



ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

139 Molesworth Street, North Adelaide. 5006.

BULLETIN

Diary Dates

Sunday 12 February

Family Mass

Thurs 9 + Weds 15 Feb

Primary Swimming Trials

Friday 17 February

2016 High Achievers Assembly

Thursday 23 February

Field Day (Years 7-12)

Sunday 26 February

Sri Lanka Trip Fundraising

Screening of "Lion"

Tuesday 28 February

Investiture Mass

Wednesday 1 March

Ash Wednesday

Sunday 5 March

Old Scholars' Mass

PARENT INFO EVENINGS

Monday 13 February

Year 11 and 12 Parents

Wednesday 15 February

Year 7 and 8 Parents

Monday 20 February

Year 9 and 10 Parents

2017 TERM DATES

Term 1: 31 Jan - 13 April

Term 2: 2 May - 7 July

Term 3: 24 July - 29 Sep

Term 4: 16 Oct - 8 Dec

UNIFORM SHOP

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

Thursday 9 February
12:30pm - 4:30pm

Thursday 16 February
10:30am - 1:30pm



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

WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2017

WEEK 2 – TERM 1

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2017 Year 12 Retreat



Some of the 2016 Merit Winners at Government House yesterday.

Dear Parents,

By now we are all well into the routine of school the school year.

Camp and Retreat

With your support we had a great start. The Year 8s, students and staff came home with stories of how much they enjoyed and valued their Victor Harbor Camp. And from the Year 12 Retreat at Belair a similar report came through. I was able to attend the Year 12 Retreat and can certainly vouch for the wonderful spirit within the 2017 cohort who entered in to this very significant time. Past students, viz., the Year 12s from 2015 gave their time as group leaders and I think that our 12s appreciated hearing about the transition of these young women from school to the world of tertiary study. Particular thanks is offered to Year 8 Coordinator, Georgia Meyer, and the Year 8 Class Teacher team, and to Concetta Sossi REC, Greg Larwood Year 12 Coordinator, and the Year 12 Class and RE teachers for their commitment to ensuring that these events were really good experiences for all.

Government House Merit Ceremony

The gardens and grounds of Government House North Terrace are a perfect setting for the Merit Ceremony, which honours South Australian students who have used their talents to achieve Merits and Commendations. Governor Hieu Van Le presented the Governors Commendation awards. Among the deserving recipients was our Year 12 student and 2016 Head Prefect Shanna Lee. As you know St. Dominic's students obtained merits in a wide range of subjects and once again we were very proud of them.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Last night saw an excellent start among our Primary parents to the sequence of Parent Teacher meetings which are a must for at least one parent from each family. While some of the St. Dominic's staff, like me, have had the privilege of meeting families in enrolment interviews, most of your daughter's teachers still need that opportunity. Please feel urged to attend your Parent Teacher meeting. If you have yet to sign up to your invitation, please use the repeat in today's Bulletin.

Sunday's Family Mass

Let's pray, greet our new families, and celebrate the end of a heat wave on this Sunday. I look forward to sharing your company. Please be aware as you make your way to the gym for the Mass that there will be student helpers at all the entrances to provide you with a name tag. New parents' tag will be **yellow**. A collection will be taken as you enter the Gym for the work of Fr Harry in Nagpur India through the Dare to Dream Foundation and for the work of Sr. Sheila Flynn in Africa.

Sincere thanks to the Parents and Friends who host the morning tea at Sunday's Mass.

**Sr Jillian Havey
Principal**

Primary News

from Ms. Cate O'Leary
Primary School Coordinator

"if you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you."

With the first week behind us our students are all gradually falling into the swing of things. The teachers have been very impressed with how the classes have settled, shown enthusiasm for their new learning, and have responded well to their new routines and challenges.

Visiting the classes, I was able to see the various learning opportunities and interactions occurring. From our **Reception class** I asked some what they are looking forward to learning this year. Their responses were: **Adele** wants to learn to count to 200, **Daniella** wants to learn how to fix lots of things, **Daisy** wants to learn how to read hard words and big books and **Briyona** wants to learn how to build and make things with the coloured chains. **Miss Dellosa** certainly will be kept busy with these inquisitive minds. **Isabella Denys** (Year 1) is new to our school and wrote a recount about her first week:

Last week at school we had Italian. We also did Chinese dragons. We made paper people. I have lots of friends. We went to assembly on the first day of school. We have computing on Friday and Tuesdays.

UNIFORM: Last Friday all students in R-6 had their **uniforms checked for names**. That included, **bats, jumpers, blazers, lunch boxes** and **drink bottles**. If your daughter did not have her items clearly named you would have received a note in her planner/communication book. **We ask that you check all items have the correct names please.**

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT: Please read this carefully. **Last week we had two near misses on Barnard Street**. We remind all parents that **it is illegal to do a U Turn outside a school area** and **you are not allowed to do a U Turn in the school driveway**. The safety of our students is paramount and we need you to drive carefully, for everyone's safety.

ASSEMBLY: **Assemblies will be held every fortnight** (even weeks) on **Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 to 3.00pm** in the Hall. This is an opportunity to come together for liturgy, show off our many talents, celebrate birthdays and present our St Dominic Awards. Everyone is welcome to come along and share this time with us. Watch the Bulletin to find out which weeks they are on and which class is presenting.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT: Thank you to the many people who were able to attend last night's **Parent Information Evening**. Your presence there was very encouraging, enabling you to find out first-hand teachers' expectations and classroom routines.

Your prompt reply to the deluge of notices is very much appreciated.

We are still waiting on some responses for the **Family Mass**. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday morning at 9:30am in the Gym for our first community gathering.

Curriculum Update: Literacy - Mrs Kirsten Maycock Fostering a Love of Reading

One of the most wonderful things about your daughter starting school is watching her become a reader. This is something which you can play a huge part in by establishing a home reading routine, if you don't already have one. Spend ten minutes with each child, each night, reading a book together. Turn off your mobile phone and offer your full attention and enthusiasm as the way you value reading will have a profound effect on how her literacy skills develop. Other ways to encourage a love of reading are to give them a little time to read or listen to an audiobook in bed before lights are out, take them to the library, and model reading yourself. We are aiming to build enthusiastic, confident readers who read for pleasure, as well as meaning. By creating a culture of reading at home, you will make a real difference to your daughter's educational outcomes across the board.

We urge you to get involved and be active in our community, to be engaged in your daughter's schooling and education. Some of you will be able to be more actively involved than others due to work and family commitments. We know that you will find opportunities to share in your daughter's school lives and you will reap the benefits. We have a great band of parent helpers who we continually draw on to support us in LAP, in the classroom and other sporting ventures. Many of our parent helpers are coming to the end of their time in the Primary School so it is up to our Junior Primary parents now to take the baton and help us continue our proud tradition of community and engagement. It is with your involvement that our rich tradition of community, will continue to flourish.

ADDITIONS TO OUR ST. DOMINIC'S FAMILY: **Isabella Michail** (Year 2) became the very proud sister of **Hosanna** on the 30th of November. **Isabella** (Year 5) and **Gabrielle Sinton** (Year 2) welcomed **Charlotte** on the 9th of December. **Josephine Cooke** is the very happy big sister to **Max**, born on the 23rd of December. We are glad that all went well and the general comments from the girls about their siblings is that they are very cute but cry too much!

ORGANISATION: This is a concern for many parents and is difficult for many children. We encourage you to **foster good habits** – *perhaps a list on the fridge with days and what is happening eg PE and Library*. It is also good to **give reminders as you leave home**. We believe that children should develop independence in their organisation, so we ask you **not** to go home to collect forgotten items. *Children who are continually rescued do not develop good organisational skills*. They are much more likely to remember next time if they have to accept responsibility. However, they will need a lot of support in this area. Adding dates to the school calendar as you are advised in the Bulletin or class notes can help too.

In and around the classrooms:

The new school year has started at an incredible rate for the Year 5 class. We have learnt about expressive language in English, writing a piece entitled "*Why I am not a boring person*" inspired from the novel "*Staying Alive in Year 5*" by John Marsden. We have also started the initial stages of our Paper Bag Book Reports by choosing our novels that we will eventually create into a 3D representation of the book, more of this to come in future weeks. We have also learnt about how the Australian colonies changed over time and the different language groups of the Indigenous Australians prior to European settlement. - Byron Mortimer.



YEAR 5



The start of Year 8, 2017 saw the addition of 58 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 highlights I think were the *boogie boarding* and *kayaking* activities. The competition was fierce but fun and at the end of the *Team Challenge* the *Mermaids* led by Ms Raets were the winners for the second year running.

Interspersed throughout the games were other fun but less competitive activities such as the visit to **Urimbirra Wildlife Sanctuary** and a walk to **Granite Island**. The girls also enjoyed a newspaper dress up competition on the theme of *A Night at the Oscars*... the **Starfish** were the winners there!


Many thanks to the staff who worked long hours to keep the girls busy...Ms Ali McPeake, Ms Ann Raets, Ms Genevieve Taheny, Ms Aurora Reid, Dr Stuart Hill and Ms Georgia Meyer.

Georgia Meyer, Year 8 Coordinator



The year 8 camp was very enjoyable and challenging, we pushed our boundaries and expanded as people. Personally, my favourite activity was the **Treasure Hunt** under Adare House because it was fun and encouraged teamwork. **Cleo Vandepeer**

My favourite activity was the **Treasure Hunt** under the Adare Castle where the old cellars used to be. We were arranged in groups containing a guide, a person blindfolded, and the leader who had the head lamp. With each of the items that were found we were awarded 100 points. Moving around in the scary, bone-chilling underground space was thrilling and exciting; not only did we work well together, at times we clung together not knowing what we might discover. We had a great time. **Mary D'Assumpção**



We all took part in team building activities, which encouraged myself and my fellow peers to use our communication skills, support others and participate in every activity. One of my favourite activities was the **Challenge Course**, as it made us think outside the box. In this activity we had to get our team from one block to another block without touching the 'lava', using only plastic crates, wooden planks and small tennis rackets.

Alice McKay

Camp helped me to become more familiar with my peers and my teachers. The activities brought us closer together; the exciting experiences gave us something to bond over. I think that my class' communication and team working skills dramatically improved during the water challenge and the challenge course. Camp helped me learn to trust my class mates and the important life messages that the activities carried gave me a better understanding of the *IB Learner Profiles*. I enjoyed creating **tribal chants** because it introduced us to a sense of team spirit. I thoroughly enjoyed the camp.

Lauren O'Callaghan

A highlight to me was becoming a newspaper model in '*the night at the Oscars*'. When designing and creating the newspaper models we separated into our activity groups to decide who and what we were going to design. Mary and I were the newspaper models for **Team Mermaids**. I was dressed as Brad Pitt, and Mary was dressed as Angelina Jolie. Together we walked down the 'red carpet' and ended up placing second! All groups had fantastic costumes which showed the great communication and teamwork throughout each group. **Eilish Doyle**

My favourite activity was Paddle Boarding since I won most improved. All the students and staff made camp enjoyable which will be a memory that will last forever. **Zoe Kromwyk**



Year 12 Retreat

Thursday 2nd February - Friday 3rd 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. For the homily, the 2016 Indian pilgrims reflected thoughtfully on their experiences.

Prayer on Friday morning was a beautiful meditation led by Mrs Jill Fanning. The opportunity to be still was most appreciated by both students and staff.

Students always anticipate their letter writing on retreat and this session was led by Mrs Mueller who gently reminded them that this would be their final retreat letter.

After morning tea, 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.





CALLING ALL YEAR 6, 7, 8 + 9 STUDENTS

For vibrant and interesting MUSIC ENSEMBLES here at St Dominic's, WE ARE LOOKING FOR new students of

CLARINET, FLUTE AND SAXOPHONE

Instrumental lessons are also available for:
VIOLIN | PIANO | VOICE | GUITAR | CELLO | DRUMS

Collect a copy of the *Instrumental and Vocal Program Policy* from the front desk for details about enrolment, instrument hire, and fees.

If you have any questions about enrolling, please email
 Ms Courtney Green on cgreen@stdominics.sa.edu.au

P & F Family Mass + Morning Tea Sunday 12 February

Daughter's Name/s:

..... Class(es)

Parents' Name/s

Our family numbers attending:

..... Mass Only

..... Mass + Morning Tea

..... Mass, Morning Tea + Sausage Sizzle

Please return reply slip to the Front Office ASAP.

Sign up to the Morning Tea Roster online at:

<http://signup.com/go/C3hjzc>

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

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 13 Feb in the HALL)

Student name(s): class(es):

YR 7/8 (7^{pm} Weds 15 Feb in the HALL)

Student name(s): class(es):

YR 9/10 (7^{pm} Mon 20 Feb in the HALL)

Student name(s): class(es):

Parent name(s):

Parent Signature: Date:/...../17

E-Mail or Mobile contact #:

Please return to College Office NO LATER than Friday 10 February

Parents & Friends

Family Mass Volunteers 12 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 you let us know as soon as possible whether you are able to assist in any way. We still have openings for helpers in all areas and invite you to sign up online at: <http://signup.com/go/C3hjzc>

Don't forget to drop by after Mass for a complimentary cuppa and chat and perhaps buy a sausage or two for lunch or a Zooper Dooper! Tickets for the Sri Lanka trip movie fundraiser will also be available as well as raffle tickets.

We will be replying to those at the end of that week that have put in written replies of offers of assistance and those that replied via the online link should have received immediate confirmation.

We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.



**Diary Date: First P&F Meeting
 Wednesday 22 February at 7:30pm**

**Michelle Hogan, Jo Duffy, Maria Lappas & Kate Jensen
 for the Parents & Friends Committee**

Sri Lanka Trip

Many of you would have heard the true story on which the film *'Lion'* is based. A small boy in India falls asleep on a train and end up in Calcutta lost and alone. From an orphanage he is adopted by a family in Tasmania and then with the assistance of Google Maps finds his birth family.

Parents of the students travelling to Sri Lanka are organising a fundraising film afternoon on Sunday 26th February at the Capri Cinema where this film will be shown.

We encourage you to attend as aside from a great afternoon tea and outing, you will be assisting the work of YSL (Volunteer Sri Lanka). Proceeds from this event will be used to purchase food parcels for needy families in Galle, Sri Lanka.

In the April school holidays a group of 16, Year 11 students will be travelling to Sri Lanka on a Community Service and cultural awareness raising trip. They will be making up the food parcels and distributing them while they are there. Please note, the fundraising is not for our students who are paying their own way. We would love you to join us at the movie.

Rita Shepherd & Greg Larwood

ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE SRI LANKA TRIP MOVIE FUNDRAISER SCREENING

LION

RATED PG

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

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE
 For more information contact Lisa Zucher: 0408 809 763 | Phone Orders: 8267 3818

☐ I HAVE READ TODAY'S BULLETIN

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

Signed: Date: / / 17