



# ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

139 Molesworth Street, North Adelaide. 5006.

## BULLETIN



### Diary Dates

#### Wednesday 6 December

Volunteer Afternoon Tea

#### Friday 8 December

Last day of Term 4

End of Year Assembly

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

Year 10-12s will be dismissed from their classrooms after Assembly

#### Tuesday 12 December

Graduation Ball

#### Wednesday 13 December

Report Collection

8:00am - 3:45pm

#### Tuesday 19 December

SACE Results released 8:30am

#### Thursday 25 January

Laptop Collection

Years 9-12

#### Monday 29 January

Year 8 Orientation

#### Tuesday 30 January

First Day of Term 1 2018

### UNIFORM SHOP

Mondays during Term

10:30am - 1:30pm

Thurs 7 Dec 12:30 - 4:30

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY

#### HOURS

Mon 11 Dec 10:30 - 1:30

Thurs 14 Dec 10:30 - 1:30

Sat 16 Dec 10:00 - 1:00

Fri 12 Jan 10:00 - 1:00

Sat 13 Jan 10:00 - 1:00

Weds 17 Jan 10:00 - 1:00

Thurs 18 Jan 10:00 - 1:00

Fri 19 Jan 10:00 - 1:00

Sat 20 Jan 10:00 - 1:00

Tues 23 Jan 10:00 - 1:00

Weds 24 Jan 10:00 - 1:00

Mon 29 Jan 10:30 - 1:30

### WEEK 1, TERM 1 2018

Tues 30 Jan 9:30 - 11:00

Thurs 1 Feb 10:30 - 1:30



Friday morning mass in the Chapel 8.15am

## WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2017

## WEEK 8 – TERM 4

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Dear Parents,

Last night's End of Year Mass was an inspiring culmination of the 2017 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 Day for your unassuming professionalism in bringing it all together.

As you all know this Special liturgy is the creative and holy work of many staff and students. Thank you to all. I was proud of all our students who each played their part in lifting our hearts to the One who has given us the gifts to do so.

Our special thanks to Rev. Fr. Charles Gauci who presided at our Mass.

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.

### This Final Week

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. Some of these staff members were named and thanked in last week's Bulletin. Today I would like to record our sincere thanks to Lisa Hatch who has done an excellent job since 2016 in our Visual Arts department, to Nadia Fantasia in Adaptive Education and to Louise McKenna who has been with our French students this term. Special good wishes are extended to Ms Mary Zora from the LOTE Department who will be taking well deserved Long Service Leave in Term 1 2018.

On this **Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>**, 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 14<sup>th</sup> December from 8:00am-3:45pm** 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.

I wish you all the blessings of the Christmas Season and a well-deserved holiday break with your families. Thank you for your support throughout 2017.

Sr. Jillian Havey, *Principal*





*"Whoever receives  
one such child in my  
name receives me."*

End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017



# Primary News

from Ms. Cate O'Leary  
Primary School Coordinator

Last Wednesday evening we had the **Year 6 Graduation**. It was a very warm evening but 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 Mrs Sordillo 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.

Remember it is **Movie Day** on Friday and we will be seeing *Star*. We are still waiting for a couple of notes back from students.



**Date for the Diary:**  
**Dismissal on Friday**  
**2.30pm**

## Charities

Our Primary parents have been very generous again with supporting our school and those in need. We thank them for the many contributions to our **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**. Our foyer table is brimming with donations. On Friday Shane Copeland will collect all the gifts and take them to Vinnies.



We recently received a thank you from **AMRC** thanking our Reception families for their very generous donations of seven educational backpacks for new arrival children of refugee background.

This term as a staff we have also been busy looking at how we can provide challenging maths tasks, reviewing the Spelling Curriculum and discussing ways to continue to develop and look at strategies to support positive growth mindsets.

Our staffing will remain the same as this year with no babies or retirement this time! It has again been a very busy year. Our teachers work hard to offer a range of opportunities for the children. There are many activities that begin here at 8:00am, finish late in the evening but the focus is to our students and how we can offer experiences to cater to their varying needs. They are challenged to produce effective and current pedagogy and have the children's needs at the core of who they are and everything they do.

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. Our teachers and ancillary staff arrive very early, leave late, plan, take on board the compliments and work through the complaints,

## Year 6 Graduation

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2017 the Year 6 class were anxiously waiting to be graduated from the Primary School. Sarah talked about how in Year 5 I was a communicator because of my team cheer on Sports Day. Mikayla read a prayer with Bella about the importance and love we receive from our families. Everyone covered a learner profile introduced to us for MYP (Middle Years Program) this year, it had to be something about our time in the Primary School. It was a lovely evening that we all enjoyed. To end the evening, we saw Reception photos to now of all of us. We thank all the teachers and parents for supporting us throughout our years in the Primary School.



**Mikayla and Sarah**

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.

To all the Parents and Friends of our school, a big thank you. We appreciate the time you give, the involvement you have and the engagement that you have in your child's learning. The dedication you give to your daughter's education and the support that you give to the school is always greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas.

**God Bless. See you in 2018**



## Year 4 Maths with the Receptions

The Year Four Class created lessons to help the Receptions with some of the maths skills they need to have. We looked at the Australian Curriculum and discussed how we might help the Receptions before writing our own mini lesson plans.

The game that Morgan and I made was called *Shape Snap*. The aim of the game was to try and teach the Receptions how to make patterns, name shapes and how play snap.

I think that our game worked well because we taught the Receptions new shape names and how to pronounce them. My buddy struggled to name a shape so Morgan and I helped her by describing the shape and pronouncing it for her.

Next time, we could work on making different irregular shapes so they could learn more.

I had fun teaching the Receptions because it was great how we learnt how to make games and teach different people when they are stuck.

I liked Alyssa and Minh's group because all the receptions had fun doing it. Also because they had a great idea to match the object with the shape. This taught them how to name shapes and match them with another object.

**By Annabel Johnson**



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### Maths is FUN in Year ONE!

In Maths we do skip counting and we used unifix blocks to make a number line. We are allowed to use number charts. I like to be challenged and I can skip count in 10s.

by Clara Cutri

### Running Club

Many students from Year 4-6 are given the opportunity to participate in Running Club. Every Friday morning, we come to school at 8:00am and prepare to run 2km course around the Golf Course. The aim is to have more stamina for long distance running. If it is raining, we exercise in the gym. We would like to thank Mr Mortimer, Mrs Maycock, Mr Shane Copeland, Mr Mackay, Mr Lapsley and Mrs Tran for helping and inspiring us to run regularly.

Ayo Adejoro Year 5 and Charlotte Krestchmer Year 4



The last run for our Friday morning Running Club

### Year 3 Visit to Helping Hand Residential Aged Care

The Year 3s went for their final visit to Helping Hand Residential Aged Care last week. During the year we had the opportunity to work with the Residents for our HASS unit and we also played games such as *Bingo* and *Bean Bag* tossing with them. During our final visit, the girls performed an ABC of Christmas Poem, did an art activity with them and then we were rewarded with the residents singing a Christmas Carol to us as we left. Watching the Year 3s adapt and change things on the spot to cater for the needs of different people was wonderful and they enjoyed making some unlikely new friends this year.

At Helping Hand, the residents were really happy that we came to visit. They loved the angels we made for them. - **Morgan**

When we went to Helping Hand, we gave the residents angels and we did scratch art with them. Some of us gave them cards. - **Lillian**

I liked seeing a smile on Dorothy's face because she was happy to see me each time I visited. I really liked it when she gave me a big hug. I really enjoyed doing the scratch art with her. We took it in turns. - **Lily**

It was fun going to Helping Hand and I enjoyed seeing everyone happy when we visited because some of them don't get many visitors. It was nice to play games with them. - **Magdalene**



### In and around the classrooms:

#### Welcome Backpacks for Refugees

The Reception students have been preparing 'Welcome Backpacks' for refugee children. The girls and their families very generously donated seven backpacks filled with books, stationery and other useful items like lunchboxes. The Receptions also wrote letters welcoming the children to their new home. The backpacks have now been collected by the **Australian Migrant Resource Centre** who will distribute them to refugee children newly arrived in South Australia.

**RECEPTION**

### Year 2 Ride a Bike Right

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November our Year 2 class had an incursion with instructors from "Ride a bike right". We had a wonderful morning of riding. Everyone improved their riding skills enormously and some even tried riding for the first time with success!

We had two groups. One on the top court and one on the bottom court" - **Piper**

"Even though I knew a lot about bikes, I learnt to pedal backwards to stop or put your left brake on first and then your right." - **Jasmine**

It was really fun but challenging because I usually ride with training wheels and I learnt to ride without them." - **Lien-Minh**

"I wasn't confident riding a bike but I became confident on the day." - **Caydence**





# P & F President's Report 2017

The Parents and Friends in 2017 has continued to develop and maintain the community spirit of St. Dominic's. We feel privileged to be part of such a wonderful school community.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all the parents, friends, school staff and students who assisted us in any way throughout the year. Without our volunteers we could not offer the functions that we have and raise the funds for our school. Working together not only makes things easier but it has been great over the years to watch the different friendships develop, while raising money for our girls at St. Dominic's and also teaching our girls that giving back to the community is a wonderful experience for many reasons.

**We would like to announce that the total P & F profit for 2017 is:**

**\$88,761**

(NB: This is before 2017 Graduation Ball costs)

**– another great success. These funds will be put towards the exciting new building works that will soon be occurring.**

**We thank the many businesses and individuals that also support us through our raffle prizes and donations of goods throughout the year.**

## Year in Review

**The year started early for the P & F committee welcoming the new Year 8 Parents on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school and speaking at the Parent Information Nights in the first few weeks of the school year.**

### Family Mass

The Family Mass as in other years was held early in Term 1. New families were welcomed to the school and we were excited with the many new faces who volunteered and assisted us on the day. It was a lovely relaxed morning that saw the continuation of old friendships and developments of new ones beginning.

### Sports Day

Sports Day moved back to the redeveloped Sacred Heart grounds this year, we were very lucky to be able to use the new facilities. The weather although predicted to be extremely hot, was perfect and allowed the girls and families to enjoy the sporting activities. We managed to sell out at many of the food at the stalls. We appreciate and thank all the convenors, their helpers and teaching staff who ensured the day ran smoothly and successfully.

### Chocolate Drive

Our Chocolate Drive proved successful again, and thanks goes to our new coordinator *Phillipa Sharpe*. In all an amazing \$13,198 was raised. Thank you to the families who helped sell the chocolates.

### Quiz Night

*Black and White* was the theme of the Quiz Night – a fun night with great atmosphere. Thank you to the staff, students, parents and friends that attended. We would especially like to thank *Leah Raschella, Angela Vagionas, Sophie Mihelios, and Kate Haskey* who coordinated the night and sourced and wrapped all the wonderful prizes (many which they donated themselves). We also thank *Superna Barone, Andrew O'Callaghan, Rod Jensen* and *Simon Jacobs* for helping on the night, writing questions and being the wonderful MC.

### Fete & Auction

Yet another great community event with thanks to the many parents who make the day so successful from the volunteers who set up and clean up, those that convene the stalls, make goods all throughout the year and served at the stalls throughout the day. Thanks to *Scott Griffin, Ben Brazel, Stuart Lapsley, Noreen Pardoe* and all the convenors who organised the Fete, it would not have run smoothly and been the success it was without your skills and experience.

### Thank You

We would especially like to thank *Kathryn Hudson* who continues to tirelessly support us at all the events that we hold, we don't know what we would do without you! Behind the scenes are *Loretta* and *Danielle* who also assist us with the administration side of things and keep us on track with notices - thank you!

We also thank our Vice President *Maria Lappas* and Secretary *Kate Jensen*, who both have not only taken on these roles but take on other major roles at the P & F functions as well. We have enjoyed working with you both.

Our thanks to the support that *Sister Jill* and *Muriel* has provided to us, they have guided us through another busy year. Thanks as well to *Cate O'Leary* who has kept us up to date with all the Primary years news at our meetings and encourages primary parents to join us.

We cannot write this report without acknowledging the loss of a very special teacher and friend this year, *Sister Mary Anne Holland*. Sister Mary Anne, we miss not only your welcoming smile but the assistance you provided at all our functions over the many years. We know that you will continue to look over us and send your blessings. Mother Teresa is quoted as saying 'Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing', something that Sister Mary Anne will be remembered for and some small thing that we can all aspire to keep on doing in her memory.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas, relaxing and renewing holidays and look forward to working with you all again next year.

**Michelle & Jo**



# SPORTS NEWS

## Congratulations Harriet!

Congratulations to Harriet Griffin (11G) who has made the Priority Athlete Program at Hockey SA and been selected to join the U18 State Outdoor Hockey Team. Harriet will travel to Launceston in March next year to compete in the Under 18 Men's & Womens Nationals. We congratulate her on this achievement and wish her team well in the competition.



## TERM 4 FINAL STANDINGS

### Basketball

Junior A/B finished PREMIERS Senior B finished FOURTH  
Junior C finished FIFTH Senior C finished THIRD

### Volleyball

Junior A finished THIRD Senior A finished THIRD  
Junior B finished FOURTH Senior B finished THIRD  
Junior C (3) finished PREMIERS Senior C finished SECOND  
Junior C (4) finished FIFTH

### Touch

Junior C finished SIXTH Senior B finished SIXTH

### Water Polo

Junior finished SEVENTH Senior finished THIRD

### Tennis

Junior C finished SECOND Junior B finished FOURTH

## Year 8 Retreat

On Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> November the three Year 8 classes came together to take part in their Retreat Day at Bethany Hall at the Mary McKillop School.

Ms Concetta Sossi organized this wonderful day and the girls had an opportunity to mix with girls outside their friendship groups and to reflect on the year past. They were able to acknowledge their strengths and the strengths of others and to reflect on the important issues of life through their prayers - family, love, peace, friends, education and their gratitude for living in a safe place.

So Many thanks to Ms Sossi and the accompanying staff, Ms McPeake, Ms Reid, Mr Cockerill, Ms Raets, Dr Hill and Ms Rawlins.

Ms Meyer



## Walk for Love

Sheila Nguyen was decisive about her Personal Project goal to organise a team from St Dominic's to participate in the The Mary Potter Foundation fundraising event, *Walk for Love*. During the process, she learnt many new skills and gained confidence in public speaking and motivating students and staff to participate. She achieved her goal, raising **\$893** for the Mary Potter Foundation. For her wonderful effort, Sheila was awarded a Walk For Love trophy at the Mary Potter Foundation Annual General Meeting. Congratulations Sheila! You should be very proud of your achievement.



Mrs Concetta Sossi

## 2018 LAPTOP POLICY | YRS 6 - 12

An **annual hire fee of \$300** will be charged to your school fee statement for the use of the laptop. An **\$100 annual IT levy** will also be charged to assist in the cost of providing the infrastructure, maintenance, support and software licences.

In the event that your daughter damages the laptop, the **'Accidental Damage Claim Policy'** will be:

**First Damage Claim:** \$200 payable to the College by the Parent/Guardian for the first incident

**All further Damages:** FULL COST  
The full cost of repairs is payable to the College by the Parent/Guardian for any further damages.

Lina Martino, Business Manager



## Sports / Special Group Photographs

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**KV4PM6VC | Volleyball**

**6FBXK72M | Other sports**

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