



Term 2, Week 8 2023

From the **ACTING PRINCIPAL**



Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 8! I hope you are keeping warm and staying well during the start of this wet winter period. Over the past few weeks we have seen a spike in student absences due to illness. Thank you for keeping your children at home when they present with cold or flu-like symptoms and for advising the school when they are sick or if they test positive to COVID. This is vital to minimising the spread of infection and in the best interests of the health and safety of the school and wider community.

Last Thursday our 8 new **MID YEAR RECEPTIONS** joined us for their first transition visit. This was a wonderful opportunity for our new students to meet and get-to-know our current Receptions and their teachers, Ms Nofi and Mrs Siviglia. There were lots of happy faces and good times shared, drawing, constructing, doing puzzles and having fun outside on the playground. The Transition Program will continue for the next two weeks and Martina, Nick and I look forward to meeting with their parents this week for an Induction session. We warmly welcome **Amelia, Fynn, Harlow, Henry, Lenny, Ollie, Rosie, SooHyeon** and their families to our Dominican School community and wish them well as they get ready to begin their learning journey with us next term.

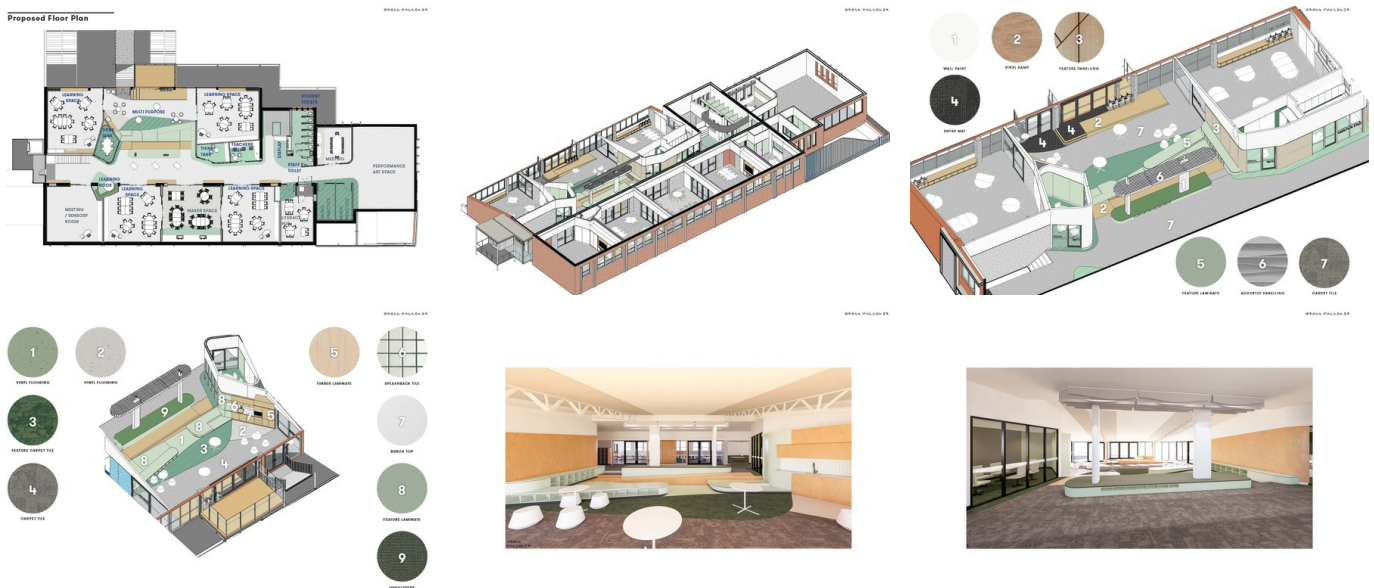
I am delighted to announce that **STAGE 2 OF OUR MASTER PLAN** is on track to commence early in Term 3. This \$3,000,000 building project will involve the redevelopment and refurbishment of the upper level of the main building, with the support of a \$1,000,000 capital grant and the approval of Catholic Education SA. The project will be in line with our state-of-the-art Stage 1 Early Years Ground Level Build completed in 2022, featuring contemporary, innovative and high quality facilities and spaces. It will include four new Learning Spaces, Maker Space, Think Tanks, Learning Nook, Literacy Hub, Sensory Room, Multi-Purpose Common Area, Integrated Library and Kitchen, Outdoor Deck, Performing Arts Space, Instrumental Music Tuition Rooms, Teacher Preparation Area, Meeting Room, and Student and Staff Toilet Amenities. Rua Hashlamoun and Michael Lambert, our architects from Brown Falconer presented the final plans to the School Board at our last meeting and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Please see below for the floor plan and interior design. This is the culmination of a lot of hard work, and I take this opportunity to thank our Brown Falconer Architects, Monica Moore (CESA Project Officer) and Jo Freer (Finance Officer) for their ongoing collaboration and commitment, along with the endorsement of the School Board and Catholic Education SA. This Friday the project will go out to tender with an anticipated start for works in Week 3 of next term. Our Pupil Free Day on Friday July 7 will provide us with the time required to ensure that the upstairs level is cleared and learning spaces are re-located, in readiness for the start date. This is a significant celebration for our school community and one to be proud of as we continue to strive for new levels of excellence.

On Friday, we received exciting news from our CESA Director, Dr Neil McGoran, of the appointment of our **NEW PRINCIPAL**, Angela Scodella. Angela is an experienced Catholic leader who brings a demonstrated commitment to ensuring excellence in faith, learning and wellbeing to this role. She will be a great asset to Dominican School. We look forward to welcoming Angela as our Principal to commence Term 3 and to her leadership of our school community to... **Inspire Hearts and Minds to be the best we can be.**

Have a great week.

Alison Tanti-Clark
ACTING PRINCIPAL

STAGE 2 BUILDING PLANS





One of the ways we put our faith in action is by supporting those in need. Our Year 6 Justice Leaders are promoting the **VINNIES WINTER APPEAL** to provide outreach to those who are doing it tough this winter. They have visited classes to raise awareness of the work of St Vincent de Paul and to discuss the items we are collecting to provide to our local Vinnies to help the needy in our community.

To further promote the Vinnies Winter Appeal, the Justice Leaders have organised **WINTER WARMERS CASUAL DAY** on **Thursday 6th July**, the last day of school. On this day, students are invited to wear their warm and cosy fluffy clothes to school and bring in a gold coin donation for the St Vincent de Paul Society. Our wonderful P&F have organised large freshly baked cookies from The Semaphore Bakehouse as a recess treat for the day. These will be \$3.50 and are to be ordered via the Qkr app. The Winter Warmers Casual Day will be the last day to bring in any additional donations such as non-perishable food items, blankets, scarves, beanies, gloves and sleeping bags. These donations will go a long way to warming the hearts of those doing it tough this winter.

Our Dominican community is always very generous to giving to those in need and we thank you in advance for your support.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

We congratulate **Harrison L, Amelia L, Peyton P and Parker P** as they celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion over the last fortnight. They received the Eucharist for the first time at Mass with our Catholic parish community. May God bless them as they journey through faith. Special thanks to Sr Marie Egan for her coordination of the Family Faith Formation Program.

If your child is interested in being part of the Sacramental Program and celebrating their First Holy Communion and Confirmation, expressions of interest and further information regarding the 2024 cycle will be distributed later in the year.

Martina Kovacev
ACTING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



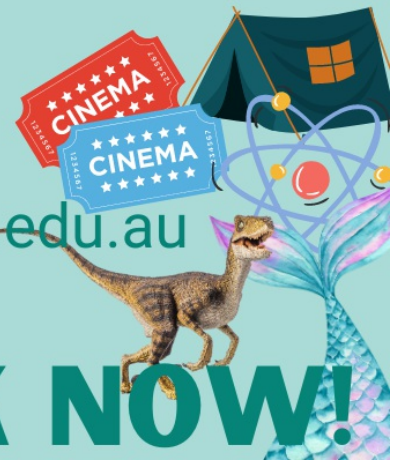
VACATION CARE

Term 2 Holidays - 10 July to 21 July

Email | oshc@dominican.catholic.edu.au

Phone or SMS | 0408 844 306

BOOK NOW!



CYBER SAFETY WITH SUSAN MCLEAN



Presented by St Mary's College

Cyber Safety

With Susan McLean

Susan McLean, founder of Cyber Safety Solutions and a leading authority on cyber safety in Australia, will share her expertise through thought-provoking sessions, practical strategies, and first-hand insights. Her guidance will equip you to navigate the challenges of the digital world effectively and become proactive guardians of your children's online experiences. Susan is Australia's foremost expert in cyber safety and young people.

Wednesday 5 July, 6.30pm

St Mary's College, Franklin Street CBD

FREE EVENT, Catering Provided

REGISTER via website: <https://www.stmarys.sa.edu.au/parent-education-series.html>

REGISTER YOUR PLACE TODAY

HABITAT DIORAMAS WITH 3/4S

In Design and Technology students created dioramas of a chosen animal's habitat. They researched their animal to ensure they had accurate features and planned what materials to use. They considered what materials would be effective and how they could ensure it looked aesthetic. They thoroughly enjoyed their making day and should be proud of their amazing dioramas.

Genevieve Spencer
3/4S CLASSROOM TEACHER



Student Absences & Late Arrivals

A reminder that all student absence notifications must be reported to the Front Office via:

Phone: 8114 3600 | Option 1 (Leave message)

Email: absent@dominican.catholic.edu.au

Students who arrive after 8.45am MUST sign in at the Front Office and will be directed to class by school staff.

And if your child is not feeling well, please keep them home until they are feeling better



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 2

IMPORTANT DATES

W8



THU 22 JUNE

Mid Year Transition & Induction - Session 2

FRI 23 JUNE

1/2D Prayer & Assembly, 9.00am

W9



MON 26 JUNE

School Board Meeting, 6.30pm

THU 29 JUNE

Mid Year Transition Morning - Session 3

Principal's Tour, 10.00am

FRI 30 JUNE

RS & 3/4L Buddy Mass, 12.00pm



W10

**NAIDOC WEEK
THU 6 JULY**

Winter Warmers Casual Day

RN Prayer & Assembly, 9.00am

LAST DAY OF TERM 2, 3.05pm FINISH



FRI 7 JULY

PUPIL FREE DAY

**MON 10 - 21 JULY
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**



**TERM 3
MON 24 JULY**

FIRST DAY OF TERM 3, 8.50am START

Term Calendar

Pupil Free Day - Fri 7 July

IMPORTANT

REMINDER



PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 7 JULY

**OSHC WILL BE AVAILABLE
BOOKINGS CLOSE 30 JUNE**

**TO BOOK CONTACT OSHC
PH/SMS: 0408 844 306**



Winter Warmers CASUAL DAY

THURSDAY 6TH JULY

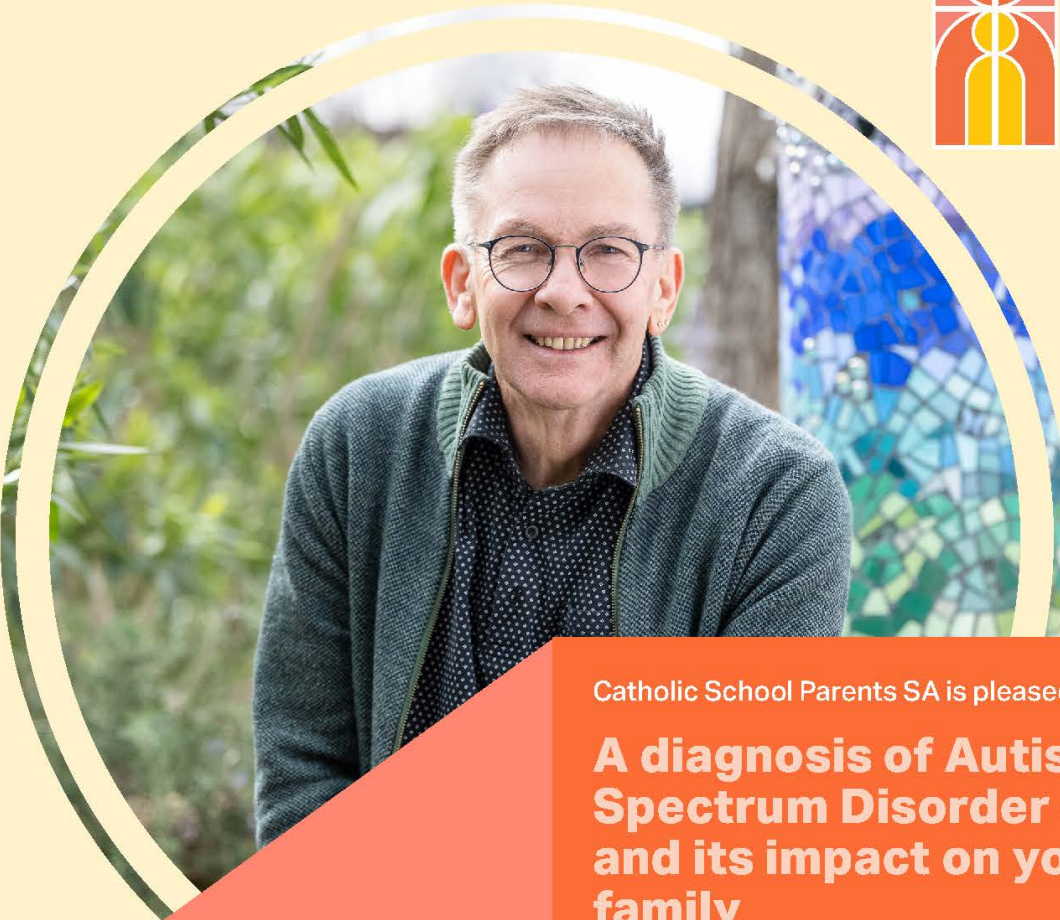
WEAR YOUR WARM & COSY
CASUAL CLOTHES TO SCHOOL

BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION
FOR THE WINTER VINNIES APPEAL

RECESS TREATS - FRESHLY BAKED COOKIES
AVAILABLE FOR \$3.50 ORDER VIA QQR

We thank you for your generosity





Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

A diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and its impact on your family

presented by Mark Le Messurier

Tuesday July 4 2023
6.30pm - 8pm (in person or online)

St John the Baptist Catholic School
342 Anzac Highway, Plympton

This Parent Engagement Evening is hosted by Catholic School Parents SA.

In this workshop you will learn some facts about ASD, but this isn't the primary goal. The workshop will explore how an ASD diagnosis can feel, what it means and how parents go about achieving connected and respectful behaviours in their children.

This will be a poignant workshop for teachers, parents, and carers. The event will have online and in person attendance options.

Mark Le Messurier is a teacher, counsellor, author and public speaker. He works in private practice as a mentor to children and adolescents, and as a coach to parents.

Register via the [CESA Registration Centre](#) or go to the [Events page](#) on the CSPA Website.

cspsa.catholic.edu.au

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW

