



From the School Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As we approach the end of Term 1, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many exciting events and activities that have taken place at our school. It has been a busy and vibrant term, filled with class incursions and excursions, engaging learning conversations, whole school celebrations, and thrilling sports carnivals.

Our students have shown incredible enthusiasm and participation in all these events, making this term truly memorable. With only two weeks left, and Sports Day, Swimming and Holy Week Liturgies still to take place, I know everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved and relaxing holiday break.

JOIN US FOR THE COLOUR RUN!

We are excited to announce our upcoming Colour Run on Friday May 16th. This is a fun initiative organised by our Parents & Friends (P&F) group to raise money for valuable school resources. This event promises to be a fantastic day filled with laughter, colour, and community spirit.

We encourage all families to join in the fun and support this wonderful cause. It's a great opportunity for everyone to come together, enjoy some outdoor activity, and make lasting memories. Our students will have a blast getting splashed with colourful powder, and some of our teachers are ready to get slimed for a good cause!

Your participation and support will help us provide essential resources that enhance our students' learning experiences. Let's make this Colour Run a huge success and show our school spirit!



HARMONY DAY AND JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY

On March 18th, our school community came together to celebrate Harmony Day, a significant occasion that aligns with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This day is dedicated to promoting inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. At Dominican, we believe it is essential to recognise and celebrate the diverse cultures that enrich our community.



In the afternoon, we also celebrated Japanese Cultural Day, reflecting the language taught at our school. The students enjoyed a shared sushi lunch and were thrilled by a Japanese drumming incursion. These activities provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with and appreciate Japanese culture firsthand.

The day was filled with reflection, learning, acceptance, and acknowledgment of the many different cultures we have at Dominican and in Australia. It was heartening to see our students embrace the values of Harmony Day and participate enthusiastically in all activities. Such events are vital in fostering an inclusive and harmonious environment where every student feels valued and respected.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a place where diversity is celebrated and every student can thrive.



SCHOOL EASTER RAFFLE!

In Week 10, we will begin selling tickets for our student Easter raffle! Please don't forget to bring in Easter Egg and prize donations, which are being collected in the front office. The more donations we receive, the more prizes our students can win! Raffle tickets will go on sale next week, priced at \$1 each. Please note that students can purchase a maximum of 5 tickets.

This Easter raffle is exclusively for students, and tickets can only be bought from your child's class teacher. All money raised will be donated to Project Compassion. Thank you for your support and generosity!



LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the parents/caregivers who participated in the learning conversations this week. Your involvement and interest in your child's learning are truly appreciated. It takes a village to raise a child, and we are blessed to have an amazing one here at Dominican.

I also want to thank our students for their hard work and efforts. Their dedication to learning is inspiring. A special thank you goes to our teachers for providing outstanding teaching and learning opportunities that allow our students to thrive and be the best they can be.

AGM - SCHOOL BOARD

I would like to welcome our new school board members who were elected last week at our AGM:

- Karina Miller, parent of Genevieve and SooHyeon
- Tom Dunstan, parent of Charlie
- Emma Jeffs, parent of Patrick and Jack
- Sarah King, parent of Bailey
- Angeline Wati, parent of Peyton
- Genevieve Spencer, Staff Representative

We are excited to have them join us and look forward to working together to continue making our school a wonderful place for our students.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our previous board members for their support and contributions. Their dedication and hard work have been invaluable to our school community. A special thank you goes to Ben Evans, who has served as our chairperson for the last five years. Ben's vision, guidance, and unwavering support have been instrumental in our success.

Last week, we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM), and I would like to thank all the parents/caregivers and staff who attended. During the AGM, we had the Carly Ryan Foundation present to our school community about cyber safety. This is an incredibly important topic, and the presentation helped us to understand the potential dangers of the online world and how to navigate it safely. The foundation's work is crucial in educating our students, parents, and staff about protecting themselves and others from online harm.



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR YEAR 3 AND 5 STUDENTS!

A big congratulations to all our Year 3 and Year 5 students for their incredible hard work and efforts during the two weeks of NAPLAN assessments. Their commitment, focus, and participation have been truly commendable.

We are all very proud of the dedication they have shown in preparing for and completing these assessments. Their positive attitude and determination have not gone unnoticed. We thank them once again for their outstanding efforts. Keep up the great work!

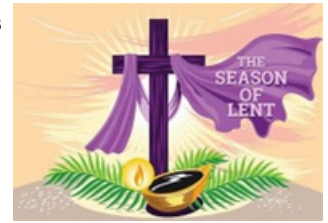


LENT

As we journey through the season of Lent, it is a time for reflection, renewal, and preparation for Easter. Pope Francis, in his Lenten message, calls us to be people of hope. He reminds us that Lent is a season of grace, where we are invited to deepen our relationship with God and to renew our commitment to living out the Gospel.

Pope Francis encourages us to embrace hope, even in the face of challenges and difficulties. He reminds us that hope is not just a passive waiting but an active trust in God's promises. It is about believing that God is always with us, guiding us, and working for our good.

During Lent, we focus on prayer, fasting, and giving to others. These practices help us remember what truly matters and grow in our love for God and those around us. Let us be inspired by Pope Francis' message and strive to be people of hope, bringing light and love to those around us. May this season of Lent be a time of deep spiritual growth and renewal for all of us.



SAFETY ALERT FROM SAPOL

Students and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts.



Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible.

SA Police advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station.

For guidance on what to teach your child about strategies for saying safe, view this link: [SAPOL Personal Safety | Safety for Young People](#)

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to more exciting adventures and learning experiences in the terms ahead.

Angela Scodella

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

WELCOME FATHER JOSY SEBASTIAN

We are excited to announce that Fr. Josy Sebastian will be joining the Lefevre Catholic Community as our new Parish Priest. Fr. Josy comes to us from the Noarlunga-Seafood and Willunga Parish, bringing with him a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to serving the Church and its members. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Deacon Tim for his unwavering support and guidance during this transition period. Fr. Josy will officially begin his ministry with us at the end of April, and we look forward to welcoming him into our community. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins this new chapter in his journey with us.

YEAR 3/4 CHURCH VISIT

Last week our Year 3/4 classes had the opportunity to visit Sacred Heart Church for an enriching learning experience! They explored the significance of the key features within the Church and delved into the parts of the Mass. A big thank you to Bernadette, Fr. Joash and our Year 3/4 Teachers for guiding our students through this important learning journey. It was a valuable experience for our students to connect with their faith and explore these meaningful aspects of the Church and Mass.



LENT & PROJECT COMPASSION

As we journey through Lent in this special Jubilee Year of 2025, our school community reflects on our path as Pilgrims of Hope. Like pilgrims on a journey, we are all moving toward the light of Easter, filled with faith and hope. During this time of prayer, reflection, and giving, we strengthen our connections with God and one another, embracing both challenges and joys. Though we may face struggles along the way, Easter reminds us of the hope, renewal, and joy that await us. Together, we walk in faith, supporting each other as we prepare for the resurrection and the gift of new life.

Our support of Project Compassion is one way of putting our faith into action and uniting against poverty this Lent. 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 8th April.**

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

In Week 11, we celebrate Holy Week, the most important week in our Church year, when we remember and reflect on the last days of Jesus' life before His death and resurrection. We honour the powerful gospel stories that take us from Jesus' welcome into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to the sharing of bread and wine with His disciples at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, to His suffering and crucifixion on Good Friday, and, finally, to His joyous resurrection on Easter Sunday.

As a school community, we will come together with hope-filled hearts and hands to celebrate these important events through prayer, reflection, and action. You are all warmly invited to join us for our Holy Week Liturgies:

Palm Sunday Liturgy, led by our Receptions on Tuesday 8th April 9am.

Holy Thursday Liturgy, led by our Year 1/2 classes on Thursday 10th April 9am.

Good Friday Liturgy, led by our Year 3/4 classes on Friday 11th April 9am.

Easter Liturgy, led by our Year 5/6 classes on Tuesday 29th April 9am (Term 2).

For information regarding Parish Holy Week Celebrations, please see the attached flyer.

We thank our loving God for the gift of His Son Jesus, through his death and resurrection we have received new life. May our Risen Christ inspire us to be truly Gospel people bringing the love of Jesus to all.

Wishing you and your families all the blessings of a joyous Easter filled with love, peace and hope.

Martina Kovacev

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

Learning in the Classroom

TERM 1 - JAPANESE

On March 18th, we celebrated Harmony Day and Japanese Cultural Day with a mix of food, music, and hands-on experiences. As part of our Japanese studies, we enjoyed a delicious sushi lunch from **Swish Sushi** on Semaphore Road.

The highlight of the day was an energetic **Taiko drumming performance** by *Matsuri Taiko*. Students joined in on stage, practicing rhythms and Japanese phrases—a fantastic experience for our future Drum Corp members!

If you'd like to experience more of Japanese culture, the **Kodomo no Hi Festival** (Children's Day) in May at Unley Town Hall offers a fantastic cultural experience for the whole family.



Mayumi Wong

JAPANESE TEACHER

YEAR 6 DRUM CORP

This term, the year 6 students have started on a high note, with our Drum Corp Group. Fuelled by energy and excitement, these budding musicians have been engaged in learning their new song for the year.

In our sessions, students have come together to craft beats, learn techniques, and fine-tune their ensemble skills. The Drum Corp program promises to be more than just a musical venture; it's an opportunity for teamwork, leadership, and building confidence. Whether preparing for school events or simply enjoying the sound of music, this group is set to become the heartbeat of Year 6.

We can't wait to see these enthusiastic drummers participate in their first performance on Sport's Day and show their skills.



Sophie Teakle
YEAR 5/6 CLASSROOM TEACHER

Out of School Hours Care

DOMINICAN OSHC
VAC CARE PROGRAM
APRIL 2025

MONDAY 14TH
AFL COLOURS DAY
AND MOVIES AT
ODEON @ 10AM
DOG MAN (PG)

TUESDAY 15TH
PROSPECT RANGERS
@ 10AM
JUNIOR OSHC
ROCKLEYS

WEDNESDAY 16TH
INTERACTIVE
GAMES
BACK
BY POPULAR
DEMAND!

THURSDAY 17TH
NOVITA
WHEELIE
DAY
WHEELCHAIR
BASKETBALL!

FRIDAY 18TH
GOOD
FRIDAY
NO OSHC

FULLY BOOKED

DOMINICAN OSHC
VAC CARE PROGRAM
APRIL 2025

MONDAY 21ST
EASTER MONDAY
NO OSHC

TUESDAY 22ND
EASTER EGG HUNT
AND CREATE
YOUR OWN
MOVIES DAY

WEDNESDAY 23RD
DOMINICAN'S GOT
TALENT
BACK BY POPULAR
DEMAND!

THURSDAY 24TH
ANZAC DAY
ACTIVIITES
MOVIES AT ODEON
@12PM
MINECRAFT(PG)

FRIDAY 25TH
ANZAC DAY
NO OSHC
LEST WE FORGET

VACATION CARE INFORMATION

APRIL 2025

MONDAY 14TH APRIL

AFL COLOURS DAY - IF YOU WISH TO WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE FOOTY TEAMS COLOURS AND HEAD TO THE MOVIES AT ODEON, SEMAPHORE AT 10AM TO SEE DOGMAN (RATED PG.)

TUESDAY 15TH APRIL PROSPECT HILL WAY PARK
UNLIMITED TRAIN RIDE ON NATURE RAILWAY, WITH RIDE ON TRAINS
PRIVACY WITH ST FRANCIS OSHC LOCKELYS
FULL CLOSED SHOES/SNEAKERS ARE COMPULSORY TO RIDE

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL

INTERACTIVE GAMES. 12X INTERACTIVE TOUCH SCREENS WILL ARRIVE AT OSHC FOR THE DAY.

- GAMES INCLUDE FRUIT NINJA 🍌: SLICE YOUR WAY TO VICTORY AND AVOID BOMBS IN THIS JUICY ADVENTURE!
- CROSSY ROAD 🐸: HOP YOUR WAY ACROSS ROADS, RIVERS, AND TRACKS WHILE AVOIDING OBSTACLES.
- ANGRY BIRDS 🐔: STRATEGICALLY LAUNCH THE BIRDS TO TOPPLE PIG FORTRESSES.
- CUT THE ROPE 🧶: SOLVE PUZZLES TO FEED CANDY TO OM NOM.
- STACKER 🧱: TEST YOUR TIMING AND STACK BLOCKS AS HIGH AS YOU CAN

THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

MOVIE WHEELIE DAY. AN EXCITING SESSION PRESENTED BY MOVIE

VACATION CARE INFORMATION

APRIL 2025

MONDAY 21ST APRIL EASTER MONDAY NO OSHC

TUESDAY 22ND APRIL

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE! COME TO OSHC AND ENJOY AN EASTER EGG HUNT!

A DAY OF FUN AND ADVENTURE CREATING IMOVIES AND THEN ENJOY EVERYONE'S MOVIES WITH POPCORN!

WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL

DOMINICAN'S GOT TALENT - BACK AGAIN. LET THE DAY BEGIN WITH GROUPS OR INDIVIDUAL ACTS, BRING YOUR TALENTS AND THEN SHOW THEM OFF WITH OUR FAMOUS TALENT SHOW.

THURSDAY 24TH APRIL

JOIN US FOR SOME ANZAC DAY CRAFTS AND BISCUIT MAKING. WALKING DOWN TO SEMAPHORE ODEON TO SEE MINCECRAFT (PG) AT 12PM.

FRIDAY 25TH APRIL ANZAC DAY NO OSHC

Paula Northeast
OSHC DIRECTOR

Extra Curricular and Sports

SAPSASA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Tuesday, 25 March, 29 enthusiastic athletes from our school proudly represented Dominican at the SAPSASA Athletics Carnival held at the Port Adelaide Athletics Club. Competing against other schools in the Port SAPSASA district, our students embodied the spirit of teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship.

The day was filled with impressive individual performances, with many of our athletes achieving results in their respective events. As a team, Dominican achieved an outstanding 4th place overall.

A special thank you goes to Denisa, as well as Jack and Sheyna, for their assistance with supervision on the day.

Well done to all our athletes for their incredible achievements and for representing Dominican with such excellence.

Matthew Annetta
PE TEACHER AND SPORTS COORDINATOR



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Join the Exciting Children's University Program!

We're thrilled to offer students the opportunity to participate in **Children's University (CU)**—a program designed to inspire a love of learning through engaging, out-of-school activities. Open to students aged 5-14, CU encourages exploration beyond the classroom, helping children discover new interests and future career aspirations.

Led by the **University of Adelaide**, CU provides each participant with a **Passport to Learning** to track their educational journey. After completing the required learning hours, students celebrate their achievements at a **formal graduation ceremony**.

Students can access a variety of validated learning activities at school, online, and within the community. A full list of **Learning Destinations** and online activities is available through the CU Portal once enrolled.

2025 Membership Details

- **Annual fee:** \$38.50 per child (*includes first-year Passport*)
- **School Card Holders:** \$16.50 per child
- **Replacement Passports:** \$7.70 each

To register for CU in 2025, please submit the completed form via QR code and payment by **Friday, 28th March**. Payments can be made in person at the school or via QKR!.

Important: Passports and Portal access will only be provided once payment is received.

Join us in fostering a lifelong love of learning—sign up today!

Kim Murphy

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY COORDINATOR

Student Wellbeing



Flexible thinking is a skill.

Kids do the best they can
with the skills they have.

When a child is being inflexible
take a deep breath,
remember that they are doing the
best they can,
and respond with empathy &
flexibility!

The best way to foster flexible thinking is by being flexible yourself!

•THINKKIDSCPS

This week's character strength focus is flexibility. Flexible thinking is the ability to think about things in a new or different way. It is also an important part of self-regulation and handling big emotions. When kids are able to think flexibly about a problem, they're more likely to cope if things don't go according to plan.

Managing disappointment or uncertainty is hard. It's important to validate kids' feelings before trying to move on. For example, "I know you're sad the play date was cancelled. I'm sorry. That's really hard." When kids are ready, invite them to help come up with ideas for making the best of difficult changes. When kids feel like part of the team, they'll feel more in control and have the chance to practice their flexible thinking skills.

We can help develop flexible thinking by modelling it for your child, it will help them learn to practice it themselves. Let your child see you work through problems. When your child sees you handle with changes in a reasonable way, they'll be more likely to do the same.

Providing children with advance warning when expectations or routines are going to change and explain the reasons why can help them to cope better. Some children also respond to visuals reminders of a change of routine to reinforce what they have been told.

Lisa Osborne

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION COORDINATOR/WELLBEING SUPPORT

Expressions of Interest

🌱 Calling All Green Thumbs! 🌱

The Sustainability Committee is looking for parents or grandparents who love gardening and would be interested in volunteering an afternoon to help students maintain our Wellbeing Garden! 🌻🏡

This is a great opportunity to share your skills, connect with students, and help keep our garden thriving. ☀️🌟

If you're interested, please email mkovacev@dominican.catholic.edu.au

We'd love your support! ❤️



PEN & MARKER RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Sustainability Committee is thrilled to kick off the Officeworks Pen and Marker Recycling Program at our school! This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to reducing waste and promoting sustainability. Students and staff are encouraged to recycle their used pens, markers, and highlighters, which will be taken to Officeworks for recycling. This program not only helps divert waste from landfills but also teaches the importance of recycling and caring for our planet. We're excited to see everyone get involved and make a positive impact on the environment!

Lincoln M & Lachlan B (Sustainability Committee Members)



RM ECO-WARRIOR CLASS CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to RM for being crowned our Eco-Warrior Class Champions, with the highest number of nude food lunch boxes! Your commitment to reducing waste and promoting sustainability is truly inspiring. Keep up the great work, RM!

Student Representative Council



News and Other Reminders

2025 Student Easter Raffle

This year we will be once again having a student Easter Raffle and we are requesting donations of Easter Eggs and Easter crafts etc

There is a tub in the front office for donations to be placed in and the last day to bring in a donation is Wednesday 10 April (Week 11). We will hopefully get enough donations to have 2-3 prizes per class.

Because Easter is in the school holidays, the raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 29th April (Term 2, Week 1).

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00, and students can buy a maximum of 5. Raffle tickets will only be sold in your child's individual classroom.

Tickets will go on sale on **Monday, Week 10**

All money raised will be donated to Project Compassion.



THE P&F COMMITTEE INVITE
YOU TO JOIN OUR

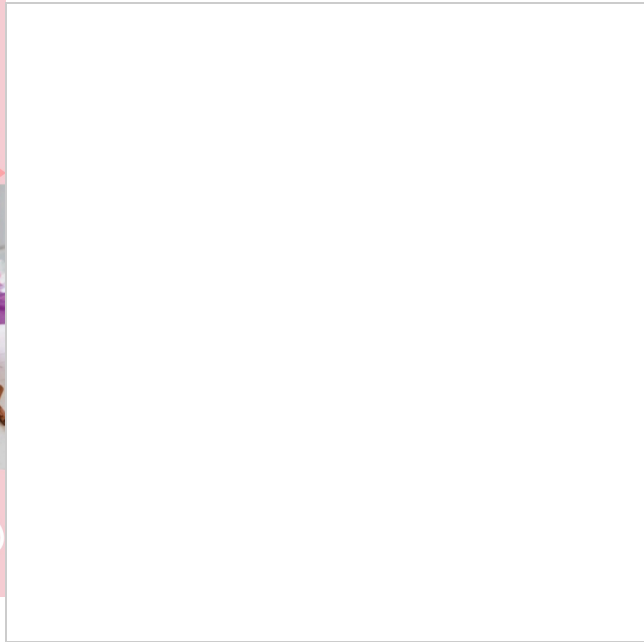
Easter
BUN-RAISER

Bakers Delight

A portion of each pack sold helps support Dominican!

BUN-RAISE
with us this **EASTER**

HOP ONTO QKR! NOW TO ORDER YOUR HOT CROSS BUNS. ORDERS CLOSE MONDAY 07 APRIL, ORDERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON THURSDAY 10 APRIL.



[View Full Calendar](#)

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www.alintaapparel.com.au



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LEFEVRE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

APR 13

Sat 12th 6pm SHC
Sun 13th 9am OLV
Sun 13th 11am SHC

**PALM
SUNDAY**



**HOLY
THURSDAY**

APR 17

Thurs 7pm OLV

APR 18

9am SHC
10.30am OLV Oval
3pm OLV Lord's Passion

**GOOD
FRIDAY**



**EASTER
SUNDAY**

APR 20

9am OLV
11am SHC



Our Lady of the Visitation Church - Taperoo
Sacred Heart Church - Semaphore



Keep Sick Children at Home

To keep our students and staff healthy, please ensure your child stays home if they are unwell. This helps prevent the spread of illness and keeps our learning environment safe.