



# ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

139 Molesworth Street, North Adelaide. 5006.

## BULLETIN

### Diary Dates

**Friday 14 August**

Sports & Special Photos

**Wed 19 - Fri 21 August**

Year 7 Camp

**Thursday 27 August**

Year 10/11 Subject Selection

**Friday 28 August**

Year 11 Retreat

**Mon 31 Aug - Wed 2 Sept**

Year 9 Camp

**Tuesday 1 September**

Year 8 Immunisations

### WHOLE SCHOOL

#### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 25 August - night 1

Monday 7 September - night 2

bookings close 3pm 21 August

### UNIFORM SHOP

#### TERM OPENING HOURS

**Mondays during Term**

**10:30am - 1:30pm**

**Thursdays**

20 August 10:30 - 1:30

27 August 12:30 - 4:30

3 September 10:30 - 1:30

10 September 12:30 - 4:30

**PLEASE NOTE THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED IN WEEKS 9 + 10**

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### ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE TUCK SHOP SPECIALS EVERY WEDNESDAY

**WEEK 5: Vegetarian Ravioli (\$6.50)**

**WEEK 6: Chicken Parmagiana with Wedges (\$6.50) + Salad (\$7.50)**

**WEEK 7: Fish Burgers w/Tartare (\$6.50)**

**WEEK 8: Spaghetti + Meatballs (\$6.00)**

**WEEK 9: Pumpkin + Fetta Pasta (\$6.00)**

**WEEK 10: Lamb Yiros (\$7.00)**

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**Friday morning Mass**  
**8:15am College Chapel**

**THURSDAY 13 AUGUST 2020**

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

It is reasonable to suggest that the week of St Dominic's celebrations was perhaps the coldest we have had this year. The morning frost had us all reaching for our scarves and gloves as we longed for the brief midday sun that warmed pockets of the school.

On Tuesday we huddled in the gymnasium, as well as possible, given the social distancing in place. Our invited guests prayed with us from a distance, as we asked them to stay home to be sure they were safe and well. Before Mass began the Senior Choir stood in the driveway of the Convent and sang with gentle conviction the *Hymn to St Dominic*. There was pride in the voices of the girls and joy in the faces of the Sisters. The words swirled around all who were gathered, settling only to resonate in our hearts ... *Loved and honoured, loved and honoured, leading us to greater faith.*

Beautifully prepared by Genevieve Taheny and her team, the Mass unfolded with reverence; drawing us all into the Word of God, which drifted toward us from around the beautifully decorated gymnasium. Our choirs were delightful, leading us in song and praise. Student voice was powerful in prayer, reflection and thanksgiving. Lauren O'Callaghan and Justyna Dutka reflected on the Gospel and reminded us to be women who look forward – to walk with others just as Dominic did. *"And just as Jesus taught in today's gospel reading, Dominic walked and walked. He never looked back toward his old life, always forward, toward the fruition of God's kingdom."* From Reception to Year 12, students celebrated the life of St Dominic, our inspiration and our guide, as we seek to live as Jesus calls us.

I had the great privilege of having morning tea with our 9 International students and Mrs Georgia Meyer (Counsellor and International Student Coordinator). It was a delightful gathering where the girls told me a little of their story, their joy at being a student at St Dominic's and their hopes for the future. I was impressed by their optimism and their commitment to their studies.

The Primary Assembly, hosted by Year 4, was a showcase of learning. We heard about Isaac Newton, the life of a turtle and we travelled the world with expert tour guides. I enjoyed the girls' beautiful confidence as they read their scripts carefully and clearly. The prayer drew our attention to the lives of significant saints and the girls paid tribute to our Patron St Dominic, along with Australia's first saint, Mary MacKillop whose feast day was celebrated on 8 August. It was especially lovely to see some parents joining us.

No doubt you would have seen recent news reports in regards to Thebarton Senior College. Under the direction of SA Health, Thebarton College was advised to close for this week. Students who attend Thebarton but are enrolled in other schools were also advised by SA Health if they were required to self-isolate. At St Dominic's we continue to follow the advice offered by SA Health, who are doing an outstanding job in keeping South Australia safe during this most difficult time.

This week you will have received information regarding Parent Teacher Discussions for Reception to Year 12 students set for Tuesday 25 August and Monday 7 September. Due to COVID-19 our first round of Parent Teacher Discussions were conducted over the phone. We recognise the value of face to face meetings with your daughter's teachers and we have put COVID-19 safe practices in place in order for parents to attend the College site in this capacity. These practices include, physical distancing, no handshakes, short interviews and unfortunately no refreshments will be served. We will be vigilant with the number of people gathered in the Hall and Gymnasium at any one time. I ask that parents who opt to have interviews at this time, support our processes and procedures.

Important information to families regarding a curriculum change at the College will be forwarded to families via email this Friday. In the meantime, Year 7 to 11 students will soon be bringing home their 2021 subject selection forms. I am pleased to inform you that next year we are able to offer three new SACE subjects at Year 11 and 12; Stage One Psychology (Year 11) and Stage Two Health & Wellbeing, and Child Studies (Year 12). Year 10 and 11 families will be notified shortly about booking a time on Thursday 27 August to meet with their daughters' Home Class teacher to finalise their subject choices. This is an important time for students to consider their future pathways. The girls will receive excellent counselling to assist in their subject choices as they plan the final years of their Secondary school life. Parents are encouraged to attend this event with their daughter/s.

As the cold winter air remains just a little longer, may we find time to give thanks for the rain, for the warmth of our homes and for the joy in knowing the days are getting longer. Enjoy those sunrises!

*Dr Helen Steele*  
**Principal**

# From the LEADERSHIP TEAM

## JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

On Monday morning students spoke of fun times on their Friday St Dominic's Day holiday, and a time to recharge their batteries ready for the next half of term. As we continue to walk in St Dominic's footsteps with compassion, hard work and contemplation as our guide, we are often reminded of the very thoughtful, positive gestures of our students, staff, and parents. We value the strong communication, and encouragement with our parent/student body.

"I am sowing the seed of... friendship, love, hope, kindness, forgiveness, compassion, family togetherness and peace." These were a few of the student responses written on our shared writing display board, organised by Sr Hieu. We strive to create opportunities where our students can share experiences of kindness and compassion, and learn from each other.

Below you will read a poem submitted to the **Young Writer's Award 2020** by *Nina Le* in Year 6. She, along with *Muskaan Agarwal* Year 2 and *Lauren Schar* also Year 6, were shortlisted in the Top 10 of the state in their categories.

*Friendship is a specific rose,  
Specially made like no other.  
A rose has a show of lucidity,  
And isn't easy to understand.  
Its bud, a stage of irreversibility,  
Petals like endless years of bonding.  
The more the flower begins to bloom,  
The longer the friendship will last us.  
Friendship is like caring for a rose,  
A gardener tending for its individuals.  
The faster it starts standing on its roots,  
Gives an enhanced attitude and performance.  
Helping a rose is giving a second-chance,  
Another way of healing not them but you.  
Re-preparing another room in your heart,  
Is no different to creating an acquaintance.*

## THUNDER CUP THURSDAY NIGHT NETBALL

Teamwork, encouragement, support, and laughter - possibly a competitive edge too - is noticeable at our games. It has presented a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together and observe the guidance offered by our Year 12 PE students. We have six teams registered from Year 4-6 and last week all teams had a win. Smiles all round!



We are very grateful to Ms Josie McKinnon for all her help with the preparation of the following students for **Reconciliation**: Rose Calabria, Aria Lee, Sophe Notarangelo, Teresa Tran, Daisy Kelly, Hannah Lim, and Izabel Nguyen.

**Ms Cate O'Leary**  
DIRECTOR OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

# PRAYER & LITURGY

## FEAST OF ST DOMINIC

Last week, our school community celebrated the Feast of St Dominic in an uplifting and joyful Mass. Justyna Dutka and Lauren O'Callaghan reflected on the Gospel and what it means to follow Jesus. Here is an excerpt from their reflection.

We might rightly say, 'Lord, I will follow you wherever you go'. But left to ourselves we often do not have the inner strength to keep this promise. We need to ask Jesus for strength day by day to do this. And we need to seek out his strength in each other. Turning to our leaders, to our peers, and to St Dominic for the inspiration to further embrace our individual journeys of discipleship.

The truth is; Jesus who commands such sacrifice and commitment of us humbles himself to come looking for us.

In the Book of Revelation, we read of Jesus "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with them and they with me."

If through the white noise of modern life, you hear Jesus calling you, take this perspective: There is nothing you are doing that could possibly be more important than going to the door and opening it.

Students were also asked to reflect on how they might follow Jesus in their daily lives. They submitted their reflections on a footprint provided. Here are some examples.

### PRAYER

*God of Truth, Compassion and Love,  
We thank you for the wisdom of  
St Dominic and for the faith that he showed  
on the journeys throughout his life.  
May his courage strengthen us.  
May his compassion be a model  
for how we respond to others.  
May we, like St Dominic, be people  
from whom others can draw hope.  
May we be inspired to continue to walk  
in his footsteps of truth, compassion and love  
all of our lives.  
Amen*

**Mrs Concetta Sossi**  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



# Celebrating ST DOMINIC'S DAY



PUT GOD FIRST AND  
you'll never be last!

I try to help my  
Mum and Dad

In order to become a more  
Committed follower  
I will...  
participate  
in Masses more  
frequently  
Contribute  
more  
to the  
community  
I will help  
those in  
need.



## THE FEAST DAY OF OUR PATRON, ST DOMINIC DE GUZMAN IS AUGUST 8

To mark this special occasion, the College gathered for Mass; the Dominican Sisters of North Adelaide - past and present - were acknowledged with flowers, gifts & song; and students and staff alike shared some special Dominican-themed treats before all enjoyed a day's holiday.





### YEAR 12 RELIGION STUDIES

On Friday 31 July Year 12 Religion Studies students visited St Peter's Cathedral for the purpose of furthering their knowledge about the nature of sacred spaces, in preparation for a major assignment.

**Mrs Concetta Sossi**  
RELIGION STUDIES TEACHER



### SACPSSA CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On Thursday 6 August Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students represented our College at the Catholic Schools Cross Country. The younger students ran 2km and older students ran 3km. There were several challenges during the race which included a hill, gravel river and competing against so many fast runners. We were pleased with our placings. We look forward to joining in again next year.

**Co-Captains**  
**Harper Hawkins + Morgan Hillman, Year 6**

## YEAR 12 | IMPORTANT DATES

SATAC applications are open now

**AUGUST 21:** Adelaide University applications due  
*[using Year 11 results]*

**SEPTEMBER 12:** SDPC Formal

**SEPTEMBER 30:** Medicine + Dentistry applications close

**OCTOBER 23:** Last day of Year 12 Lessons

**NOVEMBER 2:** Exams start *\*LOTE Oral exams are earlier*

**NOVEMBER 24:** Graduation Ball

**DECEMBER 1:** End of Year Mass

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

**TUESDAY 25 AUGUST • MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER**

**Gymnasium [Years 6-12] | Hall [Rec-Year 5]**  
**(3:50pm – 6:00pm, then 6:30pm – 8:00pm)**

The second round of Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted for Reception to Year 12 students on: Tuesday 25 August and Monday 7 September. Reception - Year 5 interviews will be in the HALL and Year 6 - 12 in the GYMNASIUM.

The interviews will be of **10 minutes duration**.

Parents are welcome to make bookings for this evening, however attendance is not compulsory.

A letter explaining the online booking process - including the booking code **hkkue** - has been sent home with your daughter(s). If you have not received this notice, please contact the College.

**Parents who require the services of an interpreter, please e-mail Mr Matthew Noble at [mnoble@stdominics.sa.edu.au](mailto:mnoble@stdominics.sa.edu.au)**

**Bookings must be finalised before**  
**3pm Friday 21 August, when bookings will close!**

**PLEASE NOTE: COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY**  
**WITH PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND NO HANDSHAKING**



## Sports Photographs are on Friday 14 August

Uniform Requirements

*Students are reminded to please check the Student Daily Notices for their teams' photograph time(s) and ensure they are wearing the correct uniform*

**Soccer | Soccer Tshirt, Black Shorts, Black knee-length socks and shoes**

**Netball | Netball Uniform, White Socks and Shoes**

**Thundercup Netball | Black SDPC Tshirt, Black SDPC Shorts, White Socks & Shoes**

**Other Primary Teams | Sports Uniform, White Socks & Shoes**

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# News from the PRIMARY SCHOOL

## YEAR 4 CLASS REPORT

*Term 3 is well on its way with the Year 4 Travel Agency. Girls have a country to research and are busy developing the skills to persuade an audience to travel to that country. We are using some of the Seven Steps writing techniques to create a speech for Opening Night, and we are ready to share the first few lines.*

Indonesia is a group of islands where families can relax, explore and be amazed. Sitting in the Northern and Southern hemisphere, are the Indonesian islands of Bali and Jakarta. We encourage you to travel there in February, March or April.

- **Aria and Gabriella**

Beautiful sights, amazing places, come to England for an outstanding experience! England is in the UK and is in the northern hemisphere. North from England is Greenland, south from England is France, east is Germany and west is Ireland. Come and see Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Stonehenge and so much more. - **Clara and Mya**

Have you ever wanted to eat a French macaroon, try escargot, or enjoy a warm croissant, well France is waiting for you. Wait, where is France you ask. It is in the northern part of the world and the bordering countries are Germany, Italy and Spain. France is known for its wonderful art and its contributions to science. - **Reina and Lily**

Hola! Are you the kind person that loves a hot Summer? Then Spain is the Place for you. Spain is North west from Australia and the countries bordering this remarkable destination are Morocco, France and Portugal. Spain is known for a special festival called The Running of the Bull. - **Helena and Madison**

Are you interested in old fairy-tale castles? Yes? Germany needs to be on your list of places to visit. Germany is above the equator and is in southern Europe. We recommend you visit all the forests and rivers that Germany holds. - **Bianca and Vui**

**Science this term** is investigating materials and their properties. We are learning new topic words, durable, malleable, transparent, translucent. Girls have experimented to learn the difference between waterproof and water resistant. Recently, we were faced with a problem: Ms O'Leary's tea is cold by the time she takes her first sip. By creating a fair test - equal water level, same testing location, and placing materials around the same sort of glass jar - we found a solution. A cosy must be made from wool or fur and not nylon or denim. Hopefully Knitting Club starts soon!

**Mrs Rachel Bolt & Mrs Georgina Fenton  
YEAR 4 CLASS TEACHERS**

# News from the SECONDARY SCHOOL

## YEAR 12 COORDINATOR'S REPORT

*Our Year 12 girls are on the home stretch in terms of their academic year. There are eight teaching weeks remaining after the current one. Whilst this end point may be a source of relief for some, others may feel a heightened sense of apprehension as exams and final assessments approach. More than ever, this is the time for our girls to tap into their support networks, seek that extra help they need from a teacher, lean on a friend or be the one to offer support to a classmate who needs it.*

### PLANNING FOR A FUTURE BEYOND SCHOOL

A large focus in Pastoral Care sessions remaining in this term will be guiding and assisting girls as they navigate their way through this process of formalising their 2021 pathway. Students seeking extra guidance are encouraged to make an appointment with our Careers Counsellor Ms Eustace. She is a wonderful resource and has a calm manner that helps allay the fears many girls bring to her.

The girls have been encouraged to aim high, be bold, and have lofty aspirations. But they also need to be true to themselves. Course preferences need to, at their core, reflect the interests and capacity of the student. A university pathway straight out of school is not the *only* option available and indeed may not be the *best* option for some girls at this time. As such we encourage the girls to have the courage to map out their own post school pathway, whatever form this takes.

### THE FUTURE OF SCHOOL COMPLETION MEASUREMENT

The current system of measuring student achievement at the conclusion of their schooling is dominated by the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank [ATAR]. Four digits that purport to capture 13 years of school education. Four digits that drive students, that distress students, that, as it stands, open up pathways for students and shut them as well. Whilst statistically reliable, educators have been agitating for some time for a 'better way.'

The recently published '**Shergold Review**' – the national review by the Education Council into Australian senior secondary education notes that, "*the heavy focus on scholastic performance is seen by students to pay too little regard to the other skills and attributes that they require for successful adulthood.*"

Later this month the SACE Board's new **Strategic Plan** is being unveiled. Much effort has been invested into investigating how a broader sense of a student's knowledge, skills and abilities can be recorded. A 'Learner Profile' is being developed that is not simply a narrow reporting system that crunches scholastic metrics, but a mechanism whereby 'soft skills' can be officially recognised as complementing the data available of academic achievement. These skills include critical thinking, creativity and ethical understanding; attributes desirable to employers and necessary in the world our St Dominic's students are entering into.

Whether you are in frequent contact with your daughter's teachers or have never rung the school once in your time as a parent here, your contact is both welcomed and encouraged, particularly in the critical weeks ahead for our senior students.

**Mr Greg Larwood  
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR**

**THE LIBRARY... A SPACE RE-VISIONED**

*The Library is always dynamic and has recently been in a period of reinvigoration and revisioning with a newly created library space that has been instantly popular with students and staff, and this innovation has also been reflected in the books that are currently popular.*



The Library team has cleverly made space in the information area for the addition of furniture, also enhanced by new carpet. This is now a welcoming, collaborative space which staff and students have taken to immediately with one staff member describing as a “refuge”.

Living in uncertain times has increased our awareness of many things, one of them being the notion of ‘upcycling’ also known as creative reuse or repurposing. With unwanted or broken items being transformed into new materials or to simply repair, the books that are being sought out to enhance lifestyle options and to develop these skills include:



In speaking of the wonderful world of books, we have Book Week to look forward to in Week 6. The theme for this year is ‘Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.’ We are planning to celebrate in a slightly more modified capacity this year in line with COVID-19. Stay tuned for more information to follow soon. Happy reading!

**Mrs Sandra Mason**  
LIBRARY COORDINATOR

**SATURDAY RESULTS | 1 & 8 AUGUST 2020**

**Badminton | 1/8/20**

Middle B1 *def* Unley 1 (4-2)  
Middle B2 *lost* to Marrayville 1 (0-6)  
Middle C3 *def* Loreto 1 (6-0)  
Middle C4 *def* Nazareth 3 (4-2)  
Senior B *def* Unley 1 (5-1)

**Badminton | 8/8/20**

Middle B1 *def* St Dominic's 2 (6-0)  
Middle B2 *lost* to St Dominic's 1 (0-6)  
Middle C3 *lost* to Marrayville 2 (0-6)  
Middle C4 *lost* to NMHS 3 (2-4)  
Senior B *def* Nazareth 1 (6-0)

**Netball | 1/8/20**

Middle 7 B2 *lost* to Nazareth 1 (16-23)  
Middle 8 C2 *drew* St Aloysius 2 (12-12)  
Middle 8/9 C1 *lost* to Mercedes 3 (13-26)  
Senior 12 B2 *def* Loreto 4 (by FORFEIT)  
Senior 11 C1 *had* a BYE (??)

**Netball | 8/8/20**

Middle 7 B2 *lost* to St Mary's 3 (14-24)  
Middle 8 C2 *def* Sacred Heart 5 (23-4)  
Middle 8/9 C1 *lost* to Sacred Heart 4 (10-27)  
Senior 12 B2 *def* Loreto 3 (21-17)  
Senior 11 C1 *lost* to St Mary's 4 (7-30)

**Soccer | 1/8/20**

Middle B/C1 *drew* Unley 1 (2-2)  
Senior C1 *drew* Mary Mackillop 1 (0-0)

**Soccer | 8/8/20**

Middle B/C1 *lost* to Sacred Heart 1 (2-4)  
Senior C1 *drew* Pedare 1 (1-1)

**SATURDAY DRAWS | 15 & 22 AUGUST 2020**

TEAM	LOCATION	SATURDAY 15/8		SATURDAY 22/8	
		TIME	OPPONENT	TIME	OPPONENT
<b>Badminton</b>					
Middle B1	St Dominic's	8:00	St Ignatius 1	8:00	NMHS 1
Middle B2	St Dominic's	8:00	Unley 1	9:00	St Ignatius 1
Middle C Red 3	St Dominic's	10:00	NMHS 2	BYE	BYE
Middle C Red 4	St Dominic's	BYE	BYE	10:00	Loreto 1
Senior B1	St Aloysius	8:00	Nazareth 2	8:00	Marrayville 1
<b>Netball</b>					
Middle 7 B2 Aqua	OLSH	8:00	Kildare 1	8:00	MMC 2
Middle 8 C2 White	Mercedes	8:00	Mercedes 3	9:00	St Aloysius 2
Middle 8/9 C1 Green	Mercedes	8:00	Nazareth 4	8:00	Sacred Heart 5
Senior 11 C1 White	Mercedes	BYE	BYE	10:00	Mercedes 4
Senior 12 B2 Silver	St Michael's	9:00	Kildare 1	9:00	Sacred Heart 7
<b>Soccer</b>					
Middle B/C	St Ignatius	10:00	Kildare 1	10:00	Loreto 1
Senior C	St Ignatius	9:00	St Ignatius 2	BYE	BYE

Details above are correct at time of printing and may be subject to change. Students are encouraged to check the Sports Noticeboard in the Gym for updates and familiarise themselves with the SACSSGSA website; accessible via DomNet or directly, here: <https://stdo.ms/39I05HY>



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**Have you read today's Bulletin?**  
Please let your daughter/s class teacher know via the checkbox in her College Planner