



Term 1, Week 8 2021

Important Dates

Annual General Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 29 March

R/1 Palm Sunday Liturgy 9am
Tuesday 30 March

2/3 Holy Thursday Liturgy 9am
Wednesday 31 March

4/5 Good Friday Liturgy
Thursday 1 April

Good Friday
Friday 2 April

Easter Monday
Monday 5 April

5/6 Easter Liturgy 9am
Wednesday 7 April

Sports Day
Friday 9 April

Last Day of Term
Friday 9 April

Term 2 Begins
Tuesday 27 April

From Mr Holmes, Principal

Dear Community Members

Welcome to Week 8!

DISA Survey Reminder—closes today at 5.00pm!

Earlier this term I sent all families an email regarding our school improvement initiative where I spoke about school improvement being a

whole-school effort and that success is informed by a cohesive and clearly articulated direction that is identified by the school community, particularly the students, staff and parents/carers.

DISA will provide Dominican School with the means to identify our perceived strengths as well as areas requiring work and gaps that need attention.

It is expected that we receive 30% of our families complete the survey. My personal expectation is that we achieve 100% of our families to complete the survey.

As you know Dominican School is embarking on a new era of education. As we strive to achieve New Levels of Excellence here at Dominican School, so that can be the best we can be, I would like to thank those families that have completed the survey and remind those who haven't to please do so. **Click on link here.**

New court area-WOW

Our new court surface has now been completed including improved fencing and I am sure you would agree that it has made a significant improvement to our school environment and a new and exciting place for our students to enjoy. Please come and have a look when you get a chance. Please view our video this week!

Pedagogical Coach appointment- a new role at Dominican!

I am delighted to announce that I have appointed Mr Nick Ryan to the role of Pedagogical Coach here at Dominican. Nick will be the leader of learning in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy R-6 and will use the following strategies to enhance student outcomes;

- a focus on data and the students the data represents;
- structured Literacy and Numeracy times for all students that are evidence based, with high impact instructional strategies;
- assisting teachers to link curriculum understandings and their classroom pedagogy;
- a case management approach to monitoring individual student progress;

Nick will work closely with the Leadership Team and the School Quality and Performance Team here at Dominican. Nick comes to us from St Michael's College with a wealth of experience in leading teaching and learning. This is an excellent appointment and I look forward to introducing Nick to our community in Term 2 as we continue to strive to be the best school we can be.

I look forward to seeing you at our Learning Conversations next week.

Have a great week!

Kind regards,
Phil Holmes



Year 4/5S Literacy

4/5S created character illustrations from different descriptions in our Term 1 Class Novel *The Accidental Prime Minister*. We explored the meaning of the adjectives in each description before we began our drawings.

...out stepped a stout man in a mud-coloured suit. He had a red, wobbly face, in the middle of which sat a bulbous nose, like a cherry on a particularly disgusting trifle. The man dabbed his sweaty face with a hanky and attempted to flatten his wispy hair with a clammy hand. The man in question was Percival T. Duckholm, the Prime Minister and the most hated man in the land.



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. As Pope Francis reminds us, 'To love God and neighbour... means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served.' We are encouraged to put our compassion into action this Lent through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion.

Please donate and give what you can to this worthwhile cause. Saint Oscar Romero is our inspiration for Project Compassion 2021, so in his words let's '**Aspire not to have more, but to BE MORE.**'

Family Faith Formation

For those students and families in the Sacramental Program, our **Reconciliation Family Workshop** will occur this Saturday March 20 from 1.30 – 3.30pm at the Veritas Centre, Our Lady of the Visitation School, Taperoo. This will be a time to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation to celebrate God's love and forgiveness through this sacrament of peace and healing. Our school community keeps you in our prayers as you get ready to celebrate your First Reconciliation next week.

Dominican Certificates

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

Madison Smith (Study)

Liam Gillick and Izla Meers (Community)

Dylan Wilkinson (Prayer)

Remmie Birrell, Sofia Zampatti, Holly Boyhan and Jack Smans (Ministry)

Parents and Friends

Thank you for your support of the many upcoming P&F Fundraising Events.

Easter Raffle Donations

We are still hoping for some more donations for our Easter Raffle. Please leave any donations in the Front Office.

Hot Cross Bun Orders

This year Semaphore Bakery is supporting our Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser.

You have a choice of Traditional and Fruitless.

Orders are due Friday 26th March for delivery Tuesday 30th March.

Orders can be placed through Qkr! or through forms at the Front Office.

Easter Lunch Hot Cross Bun - Tuesday 30th March.

\$2.00 for a Hot Cross Bun with or without fruit. Butter is optional.

Orders can be placed through Qkr! or order forms are available in the Front Office.

Student Sports Day Sausage Sizzle Lunch pre order

Orders can be placed through Qkr! or order forms are available in the Front Office. Orders must be placed by Tuesday 6th March.

Entertainment Book

Support Dominican School Semaphore and receive fantastic savings while you eat, play and shop with Entertainment. Memberships are convenient, easy to use and packed full of valuable 2 for 1 and up to 50% off offers for you and your family to use over any 12-month period from activation.

Get yours today online by going to the [Entertainment Book website](#).

Volunteers

The P&F always welcome volunteers, who help make all our events a success. Any amount of time is always greatly appreciated. All volunteers must have a current Police Clearance.

SACPSSA Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival

Burnside Swimming Centre was the scene of the SACPSSA Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival, held on Tuesday, 16th March. We had 29 swimmers from Years 3-6, who put on a very exciting and entertaining afternoon for us. They showed great sportsmanship, courage and persistence, which led to the team achieving great success.

Results:

- Overall Girls – 1st Place
- Overall Boys – 3rd Place
- Year 4 Boys age group champions
- Year 4 Girls age group champions
- Year 5 Girls age group champions
- Year 6 Girls age group champions
- Maya – Year 5 age champion
- Thao – Year 6 age champion

Congratulations to all competitors on your brilliant performance. We are incredibly proud of you all.

A special mention to our parents/caregivers that gave up their time to assist with duties on the day and coming to support and cheer on the team. Your efforts were a valuable contribution to the success of the carnival.



School Soccer

Registrations for the 2021 out of school hours soccer program have now closed. Team lists will be finalised this week and emailed to families next week. Games will begin in Term 2.

If you have a Dominican soccer top at home, we ask that it be returned by the end of this week so that new tops can be distributed for this season.

Sports Day 2021

Sports Day is being held at the Port Adelaide Athletics Club on Bower Road on Friday 9th April.

We will require parent volunteers to support us with various roles throughout the day. All volunteers must have a Catholic police clearance and have completed all volunteer induction processes. If you are interested in helping out on the day, please put forward your expression of interest to Martina Kovacev via email mkovacev@dominican.catholic.edu.au by Monday 22nd March.

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.

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*:



Join us for Reception this July!

Enquire about our Mid-Year Reception Intake



**Dominican School
Semaphore**

Annual General Meeting

Please join us for our AGM on Monday 29 March at 6.30pm

Come and listen to our architect, Craig Tonkin, talk about our Master Plan and hear about our achievements in 2020.

Term 2

Term 2 commences on Tuesday 27th April.

Children are required to wear the winter school uniform during Terms 2 & 3.