



ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

139 Molesworth Street, North Adelaide. 5006.

BULLETIN

Diary Dates

Friday 9 December

End of Year Assembly

*Early Dismissal for Years
REC to 9 inclusive: 2:30pm*

*Year 10s will be dismissed
from their classrooms after
Assembly*

Tuesday 13 December

Graduation Ball

Tuesday 20 December

SACE Results

released 8:30am

2017

Monday 30 January

Year 8 Orientation

Tuesday 31 January

Term 1 Commences

TUCK SHOP

Lunch Order notice

**For the rest of the term,
Lunch Orders will only be
available to REC - YEAR 3**

**Other year levels may order
sandwiches / rolls ONLY
or choose from the pre-made
selection of Hot / Cold food
available at lunch time
until sold out**

UNIFORM SHOP

Mondays during Term
10:30am - 1:30pm

Thurs 8 Dec 12:30 - 4:30

SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS

Sat 10 Dec 10:00 - 1:00

Mon 12 Dec 10:00 - 1:00

Thurs 15 Dec 10:00 - 1:00

Mon 19 Dec 10:00 - 1:00

Weds 11 Jan 10:00 - 2:00

Thurs 12 Jan 10:00 - 2:00

Fri 13 Jan 10:00 - 2:00

Sat 14 Jan 10:00 - 2:00

Weds 18 Jan 10:00 - 2:00

Thurs 19 Jan 10:00 - 2:00

Fri 20 Jan 10:00 - 2:00

Sat 21 Jan 10:00 - 2:00

Tues 24 Jan 10:00 - 2:00

Weds 25 Jan 10:00 - 2:00

Mon 30 Jan 10:30 - 1:30



**Friday morning mass in
the Chapel 8.15am**

WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2016

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WEEK 8 – TERM 4

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Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year to all

Dear Parents,

Last night's End of Year Mass was an inspiring culmination of the 2016 school year. Congratulations to all our students for leading us so well.

The End of Year Mass ritual speaks for itself as a Eucharistic encounter between Christ and our community enriched by the words of the Scripture beautifully conveyed, and by the prayers of the Church and of the Faithful. The music from Choir from the soloists, and the backing of the musicians takes us into the world beyond words, one which speaks to the heart. Thank you Courtney Green for your unassuming professionalism in bringing it all together. Thank you to Lucy Stoddart for a heavenly rendition of, "*O Holy Night*" a special thanks to our Parent Vietnamese Choir – Your contribution is a significant one. Art and the world of Dominic are inseparably linked, as demonstrated in the dramatic visuals created for last night's Mass by Arts Coordinator Josie Revesz and the IT skills of Dr Stuart Hill. Our RE team, coached in the wings by Sr. Jo Armour, did excellent work in the background as we strove to honour Jesus' commands of love through the theme, "*Veritate et Caritate*". Thank you to Sr. M Anne Holland, Concetta Sossi, Genevieve Taheny, Claire Ward, Cate O' Leary, Catherine Mueller, Belinda Baker. Bringing our ideas to life choreographically in processions thank you to Victoria Sayner.

Musically our repertoire was significantly helped by the new works written by Head Prefect Shanna Lee. What can I say about Shanna Lee's Head Prefect's reflection? It was such a "tour de force" and any teacher who has ever taught her would feel proud to have done so to see her move beyond the class room to express her ideas in such a riveting way.

Our graduates were especially in our hearts as they were given a special part in this Mass.

Their final goodbye will be at the **Graduation Ball** on next Tuesday night. To Greg Larwood Year 12 Coordinator and the Year 12 team who are so much an active part of end of Year Mass, Assembly and Grad Ball, Thank you.

Office admin staff Danielle Nicolas, Loretta Lighezzolo and Noreen Pardoe are a central part of everything that happens at End of Year Mass and they are strongly supported by the Admin team. Likewise countless things were done on the ground by acting Director of Admin, Matthew Noble in conjunction with Maintenance staff Gavin Reeves, and Michael Puddy. Central to the final impact are BSS Light and Sound.

Final Reminders:

The Years 7-12 Assembly will be held on this Friday when student awards will be presented and students will farewell some of our staff; Jennifer Boland, Angela Pano-Brugman, Naomi Bramham, Jessica Furfari, and Kathrine Rosenberg.

Dismissal

On this **Friday December 9th**, **classes for R-9 will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2:30pm.** Year 10s to 12s will be dismissed from their classrooms after Assembly.

Reports Collection

This year's collection of reports will offer parents and students a longer period of the day in which to collect these important documents. On **Wednesday 14th December from 9.00am-4pm** reports will be available at Reception. Normally the collection is done by the student or her parent. If you wish to delegate this task please put this in your daughter's school planner. It would be wonderful if the reports could be picked up on this day, but the office is also open on Friday.

Sr. Jillian Havey, Principal



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

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."

Albert Einstein

Parent Engagement: Last night's School Mass brought our community together to celebrate our richness of heritage, 800 years and to celebrate our Year 12 students completing their final year, supported by parents and our R-11 student cohort. It is indeed a special time of reflection and celebration.

A reminder that we are having our **Volunteer's Afternoon Tea** in the Art Room on Wednesday the 7th from 3:00pm till 3:40pm. We are always very grateful to our parents who help in the classrooms and with excursions. Please join us for a cuppa as the Primary Staff would like to say thank you for all your extra support this year.

Last Wednesday evening we had the **Year 6 Graduation**. It was a wonderful event. The evening was celebrated with family at a BBQ, followed by prayer and a presentation where students reflected on their Primary years. *Belinda Baker, Michelle Richter* and *Amy Waters* created a memorable evening with song and an award ceremony that made meaningful connections to the learner profiles of the MYP. Our Year 6 class have indeed led the Primary School showing leadership, compassion and enthusiasm for learning.

Charitable Commitments: As well as the generous donations to the Fete, our Primary Parents have been very generous again with supporting those in need. Our *casuals for a cause* at the end of last term raised \$500 for Vinnies. We recently had our **Loud Shirt Day** with the proceeds going to Cora Barclay Centre for hearing impaired children, where we raised over \$200. Our **Vinnies Christmas Appeal** has been embraced by the students and parents. Our **Giving Tree** this year has been very generously supported and all proceeds will be taken to Vinnies on Thursday. We thank you and know that all the gifts will help support many families in need.

In and around the classrooms:

PJ Day: It was a busy, exciting week in the Year Four classroom. We celebrated the end of the year with Pyjama Day where we all came to school in our pjs for a sleepover. Reading games were played, hot chocolate enjoyed and room inspections completed. After Ms O'Leary read "*How Are You Peeling?*" the class were given the chance to have a well-deserved sleep in their bedroom. The midnight snack was surely a highlight as was the performance of our group plays.

Art Venture: Also this week, Kirsty Shadiac from Art Venture came to do some portrait painting with us. We use pastels and watercolours to create a self-portrait. Every student had to work with a growth mindset, but all produced some fabulous, colourful masterpieces.



YEAR 4

Staffing 2017: As mentioned last week there are a couple of changes regarding staffing for next year. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to **Mrs Naomi Bramham** as she will be moving to Melbourne with her family. We wish her all the best. We are very fortunate to be welcoming **Mrs Francine Saint** as the new Year 2 teacher. She will co teach with Mrs Deb Osborne. Francine will teach 3 days and Deb 2 days. Francine is a highly regarded teacher with an excellent background in Junior Primary and current pedagogy. She is an old scholar and has frequently relief taught in the Primary School. We welcome back **Mrs Tes Rodrigues** from maternity leave. She will be working with Mrs Pauley as the other Year 1 teacher. Her days will be Thursday and Friday. She is looking forward to returning and is very excited about teaching in Year 1. We welcome back **Mrs Amy Waters** as the music specialist teacher for Term 1. **Mrs Anna Sordillo** will teach R-6 music classes from Term 2, 3 and 4 and will also teach Liturgical Music.



Year 6 graduation - by Layla, Abby, Alysha

On Wednesday the 30th of November the year 6 class of 2016 celebrated their graduation. There were a series of events starting with a feast in the outdoor classroom. Then we moved to the hall to perform a song and receive certificates and speeches from our teachers. Many year 6 students became emotional reflecting on their primary years at school. We will miss our primary years but we are also very excited to start a new chapter in year 7.



Year 3 Bike Riding Incursion

My favourite thing about the bike incursion was learning to ride up a hill. It was also my biggest challenge because usually I am too scared to do that. - **Isabella**

At the start of the bike incursion I didn't really know how to ride a bike but once I had learnt how to balance and pedal I could ride, it was really fun! - **Jelena**

I used to use training wheels but during the bike incursion I learnt how to balance and ride a bike without training wheels.

- **Zuhaar**

At the bike incursion we rode bikes around the top court. I learnt that I can stop my bike with the pedals in any position.

- **Charlotte**

We farewell and give a big thank you to our very able, very accommodating and hardworking student teacher **Miss Megan Sorrel**. We have been so fortunate to have had such a great student teacher with us at this busy time.

I have always felt very honoured to work at St Dominic's and have been very fortunate to have had Sister Jill and the Admin team to mentor me this year. Our Curriculum Coordinator, Ms Deb Osborne and Key Literacy teacher Mrs Kirsten Maycock have been very supportive and instrumental in challenging our teaching practices and have provided exceptional leadership to the Primary Staff. At the heart of how effectively the Primary school works, is the Primary and ancillary staff. They work very hard to try to get it right, they have to make some tough calls, they must produce effective and current pedagogy and have the children's needs at the core of who they are and everything they do. They arrive very early, leave late, plan, take on board the compliments and work through the complaints, prepare and spend considerable time reviewing and discussing how to best support all our children. Nothing is straight forward and it takes time, patience and a positive growth mindset to sort through the diverse situations that arise.

Finally, we thank all our parents. The dedication you give to your daughter's education and the support that you give to the school is always greatly appreciated.

The Primary staff wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas. God Bless.

See you all in 2017

Primary Gardening Club Market Days

Thursday and Friday this week will be the last Market Days run by the Primary Gardening Club.

For sale freshly picked **beetroot**, **lettuce**, **spinach**, **snow peas** and **basil** and, with a bit of luck, a **zucchini** or two!



Year 8 End of Year Picnic

The Year 8s celebrated the end of the academic year with a combined **Dress Up Picnic** in Wellington Square.



We had fabulous weather and the girls really entered into the spirit of the activity and had lots of fun joining in across the year level. All the girls were extremely creative and very topical and were able to act their parts when being judged. The winners were the *Lady Bird Group* for the detailing of their costumes and being appropriate to the picnic theme and the *USA Candidates*, *the Trump Wall* and *the Mexicans* won second place.



The students enjoyed the **End of Year Mass**, for many their first; and will spend the rest of the week doing various activities such as going to **Bounce**, **Ten Pin Bowling** and the **Piccadilly Cinema**. The girls have had a successful year and we wish them all the best and a safe holiday with their transition into Year 9.

Year 8 Homecare teachers



Year 9 Programming Excursion

On 29th November, Ms. Clarke and eight Year 9 Maths students attended an event called **PC4G (Programming Challenge for Girls)** held at the *Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences* at the University of Adelaide.

At the university, we completed a series of computer programming tasks including a competition where we were to re-create two animations of animals using a programme called 'Alice'. We all found it very enjoyable but also frustrating at times as it was sometimes difficult to find the correct code to recreate the exact movements of the animals in the original animation. After finishing this main task we went on to do some activities about compressing and arranging data, while the judges assessed our efforts.

All of the St Dominics girls were successful in the competition against many other schools. We all earned medals, even gold! Overall, it was a great day where we all went home with new experiences and new knowledge about computer programming.

Chrishelle Bulner



Veritate et Caritate
in Truth & Love

End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving
Tuesday, December 6 2016



We would like to thank the entire P&F team of 2016. Our aim is to provide opportunities for families to be involved with the life of the school, that is, be a part of the school community and help build community spirit.

We also support the school with our fundraising events and the teachers with various activities.

Year in Review

Family Mass

2016 started with our Family Mass Morning Tea and BBQ. We had a beautiful day where we were able to welcome all new and existing families into the new school year. Families had the perfect opportunity to catch up, meet new friends and find out more about the school. We thank all those who helped on the day.

Parent Information Nights

The P&F once again made an appearance and presentations at each of the Parent Information Nights. The aim of our presentations was to highlight the importance of parental involvement in their children's education and to encourage new parents to join the P&F team. We have been very pleased with the commitment that new and existing parents have made in attending our regular meetings and assisting our many varied events, thus ensuring their continual success.

Produce Stall: Fruit Required

Apricots, Figs, Plums, Peaches, Nectarines

Donations of any stone fruits required for jam making for next year's Fete. **If you can help out please call Jo Duffy on 0411 305 042**



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Sunday, 26th February 2017
2:30pm Afternoon Tea • 3:30pm Screening
The Capri Theatre • 141 Goodwood Rd, GOODWOOD

\$25 Ticket includes Afternoon Tea provided by Bakery on O'Connell,
and one glass of Champagne, soft drink, or tea/coffee
(extra drinks available to purchase) • Door prizes, and raffle available

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Sports Day

This year we found ourselves at a different location for our Sports Day. We are very grateful to **Immanuel College** and their *Principal Mr. Kevin Richardson* for the use of their beautiful grounds. We were up for the challenge and had a very successful day. The weather was excellent and the girls displayed great team spirit and sportsmanship. All our stall convenors and helpers did an outstanding job in providing us all with their wonderful treats. A big thank you to all the teaching staff who were once again able to provide such an enjoyable day.

Chocolate Drive

A massive thank you to *Leisl McPeake* and all those involved in this year's Chocolate Drive. It proved once again to be a major fundraiser for the school.

Fete & Auction

After months of organising and coordinating *Ben Brazel* and *Scott Griffin* – assisted by many parents, past-parent and friends of the school – put on a stunning show. All participants enjoyed the wide variety of food, entertainment and shopping delights on offer. Well done to all the stall convenors and helpers, many of whom also assisted with the set-up beforehand and the clean-up at the end. A huge thank you to those involved in organising the Auction, which was once again successfully coordinated by *Noreen Pardoe* and her enthusiastic and innovative team.

To all those involved in the Fete in any way we congratulate and thank you. Whether you helped set up on Saturday, or cleaned

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[\$5 of admission price will be donated to St. Dominic's]

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up Sunday, donated a book or a bottle of wine, baked a cake, turned a sausage on the barbeque, sourced auction items, helped with the pot plants or make jam earlier in the year, your support is immeasurable and truly amazing.

Finances

We would like to announce that the total P & F profit for 2016 is:

\$82,878

(NB: This is before the allocation of the 2016 Graduation Ball cost)

– a huge success and a tremendous result for a small school community. Thank you to all parents again for all their hard work!!

Thank You

As we approach the end of the school year, and the end of my two year term as President, I would personally like to thank several people specifically.

To *Sr. Jill*, thank you for all your support and guidance. It has been a privilege working in this role, and I thank you for the opportunity.

To *Cate O'Leary* and all the teachers for all their support, as a Primary School parent myself, I know how eagerly anticipated your detailed reports are.

To *Kathryn Hudson* and all the office staff *Loretta, Danielle, Lina, Helen, Noreen, Sarah* and *Renae* – your help has been invaluable.

To our Vice President, *Michelle Hogan* and our Secretary, *Irene Drouas* – thank you for all your hard work, and it has been a real pleasure getting to know you better.

Finally, I'd like to take this chance and say on behalf of all the parents, a very warm thank you to *Sr. Jo* who some of you may know, will be retiring at the end of this year. Your kind and caring presence will be sadly missed by us all, however, we wish you all the best and hope to continue seeing you at school from time to time.

I wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a safe and happy New Year – Happy Holidays!

Maria Lappas, Michelle Hogan & Irene Drouas

SPORTS NEWS

TERM 4 FINAL STANDINGS

Basketball

Junior C finished **SECOND**

Senior B finished **FOURTH**

Senior C (2) finished **THIRD**

Senior C (3) finished **SECOND**

Volleyball

Junior A finished **PREMIERS**

Junior B finished **PREMIERS**

Junior C (3) finished **SECOND**

Junior C (4) finished **FIFTH**

Senior B finished **FIFTH**

Senior C finished **SECOND**

Touch

Junior finished **PREMIERS**

Senior 1 finished **FIFTH**

Senior 2 finished **SECOND**

Water Polo

Junior finished **THIRD**

Senior finished **SECOND**

Tennis

Junior 1 finished **EQUAL PREMIERS**

Junior 2 finished **EQUAL PREMIERS**

"Bon Voyage & Buon Viaggio"

Two of our Year 10 students will be spending their Christmas holidays overseas mastering their French/Italian.

We wish **Amy Pham** (*French*) and **Tessa Tranthim-Fryer** (*Italian*)

all the best on their travels and we look forward to hearing about their (language) exchange adventures in 2017.



Amy Pham



Tessa Tranthim-Fryer

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