



ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

139 Molesworth Street, North Adelaide. 5006.

BULLETIN

Diary Dates

Sunday 9 February

Family Mass

9:30am in the College Gym

Friday 14 February

2019 High Achievers Assembly

Wednesday 19 February

Parents & Friends Meeting
7:30pm in College Reception Area

Thursday 20 February

Field Day (Years 7-12)

Friday 21 February

Dominican Breakfast

Tuesday 25 February

Investiture Mass

Wednesday 26 February

Ash Wednesday

Thursday 27 February

SAPSASA Swimming Carnival

Year 8 Vaccinations

Sunday 1 March

Old Scholars' Mass

PARENT INFO EVENINGS

Monday 10 February

Year 10 / 11 / 12 Parents

Wednesday 12 February

Year 7 / 8 / 9 Parents

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

UNIFORM SHOP

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

CLOSED

Monday 10 February

Thursday 13 February

10:30am - 1:30pm

Thursday 20 February

12:30pm - 4:30pm



Friday morning mass in
the Chapel 8.15am

WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2020

WEEK 2 – TERM 1

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St Dominic's girls at Saturday's Vietnamese Tet Festival

Our 2019 Merit Recipients at Government House yesterday

Dear Parents,

In just one week the College has come alive with the sights and sounds of girls learning, and teachers teaching. The days that make up Week One have been overflowing with connection, laughter, challenge, achievement and excitement as the girls engaged in *Wellbeing Day*, *Year 8 Camp* and *Year 12 Retreat*. Teachers and ESOs have worked hard to ensure that all is running smoothly and I thank all those who have contributed to ensure the start of the school year is splendid!

Merit Ceremony Government House

Deputy Principal, Ms Muriel Noujaim, attended the Merit Ceremony at Government House on Tuesday 4 February, where our 2019 high achievers were awarded Certificates of Excellence. We congratulate the St Dominic's girls and look forward to celebrating with them at our **High Achievers' Assembly** on Friday 14 February.

Vietnamese Tet Festival

On the evening of Saturday, February 1, I attended the Vietnamese Tet Festival to celebrate the Luna New Year. Sr Hieu Tran helped prepare some of the girls, who performed beautiful dances. 2019 graduates Cindy Kieu and Katie Tran were also presented with certificates to acknowledge excellence in their studies.

COME and CELEBRATE 2020
with all St Dominic's Families

FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2020

9:30am in the College Gym

You are *Salt of the Earth* be *Light for the World*

Parent Information Evening

The **Parent Information Evening for Reception to Year 6 families** was a great opportunity to hear from teachers speaking about their commitment to ensuring that your daughters are well cared for, nurtured and challenged. The primary teachers have taken great care to prepare their classrooms and lessons in readiness for the significant learning that happens for our younger girls. Each teacher instills confidence in the girls by being prepared, patient and persistent. The primary area of St Dominic's Priory College is a place of excellence and fun.

We look forward to welcoming our
Year 10, 11 and 12 Parents on Monday 10 February
and **Year 7, 8 and 9 on Wednesday 12 February.**

Family Mass

I am looking forward to our **Family Mass this Sunday** where we will gather in prayer, song and gratitude to welcome and meet our new families. This week's Bulletin has a number of important stories and reflections from a variety of students and staff. It is a Bulletin that captures in words and image all the joys of the beginning of the school year.

May the glory of God find its way into your homes as we celebrate our families, looking forward with gratitude in our hearts.

Kind regards,

Ms Helen Steele, Principal



Condolences: We extend our prayers and condolences to the Huynh Family, on the recent passing of Chung Van Huynh; grandfather of Lysha (Yr 6) and Lyanna (Yr 7), and father of Phong Huynh. May he rest in peace with God.



Year 12 Retreat

Thursday 30th - Friday 31st January



On Thursday of Week 1, the Year 12 cohort took the train to Nunyara Conference Centre, Belair, for our final retreat. The two day Retreat, despite being 40 degrees, was a great experience to develop bonds and 'honk' at each other as we begin to tackle our final year. A group of 2018 graduates shared with us insight into their Year 12 journey and offered us practical and necessary advice for ours. We are beyond grateful to enter 2020 with such a welcoming group of teachers and students who will make this senior year as enjoyable as possible.

Isabel Palmer & Victoria Renney



NOVEL CORONAVIRUS



FEVER



COUGH



BREATHING DIFFICULTIES



SORE THROAT

Over the course of the last week, the College has endeavoured to communicate government-issued updates about the Novel Coronavirus, via e-mail.

Over the weekend, a national information hotline was established. The number is: 1800 020 080

The updated advice from SA Health is effective from **Saturday 1 February 2020** and is as follows:

- Families who have arrived from mainland China on or after 1 February 2020 must isolate themselves in their home for 14 days.
- Families who have been in close contact with a confirmed case must isolate themselves in their homes for 14 days after last contact.
- Families who have returned from Hubei Province, must isolate themselves in their home for 14 days.

Staff and students in these circumstances must not attend schools, preschools or early childhood centres and should not engage with other students.

Symptoms of Novel Coronavirus include the following:
Fever | Cough | Shortness of Breath | Fatigue | Sore Throat

If you have not recently visited China, or been in contact with any person with a confirmed case of this virus, you should continue to feel confident to send your children to school. However, in the event that any student should have any of the above symptoms, we request – as we do for other instances of illness – that they remain at home until the symptoms have cleared, and appropriate medical advice from a GP has been sought.

We are grateful to the St Dominic's Priory College Community for its continued support, as we strive to keep informed and healthy. Further updates will continue to be sent via e-mail, but we strongly encourage families to be proactive by visiting:

www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov

In the event that your household may not have received e-mail communication from the College, please contact the College Office to confirm your contact details.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Uniform Shop will now be closed on MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY

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| Thursday 13 February | 10:30am - 1:30pm |
| Monday 17 February | 10:30am - 1:30pm |
| Thursday 20 February | 12:30pm - 4:30pm |
| Monday 24 February | 10:30am - 1:30pm |
| Thursday 27 February | 10:30am - 1:30pm |
| Monday 2 March | 10:30am - 1:30pm |
| Thursday 5 March | 12:30pm - 4:30pm |
| Monday 9 March | CLOSED ADELAIDE CUP |

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



YEAR 8 CAMP

29 - 31 January 2020

The start of Year 8, 2020 saw all Year 8 students begin the year with a three-day camp to Adare at Victor Harbor. This is the first year where the girls attended camp already familiar with their Year Level so our focus changed from Getting to Know You to developing collaborative skills when working in a group. The camp was a great success with all the girls bonding quickly with the members of their tribe. Despite the very warm weather, the girls competed in team events, many of which required them to get wet and muddy including body boarding, kayaking a water obstacle course and the final day's activity, The Cactus. The competition was fierce but fun and at the end of the Team Challenge the MERMAIDS led by Dr Hill were the winners.

Victoria Sayner, Year 8 Coordinator



STUDENT COMMENTS

My highlight was the *Night at the Oscars* as it required everyone to participate and share ideas. - **Natasia Lappas**

From the flying kiwi to the Night at the Oscars, each activity presented us with an opportunity to bond and work together

- **Alex Calica-Chavez**

A challenge I faced was working together and listening to each other's ideas, but by the end of Camp we learnt to trust each other.

- **Dallas Pham**

The activities helped me connect with and get to know the people in my group.

- **Gabi Bonilla**

Camp challenged me to get out of my comfort zone and meet new people.

- **Emily Bondza**

Although the three days we were there were scorching hot, camp was awesome and many Year 8s would agree.

- **Cynthia Chu**

Camp was an experience filled with laughter, sand, a lot of newspaper and is something I will remember for years to come.

- **Nadia Eiffé**

No matter what the weather, Year 8's will always have fun together - **Shahla Dosti**





Primary News

from Ms. Cate O'Leary, Primary School Coordinator

The official opening last Friday of the playground was quite a highlight for the week. Students enjoyed the various challenges on the new equipment and shared the space well.

Thank you to all who were able to attend our **Primary Parent Evening** last night. It is a wonderful time to gather and connect. We hope you gained valuable insight into classroom routines, teachers' expectations and student learning. It was also a good opportunity to meet our new St Dominic's Priory College Principal, Ms Helen Steele, and give her a chance to have conversations with many of you. We warmly welcome our new families and hope you have a rewarding time with us. If you were unable to attend, your daughter's teacher will send home any relevant information.

Assembly: We thank our **Year 6 Class** and **Mrs Baker** for hosting and getting us off to a good start with our R-6 Assemblies. Parents are always welcome to attend; they are held:

Week B Tuesdays (fortnightly) | 2:30pm in the Hall

Assembly in Week 4 will be hosted by the Year 5 Class

Class Parent Reps: Would you consider being a Class Rep and help other parents to get involved in our school community? We would love to have **two parents per class**. Please see your daughter's teacher if you are interested.

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

Nude Food Friday: We had many students supporting this day last Friday with several students having Nude Food Day every day. We encourage you to get on board and help reduce waste in our school environment. Our SRCs will monitor our commitment with helping this environmental initiative.

Student Engagement: Last Thursday all classes explored **Wellbeing** and how our actions affect the wellbeing of others too. **Identity, friendship, trust** and **values** were effectively the focus of our workshop by **Growing with Gratitude**. Teachers will be using many of their online resources regularly throughout the year to keep reinforcing the concepts covered.

Girl Power ran three workshops: '*You've Got a Friend*' where students dramatically explored friendship through games and roleplay, and learning how to keep friends and what to do if we find ourselves in a '*Friendship Fire*.' The **Year 4 and 5 classes** focussed on a **positive mindset, gratitude** and **how to calm their bodies and minds** when they feel anxious. The **Year 6 class** explored '*Free to be Me*', where in this digital age and information overload, girls are often disconnecting from themselves as they try to be like everyone else. The presentation gave them the head space to think about their own unique identity, values and strengths.

Wellbeing Day comments from our R-5 students:

RECEPTION: I liked drawing a picture of myself and being a good friend.

OLIVIA Yr 1: I liked playing the friendship games and drawing a picture of myself with a smile.

AMELIA Yr 2: My best thing was listening to the stories and playing the spinning game on the board.

GUNEET Yr 3: I really liked *Girl Power* because she was funny and gave us good advice on how to be a friend.

MAI Yr 4: I enjoyed creating the portrait and we even made a time capsule.

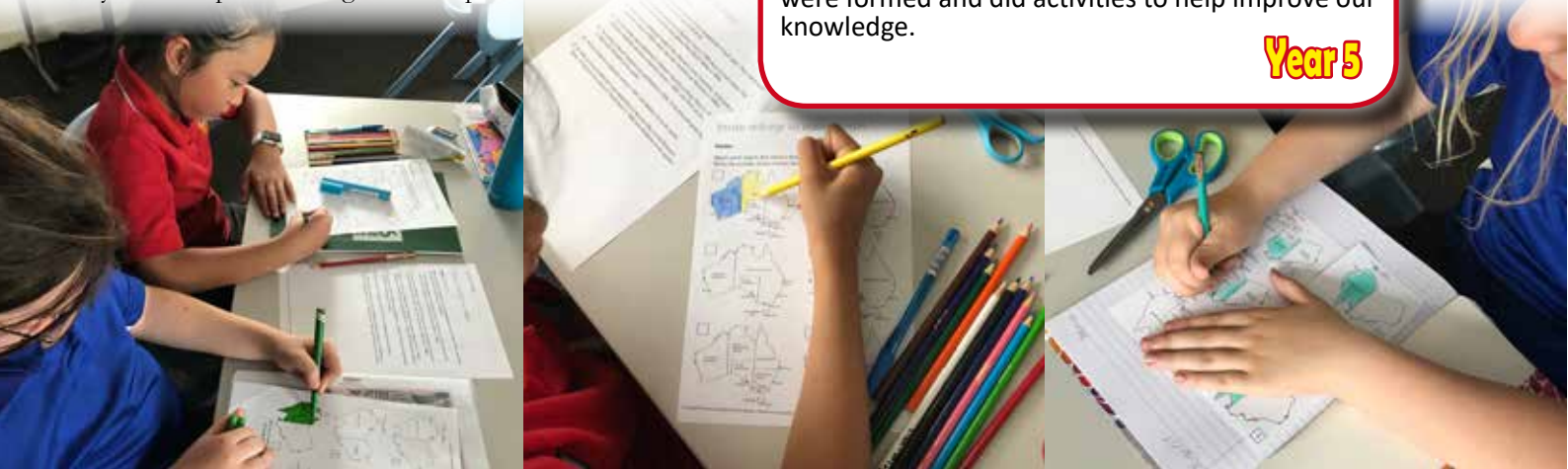
KATIKA Yr 5: We did a time capsule and a blind folded trust activity. I enjoyed learning about positive self talk.

In and around the classroom:

COLONIAL CLASSROOM

The Year 5 Class have started this term learning about the history of Australia. We talked about the incredible amount of language groups of the indigenous Australians and then discussed and did activities on the colonial history of Australia. We talked about how and why colonies were formed and did activities to help improve our knowledge.

Year 5





Wellbeing Day 2020

As part of the Australian Child Protection Curriculum, all Reception to 7, Year 9, 10 and 11 students participated in Wellbeing Day on Thursday 30 January. Wellbeing Day is one of many enrichment initiatives at the College, where programming focuses upon the physical and mental health of our students.

An extensive program of activities was tailored to suit each year level, providing students with the opportunity to interact with others across their year level and engage in activities and discussions relevant to their age; learning strategies they might find beneficial, to better their health and wellbeing.

REC-Yr6: *Growing with Gratitude, Girl Power Workshop, Every Face has a Place (art session), Reception and Year 5 buddy class lunch, Guided meditation, Mindfulness Mandalas, Random Acts of Kindness and Time Capsules.*

Year 7: *Initiative and Leadership*

Year 9: *The Butterfly Effect, Mindful Movement*

Year 10: *Healthy Body, Healthy Mind*

Year 11: *Balance and Beauty in Nature*

We are grateful to the extensive teams of guest speakers and external facilitators who assisted with the delivery of class discussions, cooking and nutrition demonstrations, poster creation, role plays, mediation, art therapy, audio-visual displays and writing workshops.

Authentik Yoga | Enlighten Education
GIRL POWER | Growing with Gratitude | Missfit Movement
Sprout Cooking School & Health Studio
Zenerchi - Body Mind Balance
...and more.

Muriel Noujaim, Deputy Principal

I think the timing of the day was good, being at the start of the year. This helps us get prepared and ready for the new school year. I particularly enjoyed the body balance session. - **Olivia Bressan Yr 11**

I really liked drawing our self portraits because it was really calming and helped us to reflect on our identity.

- **Lily Donnellan Yr 6**

I liked when we were in the Gym and did team work and activities together. As new Year 7s, we got to learn each other's names and make new friends.

- **Yolanda Tokic-Bensley Yr 7**

It was really enjoyable and interesting, because the day gave us tools to help us during tough times with friendships, and it really was peaceful in the afternoon, with yoga and meditation.

- **Alessandra Romeo Yr 9**



**YEAR 7-12
HOMEWORK
CLUB
3:30PM - 4:30PM
ON THURSDAYS
CONWAY
LIBRARY**

Welcome to the Library for 2020!

The Library is a popular place at St Dominic's providing a flexible learning environment and reliable access to an extensive range of resources and support. It is place for all to collaborate, learn and enjoy. We are open:

Before School: from 8am
Recess: CLOSED
Lunch: 12:50pm - 1:25pm
After School: until 3:35pm

Homework Club for Years 7-12 students is hosted from the Library on a Thursday afternoon until 4:30pm. Students are able to access teacher support during this time and parents are reminded that **prompt pick up at 4:30pm is expected**. Homework Club starts on Thursday 13 February, and is expected to take place each Thursday of term, with the exception of Week 4 (due to Field Day) and Week 11 (final day of term). Any further changes to the Homework Club schedule will be communicated via Student Daily Notices as they arise.

I encourage your daughter/s to visit the library and take full advantage of all the resources on offer.

Enjoy the term ahead.

Mrs Sandra Mason, Library Coordinator/Teacher

Family Mass

9:30am Sunday 9 February 2020

The family will / will not attend the **Family Mass in the College Gym at 9:30am Sunday 9 February 2020**.

Daughter's name/s:

..... Class(es)

Our family **NUMBERS** attending:

Mass Only: _____ Mass + Refreshments: _____

Please return reply slip to the Front Office ASAP.

TUCKSHOP

Week 3 Wednesday Special

Chicken Stirfry w/hokkein noodles \$6.50

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

Valentine's Day Flowers at School

Please ensure gifts and flowers for Valentine's Day are received **at home**. Deliveries for Valentine's Day can cause a great deal of disruption to Front Office staff.



Seeking a short stay Host Family in 2020

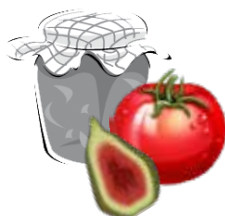


In June 2020, St Dominic's will be welcoming two Year 10 female students from Fenwick High School, in Oak Park Illinois, USA for two weeks. Fenwick High is a Dominican school with a long association with Blackfriars Priory School, through boys' sport competitions.

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.



The Produce Stall is in bit of a JAM...

Calling for donations of

**STONE FRUIT,
& TOMATOES**

Enquiries to the College Office

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

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

YEAR 7 / 8 / 9 (7pm Weds 12 Feb in the HALL)

Student name(s): class(es):

YEAR 10 / 11 / 12 (7pm Mon 10 Feb in the HALL)

Student name(s): class(es):

Parent name(s):

Parent Signature: Date:/...../20

E-Mail or Mobile contact #:

Please return to College Office NO LATER than Friday 7 February

☐ I HAVE READ TODAY'S BULLETIN

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

Signed: Date: / / 20

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