



Important Dates

Mass (Year 4-6)
Friday 5 March

Adelaide Cup Public
Holiday
Monday 8 March

Community Prayer
and Assembly
(4/5H)
Friday 12 March

Catholic Schools
Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 16 March

Mass (Reception to
Year 3)
Friday 19 March

Learning
Conversations
Monday 22 March

SAPSASA Athletics
Tuesday 23 March

Learning
Conversations
Wednesday 24 March

Learning
Conversations
Thursday 25 March

Community Prayer
and Assembly
(2/3D)
Friday 26 March

From Mr Holmes, Principal

Dear Community Members

Welcome to Week 6! The term is certainly flying by!

Last week I sent you an email regarding the DISA survey that I am asking all families to complete so that we receive a 100% completion rate. This survey will drive our IDEAS Project that Dominican School is embarking on in 2021 and 2022. Can I ask that you make this a priority and complete the survey (link attached to my email) by Friday 19 March at 5pm. Thank you to those families who have already completed the survey. It is very much appreciated.

The IDEAS (Innovative Designs for Achievements in Schools) will focus on building capacity at Dominican School during 2021- 2022 through enhancing the social, intellectual, and organisational capitals and to align our structures and processes for ongoing learning.

Therefore the IDEAS vision is to inspire schools to engage in journeys of self-discovery which will ensure they achieve sustainable excellence in teaching and learning. Crucial to sustainability is the style of leadership that permeates the culture of the school.

Leadership that draws on both positional and informal leaders to work together to engage the professional learning community to create engaging, innovative, inspirational and creative learning environments and quality teaching that deliver enhanced outcomes for students.

The IDEAS process is a highly disciplined approach to whole school revitalisation and we are extremely excited about sharing our learning with you as we begin this journey. The installation and resurfacing of our new Basketball / Netball Court has finally commenced this week. The students have been watching progress very carefully and they are making sure that the work remains on schedule! The students are being extremely patient whilst this work is being completed. This will certainly enhance our school site and we look forward to sharing this new play space with the whole school community in our next newsletter via the video link.

A reminder that the School Board Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 29 March at 6:30pm here at school in the Multi-Function Centre and you are all warmly invited to attend. As you know I have invited Craig Tonkin our Architect from Brown Falconer Architects to share elements of our Master Plan and what Stage 1 might look like. Craig is looking forward to sharing this information with the community and those in attendance will have the opportunity to share ideas with Craig.

Have a great week and thanks for your ongoing support of our Dominican Community.

Kind regards,

Phil Holmes

Principal

Our Lenten Tree, Our Promises (2/3C)

Children reflected on how they may Pray, Fast and Give throughout the Season of Lent. They developed personalised Lenten Promises. As a whole class inquiry, we created a Lenten Tree to hang our Lenten Promises as a sign of our journey of growth throughout this church season. Upon reflection, we realised our tree resembled Jesus on the cross. What a timely reminder that Jesus is walking with us as we grow and learn throughout the forty days of Lent.



We are Bucket Fillers (2/3C)

Together we read the book 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' and reflected on what it means to be bucket fillers and not bucket dippers. As an inquiry we created our own buckets. The Design Brief was that our buckets had to be 10cm tall, 6cm wide and have a handle strong enough to hold a selected item.



From Ms Tanti-Clark, APRIM



Family Faith Formation

As a school community, we pray for the following students in the Faith Formation Program who will prepare for and celebrate the

Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion this year:

Emma Williamson, Grace Blute, Kelsey O'Connor, William Blute, Jacob Borg and Izla Meers.

We ask God's blessings for these children and keep them in our prayers as they journey in faith.

Justice Leaders

Last Wednesday our Justice Leaders for 2021 were presented to our school community at our Student Leaders Assembly. These Year 6 students are committed to leading our school community in our Catholic mission to work for social justice and outreach to the poor. They have already been active in their ministry, organising our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Morning Tea, leading our Ash Wednesday liturgical celebrations and launching this year's Project Compassion Appeal. We look forward to our Justice Leaders guiding us throughout the year to put our faith in action for a just world.

Lent and Choices

During Lent, we pray for God's guidance to help us to listen, speak and act with love. Our Lenten journey encourages us to set aside time to reflect on our CHOICES in light of Jesus' words and actions. At Dominican, we talk about 'A' and 'B' choices. The 'Way To A' means we are learning to make choices that are safe, kind, helpful, and respectful. You might like to use the following questions at home to promote conversations about your child's choices during Lent - What 'A' choices did you make today? How were they safe/kind/helpful/respectful choices? Did you make any 'B' choices? What happened? How will you flip them to make them 'A' choices tomorrow?

Project Compassion

Our support of CARITAS Australia's Project Compassion gives expression to the Gospel value to pursue justice and help those suffering from poverty. Our donations to CARITAS Australia this Lent will help to bring love and hope to those in need throughout the world. In Pope Francis' words, 'To love God and neighbour... means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus.'

Dominican Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who have received recognition for our Dominican Pillars...

Parker Patterson, Alex Nguyen, Jaeden King, Kyan Jamieson (Study)

Lois Macdonald (Community)

Dylan Dworak (Prayer)

SAPSASA Swimming Carnival

Look who has made a splash!

20 students in Years 4-6 attended the Port SAPSASA Swimming Carnival, which was held at the Largs Bay Swim Centre on Tuesday 23rd February. Dominican School came an overall 2nd place out of the 13 schools in attendance! Congratulations to all competitors, as their Dominican spirit, determination and enthusiasm went a long way to making the carnival a great success. They performed admirably and made us all very proud.

Congratulations and good luck to the students who have been selected to further represent Dominican School and Port SAPSASA at the Swimming State Championship Day which will be held on Thursday 25th March at Marion.



Out of School Hours Sport

Basketball and Netball

We've had a very successful start to our out of school hours Netball and Basketball seasons. Our Year 2-6 Teams are playing at St Clair Recreation Centre while our R/1 Basketball team plays at the Port Adelaide Recreation Centre.

Soccer

We are currently taking registrations for Term 2-3 Soccer season. This is available to all students from Reception to Year 6.

Games are held on Saturday mornings at West Lakes Shore. Registrations are available via Qkr! App until Wednesday 10th March.



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.

Winter Uniform

Term 2 begins on Tuesday 27th April and brings a change into winter uniform.

Children are required to wear the regulation Winter school uniform during Terms 2 and 3.

All uniform requirements are available from our Uniform Shop.

The formal winter uniform consists of:

- **Girls:** Grey/blue check pinafore; or Grey/blue check skirt; or Navy Trousers; or Navy Culottes with embroidered mid blue shirt.
- **Boys:** Grey long pants; with blue, banded long sleeve embroidered shirt;
- Navy blue woollen jumper with school emblem;
- Navy school jacket;
- Black formal school shoes worn with grey tights or grey socks (ankle or knee high);

Enrolments for 2022

If you have a child at Dominican School and have a younger child due to start school in 2022 please complete an Enrolment Form as soon as possible.

We have now begun our Enrolment Conversations for 2022 enrolments.

PLEASE NOTE: Siblings of existing students will also require an Enrolment Conversation.

Uniform Shop



Uniform Shop Hours

Tuesdays 8.30 to 10.30am and 2.30 to 4.30pm.

School Bags are now back in stock.

Payments can be made via QKR, in person and via email to ushop@dominican.catholic.edu.au

Scholastic Book Orders - Reminder

Book Club



To ensure all students receive their Scholastic Books, the order form handed into the office must have the students name and class on it.



MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE

Rosewater

Register for
OPEN DAY
today!

OPEN DAY

Thursday 11 March
4pm - 7pm



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