



ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

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BULLETIN



Sr Mary Anne Holland Memorial

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2018

WEEK 3 – TERM 1

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 14 February

Ash Wednesday

Friday 16 February

2017 High Achievers Assembly

Wednesday 21 February

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

Thursday 22 February

Field Day (Years 7-12)

Sunday 25 February

Indian Pilgrimage
"Finding Your Feet" movie screening
Capri Theatre | 3pm for 3:45 start

Tuesday 27 February

Investiture Mass

Thursday 1 March

SAPSASA Swimming Carnival

Sunday 4 March

Old Scholars' Mass

Wednesday 7 March

Yr 10 Geography Coastal Excursion

MYP Information Evening

Thursday 8 March

Primary Field Day

PARENT INFO EVENINGS

Wednesday 14 February

Year 7 and 8 Parents

Monday 19 February

Year 9 and 10 Parents

2018 TERM DATES

Term 1: 30 Jan - 13 April

Term 2: 1 May - 6 July

Term 3: 23 July - 28 Sep

UNIFORM SHOP

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

Thursday 15 February
10:30am - 1:30pm

Thursday 22 February
12:30pm - 4:30pm



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

Dear Parents

Lent Begins

Each one of your children will have taken part in the Ash Wednesday ceremony of the Ashes by the time you see them tonight. They know that "Lent is a time to stop and think about how we can play our part in God's hope for a world that is fair, just and peaceful. Lent is a time when we think about the changes we can make in our lives, a time when we can examine our relationship with God" We are helped in doing this by making a Lenten sacrifice that calls on our resilience and courage.

This Week's News

There is a great deal to read, and photographs and art work to enjoy in this week's Bulletin. Thanks for all contributions, as always from the Primary Years, and this week from Years 7 – 10 on their wellbeing days.



Family Mass

The spirit of gratitude to God for all that we have received was powerfully portrayed in the Symbols placed on the Dominic Banners for the Family Mass. I hope that whether you did take part or could not be there on last Sunday, you take the opportunity to read the thought provoking Gospel Reflection on Jesus curing of the Leper given by our REC Concetta Sossi. Sincere thanks to our Liturgy Coordinator Genevieve Taheny, for her organisation of many aspects of Sunday's beautiful liturgy. To our wonderful Parents and Friends thanks to all and to all additional helpers for the morning refreshments and the opportunity to socialise.



Sr. Mary Anne Holland's Memorial

Sr. Mary Anne Holland's Memorial is a work in progress. We hope that if you are walking near the Library in the Art Centre Courtyard, you will stop to look at the stunning stained glass mosaic which is already in place. It is the work of Old Scholar, and former Staff member, Rosemary Pulvirenti and is pictured on this front page. The Art Department, assisted by students, will continue to create this Memorial.

Parent Teacher Nights

Parent Teacher Nights are designed to assist parents in gaining useful information which can assist their daughters and themselves in navigating a new Year level with different challenges and expectations. Don't miss these opportunities to see your daughter's teachers at least by face and name. On Monday night Year 12 parents had a presentation from the highly skilled educational psychologist Kirillee Smout. Year 11s were given valuable guidance on all aspects of the Research Project.

**Sr. Jillian Havey
Principal**





Primary News

from Ms. Cate O'Leary
Primary School Coordinator

"Don't let failure be the end
let it be the beginning"



The girls are trying hard to be organised, focused and enthusiastic. It is lovely to look around the playground and see our older students supporting our younger students and those new to our school. We are proud of our new students and Receptions. Smiles and happy faces still continue, well most of the time. We definitely had some very tired bodies by the end of last week.

It was lovely to catch up with many of you at our **Family Mass** and community celebration on Sunday. Our theme of *gratitude* was one that all primary classes could make many connections with. All classes reflected on what they are grateful for and wrote their thoughts on a symbol which was then used to decorate our sacred space. The following students shared their thoughts:

I am grateful for:

RECEPTION: I am lucky to be able to get nice things and to be able to have a turtle. - **Scarlet West**

YEAR 1: for my cat who I really like and it gives me love. - **Rose Calabria**

YEAR 2: my sister because she looks after me. - **Shaniya Sami**

YEAR 3: for my family because they love me and teach me to do the right thing. - **Rachel Wong**

YEAR 4: for the roof over my head and the food I receive. - **Kiriannah Napoli**

YEAR 5: my family and the beautiful colours in the world because they make me feel happy. - **Katerina Luong**

YEAR 6: for the happiness I have and a sense of welcoming peace at St Dominic's. - **An Do**

There was an early morning start for 44 children and their families last Thursday morning. Students from Year 4, 5, 6 and 7 nominated for the **25m Swimming Time Trial** which was held at the North Adelaide pool. The early 7:15 start had many excited and some nervous girls give their best. A new challenge for many and our *Growth Mindset* attitude appears



In and around the classrooms:

Art Lessons in Year 5

During our art lesson this term we have learnt about perspective. We had to draw a picture from the perspective of someone falling from a tall height. We used pencil, coloured pencil and felt tip pen to create the piece of art.

In the lesson we were able to take off our shoes as we needed to trace them, as well as our hands. Although it was a challenge, we finished it with a growth mindset and are really pleased with how the finished product look. - **Lucy, Alyssa and Mille**

YEAR 5



to be working. We heard several saying "It's ok if I don't win as long as I am giving it a go, or at least get to the end." Thank you to Mrs Richter, Mrs Heggs and Mrs Baumber and our fantastic supportive parents who also helped with timing and supervising and were prepared to jump in the pool if necessary!

PARENT ENGAGEMENT: Last week's **Parent Information Evening** went very well. The earlier start this year was appreciated by many and the positive feedback was welcomed.

Next week's **Assembly** will be hosted by the **Year 5 Class** at 2:30pm in the Hall. All welcome.

Please ask your daughter if she has any notices in her bag. Some students are slow to bring replies back. It is necessary for us to get prompt replies as this will help us to efficiently organise events. **If notices are not returned by due dates, your daughter may miss out on an extra-curricular activity.**

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT: Thank you to the following **Year 6** students: *Olivia, Kaylee, Imogen, Nethuli, Katrina* and *Alia*, who led the Primary School so confidently at our **Ash Wednesday Liturgy** this week.

Year 4-6 Running Club begins this Friday. All consent forms have been sorted and we have 43 students participating this term. Students must be at school at 8:05 ready for an 8:10 start. All parents are welcome to join us for a 2km run but you **must** have a **current police check** and **RAN certificate**.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY: All students in Year 4-6 who are interested in becoming members of CU, attended another meeting again on Monday. We have 28 students participating this year and as detailed in a letter sent home last week, payment of \$35 for new students and \$30 for existing students who have a passport can now be made. You will receive a receipt on payment. We will send passports home as soon as they arrive at school. All students can record now and transfer information to the passports when they arrive.





Wellbeing Day

The first Wellbeing Day at St Dominic's Priory College proved to be a great success!

As part of the Australian Child Protection Curriculum all Year 7, 9, 10 and 11 students took part in a Wellbeing Program on 1 February. Wellbeing Programs at each year level had a unique theme;

- Year 7:** *Initiative and Leadership*
- Year 9:** *The Butterfly Effect*
- Year 10:** *Healthy Body, Healthy Mind*
- Year 11:** *Maintaining Balance and Growth*

Holistically this day aimed to provide students with education about leadership, looking after their mental and physical health, the right to be safe, relationships, recognising and reporting abuse, and protective strategies. Students also had many opportunities to interact with others in their year level. The day involved activities such as: input from guest speakers, class discussions, cooking and nutrition, creation of posters, role plays, mediation, art therapy, watching snippets from age appropriate DVDs and analysing written testimonials. From formal student feedback and the written testimonials published here, it is safe to say the first Wellbeing Day at St Dominic's Priory College proved to be a great success!

Muriel Noujaim
Deputy Principal (Student Wellbeing)

Throughout the morning we focused mainly on initiative; we learnt how to take charge and how we can use initiative in our everyday lives, both at home and at school. After recess we unpacked the word leadership and did group activities showing different ways you can lead and the major differences between leadership styles. We also had the privilege of having Old Scholar, Georgia Bentley coming in to talk to us about wellbeing and initiative. One of our favourite parts of the day was going into the gym and doing blindfolded trust activities. Overall the day was really fun and we are excited for 2019's Wellbeing Day. - **Josephine Cooke and Lucy Johnson (Year 7)**



Our presenter from Enlighten Education (Chloe) was very informative about friendships, body image and self-love. She made the three workshops very engaging and fun for us to partake in. We personalised a 'positive journal' where we would write down some of our greatest memories and celebrations in our life. People in our groups wrote something enlightening and special about one another, something we can look back on. Overall, Wellbeing Day was wonderful and I would also recommend Enlighten Education to others.



Elena Piantadosi (9G)

In Year 10 the Wellbeing Day was a relaxing day that provided us with strategies to overcome stress so as to have a healthy body and healthy mind. We all took away some useful tips and tools.

Ella Tonkin (10B)



Year 11 girls focused on mental health, balance and personal growth. Throughout the day, Year 11 students became involved in craft workshops where they created their own terrarium, Pilates classes and Balance sessions with Ms Noujaim. It was a wonderful way to begin a new year as we focused on ways to regulate stress and create healthy mind-sets so that we can continue to flourish despite hardships that we may face in our lives. I am sure students in future years will enjoy the day just as much as we did.

- **Emily Edmonds (11G)**



**ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE INDIAN PILGRIMAGE
MOVIE FUNDRAISER SCREENING**

Sunday, 25th February 2018

3pm Drinks - 3:45pm Screening

The Capri Theatre • 141 Goodwood Rd, GOODWOOD

Tickets \$20

Drinks available for purchase at the bar.

Raffle prizes to be won and all proceeds for the evening go to St Dominic's Priory College – Indian Pilgrimage

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE

Contact: Francine Saint | fsaint@stdominics.sa.edu.au | Phone Orders: 82673818

Parents & Friends

Family Mass Thanks

Thank you to all of those who generously assisted with the Family Mass on Sunday. It was great that the weather was so much cooler than what it had been and a large number of families took advantage to stay after the Family Mass for refreshments and a catch up. It was great to see new and old parents, staff and students all catching up after the holidays.

Once again, we give special thanks to Kathryn Hudson for her tireless contribution behind the scenes before the Mass and on the day and for her patience in assisting all those that helped out.

Thank you to everyone (especially all of the new parents to the St.Dominic's community) who assisted in any way; selling the ice creams and drinks, cooking and serving the sausages, washing up or arriving early for set up or staying later for clean-up, preparing the beautiful flower displays, your assistance was very much appreciated.



REMINDER — 1st P&F Meeting

The Parents and Friends Committee is holding its first meeting on **Wednesday 21st February** at 7.30pm in the school reception area.

Our meetings are the perfect opportunity to gather information, learn about new projects, exchange ideas and ask questions about the College.

The focus of the first meeting is planning for Sports Day, an important sporting and social event on our calendar that will occur on Sunday 25th March. We are hoping that all stall convenors will be able to attend to discuss the details of their stall, along with any other interested parents.

An invitation is extended to everyone to come along. No commitment is required, just a desire to learn more about what's happening in the school and meet other parents. The meeting will finish no later than 8.30pm.



SPORTS DAY RAFFLE PRIZES

The P&F are preparing for the next major event, Sports Day on Sunday 25th March.

Each year a raffle is conducted to raise funds for the College with a wonderful variety of prizes to be won. We are in the process of sourcing prizes and would be very grateful for any donation of items for the raffle.

Donor businesses/individuals will be acknowledged on the tickets and in the Bulletin. If you have any contacts to assist the P&F in this or have donations that you can provide please contact the office who will pass on the details to the committee.

**Michelle Hogan, Jo Duffy,
Maria Lappas & Kate Jensen**

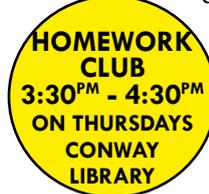
For the **Parents & Friends Committee**



Welcome to the Library

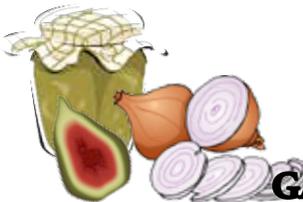
As the new Library Coordinator at St Dominic's it is with much excitement and anticipation that I join the College community. I am very much looking forward to getting to know the girls, and supporting them with literature, information and recreational resources. So far, I have been able to ascertain that the library is a popular place, with a studious and productive focus during lesson time.

The 21st Century library is a dynamic and creative space which connects the physical with the virtual, providing a gateway to online resources and a space for learning and innovation. The library provides reliable access to resources, including books, magazines, newspapers, websites and databases for research. St Dominic's library is a welcoming and flexible learning environment, and a place for all to relax and enjoy.



I encourage your daughter to visit the library and take full advantage of all the resources on offer. Enjoy the term ahead!

Mrs Sandra Mason
Library Coordinator/Teacher



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

Calling for donations of
FIGS, BEETROOT, GARLIC & RHUBARB

Phone Jo on 0411 305 042 or drop off at Front Office

Parents & Friends Meeting

I / We will be attending the Parents & Friends meeting on Wednesday 21 February at 7.30pm.

Name(s)

Telephone No.....

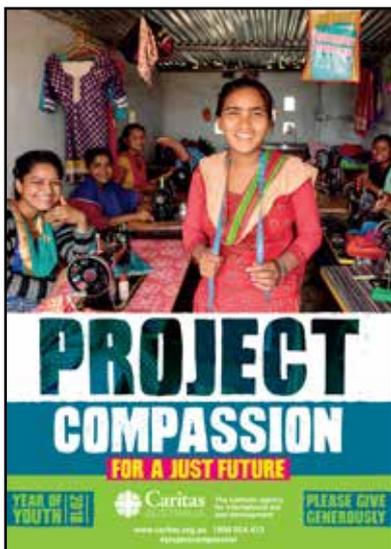
E-Mail.....

I HAVE READ TODAY'S BULLETIN

Student's Name Class.....

Signed: Date: / / 18

Return reply slip to Front Office



PROJECT COMPASSION FOR A JUST FUTURE

This year the theme is "A Just Future" and celebrated the Year of Youth. As Pope Francis said, "Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation."

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Week 1 - Janaki's Story

In Nepal, a Caritas Australia supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business and has become a role model in her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support!
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion | 1800 024 413.



SPORTS NEWS

SPORT UNIFORM REMINDER:

- Students should be changing into their uniform **once they arrive to School**.
- Sandshoes should be **predominantly white** in colour.



Please refer to page 14 of the College Planner.

Round 1 Draw ~ Saturday 18 February

TEAM	LOCATION	TIME	OPPONENT
Basketball			
Junior A	Cabra	8:30am	Marymount 1
Junior C (red)	Loreto	9:20am	St Ignatius 1
Junior C (green)	Cabra	11:00am	Mary Mackillop 2
Senior C	Nazareth	10:10am	St Aloysius 1
Tennis			
Junior B	St Ignatius	8:30am	St Ignatius 2
Junior C	Mary Mackillop	8:30am	Mary Mackillop 2
Senior C (blue)	St Aloysius	8:30am	St Aloysius
Senior C (yellow)	St Dominic's	8:30am	Cabra 2
Touch Football			
Junior C (red)	Greenhill Road	10:20am	Pembroke 3
Junior C (navy)	BYE	BYE	BYE
Senior	Greenhill Road	9:00am	St Aloysius 1
Volleyball			
Junior B	Mary Mackillop	10:10am	Cabra 1
Junior C (blue)	St Dominic's	9:20am	St Aloysius 4
Junior C (green)	Mary Mackillop	11:00am	Marryatville 2
Senior A	St Aloysius	10:10am	Mercedes 1
Senior B	Mary Mackillop	8:30am	St Ignatius 2
Senior C - 3	St Dominic's	10:10am	Loreto 2
Senior C - 4	St Dominic's	9:20am	St Ignatius 4
Water Polo (Thursdays)			
Junior C	Pembroke	5:30pm	St Aloysius 3
Senior B	Adelaide Aquatic	6:00pm	Loreto 1

Financial Assistance

Families are reminded that **Applications for School Fee Assistance**, along with supporting documentation, are required to be returned to the Accounts Office **no later than Friday 16th February**. Applications may not be considered after this date.

Lina Martino, Business Manager

TUCKSHOP

Week 4 Wednesday Hump Day Special

Chicken Parmagiana

with Wedges and Salad

\$7.00

Sports Day Helpers Needed

We are always very grateful for the assistance given by parents on Sports Day. Once again we are asking for helpers to set up shelters, etc or assist with judging or timekeeping. If you are able to help, please return the reply slip and you will be contacted closer to the time with more information about the event.

Sports Day Officials, Sunday 25 March

Name

Student's Name Class:

E-Mail.....
E-mail will be the primary point of contact

Telephone No.....

I can assist by (please tick preferred option)

Setting up shelters 7:45am-8.45am

Packing up ball games 12-1.00pm

Packing up shelters 2.00-3.00pm

For Secondary Activities Only

	9-10am	10-11am	11am-12pm
Judges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timekeepers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ball games	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



Gratitude

Family Mass • 11 February

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Imagine what it would be like to be deprived of human touch. So important is the human touch that babies will fail to thrive without it. For the leper at the centre of Mark's Gospel story, life would have been unbearable not just because of his debilitating skin disease but because of his social isolation. The religious and social taboos of the time dictated that those with leprosy, a contagious skin disease, were deemed unclean and forced to live in isolation from the community, from family.

It took great courage and faith, then, for the leper to approach Jesus and ask for healing, because in doing so, he violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean, namely, Jesus. At this point, Jesus could have dismissed the man – but he didn't, Jesus could have distanced himself from the man but he didn't, Jesus could have simply turned a blind eye, but he didn't. In fact, Jesus was so moved with pity that while healing the man, Jesus touched him, and in so doing, Jesus violated established social and religious norms, and made himself unclean. This radical act of solidarity showed the depth of Jesus' compassion for the leper. So often in his ministry, Jesus almost exclusively heals with a touch, that human touch that can convey warmth, acceptance, connectedness and love. By looking beyond the disease, Jesus confronted the leper's humanity and his desire to be part of a loving and accepting community.

Jesus asked the man not to tell anyone, but he was so grateful for this gift of healing, that he immediately went away and publicised the whole matter – today it would have been all over social media.

The healing was more than just physical, it meant his return from social isolation to community, to family, to a place of love, acceptance and belonging. Jesus' healing touch transformed his life. And so we arrive at the beautiful art work surrounding our Matisse's Dominic and a beautiful backdrop to the altar. The Dominican way is characterised by *Laudare, Benedicere, Praedicare* - to *Praise*, to *Bless* and to *Preach*. Leading up to today's Family Mass, the students focussed on the aspect of praise, *laudare* which was reflected on as gratitude. Students were asked to complete the phrase, *I am grateful for* and write it on a universal symbol for gratitude, chosen by Mrs Revesz, a spiral within a circle, symbolising the connectedness of all things.

When asked to reflect on and complete the phrase, *I am grateful for*, most students were really full of praise and gratitude for the people who enrich their lives and for the daily things in life. They were grateful for, family, friends, health, food, for their education. Among other things, they were also grateful for a roof over their heads, for pets, sunshine, music, nature, travel, peace, freedom of speech and religion, God and even teachers!

On nearly every world indicator, we live in the most privileged of circumstances and we know that it isn't just our right or our due but a blessing and yet we often focus on what we don't have. We often dwell on the things we want and desire rather than what we have. When I asked the students in my class they said that gratitude is like an antidote for negativity and they added that gratitude helps to promote happiness and mental, emotional, physical and spiritual health and well-being. In other words, gratitude is healing.

Expressing gratitude enables us to recognise that each person has dignity and deserves our respect and attention. In our daily lives often the people we find hardest to praise, to thank are those closest to us.

When we thank our wives, husbands, partners, our parents, our children, our friends and colleagues we recognise their value and worth. Jesus recognised the leper's humanity, and this recognition enabled the leper to see himself not as a diseased person but as a human being worthy of God's compassion and love.

If done in a sincere way, gratitude can be lifegiving, even life-changing. It can deepen our connections to others, and can be deeply healing. So let's look for the opportunities to celebrate what we have and give thanks for the people in our lives.

In the words of the beautiful song, *Gracias a la vida* (*Thanks to life*) sung by Mrs Courtney Day, let us:

Give thanks to life, which has given me so much and let us do it often

Given by Concetta Sossi

at the Family Mass on Sunday 11 February 2018