

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 2 | WEEK 4, TERM 1 2023



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Families:

Students and staff are now well into the rhythm of school life. As I wander around the school, I see engagement and learning unfolding. I am grateful to the girls for their patience as we continue to be on a reduced footprint due to the ongoing building works. I am hopeful for a Term 2 opening and am on site most days to monitor progress.

Congratulations to our High Achievers and Merit recipients who joined us last week for acknowledgment and celebration. Dux of the College Stephanie Jones, spoke to the girls about the importance of goal setting and being balanced with study and exercise.

Thank you to all families who attended our **Parent Information Evening** on Monday 13 February. I take this opportunity to acknowledge, Ms Muriel Noujaim and Ms Cate O'Leary who coordinate this event. The themes of girls, and how they communicate and learn at different developmental ages, provided a context for each group of parents. I also thank Natalie Perkovic, who spoke to the Year 9 parents of her own experience of being a parent during this particularly tricky time of adolescents. Natalie was clear, honest and helpful in her advice and counsel simply by sharing her experience.

It was encouraging to see so many students commit to sports on Saturday morning with round one seeing girls try sports for the first time, whilst others showed a sense of mastery as they progressed to higher grades. Sport and exercise are an important part of student health and wellbeing and I encourage all girls and their families to schedule exercise into their weekends. I take this opportunity to thank



Mrs Lyndall Pratt

all the sports' teachers for their dedication and commitment to providing students with a variety of opportunities. Furthermore, I acknowledge the work of our volunteer coaches, many are old scholars who support our sport program with their energy and enthusiasm. Ms Lyndall Pratt (picture left), Sports Coordinator works tirelessly throughout the week and on Saturday morning, encouraging students, organising games and training, training students and overseeing all of our Coaches. Thank you, Ms Pratt, for your work and presence at St Dominio's.









The College enjoyed the good company of our **Parents and Friends Committee** on Thursday 16 February. Co-Chairs, Marnie and Daniel provided a full agenda and there was no shortage of engagement by all who attended, including three new members. All parents are welcome to join us with our next meeting to be held on Thursday 16 March in the College library at 7.30pm.

Our **Family Mass** will be celebrated this Sunday 26 February at 9.30am in the College Gymnasium. The forecast suggests it will be much cooler and we are looking forward to sharing the morning with you in prayer, song Eucharist, morning tea and ice blocks for the children.

Dr Helen Steele
College Principal

26 February

Family Mass www.trybooking.com/1013862 1 March Cyber Safety Night for Years 4-6 Parents 5 March Old Scholars' Mass & Morning Tea

UPCOMING DATES

Saturday 25 February Year 12 Senior Formal

Sunday 26 February Family Mass + Morning Tea

Tuesday 28 February Years 3-6 Swimming Trials Year 8 Immunisations

Wednesday 1 March Cyber Safety Night - Years 4-6 Parents

Friday 3 March Year 4 Botanic Gardens Visit

Sunday 5 March Old Scholars' Mass

Wednesday 8 March Year 12 Parent Information Night

Friday 10 March

Year 9 Engineering Day @UniSA Year 5 Civics & Citizenship Excursion

Monday 13 March Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

2023 Term Dates

TERM 1: 30 JANUARY - 14 APRIL TERM 2: 1 MAY - 30 JUNE TERM 3: 24 JULY - 29 SEPTEMBER TERM 4: 18 OCTOBER - 8 DECEMBER

OLD SCHOLARS'

NEWSLETTER IS ONLINE HERE: https://bit.ly/3aM9WYN

TUCK SHOP SPECIALS

WK 5: Beef Ravioli

WK 6: Tuna Pasta Bake

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A LENTEN PRAYER: **FAST FROM, FEAST ON DURING LENT, LET US..**

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ within them. Fast from emphasis on difference; feast on the unity of life. Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light. Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God. Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify. Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude. Fast from anger; feast on patience. Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism. Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation. Fast from worry; feast on trust in God's Care. Fast from unrelenting pressure; feast on unceasing prayer. Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift. Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm. Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire. Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity. Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds. Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness. Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others. Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth. Fast from discouragements; feast on hope.

William Arthur Ward

TRIBUTE FOR A REMARKABLE TEACHER, AND FRIEND TO MANY COLLEAGUES

On Friday 17 February, former staff member Anne Harvey passed away peacefully at the Mary Potter Hospice after an ever-optimistic battle with cancer. In our community, where she taught and counselled during the 80s and



early 90s, there will be Old Scholars and staff, past and present, who will remember her with respect and affection.

Her expertise and highly varied skills enabled her to be equally at home with leading the Community Service and Pastoral Care programs, heading the RE Department, teaching junior and senior Religious Education and English, as well as fulfilling the role of School Counsellor. As a parent of children at St Dominic's, she gave us wholehearted support.

Anne went on to make a strong contribution to Catholic education at Siena College and Nazareth College. She also contributed significantly within curriculum development at SSABSA, where her work was highly valued.

Our prayers and condolences are extended to Anne's family. May her generous soul rest in peace.

Sr. Jill Havey



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



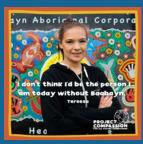
After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

Watch a short film about Laxmi here

REFLECTIONS Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 | Romans 5:12-19 | Matthew 4:1-11



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

Watch a short film about Tereesa here

REFLECTIONS

Genesis 12:1-4a | 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 | Matthew 17:1-9

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SHROVE TUESDAY & ASH WEDNESDAY TUESDAY 21 + WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2023

































NEWS FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

All our students at St Dominic's Priory College, are adapting to a new school year. Whether they are new to our college or moving to a new year level, it can be an exciting and challenging experience. It is important for our students to be patient and accept that it may take some time to adjust to the new school or classroom environment.

It is also important for our students to be open to new experiences and to take advantage of the many opportunities which may come their way. At St Dominic's Priory College, we have leadership experiences for our R-12 students and the options are available for many year levels. In the Junior School, our Year 6 students have a unique opportunity to lead the Junior School R-6. This is a great opportunity for our students to practice their leadership skills and become more confident in their abilities. Our students can use this opportunity to practice communication, problem-solving and decision-making skills. They can also work together to build a strong sense of community and to develop positive relationships with their peers and staff. To make the most of this opportunity, it is important that our girls stay organised and follow our college guidelines and expectations.

We encourage our students to stay focused on the goal of creating a positive and safe environment for everyone. By following these steps, all our students, and in particular our Primary Year 6 leaders will be able to make the most of their prospects and show resilience and thrive.

Our Reception class has adapted to their new learning environment and are making considerable steps with their Transition to school. Our teaching and ESO staff have been providing an abundance of support and guidance to ensure that the class feel settled and confident with their new learning environment while they explore their new school and get to know their peers. It is important that they feel comfortable and safe here, and it is paramount that this is the case.

What lifts you up? We have many moments in our life where we all experience the joy of being lifted. Last week our Year 5 and 6 students reflected on what lifts them up, with the students then creating a wall where all our Year R-6 students could photograph themselves in front of our Wellbeing Collage. We all need to find what makes us fulfilled, energised and appreciated. Some of the important points our Year 6 students said that lift them up: include spending time with family and friends, listening to music, eating their favourite food, playing sports, going for a walk, volunteering, and doing something creative. By creating this Wellbeing Collage, our students were able to have a visual reminder to turn to when they need it. It also gave them the opportunity to recognise the

importance of taking a break and doing things that make them feel good. By recognising what lifts us up, we can find balance and resilience in our lives.

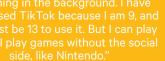




TECHNOLOGY ENRICHMENT YEARS 3 - 6 eSAFETY



- Fiyin Adejoro Year 4





- Natalie Michail Year 4

- Leah Cremer Year 6



- Adele Nguyen Year 6

Joanne Villis



NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 1 CLASS REPORT

The year has begun with much excitement, interest and creativity in Year 1.

BOOKS WE HAVE READ DISPLAY

We are working to develop a love for reading and appreciation of all sorts of books. In our class we read for enjoyment and we read to link to curriculum. Some of the books we have read so far include: Even Superheroes have bad days, Welcome to Country and Wombat Stew. We link these to the things we are learning in a range of curriculum areas and always look forward to our



next reading adventure. Our goal: 50 books for the term!

GROWTH MINDSET

We began the school year talking about our brains. We can grow our brain everyday. How fascinating! We coloured in a picture of a brain with the affirmation "I can grow my brain everyday". We put this on our desks, particularly in times when we feel challenged, to remind us that learning is hard but we can do it!







CONSTRUCTION ZONE, PIZZA KITCHEN AND ICE CREAM SHOP

Our PALS sessions are definitely a class favourite. Play and Learn time helps us build confidence, creativity and relationships. We work together and are building on our negotiating and teamwork skills in order to solve problems and be inclusive. This term, our learning areas have three themes: A construction zone for building and creating, a pizza kitchen, and an ice cream shop to link with our integrated studies theme 'The Farm' where we are learning about products and processes on all types of farms.







SELF PORTRAITS

Part of our Well Being curriculum in the beginning weeks of the year includes reflecting on ourselves to build on our own

identity and shape our class identity. We painted a portrait of ourselves to display in our class. We are a very creative group!





SCHOOL OPERATIONS NEWS

As we start the new school, and unlike 2022, it is exciting to be able to open up the gates to warmly welcome parents onsite to the many community events that will be happening in 2023. The Parent Information night was a great way to kick off these events, where families were able to meet key wellbeing staff that would support their daughter/s over the next 4 terms.

Community plays an important part in all our lives, particularly for young people, and so the commitment that staff and parents have to our events and activities throughout the year sends a strong message to our students that we are all invested in their education. Parents and families are invited to support our events throughout the year. Our key events can be found on the College website, in the fortnightly newsletter and the College Planner, including our Family Mass this Sunday in the College Gym. We look forward to this celebration with many of our new and existing families.

Staff have also been busy planning many exciting excursions, camps and incursions for the year which support both the wellbeing and academic programs at the College. Information and permission requests for these activities are sent out via the Consent2Go portal. We do ask that parents reply by the RSVP dates as this helps with the organization side of the activities. If you are unable to log into C2G, please contact **seqtahelp@stdominics.sa.edu.au** where one of our staff will be able to help you.

Later this term we will also be holding Parent Learning Conversations which will give parents the opportunity to meet with their daughter's subject teachers to discuss their progress in each subject. Further information, including booking instructions, will be provided in the coming weeks.

I wish you and your family a wonderful & rewarding year ahead, and look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

Mrs Olivia Couch, SCHOOL OPERATIONS MANAGER





"Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall."

~ Confucius

Thomas Edison's teachers said he would never learn anything! He was fired from his first two jobs for being "non-productive." As an inventor, Edison made 1,000 unsuccessful attempts at inventing the light bulb. When a reporter asked, "How did it feel to fail 1,000 times?" Edison replied, "I didn't fail 1,000 times. The light bulb was an invention with 1,000 steps."

It is valuable to know how to handle mistakes. Staying calm is important. A calm body helps a brain think and solve problems. If students can apply a Growth Mindset and remain calm when grappling with a mistake, it helps them think well and solve problems efficiently and effectively. How we react to mistakes will affect how our students react. Can we be mindful to approach mistakes with calmness and a positive Growth Mindset, with a willingness to embrace a challenge? That way like Thomas Edison, we can all learn from our mistakes.

Adapted from 'The New Social Story Book' by Carol Grey

Watch the Michael Jordan, 'Failure' video with your children (only 30seconds long!). Talk to them about what the last line of the video means. CLICK HERE







FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: 7B. 7G and 7W 2023 Home Classes

NEWS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

YEAR 7 COORDINATOR'S REPORT

It has been a great joy getting to know all the Year 7 students over the past four weeks. I have been so impressed with the confidence, positivity, and open-mindedness that each girl has shown in her first days of high school. This has been observed in enthusiasm during lessons, registered interest and participation in extra-curricular activities, and an infectious receptiveness to all new experiences. We are sure by this point the girls are well and truly developing a sense of what it means to be a student at St Dominic's Priory College.

It has been a delightfully busy term so far; highlights being Wellbeing Day with Enlighten Education, Year 11 Buddy activities, Parent Information Night, and the House Assembly. An upcoming event we are looking forward to with excitement is Year 7 Camp at Woodhouse Activity Centre, which will run from Wednesday March 29 to Friday March 31 (Week 9). The camp aims to provide time for students to further develop social skills and friendships, through purposeful team building activities. I ask that if you are yet to do so, please grant your daughter permission to attend through Consent2Go, which you can find via an email that was sent last week. Please keep an eye on your emails for further communication and reminders as we get closer to the camp.

Each week, your daughter will participate in a double lesson of Pastoral Care. This term, the aim of our program will be to continue to provide a detailed and relevant transition program for your daughter to make a positive shift from Primary school into Secondary School. Our focus will be to ensure she has opportunities to create new friendships within Year 7 and across other year levels, to engage with our school community, to get to know her Home Class Teacher, and to understand the expectations of a Secondary school student.

This year, we have a fantastic team around each of the Year 7 students. With our key focus of your daughter's wellbeing, we will work together to provide a nurturing and supportive environment for each student. We will help your daughter build confidence in her interactions with other members of the community and encourage her to achieve excellence in her work. We believe in working in partnership with parents, so please contact your daughter's class teacher if you have any wellbeing concerns or questions.

Heather Day (7W) hday@stdominics.sa.edu.au Emma Rawlins (7G): erawlins@stdominics.sa.edu.au Vicki Dent (7B): vdent@stdominics.sa.edu.au

We look forward to what will undoubtedly be an enriching and enjoyable year.

Ms Anastasia Markou YEAR 7 COORDINATOR



2023 SACE ART SHOW CONGRATULATIONS

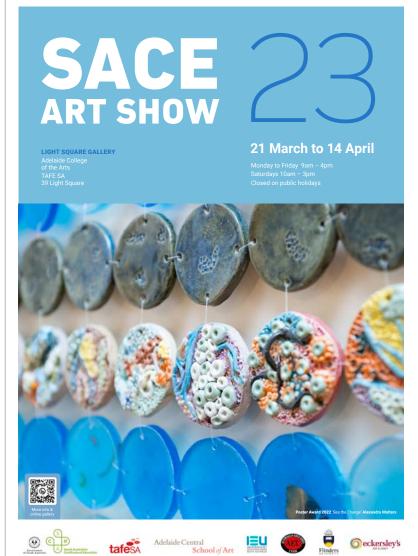


Congratulations to Tamika Gunson (Class of 2022), whose artwork 'Enduring Memories' is one of 141 pieces selected to be part of the 2023 SACE Art Show.

'Enduring Memories' is a five canvas body of work depicting Tamika's family farmland which was sold when she was a child. As the canvases progress, the image becomes more and more blurred, a comment from Tamika about her childhood memories.

Having her work selected for exhibition is a remarkable accomplishment, and we are proud of Tamika's tenacity and work ethic.

For more information about the Art Show, see the poster below.



NEWS FROM TEACHING & LEARNING

ENGLISH REPORT

While it might seem that the year has only just begun, the English faculty have hit the ground running with an exciting term ahead. With three new teachers joining the faculty: Juliet Paine, Abbey Norman and Dominique Limgenco; it has been great to see such energy and enthusiasm in the classrooms as they settle in.

The term kicked off with students from Years 7 to 12 entering the Adelaide Writer's Week Micro-Story Competition. With this year's theme being 'Truth be Told' and a maximum allowance of 50 words to use, students' creativity and imagination was stretched as they composed startlingly beautiful, evocative and stirring stories such as these entries below.





Tam Bui, Year 12G

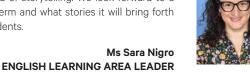


Adele Chiuchiolo, Year 12B

Year 10 English students are also about to venture on excursion to the Art Gallery of South Australia to explore First Nations art and learn about how to interpret colour, pattern and design of gallery pieces. Our students will then begin composing ekphrastic poetry in response to the art they have viewed. We look forward to seeing what wonderful poems they produce.

Year 7 English students are also going to be treated to viewing the 2023 Adelaide Arts Festival production of 'The River That Ran Uphill' when the production comes to St Dom's later this term. The story unfolds where a natural disaster forces people to act with courage and unite as a community to overcome adversity. A tale of hope and based on true events, there is much for our students to learn from this powerful theatre experience.

With so much of the year still before us, there is already much to celebrate in how our students enter into the world of storytelling. We look forward to a prosperous term and what stories it will bring forth from our students.







PARENTS & FRIENDS

The next Parents & Friends Meeting Thursday 16 March 7:30pm | College Library

The College enjoyed the good company of our Parents and Friends Committee on Thursday 16 February. Co-Chairs, Marni Curtis and Daniel Peric, provided a full agenda, and there was no shortage of engagement by all who attended; including three new members. All parents and guardians are welcome to join us at the next meeting, to be held from 7:30pm on Thursday 16 March in the College Library.

An important part of the February meeting was the installation of our 2023 Year Level Parent Representatives. These parents have volunteered to be the contact person for their daughter's year level, via a WhatsApp group. A QR Code linking to each Year Level's respective WhatsApp group will be communicated to families via the College's official news email in due course. It is the College's hope that these groups will encourage conversation and community amongst parents and quardians.

Please note: WhatsApp activity is moderated by the Parent Representatives, and all who choose to communicate via this platform are expected to be very familiar with the College's Parent Code of Conduct.

THE 2023 YEAR LEVEL PARENT REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Daniel Peric* YEAR 1: Belinda Vella RFC:

YEAR 2: Marni Curtis YEAR 3: Stuart Burgoyne/Daniel Peric

YEAR 5: Cat Peacock YEAR 4: Rebecca Zeuner

YEAR 6: Alison Boyd/Emilia Pace

YEAR 7: VACANT* YEAR 8: Skye Newton YEAR 9: Daisy Chavez YEAR 10: Kim Nguyen YEAR 11: Libby Suter YEAR 12: Rolf Scharfbillig

*Expressions of interest for additional Reps welcome

The Parents and Friends of St Dominic's Priory College look forward to welcoming families, new and ongoing, to Family Mass this Sunday, 26 February. Mass will commence in the Gymnasium at 9:30am and be followed by Morning Tea under the shade of the Peppercorn Tree. For more details about this family event, and to RSVP, please click here. We hope to see you on Sunday.

THE PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE



LA FÊTE DES ROIS - YEAR 10 FRENCH

On Friday of Week 2 the Year 10 French students celebrated (belatedly) the Feast of the Epiphany or la Fête des Rois with a traditional galette from the pâtisserie.

Traditionally, French families hide a small charm in the galette (called fève). The person who finds the fève in their slice is the King or Queen for the day. The lucky person will wear a typically paper crown for the rest of the day and must decide who their partner will be.

Fittingly it went to a new student at St Dominic's, Ayrlea Muller. Bravo et bienvenue parmi nous!

Isabella Bauer 10G

SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

TERM 1 SPORT

Live draws and results can be found at http://sacssgsa.cesa.catholic.edu.au/Girls can also check the Sports Notice Board in the Gym or the Daily Notices for upcoming games.

As always, we ask that the students commit to both training and games. If a student is unable to attend for any reason they must let Mrs Pratt know in advance.

!! IMPORTANT REMINDER!!

It is important that you collect your daughter(s) at the end of the game promptly. Staff are taking time away from their own families to supervise these games and it is unacceptable to ask staff to wait around for girls to be picked up.

Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Lyndall Pratt at the school if you have any questions about the Saturday Sport Program.



Mrs Lyndall Pratt SPORTS COORDINATOR



AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS TAEKWONDO

On December 4th 2022, Annie Huynh competed in the Australian Nationals Taekwondo Championships. Annie won a Gold medal in the females under 17, 46-49kg division.



STATE BASKETBALL

Georgina Salandra has been selected in the SA Metro Under 18 Girls Basketball team to compete at the Australia Junior Championships (AJC) in April 2022.

BADMINTON

Congratulations to old scholars Angelina Melki and Zashka Gunson who have gained an Individual athlete program scholarship for Badminton in 2023. This scholarship is for individuals





competing in an Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games sport.

ROUND 2 + ROUND 3 SPORTS DRAWS

TEAM	LOCATION	SATURDAY 25/2		SATURDAY 4/3	
Basketball		TIME	OPPONENT	TIME	OPPONENT
Yr 7 Middle B/C	Loreto / SMC	11:20	Pedare 1	9:40	Cardijn
Yr 8/9 Middle C2	Loreto	10:30	Mercedes 2	10:30	Loreto 2
Senior C	SHC / Loreto	10:30	Nazareth 3	8:00	SIC 2
Tennis					
Middle B/C	SHC / SDPC	8:00	Sacred Heart 2	8:00	SIC 2
Senior B/C	SDPC / SAC	8:00	Loreto 1	8:00	SAC 2
Volleyball					
Middle A/B 1	St Aloysius	8:00	Sacred Heart 2	9:40	Cabra 1
Middle B2 2 RED	St Dominic's	9:40	Nazareth 2	8:50	SMC 1
Middle B2 3 RED	St Dominic's	8:00	Cabra 2	9:40	SHC 4
Middle B/C 1 RED	St Aloysius	10:30	Cabra 1	10:30	SHC 7
Middle C2 2 BLUE	St Dominic's	10:30	St Mary's 2	10:30	SMC 1
Middle C2 3 BLUE	St Dominic's	BYE	BYE	10:30	SHC 8
Senior A 1	Cabra	8:00	Nazareth 1	8:50	OLSH 2
Senior B1 2 AQUA	Mary Mackillop	8:00	Marryatville 1	8:00	MMC 1
Senior B2 3 YELLOW	Cabra / SAC	10:30	St Mary's 1	8:00	Marryatville 2
Senior C 4 BRONZE	St Dominic's	8:50	St Mary's 2	9:40	SIC 5
Touch Football					
Middle C1	St Ignatius	9:20	St Aloysius 1	9:20	SIC 2
Middle C2	Park 17	11:00	Sacred Heart 3	11:00	Mercedes 3
Senior C1 GREEN	Park 17	8:20	St Mary's 1	9:00	MMC 1
Water Polo		Thursday 23/2		Thursday 2/3	
Middle B/C 1	SA Aquatic Marion	5:25	St Aloysius 1	4:15	SMC 1
Senior A 1	Adelaide Aquatic	4:00	Seymour	BYE	



EXTRA CURRICULAR GROUPS

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Basketball: GR874XB4
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Touch: 7R3S8HJ6
Triathlon: 5JU3YY8A
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Please contact 1800 816 224 if you require assistance.

ATTN: PARENTS / GUARDIANS

Have you read the Newsletter? Please let your daughter/s class teacher know via the checkbox in her College Planner









