



Dear Community Members,

As I reflect on these past few weeks at Dominican School, I am reminded of the many and varied ways our school community has ...
Inspired hearts and minds to be the best we can be, including:

- Parents & Friends Information Evening
- SAPSASA Swimming Carnival – Achieving 1st Place
- Senior Choir Catholic Schools Music Festival Rehearsal
- R-6 Community Prayer & Assembly led by 3/4S and RS
- Sacramental Workshop – A Walk through the Mass
- Year 6 Aquatics Day
- R-6 Harmony Day Celebrations

One of the highlights was our **Annual General Meeting** which was held on Monday evening. This provided the opportunity to convey the work of the Board and report on our achievements in 2022. In addition, our architects from Brown Falconer, Michael Lambert and Rua

Hashlamoun, joined us to present the design plans for our Stage 2 Building Project. Exciting times ahead! It was a successful evening and well attended by community members. Holding the AGM in our new building showcased our contemporary facilities and enabled those in attendance to experience this space.

I am pleased to announce the 2023 School Board Members:

Ben Evans - Father to Hazel in Year 5

Katy Tatrai - Mother to Zane in Year 5

Kevin Blute - Father to Grace in Year 5

Greer Tappert - Mother to Max in Year 5

Sam Whitton - Mother to Jake and Lachie in Year 6

Sara Thompson - Mother to Grace in Year 6

Angela Petts - Mother to Oscar in Year 6 and Annabelle in Year 4

Chris Russell - Father to Jett in Year 1

Henry Klis - Father to Scarlett in Year 1

Lisa Osborne - Staff Representative

I take this opportunity to thank Martina Kovacev who has served on our School Board as the Staff Representative for the past two years

The Annual General Meeting Report is available from the Front Office.

LEARNING & WELLBEING

At Dominican School, we are committed to providing a high-quality education with an emphasis on positive wellbeing and personalised learning. Knowing our students and knowing them well provides the foundation for catering for each child's strengths and needs, to support them to achieve personal success. We view each child as a capable learner, full of potential, and engage data-informed practices to support students on their learning and wellbeing journey to be the best they can be.

Since our last newsletter, students have participated in two significant assessments that provide a snapshot and insight into their learning and wellbeing: **NAPLAN** and the **Pulse Check In** are just a small sample of the varied assessments we utilise to inform practice for continuous improvement.

Congratulations to all Year 3 & 5 students who engaged with the **National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)** last week. The NAPLAN testing has been brought forward this year with the aim of providing results to schools much earlier. This will mean access to valuable data about student achievement in literacy and numeracy at an earlier point in the school year that will inform teaching and learning for improved outcomes. Another significant change to NAPLAN this year will be the way results are reported. Student results in each of the tests will be reported as Exceeding, Strong, Developing or Needing Additional Support making it much clearer to parents and caregivers as to how students are performing in Literacy and Numeracy.

Over the past two weeks, all Reception to Year 6 students were involved in the **Classroom Pulse Check Ins**. This survey occurs each term and is implemented across all Catholic Schools in South Australia. It provides students with the opportunity to express their feelings about their school experiences with questions related to identity, learning, relationships and belonging. At Dominican we value student voice, and this tool provides us with a way to check in with students. As a Leadership Team and with teaching staff, we review the summary data each term to promote the engagement, wellbeing, and social and emotional learning of our students.

We look forward to seeing all parents and caregivers attend **Learning Conversations** next week. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's learning and wellbeing with their class teacher, including their achievements and areas for growth.

Go well,

Alison Tanti-Clark
ACTING PRINCIPAL





HARMONY DAY

At Dominican, living in **HARMONY** means that we celebrate diversity and that we are inclusive of all. We acknowledge that each of us is unique and we value our differences in a culture of welcome and respect. On Tuesday, all students were invited to wear orange, the colour of harmony, and they participated in a range of activities to celebrate cultural diversity.

This Friday we will gather as one to celebrate **HARMONY DAY** on the theme, Everyone Belongs. Our R-2 Classes will be leading a whole school Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 12pm. All families are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration.

PROJECT COMPASSION

As we continue on our Lenten journey to Easter, we are reminded to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God. Our support of Project Compassion is one way of putting our faith in action to support the most vulnerable in our world to 'be more'. Thank you for your generosity in donating to this year's appeal.

It would be much appreciated if all **Project Compassion boxes** are returned to school by **Tuesday 11th April**.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

For those students and families in the Sacramental Program, our **Confirmation Family Workshop** will occur on Saturday 1st April from 2 – 3.30pm at the Sacred Heart Church Parish Office, Semaphore. This will have a focus on Confirmation and the Holy Spirit: Life in the Spirit – The Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for **Angelique, Amelia, Harrison, Angela, Isabella, Matilda, Harrison, Parker, Peyton, Tiger and Macy** who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they receive the fullness of God's Spirit.

Martina Kovacev
ACTING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



Enrolments Mid Year 2023, 2024 & 2025

**Vacancies exist for 2023 Mid-Year Intake
FREE Term 3 & Term 4 Tuition for Mid-Year Reception starters.**

ENROLMENTS FOR RECEPTION 2024 and 2025

We are currently finalising our interviews for 2024 enrolments and accepting enrolments for 2025. If you have a child due to start school in 2024, please complete and lodge an Enrolment Form as soon as possible to guarantee a place. Please note that siblings require an enrolment interview.



In the CLASSROOM



STREET DESIGN WITH 1/2D

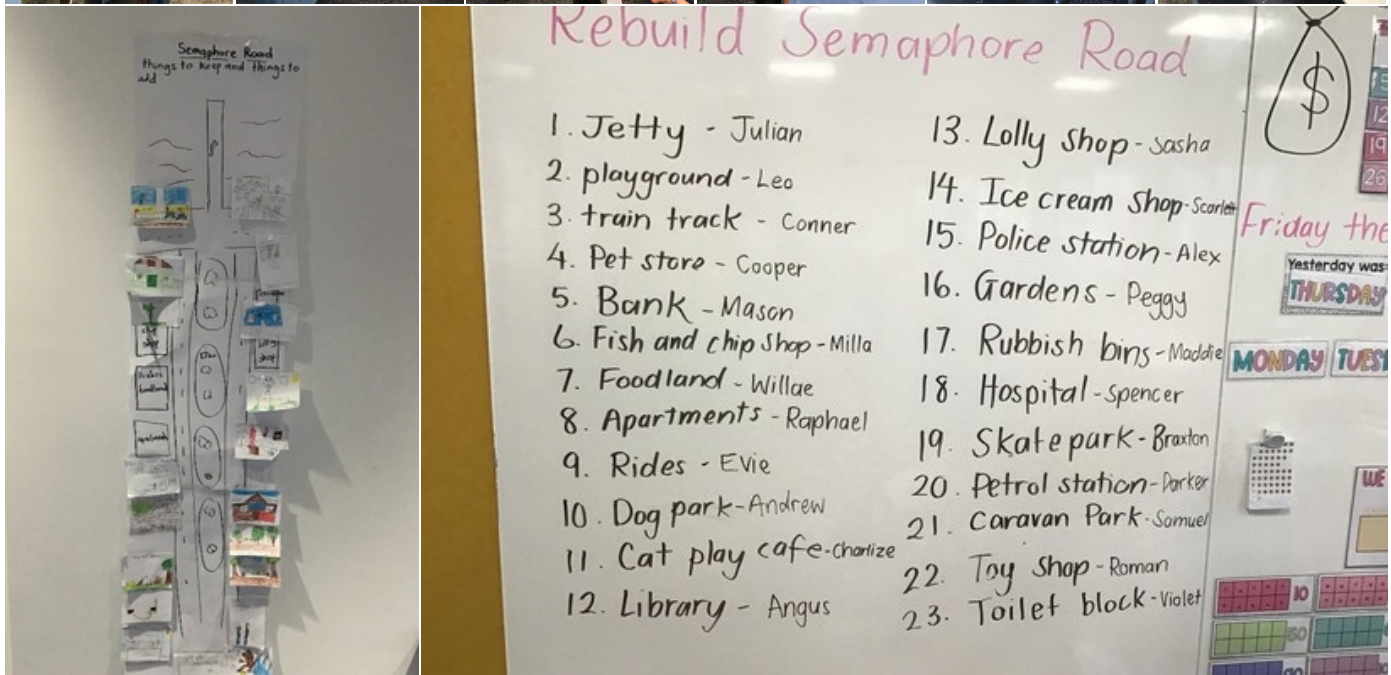
In 1/2D we have been diving into our first Design and Technology unit.

In Design and Technology this term we have been exploring and investigating technologies – tools, equipment, processes, materials, systems and components – including their purposes and how they meet personal and social needs within local settings. Students are learning about how society and environmental sustainability factors influence design decisions.

Our assessment this term focuses on redesigning Semaphore Road. We mapped out Semaphore Road using Google Maps as a guide. We made note of all the fabulous things that already exist in our local area. From here we got to work discussing what we could add to make Semaphore Road safer and more aligned with our personal interests. The students decided to add a skatepark, hospital, police station, recycling area, caravan park and many more very creative ideas.

Students have started designing their individual part of the street and will be making these out of cardboard boxes in the coming weeks. When finished we will create our new Semaphore Road by connecting the students work together to make one big cardboard box street!

Shenae Dougan
YEAR 1/2D CLASSROOM TEACHER



OUR DOMINICAN PILLARS



CONGRATULATIONS to the following recipients of our Dominican Pillar Certificates:

PRAYER

Georgia M, Ryan M

STUDY

Finnegan L, Debra G, Parker D, William M, Sophia S, Maverick S, Daniella G

COMMUNITY

Charlie W, Mason F, Lincoln S, Angelique J, Addison D, McKinley G

MINISTRY

Rocket E

SPORTS DAY 2023

THURS 13 APRIL

PORT ADELAIDE ATHLETICS CLUB



FOOD

DRINK

COFFEE

BBQ

**Are you a parent with current volunteer clearance?
Can you help on the day?**

The Parents and Friends Group are looking for helpers who can assist to:

- cook and serve BBQ (30 minute shifts)
- pack and deliver lunches to students (between 12.15 and 1.00)

Helpers will be rostered to so parents won't miss their child's events

Please note - only those parents who have completed their VOLUNTEER CLEARANCE CHECK are able to assist.

If you can assist, please indicate on the Qkr! App when you order your student's lunch or advise Front Office Staff

DOMINICAN SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

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REMINDERS



ABSENTEES

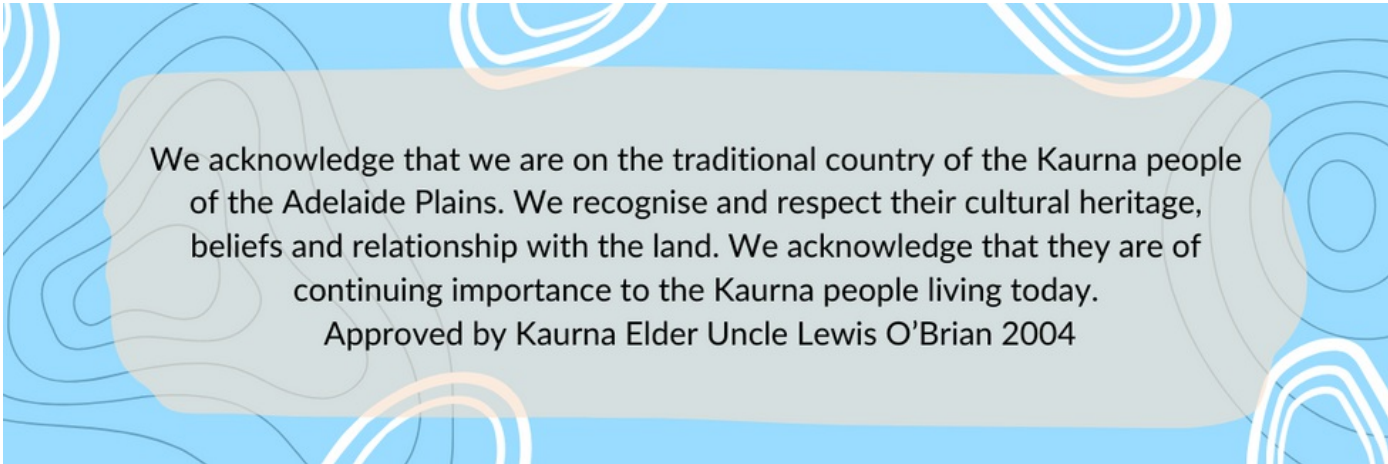
School commences at 8.50am and concludes at 3.05pm each day. Students who arrive after 8.50am must sign in at the Front Office.

If your child is absent from school, please email absent@dominican.catholic.edu.au or phone 81 14 3600 Option 1 and leave your child's name, class and reason for absence.

If your child needs to be collected before the end of the school day, they must be collected from the Front Office and be signed out.

COVID UPDATE

Whilst we are able to put many COVID restrictions behind us, COVID-19 continues to affect the community. We all have a part to play in keeping our school community safe and minimising the disruption to learning that can occur when illness circulates at school. Students who are unwell should stay home if they have cold or flu-like symptoms and get tested for COVID-19. If students have COVID-19, please advise the school as soon as possible, and stay at home until all acute symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, cough and fever) have cleared.



We acknowledge that we are on the traditional country of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today.
Approved by Kurna Elder Uncle Lewis O'Brian 2004

TERM 1

IMPORTANT DATES

W6

FRI 10 MAR

3/4S Prayer & Assembly

9.00am

Multi Function Centre



W7

MON 13 MAR
ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY



FRI 17 MAR
RS Prayer & Assembly
9.00am
Multi Function Centre

W8

MON 20 MAR
AGM - SCHOOL BOARD
6.30pm

Year 6 Aquatics

TUE 21 MAR
HARMONY DAY

FRI 24 MAR

HARMONY DAY MASS

12.00pm

Sacred Heart Church



W9

MON 27 - THU 30 MAR

LEARNING
CONVERSATIONS

MON 27 MAR





SACPSSA SWIM CARNIVAL

TUE 28 MAR

SAPSASA ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

FRI 31 MAR

5/6OK Prayer & Assembly

9.00am

Multi Function Centre

SUN 1 APR

PALM SUNDAY



W10

HOLY WEEK

6 APR HOLY THURSDAY

7 APR GOOD FRIDAY

8 APR EASTER SATURDAY

9 APR EASTER SUNDAY

10 APR EASTER MONDAY



W11

THU 13 APR

SPORTS DAY

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

FRI 14 APR

PUPIL FREE DAY



You are invited

HARMONY DAY MASS

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS LED BY RECEPTION TO YEAR 2 STUDENTS

Date: Friday 24th March

Time: 12pm

Where: Sacred Heart Church



PRAYER, LITURGY & MASSES TERM 1, 2023

1

Friday 10 February 2023, 12.00pm
Opening Mass
Sacred Heart Church

2

Wednesday 22 Feb 2023, 12.00pm
Ash Wednesday Mass
Led by 3-6s, Sacred Heart Church

3

Friday 24 March 2023, 12.00pm
Harmony Day Mass
Led by R-2s, Sacred Heart Church

4

Tuesday 4 April 2023, 9.00am
Palm Sunday Liturgy
Led by Receptions, MFC

5

Wednesday 5 April 2023, 9.00am
Holy Thursday Liturgy
Led by 1/2s, MFC

6

Thursday 6 April 2023, 9.00am
Good Friday Liturgy

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Good Friday Liturgy

Led by 3/4s , MFC

7

Tuesday 11 April 2023, 9.00am

Easter Sunday Liturgy

Led by 5/6s, MFC

