



**Term 3, Week 2 2023**

# From the **PRINCIPAL**



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

What a blessing it is to be leading such a wonderful school community. I have been truly overwhelmed by all the beautiful smiling faces welcoming me at Dominican and I feel privileged to be able to be a part of your school community. I invite everyone to please come and say hello and introduce yourselves when you see me around the school- I would love to meet you all.

I spent a lot of time during the holidays finding out about the amazing teaching and learning that is happening at Dominican, and during these first weeks, I have been very impressed with what I have seen. Children are engaged and teachers are enthused and show a deep care for their students. Within such a short time I can see the vision of Dominican alive within our school community..... 'Inspiring hearts and minds to be the best we can be'.

I hope everyone was able to spend some quality family time during the break and refresh ready for the new term ahead. I would especially like to welcome all the students, families and teachers who are new to our school, namely our new transition students: Amelia, Rosie, Fynn, Harlow, Henley, Ollie, Lenny, SooHyeon (Rec), Evie (1/2) and Emma Brookman (ESO).

Term 3 is definitely shaping up to be a very exciting term with new learning opportunities and wonderful experiences for all. Last Friday some of our Year 6 students led a welcome assembly. I was impressed with the leadership qualities shown by our senior students, as well as the independence and confidence shown by our new transition students. Families are always invited to share in our school assemblies as they are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the great things that are happening at our school.

This Friday we will be celebrating St Dominic's Day. Students are invited to bring a VIP guest to share in this event and the whole school will celebrate a liturgy, led by our year 5/6 classes and then share in some lamingtons. Students are also encouraged to wear black and white.

Last week students in Years 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN results. If parents/caregivers have any questions about your child's results, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. I was very pleased with our school's overall results and we have much to celebrate at Dominican. A big thank you must go to Nick Ryan (Leader of Learning) and class teachers for their hard work and efforts in getting students prepared and organised, and to all students in Years 3 and 5 for having the determination and stamina to complete the tests. Congratulations to all!



Many blessings for the coming weeks.

Angela Scodella  
PRINCIPAL

## FROM THE APRIM

# Catholic IDENTITY



Welcome to Term 3 at Dominican School  
A special welcome to our new students and families  
Blessings to you all...

### ST DOMINIC'S DAY CELEBRATION

Tomorrow Thursday August 3 is the Feast Day of St Dominic, our Patron Saint, and this **FRIDAY AUGUST 4** we will celebrate **ST DOMINIC'S DAY** as a school community. To mark the occasion, students are invited to come to school dressed in our Dominican colours of black and white, and to contribute a gold coin donation to support the work of the Sophia centre established by the Dominican Sisters. We will host a special morning for VIPs to gather in prayer, visit classrooms, and share in morning tea.

*This day provides us with a special way to honour and give thanks for the life of St Dominic and the way we live his mission today through our Dominican Pillars of Prayer, Study, Community and Ministry. We look forward to celebrating Dominican School as a place of great faith and learning where we live VERITAS to grow in God's Love.*



### CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

We are blessed to be able to share in the **CELEBRATION OF LITURGY & MASS** as a Catholic School community. This term we will gather for whole school celebrations on the following dates:

#### FRIDAY AUGUST 4 – ST DOMINIC'S DAY LITURGY

Led by the 5/6 classes – 9.45am MFC

#### TUESDAY AUGUST 15 – ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Led by the R-2 classes – 12.00pm Sacred Heart Church

#### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8 – NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Led by the Year 3/4 classes – 12.00pm Sacred Heart Church

***For all 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 gather in faith, hope and love, and we look forward to sharing our Masses with Father Roderick, parishioners and families.



## COMMUNITY PRAYER

All families are warmly invited to attend our **R-6 COMMUNITY PRAYER & ASSEMBLIES** on Fridays at 9.00am in the Multi-Function Centre. Please see below for this term's calendar of dates:

### Week 3 Friday August 11

Led by Year 5

### Week 6 Friday September 1

Led by Year RS

### Week 8 Friday September 15

Led by Year 1/2AB

### Week 9 Friday September 22

Led by Year 3/4S



**Made in the  
Image of God**

Human Sexuality Curriculum

**MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD** is the curriculum for teaching human sexuality education in South Australian Catholic Schools. It is grounded in the Catholic understanding that all humans are made in the image of God, deserving the utmost dignity and respect, and that sexuality is a fundamental dimension of the human person.

From Weeks 6-10 of this term the MITIOG Human Sexuality Curriculum will be taught in your child's class. Two weeks prior to the commencement of the teaching program, you will receive an overview of the content specific to your child's year level. You are encouraged to discuss any queries or questions with the class teacher, as well as any ideas about supporting your child in this area. We look forward to working in partnership with you.

**Alison Tanti-Clark**  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

# In the CLASSROOM

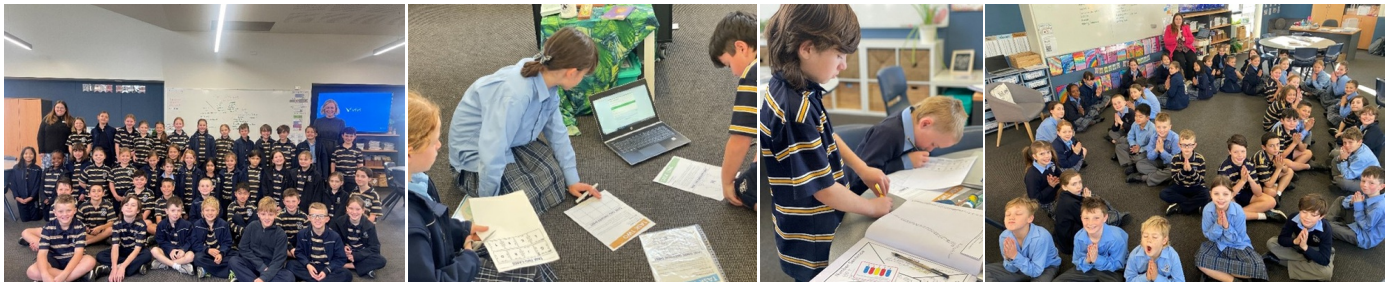


## CHARACTER STRENGTHS WITH 3/4L

In 3/4L we are excited to be starting Term 3 in our brand new learning space upstairs above the MFC. This is a big adjustment for all of the Year 3/4 students however we have reignited previous friendships, made new connections and enjoyed sharing our learning all together. As part of setting up our new space, we have continued focusing on developing our character strengths and using them to enhance our learning. We have a different strength focus each week, last week was humour. We found amusing and comical phrases in our class novel study of the Twits where Roald Dahl used humour to engage the audience.

Overall, it has been a really positive start to the term and we look forward to finding and utilising more of our strengths throughout the term.

**Kate Lose**  
3/4L CLASSROOM TEACHER



# Out of School HOURS CARE



# TERM 2 VACATION CARE



# PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENINGS

Catholic School Parents SA are hosting the following Parent Engagement Evenings and we encourage our families to take up these opportunities

## Tricky Behaviours

resented by Andrew Fuller

Thursday 10 August, 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Loreto College, Marryatville

## Helping Children and Teenagers Respond to Friendship Difficulties and Bullying

presented by Madhavi Nawana Parker

Wednesday 20 September, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

St Mary's College, Adelaide

To register for either free event, go to the Events page on the Catholic Schools Parent SA Website

Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

### Tricky Behaviours

presented by Andrew Fuller,  
Clinical Psychologist

Thursday August 10 2023  
6.30pm - 8pm (in person or online)

Loreto College  
Performing Arts Centre  
316 Portrush Road, Marryatville

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

Young people with tricky behaviours don't need to be "fixed" because they are not broken. However, they do need help in finding ways to use their strengths and learn different ways to engage with the world. They need guidance on how to thrive and parents are the best ones to provide that support. This session will help you understand the tricky behaviours and learn strategies to increase motivation and strengthen positive family cultures.

Andrew Fuller is a clinical psychologist, family therapist, author, speaker, and creator of Learning Strengths™.

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### Helping children and teenagers respond to friendship difficulties and bullying

presented by Madhavi Nawana Parker

Wednesday September 20 2023  
6pm - 8pm (in person or online)

St Mary's College, Veritas Centre  
253 Franklin Street, Adelaide

This Parent Engagement Evening, hosted by Catholic School Parent SA, welcomes all parents and carers of children in Catholic schools.

Social and friendship challenges are common. Learning how to have a good relationship with others, regulate emotions when socially isolated, and respond proactively to bullying, are crucial life skills. This workshop will help parents and carers identify the difference between bullying and social clumsiness, whilst also providing practical and constructive ways for young people to cope with confidence and resilience.

Madhavi Nawana Parker, Director of Positive Minds Australia is one of Australia's leading experts on Mental Health and Wellbeing.

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 3

# IMPORTANT DATES

## W2

**THU 3 AUG**

Feast Day of St Dominic's

**FRI 4 AUG**

R-6 St Dominic's VIP Morning  
9.45am - 11.15am



## W3

**MON 7 - THU 10 AUG**

3/4L Learning Conversations

**THU 10 AUG**

SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival

**FRI 11 AUG**

Year 5 Prayer & Assembly, 9.00am

## W4

**MON 14 AUG**

School Board Meeting, 6.30pm

**MON 14 - THU 17 AUG**

R-6 Learning Conversations

**MON 14 - WED 16 AUG**

P & F Book Fair

**TUE 15 AUG**

R-6 Assumption of Mary Mass







12.00pm, Sacred Heart Church

**WED 16 AUG**

R-6 Book Week Performance

**W5**

**MON 21 - FRI 25 AUG**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK  
BOOK WEEK

**TUE 22 AUG**

Principal's Tour, 10.00am

**FRI 25 AUG**

Book Week Parade, 9.00am



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**W6**

**FRI 1 SEP**

RS Prayer & Assembly, 9.00am

**W7**

**FRI 5 SEP**

R-6 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary Mass, 12.00pm

**W8**

**MON 11 SEP**

School Board Meeting, 6.30pm

**TUE 12 SEP**

SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival

**FRI 15 SEP**

1/2AB Prayer & Assembly, 9.00am





**FRI 22 SEP**

**3/4S Prayer & Assembly, 9.00am**

**W10**

**WED 27 SEP**

**Catholic Schools Music Festival  
Performance**

**THU 28 SEP**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 3, 3.05pm Dismissal**

**FRI 29 SEP**

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

Term Calendar

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UNIFORM PRICE INCREASE

# Uniform

## PRICE INCREASE AS OF 4 SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Families,

We have been advised that as of Monday 4 September 2023 there will be a price increase on all uniform items.

[VIEW](#)

Families are able to establish layby of uniforms at the current prices.

Please contact Hambours to take advantage of this offer.

Uniform is purchased through  
**Hambours Uniform Shop** instore or  
online

[NEW PRICELIST](#)



Nazareth



Our Lady of La Vang

Western Region

# SCHOOLS DISABILITY EXPO



Held in conjunction with Our Lady of La Vang  
School and Nazareth Catholic College



**Wed 23 Aug**



**6-8 PM**



Nazareth Catholic College, Flinders Park Campus  
1 Hartley Road, Flinders Park

NDIS Providers, Allied Health and Therapy Options  
Post schools Pathways options  
Applicable for families with children & young people  
aged 5 years - 18 years  
Drinks and Nibbles provided  
Care options for children, if required

[www.nazareth.org.au/rsvp-to-western-disability-expo](http://www.nazareth.org.au/rsvp-to-western-disability-expo)

REGISTER FOR THE EXPO

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CHARTER FOR PARENTS IN SA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

# Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools



Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Port Pirie work in partnership with parents\* and their school communities to promote a shared responsibility for the education of each child. This charter provides the principles and expectations to achieve this partnership.

\* Parents is a collective term that includes carers and legal guardians

A thriving relationship between parents and schools provides a powerful environment for the flourishing of each and every child. Within this relationship, both parents and schools have distinct responsibilities to nurture a strong ongoing partnership.

## The Partnership recognises:

- The primary role parents play in their child's faith formation, learning and wellbeing
- The contribution that parents make by valuing the Catholic identity and mission of the schools
- The shared responsibility for the social, spiritual and emotional development of our students in our schools.

## 1 Parents

### Our parents can expect their child's school will:

- Provide an excellent holistic education inspired by Catholic teachings and traditions
- Ensure high quality curriculum, pedagogy, assessment and reporting practices are delivered
- Strive to create an inclusive environment which values and respects the diversity of faith and cultures across the school community
- Model Christian values with all members of the school community
- Provide timely and accurate information on their child's progress
- Communicate clearly and effectively to enable a mutually supportive environment
- Provide staff with professional development opportunities to maintain currency and expertise
- Demonstrate respect for the privacy of families in all interactions, including through the use of technology and social media
- Encourage parents to ask questions and speak to their child's teacher or member of the school leadership team at a mutually convenient time
- Allow any concern to be heard and commit to ongoing respectful relationships
- Address parent concerns in accordance with the school's grievance procedure and the Complaint Response and Resolution Procedure (CESA).

## 2 Schools

### Our schools can expect that parents will:

- Act as positive advocates and first educators for their children
- Work in partnership with schools and parishes to achieve the best possible outcome for each student
- Support the spiritual and faith culture of the school
- Support their child's learning at school and home
- Respect the skills, knowledge and experience of school leaders and teachers
- Model respectful behaviour within the school community in both real and digital worlds
- Listen, talk collaboratively and share relevant information with teachers and school staff to understand and resolve any issues and concerns
- Respect the privacy of every member of the school community - students, parents and staff
- Support the school expectations and guidelines that are in place for the wellbeing and effective learning of students
- Contribute to a safe school community where intimidation, bullying or harassment are not acceptable behaviours
- Adhere to the financial commitments made at the time of enrolment including payment of all fees and levies in a timely manner
- Promote and encourage a collective responsibility to support the Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools.



[cpsa.catholic.edu.au](https://cpsa.catholic.edu.au)

DOWNLOAD THE CHARTER FOR PARENTS

