



ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

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BULLETIN

Diary Dates

Mon 22 - Fri 26 August
Book Week

Thurs 25 & Fri 26 August
Year 12 Drama Production
'Eyes to the Floor'

Monday 29 August
Year 8/9 Knockout Netball Finals

Tuesday 30 August
Indian Pilgrimage BBQ

Thursday 1 September
Yr 10 & 11 Subject Selection

Friday 2 September
Year 10 Retreat
P&F Games Night

Mon 5 - Weds 7 September
Year 9 Camp

Wednesday 14 September
Dominican Cup

Thursday 15 September
Annual Music Concert

Friday 16 September
African Cultural Lunch

Saturday 17 September
Indian Pilgrimage Fashion Show

2016 Term Dates

Term 3: 25 July - 30 Sep
Term 4: 17 Oct - 9 Dec

UNIFORM SHOP

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

Thurs 25 Aug 10:30 - 1:30
Thurs 1 Sept 12:30 - 4:30
Weds 7 Sept 10:00 - 1:30
Thurs 8 Sept 10:30 - 1:30
Fri 9 Sept 10:00 - 1:30
Thurs 15 Sept 12:30 - 4:30
Thurs 22 Sept 10:30 - 1:30
Thurs 29 Sept 12:30 - 4:30

SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS

Weds 5 Oct 10:30 - 1:30
Thurs 6 Oct 10:30 - 1:30
Weds 12 Oct 10:30 - 1:30
Thurs 13 Oct 10:30 - 1:30



Friday morning mass in
the Chapel 8.15am

WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST 2016

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Dear Parents,

It is **Book Week** and pictured on this page are the winners of the Year 6 Readers Cup. Librarian Jill Fanning writes:

The Year 6 Readers Cup concluded on Tuesday after two terms of reading and studying a range of texts. These included 4 novels, a short story, a poem and an author's website. All students were involved and formed nine teams of 3-4 students. The teams matched up with each other to compete in 3 rounds of questions culminating in the Grand Final in Book Week. Congratulations to the Diamond Unicorn Team, comprising Lisa Huynh, Tammy Tran Vu, Karen Wu and Maddison Lapsley - our winners for 2016. Each team member will receive a book voucher, and their names will be engraved on the St. Dominic's Priory College Readers Cup. Well done to all who participated.

An Action Packed Week

It is Tuesday night, around 5.30 pm as I write this front page, and the school campus is about to become as busy as on a school day! Tonight St. Dominic's, under the guidance of Debating Coordinator Catherine Mueller, is about to host the final round of the SADA South Australian Debating Association Competition. There will be 19 debates in all! These include our Year 6 & 7 team as well as two Years 8 & 9 teams.

Meanwhile the highly anticipated Year 12 Drama production, "*Eyes to the Floor*" will be given a preliminary rehearsal staging for Old Scholars and senior students before the Major performances on Thursday and Friday nights. We wish the best of good luck to those on stage and those whose Year 12 Drama studies in Stage Management, Lighting, Sound and Front of House will also be moderated by the Year 12 examiners on Friday night. Sincere thanks and good luck also to our fine Director and Year 12 Drama Studies teacher Victoria Sayner.

Paint the Town Red at the P&F Games Night

We are hoping for a big response to the invitation to be part of the Parents and Friends up-coming **Games Night** in the College Hall, on Friday 2nd September. This year we are adopting a bingo



L-R: Lisa Huynh, Maddison Lapsley, Tammy Tran Vu, Karen Wu

and games theme with the usual invitation to BYO supper and games of chance. If you are a new parent reading this Bulletin, and you do not know others from your new school community, please feel especially welcome to join a table with other similarly placed parents. If you are new and have friends from your daughter's Primary Parish School, we would be helped if you gathered a table of friends. Please book in via the reply slip in this week's news letter or come into the front office and write your name down.

Coming Home: On Friday your daughters in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 who were part of the 2016 **NAPLAN** Tests will bring home their student report on literacy and numeracy. Please be assured that teachers are very willing to support any parent with particular questions. Please remember that this is one measure only of a student's progress and is captured on only one day.

I would like to end this week by quoting from a letter of a past student of 2015 in response to the recent St. Dominic's Day Feast.

"I often find myself thinking about school at St Dom's and how lucky I am to have been educated there. I'm very grateful to have met St. Dominic at school and I always consider myself part Dominican because of how much the values of school impacted on my life."

Sr. Jillian Havey
Principal



Year 1 Crazy Hair Day

This week we celebrate **Book Week**. We are grateful to Mrs Raelene White and the Book Week Committee who have spent considerable hours putting together an interesting program this week. You may like to visit the Library to see the class displays. Don't forget that **Friday is our Book Week Parade**. There are many affordable options with our theme: Come as an *Australian Book character* or *Australian Book*. We encourage all students to participate. Keep it simple.

Last Friday the Year 1 Classroom was invaded by an assortment of crazy hair dos or maybe they should be called hair *don'ts*! There was a water bottle with hair pouring out of it, cupcakes, a donut on a plate, Rudolph the Red Nosed reindeer, a unicorn and wigs. Hair was coloured, plaited, teased, crimped and bunched. We read Barney Slatzberg's book *Crazy Hair Day* about Stanley who mixes his days up and has crazy hair on the day of the school photos! We also enjoyed our first *Play and Learn Session* when we were able to enjoy and play in our new Cute Hair Studio in the Activity Room. If you are looking for a new makeover come and visit us. Due to our popularity, please ring and make an appointment to avoid disappointment!



2016 Young Writer's Award: We congratulate the following girls who were finalists in the **SAETA Young Writer's Award 2016**. They attended a presentation on Friday evening and there was much excitement as each of the finalists received an award.

Rec / Year 1 [Poetry]: Emma Smith *2nd* Eliza Donnellan *3rd*
Year 2/3 [Poetry]: Morgan Smith *1st* Magdalene Dinos *2nd*
Rec / Year 1 [Written Prose]: Sienna Truong *3rd*

Assembly: Thank you to the **Year 4 Class** for presenting a very interesting and well organised Assembly on Tuesday. It had a **Science Week** focus. Our **next Assembly in Week 7** will be based around the many experiences classes had during **Book Week**. All welcome.

Friday Morning Mass 2nd September, Week 6 will be hosted by our **Reception Class**. Invitations were sent home.

Sr. Sheila's Visit: Sister Sheila, a Dominican nun from Johannesburg South Africa and a much loved regular visitor to our Dominican Community visited the Primary School last week. The Year 4 and 5 classes were very fortunate to have her run a workshop for them on patterns and complex designs.

The Year Fours had an art lesson with Sr Sheila. She showed us art from Africa and Australia. We had to draw some of our own designs using ideas from these places. I painted a big dot in the middle of my paper and added leaves around it. I put little dots inside the leaves. We liked it because we spent time with Sr Sheila and it was interesting to look at the different designs in the photos. - **Isabella Bondza and Isabella Sinton**

In and around the classrooms:

I have really enjoyed our Religion lessons. Learning more about what the *Our Father* means. I have always just said the prayer and never really looked at what the words mean. I really am enjoying Maths at the moment too and I say to myself when it is hard, *I can do this*. Our teachers help us with our *growth mindset*. **Helaena Nour**

I am *Wizard of the Week*. It helps us to be more organised, increase my confidence and we have to be focussed and carry out the jobs and be creative because I have to make a spell up. The best part is wearing a hat and the magic cape. **Annemarie Pileggi**

YEAR 3

Growth Mindset

Ideas for Creating a Growth Mindset Environment at Home PT 3

Our current focus in Professional Development is continuing to develop the language of Growth Mindset with our students. It is a long term focus but we are confident that with explicit teaching, modelling and educating our parents we will help our students move from fixed mindsets to **growth mindsets**.

Redirect your child's fixed mindset statements. If you hear your child say "*I am no good at Maths*" or "*I just don't get it*", point out the fixed mindset thinking and direct her to a growth mindset place. Remind her that she may not understand yet, but will by asking questions, finding new strategies, setting small goals and working hard.

Two examples of how to redirect such statements may include-

- "*I am no good at maths*" – **You might say** – "*you may not understand it yet so let's practice a bit more.*"
- "*I don't need to study; I always do well on maths assessments.*" – **You might say** – "*Studying helps the brain be ready for further growth. Maybe you should let your teacher know that these assessments don't require much practice for you and that you are willing to take on more challenge.*"

Taken from Ready to use resources for Mindset in the Classroom by Mary Cay Riccio



Wednesday 31st August (during the Pancake Breakfast)

Bring in 1-2 unwanted books on Monday 29th August and 'swap' them on Wednesday (by gold coin donation).

All proceeds will go to Sr. Sheila's Kopanang Project.



Year 11 Retreat

The Year 11 Retreat took place last Thursday at the very beautiful **Sophia Spirituality Centre**, and was co-facilitated by **Sr Sheila Flynn**, whose wisdom and expertise enriched the students' creativity and spirituality.

The program began with an activity which involved students completing the statement, "***Sometimes I feel...***" and reading them out anonymously. Students appreciated the honesty of their peers and as they heard their insecurities, and struggles as well as their positive affirmations. It was followed by a powerful **candle ritual** which gave students the opportunity to positively affirm, thank or say sorry to one another, and ended with a beautiful **contemplative dance** led by Sr Sheila.

After morning tea, Sr Sheila Flynn showed an inspirational film, "***Celebrate what's right with the world***". Some of the key messages are: "***Believe it and you'll see it.***", "***Look for possibilities.***", "***Unleash your energy to fix what's wrong.***", and "***Be your best for the world.***" After discussion of the film's key points, students were lead by Sr Sheila to create **colourful prayer flags**.

Curriculum Update: Kirsten Maycock

Ideas for helping your daughter practise her spellings

Many children use the Look, Cover, Write, Say, Check method for learning spellings. Whilst this certainly has its place and suits many visual learners, there are lots of ideas out there for making spelling learning fun. We all have our preferred learning styles so experiment with what suits your child best. Below is a list of different ideas for practising weekly spelling lists:

- Practise words while skipping or jumping on a trampoline. Say one letter for each jump.
- Draw words outside using chalks
- Spell words using scrabble tiles
- Play hangman
- Write each word using different colours (*rainbow writing*)
- Write using steps – add one letter at a time on a new line to make a step
- **Use old magazines or newspapers to find spelling words and cut them out**
- **Write the word list on a piece of construction paper.** Then cut the words apart into strips. Then, cut those words into letters and have your child reconstruct the list
- Use shaving foam and write the words with a finger
- Write a story involving all of the words

Websites such as **Spelling City** and apps can be motivating tools. You can also buy a handheld spell checker which has the facility to store spelling lists for practising.

Of course, our main aim is to ensure that our students are able to use these words in their writing. So try using all the words in sentences or in a silly story.

Finally, if your daughter finds her list pretty straightforward, encourage a growth mindset by hunting for other words (the longer the better) which contain the same phoneme or pattern, then find out what they mean.



Year 9 Retreat

The Year 9 Retreat which took place on August 5, was held at St Francis Xavier's Parish Hall. The program focussed on *different aspects of the self*; the pressures of living up to unrealistic standards, and the influence of the media. Students used masks to respond to questions using words, phrases or symbols, and were given the opportunity to write positive affirmations on each other's masks.

The nature of relationships was explored through a variety of activities. Students were asked to reflect independently, to work collaboratively in small groups, to share with the whole year level and to respond to films. **Wisdom** and **insights** shared both within the smaller groups and among the whole year level showed depth of thought and authenticity.

A special thanks to Mrs Meyer whose expertise always provides students with valuable insights into human relations.



SPORTS NEWS

Round Results - Saturday 20th August

Netball

7/8 B1 Red *def* St Michael's 3 11/12 B1 Gold *lost* to St Ignatius 2
 7/8 C1 Black *def* Mercedes 4 (23-22) 11/12 B2 Blue vs Loreto 4
 9B1 *lost* to Cabra 3 (22-44) 11/12 C1 3 vs Sacred Heart 10
 10C1 *had* a BYE 11/12 C1 4 *def* Mercedes 5 (19-16)

Soccer

Junior vs St Ignatius 2
 Senior *def* Loreto 1 (3-1)

Hockey

Junior *had* NO GAME
 Senior *had* NO GAME

Draw - Saturday 27th August

TEAM	LOCATION	TIME	OPPONENT	POSITION
Netball				
7/8 B1 Red	Cabra	8:10am	St Michael's 3	1 st v 2 nd
7/8 C1 Black	Mercedes	10:10am	Cabra 5	3 rd v 4 th
Year 9 B1	Mercedes	9:10am	Mercedes 2	5 th v 6 th
Year 10 C1	St Michael's	9:10am	Cabra 3	1 st v 2 nd
11/12 B1 Gold	St Ignatius	9:10am	Mercedes 3	5 th v 6 th
11/12 B2 Blue	St Ignatius	TBC	TBC	TBC
11/12 C1 ^{team3}	Cabra	10:10am	Cardijn 4	7 th v 8 th
11/12 C1 ^{team4}	Cabra	10:10am	Mercedes 5	5 th v 6 th
Soccer				
Junior	Park 21	-	-	5 th
Senior	Park 21	10:10am	St George	1 st v 2 nd
Hockey				
Junior	Port Adelaide	10:45am	Pembroke C	
Senior	Port Adelaide	9:30am	Pembroke B	



Year 6 Badminton Tournament

On the 19th August 2106 12 year 6 girls went to a badminton tournament at Lockleys. St Dominic's entered three teams and we each played against three different schools. We had lots of fun playing doubles and singles. St Dominics placed 4th 5th and 6th overall.
 -Alexia Kafantaris

Primary Netball News

Thursday night netball is certainly taking off and we now have over 70 students from Year 3-6 playing each week. We encourage all students to be active and give it a try. Parent support is vital and we are thankful for the positive attitude of our parents. We have been fortunate to have Amelia, Ellie and Alexia from Year 9 and 10 helping us. Last week we had 3 wins and 4 losses.

Paint the Town Red

at the St Dominic's Parents & Friends'



Friday 2nd September • 7pm for a 7:30 start

Come join and join a night of fun and games at the inaugural St Dominic's Games Night.

Tickets can be purchased through the office
 [in person or via phone (08) 8267 3818]
 for \$5 a person or \$45 for a Table of 10.

Bingo books will be on sale on the night for
 \$10 for 10 games or \$15 for 20 games.

Bring lots of **gold coins** to join in the *Coin Toss*, *paper plane throwing games*, take a chance in the *lucky square competition* or *guess the lollies in the jar*. The very popular *balloon popping game* will also be there.

There will be lots of wonderful prizes to win, so get your friends and family together for a night of fun and prizes.

GAMES NIGHT TICKETS

Name:.....

Phone:.....

Daughter's Name & Class:

Tickets @ \$5ea: OR Table of 10 @ \$45

MONEY ENCLOSED:

please return to ACCOUNT OFFICE with payment

TUCKSHOP

Week 6 Wednesday Hump Day Specials

Creamy Tuna Pasta Bake \$5.00

Please ensure **LUNCH ORDER BAGS** are **CLEARLY LABELLED** with your daughter's **NAME** and **CLASS**

This Week's Fete Appeal TINNED FOOD

Have you got an interesting job?

Year 10 students are currently seeking **Work Experience placements** and we would love to support families of St. Dominic's in the process. If your business is able to host a **Work Experience student from September 26-30** please e-mail Alice Kleinig: akleinig@stdominics.sa.edu.au



Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 26 - Friday 30 September 2016

I HAVE READ TODAY'S BULLETIN

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

Signed: Date: / / 16