



ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

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BULLETIN



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ORDER OF PREACHERS

Diary Dates

Thursday 11 February
Secondary Swimming Trials

Sunday 14 February
Family Mass

Thurs 18 + Weds 24 Feb
Primary Swimming Trials

Friday 19 February
2015 High Achievers Assembly

Thursday 25 February
Field Day (Years 7-12)

Tuesday 1 March
Investiture Mass

Thursday 3 March
Primary Field Day (TBA)

Sunday 6 March
Old Scholars' Mass

Wednesday 9 March
SAPSASA Primary Swimming

Thursday 10 March
Year 8 Vaccinations

PARENT INFO EVENINGS

Monday 15 February
Year 11 and 12 Parents

Wednesday 17 February
Year 7 and 8 Parents

Monday 22 February
Year 9 and 10 Parents

2016 Term Dates

Term 1: 2 Feb - 15 April
Term 2: 3 May - 8 July
Term 3: 25 July - 30 Sep
Term 4: 17 Oct - 9 Dec

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours During Term

Thursday 11 February
12:30pm - 4:30pm

Monday 15 February
CLOSED

Thursday 18 February
10:30am - 1:30pm



Friday morning mass in the Chapel 8.15am

WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2016

WEEK 2 – TERM 1

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Some of SDPC's Merit recipients at yesterday's ceremony at Government House

Dear Parents,

Sunday's Family Mass:

We welcome your replies to the invitation to be at the **Family Mass on Sunday Feb 14th at 9.30am**. It is a wonderful opportunity to greet the new families and reconnect with those we already know.

The theme of the Mass celebrates one of the greatest followers of Christ, the patron of our School, St Dominic, the founder of the Dominican Order established 800 years ago this year. We all belong to an international Dominican family which has been sent, "to preach the Gospel". On Sunday, you will notice as you are seated for the Mass that Dominic has "arrived" on our campus through the eyes of a famous Artist, Henri Matisse. Students from all classes Reception to Year 12 have added to copies of his simple line drawing their record of **800 acts of Kindness** to commemorate the Jubilee.

Be aware on Sunday, that, as you make your way to the Gym, there will be student helpers at all the entrances to provide you with a name tag. The only distinction made will be between the new parents in yellow, and the returning families. The collections to be taken as you come in to the Gym will support the work of Dominican Sr. Sheila Flynn who works with women in the poorest areas around Johannesburg and the work of Fr Harry OP in Nagpur India through the Dare to Dream Foundation. After the Mass our wonderful Parent and Friends Association sponsor the morning tea and refreshments.

Ash Wednesday: All students in our school community were part of a special ritual in the Chapel or the Hall for the distribution of Ashes today, to mark the beginning of Lent. "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you will return" is the sobering reminder of our mortality as the sign of the cross is made on our

foreheads. Let us strive to build strong families of love during this season. One of the additional ways in which we can mark our personal Lenten journey is to participate in the Friday morning Chapel Mass which begins at 8.15 am.

Parent Teacher Nights

Last night's R-6 Parent teacher Meeting was very well attended and I'm sure enjoyed by all who came. We have made it clear to your daughters that at least one parent from every family is expected to attend the PT nights. We know that you are busy, but, when you think about it, you owe it to your daughter to demonstrate the high priority of her education which is a cost you gladly bear in a school which offers a first class education.

Merits at Government House

Yesterday was a big occasion at Government House for the Merit Awards Ceremony. St. Dominic's 2015 graduates received merits across a range of subjects and our Year 11s were also awarded merits in the Research Project. We congratulate them. We also congratulate Tameeka Chantrelle from Year 9, who was invited to deliver at the SACE Merit Ceremony the traditional Kurna Welcome to Country, together with Kurna elder Uncle Lewis O' Brien.

STOP PRESS: St. Dominic's has recently received word that we are an Authorized IB World School for the Middle Years Programme. This is a significant achievement. I congratulate all staff involved and acknowledge the outstanding work of Aurora Reid, MYP Coordinator in guiding us to this point.

Sr Jillian Havey, Principal

Primary News

from Ms. Cate O'Leary, Primary School Coordinator

The unseasonal weather in the first week back didn't deter our girls from settling into a busy school day with smiles and an eagerness to explore their new room. Our Reception students are adapting well to their new learning environment. One of the mums confided that it was not her daughter but she, who went home and had a little tear when surrounded by the quiet of their home.

Thank you to all who were able to attend our **Primary Parent Evening**. It was good to see so many there. We hope you gained more insights into the 'behind the scenes' running of the classrooms and teachers' expectations.



Dates for the Diary:

We are looking forward to catching up with many of you at the **Family Mass** on this Sunday at 9:30am in the Gym. Please remember to return your attendance reply form.

Book Club is due back on **Tuesday 15th February**.

Parent Volunteer Workshop

In order for you to be able to help with your daughter's class or on an excursion you must have a **current police check**. You must also have a certificate on **Responding to Abuse and Neglect**. You will need to attend a face to face workshop here at school. The workshops offered will be **Week 3 Wednesday 17th February** at 3:15- 4:00pm and **Week 4 Monday 22nd of February** at 8:50- 9:30.

This week we had our **first official assembly** and we thank the **Year 6 Class** hosting and presenting a smooth and well organised assembly. Thanks also to the **Year 5 Class** for leading us in our special **Primary Ash Wednesday liturgy**.

Indian Charities Gift Stall

Sunday 14 February
(after the Family Mass)

Come and peruse our Indian Charities Stall stall after the Family Mass. Beautiful gifts and apparel are on offer:

- Jewellery & Jewellery Boxes • Clothing • Elephants • Tote bags, purses, handbags • Cushion Covers • Bedspreads
- Tablecloths • Scarves • Leather Handbags • Handmade Paper Notebooks
- Spice packs • Carpets

All money raised supports projects in India that better the lives of poor children. This is an initiative of the **Dare 2 Dream Foundation**.



Year 6 gets connected

WHAT'S NEW – Parent Information Display

We have a display stand in the **Primary foyer** that contains reading material for parents. We will frequently update it with a range of current articles on best education and pedagogy. There will also be spare *Bulletins* and *Uniform Shop* information. Please feel free to take a copy of any of the information you find beneficial. This week there is information on **Carnevale** and *Your Child's First Year at School* booklet.

This item belongs to:

Student Name

Have you labelled everything? It is **very important** that not only **CLOTHES** and **STATIONERY**

items are labelled but DRINK BOTTLES and LUNCH BOXES too. This will alleviate a lot of lost property and the unnecessary cost of purchasing new items.

School drop offs and pickups are going quite well but there are some areas we still need to address. We have had the **parking inspectors** in the afternoons checking that no double parking occurs on Barnard Street.

They have reminded us that **all cars in the waiting queue will need to go around the block if the kiss and drop zone is full.** Please **don't park across a driveway**, they have no hesitation in giving fines.



In and around the classrooms:

During the first two weeks of Year 5 students have created narrative pieces of writing about a main event in their holidays, started their Paper Bag Book Reports on a novel of their choice and discussed some of the important dates throughout the Lenten Calendar. - Byron Mortimer.

When I was elected for SRC I was so happy and excited that I couldn't stop smiling. My promise to the class at the whole Primary school at St Dominic's is to be reliable, responsible and fun SRC. I am definitely ready for the role and have many ideas to put forward. - **Isabella Jovel**

I was very excited when I was elected Deputy SRC because it meant that I was able to be committed to the meetings and bring forward some of the ideas of the Year 5 class. I am very excited to help all of the new, younger students and make sure that they are having fun and fitting in. - **Livia Truong**



YEAR 5



The start of Year 8 2016 saw the addition of 55 new students and to begin the year we all headed off on a three-day camp to Adare at Victor Harbour.

The purpose of the camp was for the girls to get to know each other as quickly as possible and to overcome the initial stresses of the start to the school year.

The camp was a great success with all the girls bonding quickly with the members of their allocated tribe. Over the course of the three days they competed in team events, many of which required them to get wet and muddy. The competition was fierce but fun and at the end of the team challenge the Mermaids led by Ms Raets were the winners.

Interspersed throughout the games were other fun but less competitive activities such as the visit to Greenhills Adventure Park, Urimbirra Wildlife Sanctuary and a walk to Granite Island.

The girls also enjoyed a concert at night and rivalling other groups in a dress up competition on the theme of A Night at the Oscars... the Dolphins were the winners there!

Many thanks to the staff who worked long hours to keep the girls busy...Mr Keith Cockerill, Ms Genevieve Taheny, Ms Ann Raets, Mr Tim Grant, Ms Aurora Reid, Dr Stuart Hill and Ms Georgia Meyer.

Georgia Meyer, Year 8 Coordinator





Year 8 camp was a fun and exciting time for all the students. One of the main highlights was the time we spent together at **Greenhills Adventure park**.

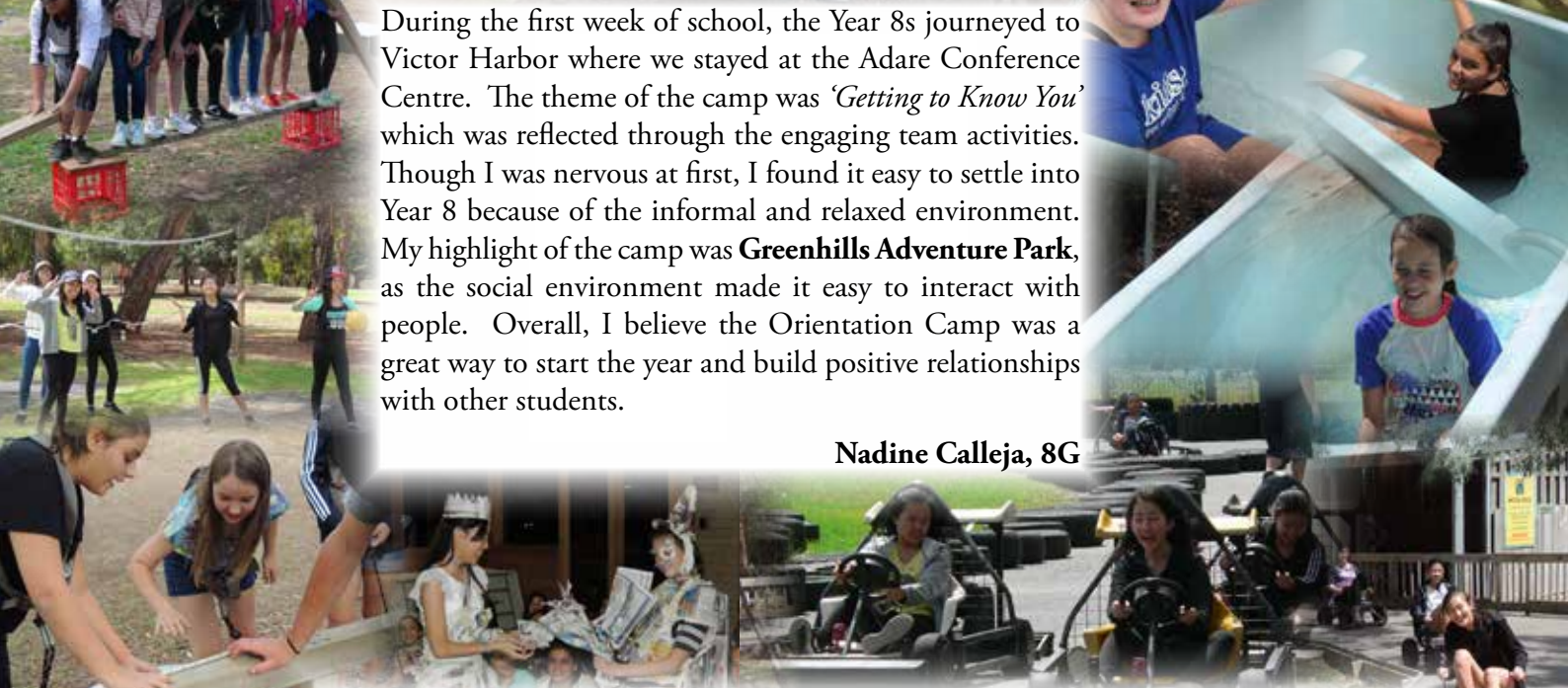
The food was exceptional and the **Talent Quest** was amazing. We had such a great time, I hope the Year 8s next year will have just as much fun.

Ariella Napoli, 8B



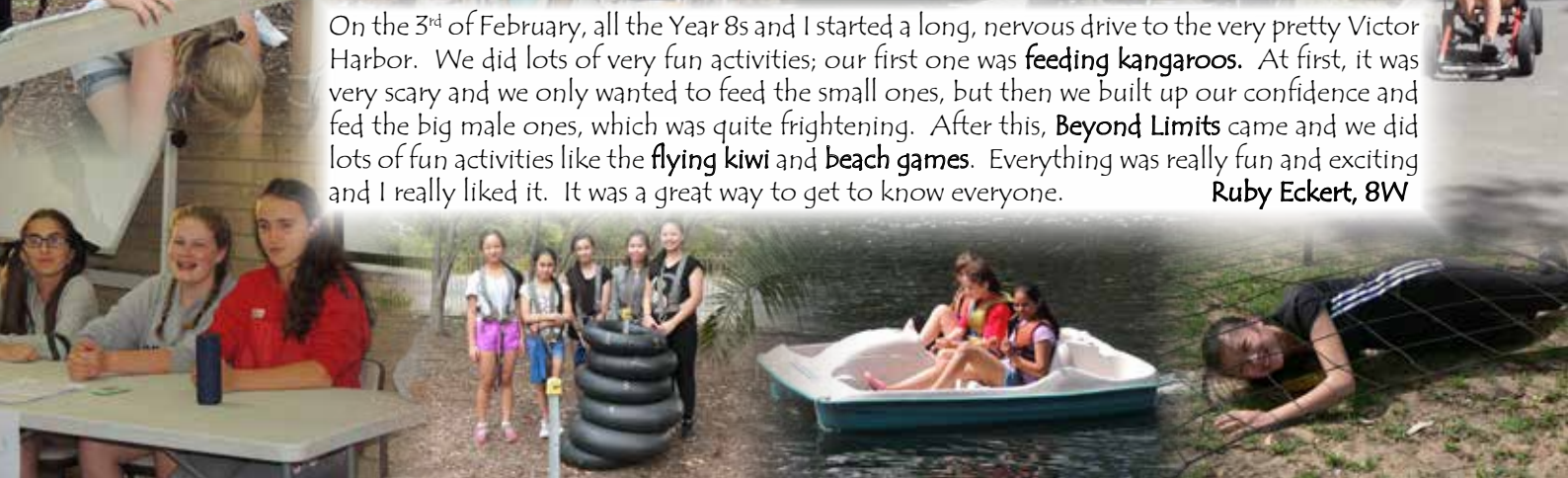
During the first week of school, the Year 8s journeyed to Victor Harbor where we stayed at the Adare Conference Centre. The theme of the camp was *'Getting to Know You'* which was reflected through the engaging team activities. Though I was nervous at first, I found it easy to settle into Year 8 because of the informal and relaxed environment. My highlight of the camp was **Greenhills Adventure Park**, as the social environment made it easy to interact with people. Overall, I believe the Orientation Camp was a great way to start the year and build positive relationships with other students.

Nadine Calleja, 8G



On the 3rd of February, all the Year 8s and I started a long, nervous drive to the very pretty Victor Harbor. We did lots of very fun activities; our first one was **feeding kangaroos**. At first, it was very scary and we only wanted to feed the small ones, but then we built up our confidence and fed the big male ones, which was quite frightening. After this, **Beyond Limits** came and we did lots of fun activities like the **flying kiwi** and **beach games**. Everything was really fun and exciting and I really liked it. It was a great way to get to know everyone.

Ruby Eckert, 8W





Year 12 Retreat

Thursday 4th February - Friday 5th February

The Year 12 Retreat in the peaceful and picturesque surroundings of Nunyara Conference Centre at Belair is a wonderful place to reflect on aspects such as leadership, connectedness, spiritual nourishment and the year ahead. An analogy of geese flying in formation was used to convey the idea of leadership. Here is one lesson from the geese:

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater range than if the bird flew alone.

Lesson: It pays to take turns doing the hard task and sharing leadership. With people, as with geese, we are dependent on each other.

Mr Larwood unpacked the lessons from the geese and past students shared their experiences of Year 12, challenges they faced, the importance of sharing the load, allowing others to help and taking time out to nurture your spirit and create balance.

Each student had an opportunity to share stories and a symbol of their life within a small group setting. Mr Hainsworth and past pupils led the session by sharing their own personal symbols. The sharing of symbols in small groups was very powerful.

A highlight of the Retreat was the Liturgy in the evening facilitated by Sr Jo Armour and prepared by present and past students, and staff.

On the second day of the Retreat, Mrs Josie Revesz facilitated a journal-making workshop. She provided students with beautiful paper and stimulated their imaginations with her many creative ideas.

Students were exceptional in the way they embraced the spirit of the retreat and we hope that they continue to build on this positive and life-giving experience as they navigate their way through this last year of schooling at St Dominic's.



Parents & Friends

Family Mass Volunteers 14 February

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help with the Family Mass Morning Tea and Barbeque this coming Sunday. Some parents have daughters who were away on Camps and Retreats last week so please be sure your girls return reply slips to the school indicating whether you are able to assist in any way. We still have openings for helpers in all areas and have another helpers' slip on the back of this Bulletin.

Don't forget to drop by after Mass for a complimentary cuppa and chat and perhaps try out the wonderful gelati cones with a range of mouth-watering flavours on offer. Or try a sausage or two for lunch before going home.

We will be replying to all offers of help acknowledgement by the end of this week. We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.



**Diary Date: First P&F Meeting
Wednesday 24 February at 7:30pm**

**Maria Lappas, Michelle Hogan & Irene Drousas
for the Parents & Friends Committee**

PROJECT COMPASSION

The theme for Project Compassion 2016 is
"Learning more, creating change"

As Pope Francis says *"Education is an act of hope"*, so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Inspiring stories from Malawi, Laos, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Cambodia and India will show how education, training and sharing knowledge can empower individual communities to transform their futures and create lasting change.



First Week of Lent: Doney's Story

Doney and her family have often gone months without enough to eat in their remote village Malawi. Today they are building new livelihoods, improving health and growing literacy to create paths towards a better future.

**Please donate to Project
Compassion 2016 and help people
in remote areas of Malawi harness
their strengths.**



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Did you know that you can download a **Lent Calendar** for your smart phone, or use the web version and set it as your homepage, to 'Learn More' and 'Create Change' this Lent? A children's version is available online also. View or download at: www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar



P & F Family Mass + Morning Tea Sunday 14 February

Daughter's Name/s:

..... Class(es)

Parents' Name/s.....

Our family numbers attending:

..... Mass Only

..... Mass and Morning Tea

..... Mass, Morning Tea and Sausage Sizzle

I can help on Sunday, 14 February, as indicated below:

Happy to help wherever or whenever needed: ☐ Yes

Time available (between 8am - 12pm):

Email address:

Contact Phone Number:

Please return reply slip to the Front Office ASAP.

*Please expect a reply by the end of the week to advise of
where to report and the time.*

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS REPLY SLIP

I/we have noted the date(s) of our daughters'
Parent-Teacher Information Evening(s) and plan to attend:

☐ **YR 11/12** (7^{pm} Mon 15 Feb in the HALL)

Year 11/12 child's name(s):

Home class(es):

☐ **YR 7/8** (7^{pm} Weds 17 Feb in the HALL)

Year 7 / 8 child's name(s):

Home Class(es):

☐ **YR 9/10** (7^{pm} Mon 22 Feb in the HALL)

Year 9/10 child's name(s):

Home class(es):

Parent name(s):.....

Parent Signature:..... Date:/...../16

E-Mail or Mobile contact #:

Please return to College Office NO LATER than Friday 12 February

☐ **I HAVE READ TODAY'S BULLETIN**

Daughter's Name(s):..... Class(es):.....

Signed: Date: / / 16

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