



Term 2, Week 2 2021

Important Dates

Netball Clinic (R-6)
Thursday 6 May

**Community Prayer
& Assembly (R-1)**
Friday 7 May

**Years 4-6 Girls and
Boys Program**
Friday 7 May

Mother's Day Stall
Friday 7 May

NAPLAN
Wednesday 12 May

NAPLAN
Thursday 13 May

Netball Clinic (R-6)
Thursday 13 May

NAPLAN
Tuesday 11 May

**Buddy Class Mass
2/3C & 5/6K**
Friday 14 May

Footsteps Dance
Tuesday 18 May

Netball Clinic (R-6)
Thursday 20 May

Pupil Free Day
Friday 21 May

Reconciliation Week
Monday 24 May

Book Fair
Monday 24 May

From Mr Holmes, Principal

Dear Community Members

Welcome back to the new term. I sincerely hope that the holiday break allowed you to rejuvenate and experience a change of routine.

Term 2 is always filled with so many events and achievements and once again I look forward to sharing another successful term with you.

We concluded Term 1 with our Sports Day and I am sure you would all agree that the day was highly successful. This success is only achieved with effort and commitment. I would like to thank the entire staff who worked in close collaboration with each other to ensure our students enjoyed the day. Our students participated with great spirit and enthusiasm and they also need to be congratulated for the way in which they conducted themselves. A special thanks to Martina Kovacev and the Sports Day committee for their brilliant leadership.

Our Year 4 and Year 5 students returned safely from their camp in Victor Harbour yesterday afternoon. I was privileged to have spent some time with these students and I was so impressed in the way that they fully embraced the activities that were offered to them. Thank you to the Year 4/5 teachers for their preparation and attention to detail.

We have welcomed Mr Nick Ryan this term from St Michael's College. As you know Nick will be our Pedagogical Coach who will lead the learning across our school in partnership with Alison, myself and all the staff. Please introduce yourself to Nick when you see him in the yard on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The final touches to our new website are currently being made and we hope to be able to launch this within the next couple of weeks.

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in NAPLAN next week. We wish these students well and acknowledge that these assessments are just one way in which we track student learning and achievement.

It has been great to see our students wearing the correct Winter uniform as we embark on the new term. Our identity as a Catholic school here at Dominican is one that I am very proud of. My expectation is that this identity continues to grow and develop as we strive to be the best school that we can be.

I would like to wish our Dominican community all the very best for Term 2.

Kind regards

Phil Holmes

Science Friction and Motion

Year 2/3 students have discussed, planned, learned and created simple systems of Friction and Motion.

Children created an object that moves by being subjected to pushes or pulls, spinning, rolling or a combination of movements through direct manipulation.



Gratitude for Mother's Day

The month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, the mother of Jesus and the mother of our Church, and this Sunday we celebrate MOTHER'S DAY.

We honour and give thanks for Mary, our mums and all the special women in our lives.

We want all the mums at Dominican to know how important you are. Thank you for your constant love, care and nurture. We wish you all much love on Mother's Day. We will be praying for you.

Catholic Education Week

This week we are celebrating Catholic Education Week on the theme: **Raising Hearts and Minds to the wonder and awe of God's creation.**

As a school community, we are engaging with various activities that immerse us in exploring this focus:

- For Staff Prayer, we gathered in faith to reflect on the mystery of God's presence in creation and the call to action to be caretakers of each other and God's world through a guided Christian meditation.
- All classes are engaging in the practice of daily GRACE before eating time at lunch, to pray and give thanks for our blessings and to 'break bread' and share a meal together.
- All R-6 students are working on creating a design in the form of a photo or artwork to show how our school raises hearts and minds to the wonder and awe of God through creation.
- On Friday we will share in Community Prayer with a Catholic Education Week focus led by Ms Nofi and R/1N at our R-6 Assembly.

Catholic Education Week provides us with the opportunity to rejoice in our school as a great place of faith and learning that... RAISES THE HEARTS and MINDS of our young people to be thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires.

Buddy Class Mass

This term we will have a focus on celebrating buddy class masses at Sacred Heart Church at 12.00pm on the following dates:

Week 3 Friday May 14 – Years 2/3C & 5/6K

Week 5 Friday May 28 – Years 2/3D & 5/6OK

Week 7 Friday June 11 – Years R/1N & 4/5H

Week 9 Friday June 25 – Years R/1AB & 4/5S

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 come together and pray as a community, and we look forward to sharing our Masses with Father Roderick, parishioners and families.

Parents and Friends

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 online today!**

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.

Mother's Day Stall

P&F will be running the Mothers Day stall on Friday 7 May.

Children will have an opportunity, with their class, to purchase a gift if they wish, for the special women in their lives. The stall will also open after school for 1/2 an hour.

Prices range from \$1.00 to \$15.00.

Nude Foods at Dominican

Nude food is an ongoing program at our school and involves bringing food to school that is not packaged and is environmentally friendly.

Nude food is important as it keeps food fresh.

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.

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.

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*:



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2022 Enrolments

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

We are currently finalising our interviews for 2022 enrolments.

Winter Uniform



The Winter uniform is to be worn in Terms 2 and 3.

The **Uniform Policy** can be found in in the front of Year 4 - 6 student diaries as well as on our Website.

Uniform Shop Hours

Tuesdays from 8.30 to 10.30am and 2.30 to 4.30pm.

Orders and payments can be made via QKR, in person and via email. Email orders can be placed at ushop@dominican.catholic.edu.au and these are processed on Tuesdays.