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# BULLETIN

# **Diary Dates**

**Thursday 4 August** Year 8/9 Knockout Netball Friday 5 August P&F Fete Morning Tea 9am Year 9 Retreat

**Tuesday 9 August** St Dominic's Day Mass Year 10 French Quiz Night

Wednesday 10 August Year 10 Research Project Expo Fete Committee Meeting **Thursday 11 August** SACPSSA Cross Country

Friday 12 August St Dominic's Day Holiday Monday 15 - Friday 19 August

Science Week

Thursday 18 August Year 11 Retreat

Friday 19 August Sports / Special Photos Year 5/6 Knockout Badminton

Saturday 20 August Pot Planting Morning for Fete

2016 Term Dates Term 3: 25 July - 30 Sep Term 4: 17 Oct - 9 Dec

#### **UNIFORM SHOP**

**Opening Hours during Term** Mondays during Term 10:30am - 1:30pm [Closed Monday 15 August]

Thurs 4 Aug 12:30 - 4:30 Thurs 11 Aug 10:30 - 1:30 Thurs 18 Aug CLOSED Thurs 25 Aug 10:30 - 1:30 Thurs 1 Sept 12:30 - 4:30 Weds 7 Sept 10:00 - 1:30 Thurs 8 Sept 10:30 - 1:30 Fri 9 Sept 10:00 - 1:30 Thurs 15 Sept 12:30 - 4:30 Thurs 22 Sept 10:30 - 1:30 Thurs 29 Sept 12:30 - 4:30



#### WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST 2016

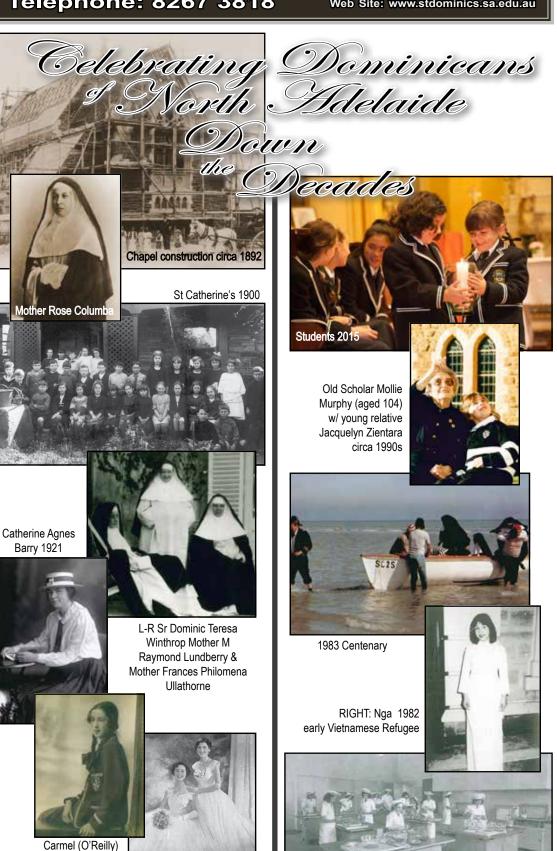
# **Telephone: 8267 3818**



**1940s Masterchefs** 

(where the Gym now stands)

WEEK 2 – TERM 3 Facsimile: 8267 4877 Web Site: www.stdominics.sa.edu.au



Debutantes 1954 Jeanette Woods & Margaret Mildren

Phelan 1935

# **Primary News**

100m Ms. Cate O'Leary, Primary School Coordinator

V/e certainly all hit the ground running last week with a busy start to quite a hectic term. One of the key areas that we are investigating as a staff and working with our students this year is the area of Growth Mindset. We are thankful to the parents who attended our Parent Information Session on Growth Mindset on Tuesday evening and appreciated their positive feedback. We also appreciated the responses from several parents who wanted to attend but were unable due to other commitments. We may look at offering it again in Term 4. We will continue to use the language of Growth Mindset with our students, provide readings for parents and have posters displaying the core principles of Growth Mindset around the Primary School. The big message for our students is that making mistakes is an important part of the learning process and we encourage parents to remember to promote a positive attitude with their daughters when faced with challenges in their learning both at home and at school. We thank Naomi Bramham, Kirsten Maycock and Deb Osborne who spent considerable time preparing and presenting a very informative and valuable parent engagement session.

#### **Nude Food Friday**

**Sustainability Group** will visit classrooms on a Friday to see who has nude food and their names will go into the *Plant Raffle*.

#### **Independence Day**

**Independence Day is Thursday this term**. We appreciate all the support and encouragement parents have given to this initiative.

#### Uniforms

We are noticing that a number of students are not adhering to the **School Uniform Policy guidelines**. Please remember that <u>hair needs to be neat and up</u> or tied back if below shoulder length. <u>No nail polish</u>. Coloured tops that are visible under school tops are also not acceptable. Students will be reminded about school uniform policy at assembly next week.



#### A ARI ARUNG HAP CESSIONAS

In poetry we have been looking at techniques used to add impact when writing poems. In particular we have looked at similes, metaphors and personification:

#### Similes

Her grandma was as old as time - *Matilda* Her heart was as cold as ice - *Alexia* His hair just like instant noodles - *Tammy* The sun was as golden as honey dripping from a hive - *Clarissa* 

The horse's mane was soft as silk – *Madison* Her face was as white as snow - *Sarita* 

#### Metaphors

The sun is a torch that will lead us - Isabella

#### Personification

The light of the stars swam through leaves of the forest – *Helen* The clouds cried through the night – *Layla* The blossoms chirped as the sun entered the garden - *Clarissa* 

YEAR 6

### Children's University

There will be a meeting this week at recess time on Thursday to check how our students are going. We ask that you please remind your daughter to have her **passport filled out** and organised and that she brings it to the meeting. Several girls are getting very close to 30 hours. Many students have completed the CU winter activity task. They can bring this and I will check it.

#### Website: https://www.adelaide.edu.au/childrensuniversity/

#### Student response:

"The Children's University is fun because you go to different activities and it helps you learn and you get to know more about places and things to do in Adelaide. I enjoyed going to the Adelaide Goal and completed tasks to find out more about its history. The Festival Theatre also has activities and I completed a review of the 52 Storey Treehouse. I also worked really hard on the CU winter booklet in the holidays" - Hariklia Drousas Yr 4

**Portfolios** - students and teachers put a lot of effort into portfolios and we know many parents enjoy reading through them and the children have many interesting conversations regarding their learning. Could you please return them as soon as possible and write in the parent comment section to your daughter.



#### **Primary Sport News**

This is a big week of sport with the Rio Olympic Games commencing on Friday.

This week Holly from Footsteps will in teaching **Dance to the year R/1/2 and 3 students**. A reminder for these classes to have their PE uniform on <u>Thursdays</u>.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed dance last week and displayed their rhythmic ability in a challenging dance titled '*Everybody Dance now*'

Touch SA are here on Tuesdays teaching the **Year 5 and 6** girls the game of **Touch Football**.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August: Year 4-7 Catholic Cross country

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August: Year 5-6 SAPSASA Badminton Carnival

#### Aus Kick

Seeing **Rory Sloane** was a big treat for some of our students yesterday when they attended their first session.

#### **Netball News**

Netball begins this week. Please make sure that your daughter **arrives promptly** and is fully prepared for her game. We look forward to an action packed season. Your daughter will also bring home a **separate letter** outlining our school and Thundercup <u>parent/player expectations</u>. We welcome our new players and are very grateful to our coaches/managers: *Julie Sexton, Katie Noble, Amelia Greven, Ellie Clancy, Shane/ Bec Copeland, Jacqui Griffin* and *Alexia Masullo*. We are in need of one more coach. Please contact the Primary School if you are able to help.

#### Sustainability: Worm Farm

Last Friday children from **Barker Kindy** came for a visit. They were very knowledgeable and explained some fascinating facts about worms. They were certainly the experts. The children enjoyed interacting with our Year 1 and 4 classes. *Sienna* and *Minh Nghi* will be in charge of the worm farm and add them to our garden beds. We thank *Bronwyn*, *Amanda* and *Cathy* from Barker Kindy for providing us with the necessary information and equipment to create our own worm farm.



#### Save the Date Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00am in Art Room

P&F Morning Tea for Fete & Auction

#### Year 6 Activities on Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> The Year 6 class will be very busy - up early for Friday

Morning Mass and then Scrapbooking Day. [SPORTS UNIFORM to be worn.]

Tuesday August 9th 2:30pm [WEEK 3]

Year 5 Class hosting Assembly in the HALL - all welcome

## Curriculum Update: Year 4 English

A Year 4 English group has been looking at the poem '*The Magic Box*' by Kit Wright. After exploring some of the themes and symbols from the poem, they went on to write their own versions which reflected their own favourite memories or moments. When the first drafts were completed, the students worked in pairs to edit them and it was wonderful to hear the growth mindset language being used. Natasia commented to her partner 'Can you give me constructive feedback? I love to hear constructive feedback, so I can improve...'

#### Here are some extracts:

I will put in the box Silence at the stroke of midnight; The scent of a burning wax candle; Laughter of friends and smiles from family.

- Alexandra

I will put in the box The last number on Earth; Feet sinking into soft sand; A touch of a young baby.

My box is fashioned with sandstone and gold, With pens and books on the lid and dreams in the corners.

- Natasia Lappas

I shall write in my box On a mountain of smooth, soft paper, A new chapter for my life.

Have a read of Kit Wright's Magic Box and encourage your daughter to consider what she would put in her magic box...





#### SAPSASA Year 6/7 Basketball Carnival

On Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July a selection of Year 6/7 students, as well as Mr Mortimer, were lucky enough to participate in a basketball carnival at Wayville Stadium. We played a variety of schools who all had a differing range of skills and talents. We were able to win 3 out of the 6 games we played and



he 6 games we played and ended up with an overall ranking of 3<sup>rd</sup>. We were really happy with our final results and thought that we communicated and played well together, especially the last few games. We hope that we are able to participate next year. Go St Dominics!

Mr Byron Mortimer

#### SSSSA Year 10 Knockout Netball

On Thursday last week, the Year 10 Knockout Netball Team ventured out to St Francis De Sales in Mt Barker. The first game we played against Unity College, proved to be a very close and intense game, with us coming on top, 27-23. We then played against St Francis De Sales who sadly defeated us by a 7 goal margin resulting in us being knocked out of the competition. However, the girls played amazingly and were an enthusiastic team leading to a fantastic day although the loss. Great job girls!



#### Amelia Greven

#### Round Results - Saturday 30th July

#### Netball

7/8 B1 Red *def* Mercedes 2 (17-34) 7/8 C1 Black *lost to* Loreto 2 (11-19) 9B1 *lost to* St Ignatius 1 (46-10) 10C1 *def* Cabra 3 (23-8)

#### Soccer

Junior *def* Marryatville 2 (1-0) Senior *def* Loreto 1 (4-0)

#### Draw - Saturday 6th August

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TEAM	LOCATION	TIME	OPPONENT
Netball			
7/8 B1 Red	Cabra	8:10am	Cardijn 2
7/8 C1 Black	Mercedes	9:10am	Cabra 5
Year 9 B1	Mercedes	9:10am	Mercedes 2
Year 10 C1	St Michael's	9:10am	Nazareth 2
11/12 B1 Gold	St Ignatius	9:10am	Mary Mackillop 1
11/12 B2 Blue	BYE	BYE	BYE
11/12 C1 team3	Cabra	10:10am	Cabra 4
11/12 C1 team4	Cabra	10:10am	Cardijn 4
Soccer			
Junior	Park 21	9:10am	Marymount 1
Senior	Park 21	10:10am	Marryatville 1
Hockey			
Junior	Seacliff	10:45am	Loreto C
Senior	Seacliff	8:15am	Sacred Heart B

11/12 B1 Gold drew Marryatville 2

11/12 C1 3 vs Cardijn 4

Junior drew Immanuel C (0-0)

Senior def Walford B (5-0)

Hockey

11/12 B2 Blue lost to St Ignatius 3 (16-22)

11/12 C1 4 lost to Sacred Heart 9 (10-44)

OP	Wednesday Hump Day Specials			
KSH	Week 3: Pasta Carbonara \$5.00			
TUCK	Please ensure LUNCH ORDER BAGS are CLEARLY LABELLED with your daughter's NAME and CLASS			
Daughter's Name(s): Class(es):				
Signed: / 16				
□ I would like to attend the St. Dominic's Day Mass commencing 11:30am on Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August				
Numb	er to Attend: Contact Telephone:			
	Please return to Class Teacher			



Much is made of the academic results of the Yr. 12 girls at St Dominic's, and rightly so. There are, however, many other attributes we hope the girls leave St Dominic's with that can't be measured, recorded or put on a report card. The four pillars of Dominican spirituality that frame the education your daughters receive; *study, prayer, outreach* and *community togetherness* have been lived out in a very really way by the Yr 12 girls this term in their studies as well as in the events outlined below.

#### Past Student Seminar:

"Everything I know now that I wish I knew when I was in Year 12" Late last term, four members of the class of 2012 addressed the Yr 12 girls. The *current* Yr 12s were Yr 8s when these old scholars were in their final year of school. The past students' brief was to respond to the statement: "*Everything I know now that I wish I knew in Year 12.*" The aim being to give the girls an insight into how to successfully navigate through the social and academic hurdles and opportunities they may encounter as Year 12 students. In addition, they provided a glimpse into life after school completion, covering tertiary options and how to respond when originally planned directions change.

We are indebted to **Bella Revesz**, **Gabbi Zaccari**, **Natalia Dworniczek** & **Lynn Nguyen** for so willingly giving of their time.



#### Year 12 Jumpers

It was with great excitement that the Year 12 jumpers for 2016 arrived during Term 2. Credit goes to the student design team, the SRC Executive members: *Acot Cikom, Mia Hamilton, Amy Loprete, Amy Taranta, Michaela Farrugia* and *An Vu*.

#### Year 12 Pastoral Care

Our *educational psychologist*, Kirrilie Smout presented the second of her three Seminars to our Yr 12s as part of the Pastoral Care programme late in Term 2. The emphasis of her presentation was on improving our students' ability to remember and recall information; a skill critical to success when faced with a year's worth of content being examined in November.

Kirrilie also questioned the validity of students claiming they 'freeze' due to stress in exams/tests and thus perform below expectations. Studies have in fact shown a feeling of anxiousness before an exam does *not* always lead to diminished results. If disappointing results come, then perhaps a lack of proper preparation is the reason for both the anxiety and the results. Anxiety itself is a normal response to exam scenarios and properly managed need not lead to student underperformance.

Speaking of preparation for assessments, the difference between re<u>vision</u> and re<u>learning</u> was explored. Students were shown research which highlighted retention rates of information with no revision as compared to regular, small amounts of revision. A compelling case was mounted for students to consistently *revise* work to save them *relearning* it months down the track in preparation for exams.

**BUT WHEN???** This is a very good question given the already overwhelming number of tasks facing our students. Kirrilie's

response is that even <u>three minutes</u> a day of revision will make a difference in retaining information.

Sure, but when? Find / 'make' three minute 'gaps': on the way to school... at the start of a study period... while waiting for tea to be ready...

Kirrilie's website can be found at **http://www.developingminds. net.au** where articles, seminar summaries and current research is available for perusal by parents.

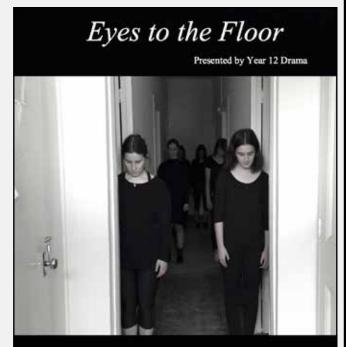
At the conclusion of Term 2, the Yr 12 girls received their Semester 1 reports. The significance of this particular report is that there is <u>still time</u> to address any problems that have been identified by subject teachers. The aim at St Dominic's is for every girl to reach her personal potential, wherever that may fall in the various grade bands. Comparison with other students' results is of limited value.

#### Key Dates and Times

The girls have been re-emailed the Yr 12 Pastoral Care Programme for the remainder of the year. This particular document includes some dates and times regarding end of year functions [ie. *End of Year Mass, Final Assembly* and the *Graduation Ball*.]

Whether you are in frequent contact with your daughter's teachers or have never rung the school once in your time as a parent here, your contact is both welcomed and encouraged, particularly in the critical weeks and months ahead for our most senior students

> GREG LARWOOD on behalf of the Yr 12 PC staff. Year 12 Coordinator / SACE Coordinator



St. Dominic's Priory College Hall Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup>, August 2016, at 7.30 pm Tickets: Adults \$12 Concession \$8 AGE RATING: 14+



Aurecon Bridge Building

As part of a strategy to encourage students to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Aurecon invited schools to participate in their annual bridge building competition. Seven teams of girls from Year 9 spent lunchtimes during Term 2 designing and building bridges. Two teams were then chosen to compete against 23 other schools in the State Competition at the Art Gallery on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Bridges had to span a distance of 650mm, meet certain specifications regarding various heights and widths, and be made of no more than 300 pop-sticks. The objective of the competition was to test which bridge would support the greatest load.

After a presentation on bridges and engineering opportunities by Aurecon, St Dominics Team A (Tessa Tranthim-Fryer, Huyen Nguyen, Audrey Nguyen) was first up. They achieved an impressive 75 kilograms. This set the standard for those to follow. By lunchtime, 2 hrs later, the next best result from other schools was 44kg. There was eager debate amongst the girls as to whether St Dominic's second team (Taylor Huynh, Charmane Obtinalla, Thu Vu) would do better.

After lunch, St Dominic's second team loaded their bridge on the testing rig. The bridge soon reached 75kg. Then 100kg, then 145kg, before the metal bracket applying the load broke! A new and stronger bracket was fetched and testing continued. Soon, 200kg was reached. The bridge was still steady. At 233Kg, a sharp crack was heard and the bridge finally reached its limit. Enormous cheers went up around the auditorium. What a remarkable feat. We will have to wait and see if this is a national record, but this 400 gram bridge made of pop-sticks and glue had managed to support over quarter of a ton – almost 600 times its own weight.

Consequently, St Dominic's two teams finished first and second. As a result, the school received \$1,000 and \$500 respectively for their efforts, whilst the girls received \$100 each and \$50 each respectively. Congratulations to the girls for their fantastic efforts!





If you have a few minutes to spare after dropping off your daughter(s), we welcome you to pop in for a tea or coffee and join an informal discussion regarding donation ideas for the 2016 Auction.

For more information contact Maria on 0431589321

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This Week's Fete Appeal \$2 Pot Plant Stall

The first **Potting Morning** for the Fete will be held on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August from 9:00am.** Please contact Michael Puddy on 0432 020 978 for further details.