



Important Dates

Netball Clinic (R-6)
Thursday 20 May

Pupil Free Day
Friday 21 May

Reconciliation Week
27 May - 3 June
Thursday 27 May

Book Fair (Mon-Wed)
Thursday 27 May

Netball Clinic (R-6)
Thursday 3 June

Lacrosse Carnival
Wednesday 9 June

Public Holiday (Queen's Birthday)
Monday 14 June

Family Faith Workshop
Saturday 19 June

School Board Meeting
Monday 21 June

SACPSSA Netball Carnival
Wednesday 30 June

From Mr Holmes, Principal

Dear Community Members,

Welcome to Week 4!

Volunteers Week

This week we recognise, celebrate and thank volunteers for the vital role they play in our lives and especially here in our Dominican community.

Never has this been more evident than after a year where Australia has dealt with drought, devastating bushfires, floods and then a global pandemic. Amidst the pandemic, while many of us stayed home, volunteers continued to deliver essential services, organise food packages and offer care, comfort and more to support the well-being of Australians.

Volunteers make our communities stronger, especially during times of need, crisis or isolation. Dominican School has a strong sense of community and we are well known for this. I would like to thank all of our volunteers here at Dominican who help each day in a variety of ways who help make Dominican School the best it can be. Thank you!

Quiz Night

The Parents and Friend committee are busy in preparing for our Quiz Night to be held in Term 3 on Saturday August 28 here at Dominican School. So please save the date and further information will be shared leading up to this event. Quiz Nights are always a great night out and a fantastic way to build community. There will be both an Auction and a Silent Auction on the night so we are looking for donations wherever we can. If you have the ability to access auction items I would love to hear from you as soon as possible.

Walk Safely to School Day

Last Friday over 75% of our students modified their journey to school to celebrate Walk Safely to school Day. Well done to all of those involved. Our Drop Off and Pick Up Zone is an ongoing safety issue and I am committed to this being improved as best we can with the support of our Parents, Families and the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Council.

Can I please ask that Drivers remain in their vehicles both in the mornings and afternoons and vacate the zone as soon as possible. In the afternoons I ask that if cars are banked up that Drivers continue driving around the block until the traffic eases. I appreciate your anticipated cooperation with this important safety matter.

Have a great week!

Kind regards,
Phil Holmes, Principal

Year 4/5 Camp

In week 2, the year 4/5 students attended camp at Adare, Victor Harbor. Students were placed into 'tribes' and participated in a range of incredible activities including kayaking, an amazing race, survivor challenge, a flying kiwi, beach activities and more! These activities were designed to challenge students and encourage teamwork, perseverance and a growth mindset! At night, we gathered for a beautiful meal followed by a quiz night and a movie night. We all had such an amazing time and I'm sure there were no arguments from the kids (or teachers) about going to sleep on Wednesday night! Special thanks to our parent helpers: Carly, Gabe, Katherine and Nicole!



Birthday Wishes to Father Roderick!

We give thanks for Fr Roderick who celebrates his birthday tomorrow. He is currently travelling with his brother on The Ghan to Darwin and we wish him well. As a school community, we are blessed to have Fr Roderick as our leader of faith who guides us to live with God's love. Fr Roderick celebrates Mass with us and helps us to learn more about God, Jesus and our Church. We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Fr Roderick for his ministry to our school community as our Parish Priest.

Confirmation Workshop

For families of children in the Family Faith Formation Program, please note that our next Family Workshop will occur this Saturday May 22 from 1.30 – 3.30pm at the Veritas Centre, Our Lady of the Visitation School, Taperoo. Our Family Gathering will have a focus on Confirmation and the Holy Spirit: Life in the Spirit – The Sacrament of Confirmation.

We pray for Kelsey, Grace, William, Jacob and Izla, and all those children in our parish who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they receive the fullness of God's Spirit.

Sacristans

This term we have welcomed five Year 4/5 students to serve as sacristans for our Friday Masses. These students have engaged in training to prepare for their ministry, and helped prepare the Church for their very first Mass on Friday. We thank Eric, Maverick, Dilla, Jessica and Siahn for their faith-filled commitment to serving our school and parish communities through these important roles.

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.

Nude Food at Dominican

Every day at Dominican is Nude Food Day.

Nude Food is food without excess packaging. This reduces the amount of 'stuff' that needs to go in bins to be sent to landfill.

Durable, reusable containers are a great way to bring food to school. They can last from pre-school through to high school and beyond, providing long term cost savings and environmental benefits.

Please speak to your child's classroom teacher for more information.

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.



Join us for Reception this July!

Enquire about our Mid-Year Reception Intake



**Dominican School
Semaphore**

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.