illegal loggers, the class have decided to do their part and collect phones and donate. This week, we have written an information text to support their pledge. The writing included a sizzling start, and they all ended with impact.

These are the senses of the rainforest

by Eliza

Frogs croaking
Capybaras grunting
Capuchins howling
Anacondas hissing
These are the sounds of the rainforest

Alligators creeping
Birds darting
Cassowary hopping
Sloths hanging
These are the sights of the rainforest

Delicate leaves
Scaly alligators
Muggy stream
These are the textures of the rainforest

Sounds of the rainforest

by Lily

Snakes hissing,
Birds chirping,
Frogs croaking
Jaguars roaring,
Insects Squeaking
These are the sounds of the rainforest

Rain whooshing
Trees swooping
Rivers rippling
Tapirs grunting
These are the sounds of the rainforest

YEAR 4

be connected remotely as a community and a special time for you as a family to be connected in prayer and contemplation with your family.

Did you know that every morning we now meet on the top courts to do **Tai Chi**? It centres us for the day and brings us together to remind us how fortunate we are and it helps us to focus. It calms us and helps us be balanced for the day ahead. We thank Mrs Briony Pauley and Sister Hieu for their support and guidance each day. We will also send this link through to you so that next term you too can join with your daughter each day.

All the Primary Staff wish you happiness, health and a blessed Easter and Term 1, School Holiday. We look forward to our families all being together to celebrate our richness of community in the not too distant future.

OZ KIDS IN PRINT

Issue 1, 2020

Congratulations to Year 6 student, Hannah Peacock and Year 8s, Ayo Adejoro and Vanessa Phung who had their poems published in the latest edition of Oz Kids in Print. This is a great achievement. Well done, girls!

Ms Shelda Rathmann
English Faculty

The Beautiful Moon Hannah Peacock

As a howl breaks the silence of my room,
I look out of my window.
A white wolf stares at the moon,
it must be lonely up there.
The tree sways in the harsh wind
and the wolf quiets down,
slowly,
and looking down at the wild creature,
is the sparkling, beautiful moon.

Ode to Trees Ayo Adejoro

I wish people could understand trees,
Understand the passion they have
for their marvellous planet
Understand the sorry they feel
when merely seen as objects.
Understand the agony they feel
when brutally slain
Because they are more than that.
They are loving homes,
They are living beings with soul.
They are the lungs of our earth
We say they make our world beautiful.
Yet we cut them down



Mother, Please Don't Cry Vanessa Phung

Can we hear Mother Earth
crying for help?
We know she's our only home,
yet we foolishly continue
to damage her heart.
Do we know how much she cares?
How much she loves her planet?
How much she loves us?
Can we hear her crying?
Can't we see she's dying?
Every time we cut down a tree
it's like killing a child.
How can we be so cruel, so heartless?
How can we not understand
all her sorrow, all her pain?
Can't we just love our divine world?



I wish she could forgive us
for all the misery we've brought,
but more than that,
I wish we could change,
for ourselves,
for our children
and keep her beautiful
for the next generation.
I promise, someday, soon
we will change,
so Mother, please don't cry.



Senior School update for SACE SUBJECTS

This week we have continued with face to face teaching as students prepare for an extended Term 1 break which will be followed by Remote Learning as outlined last week. However, perhaps it is our Year 12 girls and their families who are most uncertain and uneasy about how the next part of the year will unfold. We are indeed in uncharted territory.

As a *Dominican community* we are very conscious of the wellbeing of the girls in our care, especially if heightened levels of apprehension are being experienced. Home Class staff are working productively to ensure that the Pastoral Care we offer our girls doesn't stop when the face to face lessons do.

Below are 5 points that summarise what we as a *learning community*, in conjunction with the SACE Board are doing to provide continuity of learning for our most senior students.

- At a school level, all staff continue to develop their capacity to effectively engage in Remote Learning for when the time comes, whilst teaching face to face as per the programme outlined to families in Week 9. It will mean teaching and assessment will be different than before and there are still areas to be worked through, notably the management and framing of timed assessment tasks, e.g. tests.
- The SACE Board promised students that they will learn in the SACE. All schools are working with the SACE Board on continuing the learning that has begun this year.
- SDPC Staff have been tapping into the flexibility of the SACE by considering altering courses and adapting tasks to best meet the possible constraints that may unfold.
- The SACE Board have begun altering subject outlines and broadening the interpretation of current course outlines to adapt to the changed learning conditions under which teaching and learning will operate for an undetermined period of time. This centres around tasks requiring group work, live audiences and the like, scientific practicals.
- The SACE Board have published written material and video clips from the Chief Executive of the SACE Board, Professor Martin Westwell, to inform students and parents about the approaches and priorities as they stand. They can be accessed via this link: <https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/covid-19-coronavirus/for-community> There is also a 15 minute presentation available, that covers the latest SACE and SATAC information: <https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/>

Please feel free to contact me at any point should any SACE or Yr 12 matters require clarification.

Yours sincerely

Greg Larwood

SACE Coordinator / Year 12 Coordinator

Crazy Day Thursday

Thursday 2 April 2020

Our local and global communities are going through some trying times right now, so we are hoping to breathe some joy back into school life to finish Term 1 with a bang!

The Prefects invite every student and staff member to dress their craziest on Thursday, the last day of school. Whilst students must arrive and leave school in normal uniform, during the day they could choose to wear:

- Crazy socks
- Crazy hair or Wigs
- Tutus
- Dressing gowns / Onesies
- Anything else (school appropriate!) that may be at home

Together, let us make the College a more colorful place this Thursday!

UNIFORM SHOP SPECIAL NOTICE

In an effort to ensure Social Distancing inside the St Dominic's Priory College Uniform Shop, the following measures now apply:

- Limits apply to how many people can be in the shop at any one time.
- Where social distancing cannot be maintained, you may be asked to wait outside.
- Families are strongly encouraged to take advantage of electronic forms of payment and avoid the use of cash wherever possible.
- Appointments are now available for Winter Uniform fittings. Times are in 15 minute increments and late arrivals may forfeit their spot. Bookings can be made online at:
<https://stdo.ms/UniformShopT120>
- Orders may also be placed in person or over the phone via the Accounts Office (i.e. where you already know size). Normal College Office hours apply.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Thursday 2 April	12:30pm - 4:30pm
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TERM 1 HOLIDAYS

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



Stay Informed

Download the official government "Coronavirus Australia" App:



Apple App Store: **https://stdo.ms/COVID_Apple**

Google Play: **https://stdo.ms/COVID_Google**



Join the official government WhatsApp channel
<https://aus.gov.au/whatsapp>

Government Assistance

The Australian Government is providing financial assistance to Australians to support them through the Coronavirus. For more information visit: **<https://stdo.ms/2UvpXuO>**

Latest Communication from the College
available online at: **https://stdo.ms/SDPC_COVID19**

- ✓ **Thursday 26 March**
Remote Learning Plan letter e-mailed to families
- ✓ **Thursday 2 April**
Remote Learning 4 St Dom's Girls
Year R - 5 + 6 - 12 Student Guides distributed

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Beyond Blue

☎ 1300 224 636
🌐 beyondblue.org.au

Lifeline Australia

☎ 13 11 14
🌐 lifeline.org.au

Regional Access Program (country areas)

☎ 1300 032 186
🌐 saregionalaccess.org.au

Lived Experience Telephone Support Service (LETSS)

5pm - 11:30pm daily
(a peer mental health support line)
☎ 1800 013 755
🌐 letss.org.au

Kids Helpline

(for people between 5-25 years of age)
☎ 1800 551 800

headspace

(for people between 12-25 years of age)
☎ 1800 650 890

Mental Health Triage Service (24/7)

For assistance with a mental health crisis or urgent mental health concern call **13 14 65**

Is it an emergency?

If you or someone you know is at immediate risk of harm, call **triple zero (000)**

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ATTN: PARENTS / GUARDIANS Have you read today's Bulletin?

Please let your daughter/s class teacher know via the checkbox in her College Planner