

The **MORE** that you
READ, the **more things**
 you will **KNOW**.
 The **MORE** that you
Learn, the **more places**
 you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss

Last week we celebrated Book Week and what a great celebration it was. The classes participated in a number of fun activities and the week ended with our annual Book Week Parade, which was a great celebration of books. I was overwhelmed with the community support, and it was so lovely to see our Playgroup families join in the fun. This year's theme is 'Read, Grow and Inspire', and from the array of costumes it was evident how books have inspired our students.

Reading is such an important skill, as books allow you to delve into imaginary worlds and into a different reality. I would encourage all families to spend time together as a family reading.

Thank you to the Book Week committee for organising the week and to our dedicated staff who absolutely enjoyed dressing up.



CHARTER FOR PARENTS



South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools endorsed the Charter for Parents and encourages use between schools, parents and carers. The charter was developed after lengthy consultation with stakeholders including parent bodies, leadership, principal associations and Catholic identity team.

It is important for parents and carers to feel empowered in their journey. This resource provides the guidelines for the partnership to use, follow and feel confident in the journey. [View Charter here](#)

WAY2GO BIKE AND SCOOTER SHELTER

At the beginning of the year Martina Kovacev submitted an application to Way2Go to upgrade our bike and scooter shelter and we were successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant.

The construction of the new shelter will be starting at the beginning of September (Week 7). As a result, scooters and bikes will be relocated to the side of the convent. Thank you to Martina Kovacev for submitting the grant and to our maintenance person John Bowler

for his hard work in completing the work.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE 2023

This year all our Year 3/4 students completed a Student Voice Postcard listing the things that are important to them and the things that matter to them most. This information is then collated as part of the commissioner's 'Things that matter' report the following year. The following are some of our student's responses:

I wish grownups would start letting children have a say about climate change.

I wish grownups would relax more and have a fun time and pick flowers.

I wish grownups would understand what kids go through.

I wish grownups would do kind things and be respectful. I wish they would get off their phones.

SA would be better for kids if there were more outdoor spaces.

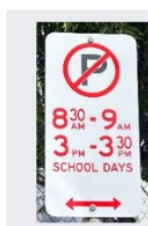
SA would be better for kids if there was no fighting and the world was peaceful and nice to each other.

SA would be better for kids if school, clothes and toys were not so expensive.

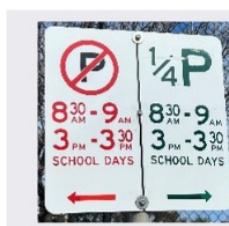
Kiss and Drop Zone

A reminder that Dunn Street is a Kiss and Drop Zone ONLY from 8:30am - 9.00 am and 3.00 - 3:30pm Monday to Friday.

Please take note of the following street signs



Runs from the entrance of Dunn Street to the beginning of the oval.



This sign is for the rest of the street.

This means that during Kiss and Drop, drivers MUST stay in their vehicle.

Please consider this when dropping off/collecting your child from school.

Please also be advised that Parking Inspectors do patrol the area and parents/caregivers may be fined.

Your child's safety is our priority.

We thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

STAGE 2 REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

Work on the upstairs learning spaces will begin in the next 2 weeks. There will be some modifications made to the handball court area to allow for storage and a work area for the tradesman. The expected completion date is mid January and we are all very much looking forward to have new learning spaces that are reflective of the spaces downstairs. The upgrade to the façade of the school on Military Road is also part of the stage 2 development. This will reflect a more contemporary look for our school.

FATHER'S DAY

Sunday 3 September is Father's Day and I remind all our dads and important male figures in the lives of our children, about our 'Donuts for Dad' morning on Friday 1 September. Please see the flyer attached for further details. A sincere thanks goes to the Parents and Friends Committee for organising both the Father's Day Stall this week and the breakfast.

I wish all our dad's a special Father's Day on Sunday!

Have a great week ahead.

With best wishes

Angela Scodella
PRINCIPAL





FROM THE APRIM



GRATITUDE FOR FATHERS



This Sunday we celebrate **FATHER'S DAY**. On this day we honour and give thanks for our dads, granddads and all the special male role models in our lives. We want all the dads at Dominican to know how important you are. Thank you for your constant love, care and nurture for your children. We pray to our loving God to bless, protect and strengthen you all.

Here are our new **Receptions' Reflections** on what they LOVE about their Dads and significant males in

their lives:

I love my Daddy because he is fun to play with. **Henley**

I love my Dad because he reads me books at night time. **Harlow**

I love my Daddy because he always lets me sit next to him on the couch. **Rosie**

I love my Dad because he plays soccer and football with me. **Fynn**

I love my Daddy because he is funny and cooks yummy sausages on the BBQ. **Amelia**

I love my Papou because he gives me BIG cuddles. **Ollie**

I love my Dad because we have so much fun on holidays and he is kind and caring. **Lenny**

I love my Daddy because he takes me to the ninja playground and pushes me on. **SooHyeon**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

A little giving goes a long way... Charity is at the heart of living Catholic and each September we celebrate Catholic Charities month. **Catholic Charities** is our South Australian organisation that provides support to agencies making a difference to the lives of the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community, including *Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry SA, Centacare Catholic Family Services, and the Hutt Street Centre.*

Our Justice Leaders will be raising awareness of Catholic Charities with all students at our R-6 Assembly this Friday and holding a **FOOTY COLOURS & CUPCAKE DAY** on Thursday September 28 to fundraise for the appeal. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Alison Tanti-Clark
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



DOMINICAN SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS GROUP

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



DONUTS *for* DAD!

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 8AM-8:45AM
ON THE BASKETBALL COURT

Breakfast for dads, granddads and/or any other important male in our student's lives.

Looking forward to a lovely morning celebrating our special dads!





In the CLASSROOM



THE MAGIC OF READING WITH 1/2D



Book Week was a magical time in 1/2D!

Students were introduced to the CBCA Book of the Year Shortlisted picture books in class and we enjoyed exploring stories such as *Dirt By Sea*, *Jigsaw: A Puzzle By Post* and *Market Day* where students were encouraged to make connections to what they have experienced in their lives. They spoke about places they have travelled, family traditions and fond memories with their loved ones.

On Friday an incredible range of characters walked through the classroom door, holding wands, swords and books that have been well loved. Reading can take you to places you have never been before, and 1/2D were able to use their creative imaginations to write books based on the character they dressed as. After learning about Narrative Structure in Term 2, students were able to create a mind map planning their characters, settings and events. They wrote about dinosaurs in space, Minecraft characters showing kindness, and a Mad Hatter that turned into a cat!

We hope that our students continue to read, grow and inspire as they show a deep love of reading.

Shenae Dougan
1/2D CLASSROOM TEACHER

Announcement from Dr Neil McGoran
Executive Director, Catholic Education SA



SCHOOL FEES 2024

We are pleased to inform our school families that there will be no increase in school fees for the 2024 school year.

Catholic Education SA has announced it will freeze tuition fees at its 84 Diocesan schools for the 2024 school year.

“We recognise that cost-of-living increases are putting significant pressure on families,” says Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director, Catholic Education SA.

“Growth in enrolments across the State in our 101 Catholic Schools, together with prudent financial management, puts us in a position where we are able to hold tuition fees at this year’s level.”

Dr McGoran said the fee-freeze will not impact the quality of education.

“We’re committed to keeping school fees as low as possible and ensuring a Catholic education is affordable and accessible to all.”

Since 2019, Catholic Education SA has been implementing the Making Catholic Education More Affordable Initiative to ensure Catholic schools are accessible to any family who wants their child to have a Catholic education.

In addition to the fee-freeze, further fee remissions are available to any family who is struggling to pay school fees due to financial difficulties. Families should contact Angela Scodella, Principal, or Jo Freer, Finance officer for more information.



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

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



[View](#)

W9

FRI 22 SEP

3/4S Prayer & Assembly, 9.00am

School Disco, 6.00pm to 8.30pm

W10

WED 27 SEP

Catholic Schools Music Festival Performance, 7.30pm

THU 28 SEP

LAST DAY OF TERM

FRI 29 SEP

PUPIL FREE DAY



A little giving goes a long way

Charity is at the heart of Living Catholic

Living Catholic

Catholic Charities is your umbrella organisation that supports the following agencies working with the most vulnerable in South Australia.

- Huft St Centre
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- Centacare Catholic Family Services
- Our Lady of La Vang
- St Patrick's Special School



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Students enjoying their vegetable garden
La Vang Patch at
Our Lady of La Vang School

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