

ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

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BULLETIN

Diary Dates

Friday 3 July
Last Day of Term 2
[Normal Dismissal Time]

Monday 20 July First Day of Term 3

Thursday 23 - Friday 24 July Year 12 Trial Exams

> Thursday 30 July School Photo Day

Friday 7 August St Dominic's Day Holiday

> UNIFORM SHOP SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS 10:30am - 1:30pm Thursday July 9

> > Monday July 13

TERM OPENING HOURS Mondays during Term 10:30am - 1:30pm Thursdays

2 July 12:30 - 4:30 23 July 10:30 - 1:30 30 July 12:30 - 4:30 10:30 - 1:30 6 August 12:30 - 4:30 13 August 20 August 10:30 - 1:30 27 August 12:30 - 4:30 3 September 10:30 - 1:30 10 September 12:30 - 4:30 17 September 10:30 - 1:30

24 September 12:30 - 4:30

ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE COVID RESPONSE TEAM

latest updates online now: https://stdo.ms/crt2july

SCHOOL REPORTS and Year 10 + 11 Exam Results

Will be sent home with students this Friday 3 July



THURSDAY 2 JULY 2020

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Dear Parents / Guardians;

On Wednesday morning 670 girls climbed, rolled, scrambled and fell out of cars as they managed costumes of various shapes, sizes and fabric. This was the sign that parents had stayed up late the night before to tweak a costume, apply an extra coat of paint, do one final stitch as each St Dominic's girl prepared for Gala Day. There was an almost audible sigh from staff as for the first time since March something 'normal' was happening on campus. Our College prides itself on its strong sense of community and it is days like Gala Day that builds friendship, spirit and collegiality. I delighted in seeing so many wonderful costumes of characters well known such as Thomas the Tank Engine and friends and Marie Antoinette; characters I was yet to meet from the authors of Anime; and a most delightful dress-up of our very own Loretta. Looks like we have a new receptionist at the College. The day is led by the SRC girls from across the school and it is a day where laughter and celebration abound. Congratulations to all who were involved in setting up this wonderful

Term 2 is coming to a close, and I offer my thanks to students for their continued hard work and commitment to their studies. I thank parents too for their support of their daughters and for your patience with all that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented. As South Australia looks to the next phase of the roadmap, we are grateful that our government and health authorities have maintained a consistent approach to managing our state. At St Dominic's we have a COVID-19 Response Team who meet weekly to discuss and action any matters relating to the pandemic. With the easing of restrictions, as a school community we are now able to plan for some of the significant events that make our school a community of learning. Excursions, camps, assemblies and professional learning are filling up the calendar for Term 3 and 4. In saying this, I am also conscious that our state's success can be attributed to the key factors of; social distancing, staying home if you are sick, getting tested for COVID-19 if you have a respiratory condition and maintaining excellent hygiene practices. As such, our COVID-19 Response Team is recommending the following:

 Volunteers are able to return to the College. They are required to follow due process including completing the COVID-19 Declaration Form each time a volunteer enters the school community.

- At this stage, parents will be able to visit the school upon invitation only. Please continue to drop your daughter off at the gate. Primary Year level assemblies will be open to parents who will follow the same process as our Volunteers.
- Our Saturday Morning Sport Program will begin next term. Due to physical distancing requirements, at this stage parents are asked to wait for their daughters outside the gym area.
- Our Friday morning Masses will also return next term. We look forward to welcoming our parents and neighbours in the Chapel. A sign-in sheet and hand sanitiser will be placed inside the doorway.

Again, I offer my sincere thanks to parents for their ongoing support as we manage COVID-19 as a school community, aiming to follow excellent practices to ensure the wellbeing of staff and students.

On Friday girls will receive their Semester One Reports. This is an opportunity to celebrate your daughter's learning. Furthermore, I encourage you to ask your daughter to share one book, assignment, or assessment task with you. In the sharing perhaps focus on four things; what did she enjoy, what was a challenge, what is she pleased with and what are her goals for next term. My recommendation is that the conversation happens while sharing ice-cream!

As Principal, there are many highlights in any given week; a chance conversation in the yard, a visit from students to share their learning, watching a teacher work steadily alongside a student, listening to the end of day chatter from the Year 7 girls and so many more. However, it may be fair to say that the moments I find the greatest joy is in the mornings as parents drop their daughters at the gate ready for the day to begin; the last minute instruction or word of encouragement, the laughter at Dad's joke, the warmth in the hug to the embracing Year 3 girl and in the stolen kiss of the slightly embarrassed Year 9, the process of dressing a Reception student with blazer, bag and beret and the wave goodbye. As you bring your daughter's to us each day, know that they are welcomed, treasured and loved.

May the term break find you in the good company of your daughters, who bring us joy.

Dr Helen Steele Principal



"If you do things well, do them better. Be daring, be first, be different, be just."

Te have come to the end of our unpredictable term. The students have adapted well to the restrictions and we have been proud of their resilience. We thank the staff and parents who have helped support our girls with their learning. Reports and portfolios/folders will go home on Friday: we ask that you look at the work your daughter is doing and discuss their learning; celebrating successes and exploring their focus area for Term 3.



witnessed the transformation of their much-loved classroom, into base station Antarctica. They spent the day totally engaged in the various activities organised

which was a culmination of a Term's study on Antarctica.

On Antarctica Day I was very excited to see my friends dressed up in their Antarctica clothing. My favourite session creating our very own snow globes. - Soraya

Our explorers treasure hunt, trying to find 14 hidden penguins in our classroom, was very hard but we had the best time. - Sidak

explored the idea to T-H-I-N-K before they speak: is it **T**rue, is it **H**elpful, is it **I**nspiring, is it Necessary, is it Kind?

With excursions and incursions cancelled this term we are all looking forward to the many restrictions being lifted for our sporting programs for Term 3. At this stage the Year 4, 5 and 6 Catholic Schools Netball Carnival will be in Week 2, and the Thursday night Thunder Cup Netball will commence early in the term. All relevant classes will be receiving information and permission notices on Friday.

Running Club

Weather permitting, our Years 3 - 6 Running Club will commence on Friday of Week 1; featuring a 2km course around North Adelaide. We are also excited about starting our on-campus Junior Primary Running Club in Friday of Week 2. Details will be sent home.

Independence Day

Given COVID-19, it is fair to say that every day has been Independence Day. We congratulate our Junior students on their confidence and resilience. Parents are requested to continue the Kiss + Drop process adopted this year, each morning.

Uniforms

Please use the time in the holidays to check that uniforms fit appropriately, shoes are cleaned, and hair ribbon is purchased (if needed). Teachers will be conducting a full uniform check in the first week to see that all items are named. If you happen to notice a named item of clothing not belonging to your child, please return it to school and we will follow up.

We hope that you all have a safe and happy holiday with your families where ever you will be in South Australia.

In and around the dayroom

Scrapbooking

This term in Religion we have been creating our Scrapbooks. We focussed on change and really proud of what we have produced.





On Friday June 26, the Year 4 classroom magically transformed into Camelot Castle. Crossing over the drawbridge, students were immersed in Medieval Times. They enjoyed a Medieval Banquet, fought courageously in a Chess Tournament, turned Barbies into knights in shiny alfoil, learned a Medieval dance, role played and reflected on what it would have been like back then in comparison to what they experience in the modern day. We had kings, queens, princesses, Merlin the magician, Jesters, servants and even a dragon. Thank you to all our parents who supported their daughters with costumes.

The Chess Tournament was exciting and the Medieval Feast was fun sharing it all with my friends. - **Katika**

Watching everyone introducing their character was fun because I could then understand who they came dressed up as. - Vi-Anh

Our Design and Tech lesson Dressing up our Barbies to be knights in shiny alfoil, was challenging and fun. - **Sophie**











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STUDENTS PUBLISHED

Congratulations to the students who have had their work published in the latest edition of *Oz Kids in Print*.

The following girls had their poems published:

Year 7 – Isabella Bauer

Year 8 – Vanessa Phung, Ayo Adejoro

Year 11 – Lauren O'Callaghan, Vivian Nguyen

Monica Nguyen

From Year 12, Anna Nguon, Bianca Tonin-Petryszak and Hailey Harris had their short stories published.

Well done girls!

Mrs Shelda Rathmann English Teacher

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"Tinnies for Vinnies" | Friday 26 June

Friday of Week 9 saw the culmination of the Vinnies Winter Appeal; with students gathering on the upper court to collate their contribution of tinned and non-perishable food donations.



It was a fun lunchtime, filled with so much cheer. After some friendly rivalry between classes, 7G were crowned winners

with the longest food line. We congratulate the 7G students, and their Class Teachers Ms Annelise Johnson and Mrs Eleanor Marin, on their dedicated efforts throughout the Term.







End of Term Reflection

As we look back over the term and prepare for our holidays, we give thanks for the many opportunities we have been given through the teaching and learning that have taken place in our school.

We reflect on the challenges that have been faced this term and give thanks for our classmates, teachers, families and a

community that has held together strongly through challenging times. We give thanks for their resilience, creativity, flexibility and collegiality.

We give thanks for the St Dominic's Community which has contributed so generously to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Gracious God

We ask that the holidays be for us a time of rest and recreation to help restore us and re-create us in your image and likeness, as we enjoy more of the love and presence of our families, on whom we ask your blessing.

Amen

We celebrate the gift of Faith, Christian values and our Dominican heritage that have given us strength and hope in our daily lives.

> Mrs Concetta Sossi Religious Education Coordinator

































Wednesday Hump Day Specials

WEEK 1 Butter Chicken with Basmati Rice \$6.50

WEEK 2 Tuna & Corn Pasta Bake \$6.00

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

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