



Term 1, Week 2 2021

Important Dates

Port Power Clinic
Thursday 4 February

Swimming Trials
Thursday 4 February

**Students Welcome
Mass (R-6)**
Friday 5 February

**Parent Information
Sessions**
Tuesday 9 February

Port Power Clinic
Friday 12 February

Seniors Assembly
Friday 12 February

**School Board
Meeting**
Monday 15 February

**Shrove Tuesday
(Pancake Day)**
Tuesday 16 February

**Ash Wednesday
(Mass)**
Wednesday 17 February

Port Power Clinic
Thursday 18 February

From Mr Holmes, Principal

Dear Community Members

Welcome to Term 1 and to the beginning of the 2021 School Year. It is great to be amongst you once again!

A warm welcome to our 18 new students who have joined our Dominican Community this year;

Julian Borg, Eric Craig, Dylan Dworak, Annabelle Fickling, Oscar Fickling, Nidal Hoffmann, Elijah Ioakim, Evie Ioakim, Indianna Ioakim, Lennon Jamieson, Charlize Kitsos, Thomas McKay, Faith McNamara, Leonardo Mouveri, Alex Nguyen, Matilda Oaten, Elise Roberts and Maddison Yates.

It is great to have these students and their families with us here at Dominican School and we wish them all the very best as they embark on their learning journey.

2021 has started extremely well and I have been impressed with the way that all students have settled into their new learning environments. I would like to thank all of the staff who have worked so hard in preparing all aspects of our school in order for this smooth and calm transition.

Last week you received details about our Parent Information Night which will be held here at school next Tuesday 9 February. I ask that you make this night a priority in your diaries as we begin a new school year together. Teachers are well prepared for this important opportunity to share their teaching and learning programs with you. I look forward to seeing all of our families represented on Tuesday night.

This week we have attached a video message from the Director of Catholic Education South Australia, Dr Neil McGoran. I invite you to listen to his welcome message. Please see link below.

Also attached to our newsletter this week is our Term 1 Calendar. This calendar captures as many events as possible for the term ahead. I encourage you all to pop it on the fridge door for easy reference!

Our new boundary fence on Dunn Street and Swan Street will be completed this week and I am sure you would agree with me that it has made a significant difference to the school environment. Watch this space for more improvements that are not far away! Once again I am sincerely looking forward to leading our community in 2021. We have a lot to look forward to with a strong focus on excellence in teaching and learning.

Kind regards,

Phil Holmes

Principal

First Day of School 2021

Ms Nofi's Reception/Year 1 class are looking forward to having lots of fun with their learning and they wish you a fantastic school year!



From Ms Tanti-Clark, APRIM

Welcome back to 2021 at Dominican.

A special welcome to our new students and families. Blessings to you all...

Celebrating our Faith

We are pleased to be able to once again share in prayer, liturgy and mass celebrations with our school and parish communities.

Please see below for this term's calendar of dates:

Prayer, Liturgy and Mass

Friday February 5 – Opening Mass

R-6 Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am (Staff & Students only)

Wednesday February 17 – Ash Wednesday

R-6 Liturgy in the MFC at 9.00am (Staff & Students only)

Year 6 Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 12.00pm

Friday March 5 – Years 4/5H, 4/5S, 5/6K & 5/6OK Mass

Year 4-6 Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 12.00pm (Year 4-6 families invited to attend)

Friday March 19 – Years R/1N, R/1AB, 2/3C & 2/3D Mass

R-3 Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 12.00pm (R-3 families invited to attend)

Tuesday March 30 – Palm Sunday Liturgy

Led by the R/1s in the MFC at 9.00am (R/1 families invited to attend)

Wednesday March 31 – Holy Thursday Liturgy

Led by the 2/3s in the MFC at 9.00am (Year 2/3 families invited to attend)

Thursday April 1 – Good Friday Liturgy

Led by the 4/5s in the MFC at 9.00am (Year 4/5 families invited to attend)

Wednesday April 7 – Easter Sunday Liturgy

Led by the 5/6s in the MFC at 9.00am (Year 5/6 families invited to attend)

For Masses, students will walk to and from the Church supervised by their teachers. Teachers will inform families of rehearsal dates and times in preparation for these celebrations.

These celebrations provide us with the opportunity to gather in faith, hope and love, and we look forward to sharing in these special prayer times.

Community Prayer

On Friday January 29, our staff led our school community in a Welcome Prayer and Blessing. This marked our first whole school prayer gathering for 2021 and was a special way to celebrate the beginning of our new school year together as we journey in faith, learning and love.

This term, we will share in Community Prayer to commence our Assemblies at 9.00am in the Multi-Function Centre in:

- Week 3 Friday February 12 – led by Year 5/6OK
- Week 5 Friday February 26 – led by R/1AB
- Week 7 Friday March 12 – led by Year 4/5H
- Week 9 Friday March 26 – led by Year 2/3D

Families of those classes leading the Assemblies will be invited to attend.

From Mrs Kovacev, Sports Coordinator

At the core of Physical Education is the acquisition of movement skills and concepts to enable students to participate in a range of physical activities – confidently, competently and creatively. As a foundation for lifelong physical activity participation and enhanced performance, students gain an understanding of how the body moves and develop positive attitudes towards physical activity participation. They develop an appreciation of the significance of physical activity, outdoor recreation and sport in Australian society and globally.

Movement is a powerful medium for learning, through which students can practise and refine personal, behavioural, social and cognitive skills. Physical Education provides students with an experiential curriculum that is contemporary, relevant, challenging and physically active.

SAPSASA/SACPSSA

In 2021, I continue my role as SAPSASA/SACPSSA Coordinator. A reminder that these events are open to students in Year 3 – Year 6 and or born between 2008-2011. At SAPSASA Carnivals, students participate in age groups (by year born) whereas at SACPSSA Catholic School Carnivals the students compete in year level groups.

Out of School Hours Sport

Thank you to everyone's timely response to registering for Semester 1 Out of School Sports.

We look forward to our students participation in the following:

- R/1 Basketball
- Year 2-6 Basketball
- Year 2-6 Netball
- Year 2-6 Cricket

Lunch Orders - Ambrosia Café

Ambrosia on Semaphore Road continue to provide our school with a lunch ordering service for students every Monday and Friday.

Lunch orders can easily be made by using the Qkr! app.

Lunch orders can also be made by placing a bag with your child's name clearly written on it, along with your child's class, and where possible the correct money, into the classroom lunches bag.

In an effort to encourage greater care of our environment Ambrosia ask that no plastic bags are used to place orders in. Paper bags are available from supermarkets and are inexpensive.

You can see the **Lunchorder Menu here [link]** and on Qkr!

We want our food nude!

Nude Food is a program we run at our school and involves bringing food to school that is not packaged and is environmentally friendly e.g. apples, bananas, oranges, mandarins, broccoli, carrots, eggs. If food is packaged, it would be great if you could put the food in a lunchbox without the packaging.

Nude Food is important as it keeps food fresh and promotes a healthier lifestyle.

Nude Food helps our school reduce waste and the amount of rubbish on our school grounds. It also reduces the amount of rubbish ending up in the ocean and helps all animals.

When is *Nude Food*...? We would love nude foods to happen everyday.

Please speak to your child's classroom teacher for more information.

Safe Use Policy and Agreement

This week all children have received our Safe Use Policy and Student Agreement.

We ask that parents discuss this agreement with your child and return it to your class teacher.

Class teachers will continue to reinforce safe use procedures as part of our learning programs.

Instrumental Music Program

Dominican School offers a very extensive Instrumental Music Program.

Tutors within our school currently offer tuition in piano, drums, singing and guitar and vacancies are still available.

If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument please collect an Instrumental Music application form from the Front Office.

Please complete and return to the Front Office.

School Fees 2021

2021 School Fee Statements have been posted to all families. Also included was a Fee Schedule, Payment Plan, Direct Debit Form and Qkr! App instructions - these forms are also available on the school website.

Please return your finance forms to the Finance Officer as soon as possible for processing.

Should you require any assistance with payment plan calculations please contact us.

Email any enquiries to accounts@dominican.catholic.edu.au and we will respond as soon as possible.

Student Absences and Late Arrivals

Families are kindly asked to **contact the school office** by 9.30am if your child will be absent or late. Please leave the students name, class and the reason for the student's absence.

You can do this by:

- Phoning 8114 3636 (select option 1 and leave a message)
- Emailing absent@dominican.catholic.edu.au

Please don't email teachers directly or use Dojo for absentees as quite often these are not checked by teachers at the beginning of the school day. If an absence is unexplained an automatic SMS message will be sent to parents requesting confirmation of an absence.

If a student arrives at school after the 8.50am bell they must sign in at the Front Office.

If a student leaves the school before 3.05pm dismissal time they must be signed out in the Front Office by an adult.

Communication with the classroom teacher is required when a student needs to leave before dismissal time, is going on a family holiday or any other pre-arranged absence.

Are your Personal Details Correct?

It is important that the school has up to date contact information for parents and families.

If you have changed your address, home, work, mobile telephone numbers, or email address or if your family circumstances have changed, please advise the School Office on 8114 3600 or email Wendy Benson at wbenson@dominican.catholic.edu.au

Alternatively, you can complete and submit the form below.

It is important that we have updated details in the case of emergency situations.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Submit Change of Details

Surname*:

First Name*:

Full Name of Eldest Child attending Dominican School*:

Eldest Child's Year and Class*:

Please outline the details that have changed and should be updated on our database*:

Uniform Shop Hours



Tuesdays:

8.30 to 10.30am

2.30 to 4.30pm

Orders can be placed via email at ushop@dominican.catholic.edu.au and items placed in your child's class box.

Become a Volunteer

We welcome volunteers at Dominican School. There are many ways that you can be involved, these are just a few.

- Breakfast Club
- Assisting in Classrooms
- Accompanying classes on excursions
- Coaching sporting teams
- Scholastic Book Club
- Assisting with book covering in the library
- Gardening

For the safety of all children we require all volunteers to have a current Catholic Police Check and to have completed our Volunteer induction. Please refer to our school website [page for volunteering \[link\]](#).

We recommend that you commence this process so that you are ready to volunteer when needed.