



ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

139 Molesworth Street, North Adelaide. 5006.

BULLETIN

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22 February

Parents & Friends Meeting

Thursday 23 February

Field Day (Years 7-12)

Sunday 26 February

Sri Lanka Trip Fundraising

Screening of "Lion"

Tuesday 28 February

Investiture Mass

Wednesday 1 March

Ash Wednesday

Sunday 5 March

Old Scholars' Mass

Tuesday 7 March

Field Day (Primary)

Thursday 9 March

Year 8 Vaccinations

Monday 13 March

Adelaide Cup Holiday

Sunday 26 March

Sports Day

2017 TERM DATES

Term 1: 31 Jan - 13 April

Term 2: 2 May - 7 July

Term 3: 24 July - 29 Sep

Term 4: 16 Oct - 8 Dec

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours During Term
Mondays 10:30am - 1:30pm

Thursday 23 February
CLOSED

Thursday 2 March
10:30am - 1:30pm

Thursday 9 March
12:30pm - 4:30pm

Monday 13 March
CLOSED - ADELAIDE CUP

Thursday 16 March
10:30am - 1:30pm

Saturday 18 March
10:30am - 2:00pm



**Friday morning mass in
the Chapel 8.15am**

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2017

WEEK 4 – TERM 1

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Since last week's letter we have been engaged as large groups in:

- **The Year 12 2016 High Achievers Assembly**
- **The Year 9 and 10 Parent Teacher information sessions**
- **School excursions, especially the lucky Year 4/5s, to the Women's Australian Open**
- **Tonight's first P&F Meeting is coming up, and**
- **Tomorrow Year 6 – 12 be competing as House Teams, at our Santos Field Day**

Our staff are behind each one of the organisation of these events but your presence at many is what makes them strongly supportive for our school community. As I mentioned at Monday night's Parent Teacher gathering the value of your investment of time and interest in your daughter's education cannot be overstated. In connection with the meetings and events of the last week we are publishing a photo of the 2016 students at the High Achievers Assembly. Our SACE and Year 12 Coordinator Greg Larwood presented each student's profile of achievement with tips from their subject teachers as to why they attained a high grade, while not necessarily starting the year with one. Shanna Lee, Head Prefect 2016, who is this week commencing her studies in Medicine at Adelaide University, held the close attention of her audience at this Assembly. Her talk is well worth the reprint which is in today's bulletin. I hope you will have the time to read it.



2016 Merit winners after last week's Assembly

One past student has, "made the cut" in the Golfing world. **Stephanie Na** Class of 2006 and guest speaker at the 2016 Graduation Ball, made it to the final round of last weekend's Women's Australian Open; held locally at Royal Adelaide Golf Course. Stephanie placed 58th overall, making the LPGA cut. Congratulations Stephanie!

Sports Day: Today the P&F are seeking your assistance with the stalls on Sports Day. In addition there will be on field jobs for those who like to be out on the oval.

College Expectations re Holidays in Term Time

Many of you at the recent Parent Teacher information Nights will have heard me speak about the importance of students' learning in scheduled term time, without taking breaks for extra holidays. As you know the Education Act

regulates the age of compulsory education and requires parents to seek exemption from the law in the case of need.

This is the position statement which we hope you will support.

Here at St. Dominic's Priory College the education of our students is designed to be delivered over 41 weeks of the year, divided by 13 weeks of 4 holiday periods. The College strongly discourages Parents from taking their children with them on additional holidays during term time as it clearly disrupts the student's academic program. Students who are withdrawn from their education during term time are disadvantaged academically in terms of the continuity of their learning. In both the MYP and the SACE, curriculum continuity is the key to success. Additionally, losing time from MYP tasks may, depending on time away, remove a student's ability to access a grade.

It is important that parents understand that teachers are not able to set learning programs for students who are going away during the school term.

Parents of Year 10, 11 and 12 are advised that detailed information will be available in next week's Bulletin re the **Meningococcal B Vaccine Immunity Study**.

Sr Jillian Havey, Principal

Primary News

from Ms. Cate O'Leary
Primary School Coordinator

"Don't rescue your child from a challenge. Teach them how to face it"

Time is ticking by and we are pleased that our girls have settled well and they are trying hard to be organised, enthusiastic and engaged in their learning. Next week we will celebrate **Shrove Tuesday** and we will have a liturgy for **Ash Wednesday**.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT:

Thank you to our Year 5 class who hosted a well organised and entertaining assembly yesterday.

Last Friday our **Year 4 and 5 classes** were invited to attend a **GOLF ACTIVITY DAY** at the *Royal Adelaide Golf Club*. The **Australian Women's Open** was also being held there. Our students were invited to watch from a VIP position and they had to be absolutely silent!

We received this email from a parent who helped on the excursion.

I just wanted to say how much fun the golf excursion was today. I lost count how many times members of the public commented how amazing our girls' behaviour and conduct was. To take 56 girls, have them so close to a green and a tee whilst ladies were hitting and remain silent was a credit to the students, the teachers and St Dom's in general.

Here's what some of our students had to say:

Our favourite part was watching the famous women play. We were watching their swing carefully so when we went to the activities some even managed to get some balls in the hole. It really inspired us. - **Ayo, Willow and Natasia Year 5**

to see our girls at the GOLF, follow

@golfaust



In and around the classrooms:

Year 3's have settled in well to their new school position in Middle Primary. They've been reflecting on what they would like to achieve this year. Here are some of their comments:

Sophie – This year I am looking forward to playing netball.

Zuhur – I am good at Piano, Music and Liturgical Singing

Emmy – This year I am looking forward to making lots of new friends

Alissa – This year I would like to improve in Maths with my tables and being able to say them quickly

Lauren – I am good at listening and writing stories

Chloe – At school I enjoy Maths and Reading

Lysha – This year I would like to improve my writing by making it neat

Victoria – This year I am looking forward to getting at least 50 doubloons or more

Montana – This year I am looking forward to challenging myself with school work.

YEAR 3

Literacy: Kirsten Maycock

Our aim in the Primary is to develop readers who can make meaning from text. Whilst easy decoding of words is a vital skill, children also need to be able to understand and interpret what they have read. There are many important comprehension skills we study in the Primary but there are six important ones which will be our focus. **You can support this at home when reading with your daughter.**

One of these skills is being able to **connect a text with prior knowledge**. This is critical in helping them make sense of what we read. Proficient readers do this automatically and it is an easy skill to develop with your child. **Before, during and after reading, prompt them to make links with what has happened to them which might be similar to events in the story.** You can also make links with other books they have read which deal with similar themes, characters or settings.

Make explicit links to what your daughter already knows by using some of these sentences stems... *This reminds me of the story when.... Do you remember when we..... Which book did we read where the character was....*

This way, you are helping your daughter to become aware of the process of activating her prior knowledge to help her engage more deeply with the text.

FIELD DAY

Some **Year 4, 5 and 6 students** will be attending **FIELD DAY** at SANTOS on Thursday morning. **Students will need to be at school before 8:00am** as the bus will leave by 8:00am and **we will be unable to wait for any late arrivals**. We will be back to school by 10:00am. All students need to wear their **coloured sport top** and not their black top please.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

HELP- Another plea for help with **Netball coaching**. We have received two offers from parents, but we really need more. The games begin in Week 2, Term 2 and are on a Thursday night from 4:30-5:30pm.

On Friday, all families should have received the **Absenteeism and Lateness letter**. We ask you to **SIGN IT** and **RETURN IT** to school ASAP.

Thanks to those parents and family members who have offered help with **reading** and **LAP** and also those who have offered to be **Class Reps**. **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO OFFER**. Don't forget to come along to the **P&F meeting tonight in the front office at 7.30pm**. We would love to see lots of our Primary parents there. Only one meeting per term so not a huge time commitment!

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High Achievers' Assembly Speeches

Friday 17th February 2017

Shanna Lee, Merit recipient in English Studies; Religion Studies, Music (Individual Study) and Research Project [in 2016]



Good afternoon to all gathered here.

Before I begin I would like to acknowledge and thank all our teachers who have mentored us over the years. The results of our cohort are not just our own efforts, but a culmination of your guidance and our drive to achieve our best.

Today I will be talking about **DOGE**. For those of you who do not know what **DOGE** is, it is a dog who has become an internet sensation for its peculiar facial expressions captioned with phrases like '*much amaze*' and '*so wow*'. However, today I'm utilising **DOGE** as an acronym, **D-O-G-E**, to communicate to you some of the things that I have learnt and found useful over my time as a student at St Dominic's.

Okay, so let's start with **D, Determination**.

Determination is defined as the "firmness of purpose". This means you have goals you want to achieve and so determination becomes the driving force to reach them. A purpose-driven worker persists even through tough situations, whether that be a surprisingly disappointing test mark or an unforeseen event.

I experienced the latter last year when my grandmother became critically ill, and my family and I flew to Singapore to be with her. It was a difficult period being absent from school; because as much as I wanted to be present with my family, I also felt a strong duty towards my studies. I was determined to not fall behind in my classes, and I am thankful for the support of friends who helped by emailing me class notes, and my teachers who were accommodating with due dates.

So you see, although determination comes from within you, having the help of others, particularly when you can't manage it all by yourself, is something to recognise. Being individually focussed is great, but remember *you're all in this together*, therefore supporting and caring for each other, in whatever form that may be, is also essential.

The second letter is, **O** for **Organisation**.

Often when receiving due dates I would pen that into my planner, whilst also pencilling in a personal due date a few days earlier. This 'bumper' time enabled me to carefully edit my work as well as consult my teacher if needed. Although I didn't always stick to it (many a time that altruistic aspiration was erased, hence the pencilling) when I *did* carry it out I felt more confident when I handed up the task.

Organisation enables you to keep balanced by allocating sufficient time for your extra-curricular activities and leadership responsibilities. Do think about your commitments, weighing up the extra hours you would need to put in. I had to make tough choices going into Year 11 and Year 12 regarding my commitments, so I understand it's hard to let go. What helped in deciding was asking myself if I committed, would I be able to contribute fully to the group? Or would I just become an occasional attendee to meetings and not able to give it time it deserves?

The next letter is **G**, for **God**.

My faith has been a source of strength and hope during the more pressing times of school life. Whenever I felt overwhelmed, stressed, or things didn't go how I'd foreseen - remembering God's presence was an assurance. Going back to my absence I spoke about earlier, in retrospect I am grateful for the two weeks I spent with my grandmother, as it would be the last time with her alive.

You may come across things that happen that you do not expect this year. They may be joyous occasions and if so, by all means celebrate, but they also may be uncertain and challenging. In those times, don't get discouraged. Instead, here's another acronym for you to remember in also keeping with the canine theme: **DOG, D-O-G**, Depend On God.

And lastly we come to, **E - Encouragement**.

Regardless of class and year level, you are each other's best and ready source of encouragement. Don't forget the far-reaching effects of a positive word or hug. Stress blocks go a little like this: for Year 12's, peak periods come in tides - so all hands on deck to brace yourselves, Year 11's basically whenever Research Project is mentioned, Year 10's whenever Personal Project is mentioned and Year 9, 8 and 7, although it seems Year 12 is miles away, its honestly *never too early* to build up good work ethics. Being a high school student only comes round once in your life, so enjoy and embrace *all the opportunities* that come your way.

Whilst your peers make up a significant part of your cheerleading squad, your teachers too are *incredibly supportive* and willing to help you out; don't be afraid to approach them for assistance, as they really want the best for you. Another source of help are us veterans that have been through a solid 13 years of schooling. Most of the old scholars are reachable on social media, and I'm sure we're all happy to offer advice from time to time.

Finally to the Year 12's. During the year you may feel anxious, disappointed and overwhelmed. It may feel like everything is slipping out of your hands and you're sinking into wet sand with waves constantly inundating you. Remember to *keep things in perspective* and *stay grounded*. I had fears and doubts too, about whether or not I was making the right decisions, and if I could really end up where I hoped to be. Self-doubt is natural, so acknowledge it, then combat it by working determinately towards your goals. This can make the big waves seem like little, lapping tides.

And although scores do not say anything about your character, remain consistent in your efforts, because on that auspicious date in December, the number which appears on your screen is the product of all the work that you are doing *right now*. *Focus* on your studies and have *confidence* in your abilities, *encouraging* each other along the way.

This year, I challenge you all to walk the **DOGE**, embodying its values as a whole St Dom's pack, and letting God guide you along the 'much exciting' road ahead. Thank you.



Sports Day 2017

Sunday 26 March

SPORTS DAY STALL ONLINE ROSTER:
<http://signup.com/go/cAH7hi>

We are seeking volunteers to help out at our numerous stalls. Please indicate your preferred timeslot/s via the link above, or by completing below. Online submissions will receive an automatic confirmation of their roster, whereas paper submissions will be advised a few days before the event. NOTE: where we have too many helpers for your preferred stall, you may be reallocated to another area that requires assistance within your available timeslot.

	8.00- 9.00am	9.00- 10.00am	10.00- 11.00am	11.00- 12noon	12noon- 1.00pm	1.00- 2.00pm
Bacon & Eggs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Cakes		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BBQ Cook		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BBQ Food Preparation / Serve		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vietnamese Stall [serve]				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drinks		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice Cream		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morning Tea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fruit		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Memorabilia			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Morning Tea Clean Up		<input type="checkbox"/>	2:00 - 3:00pm			
General Clean Up		<input type="checkbox"/>	2:30 - 3:30pm			

HELP FRIDAY – I can assist to pack supplies and help transport to Sacred Heart College on Friday (approx. 3 hrs required). **More details supplied later.** ☐

CAKES – I can supply ☐ small cakes ☐ a large cake ☐ slice ☐ biscuits.

PLEASE NOTE: we are unable to sell items with fresh cream due to storage concerns

TIPS: Simple Bar Cakes sell very well

JAM – I can supply red jam for morning tea. ☐ (please send jam with this reply to front office)

DONATIONS – I am unable to assist with help on the day, but enclose a cash donation towards purchase of supplies. ☐

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Student's Name(s) & Class(es) _____

Please return to College Office



Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Over the recent Christmas holidays, Amy Pham [11B] participated in a 2-month exchange program to France. Here are her thoughts:

I stayed in the region of *Alsace*, located in the North-East area of France right next to the German border. I immediately noticed differences upon arrival in *Strasbourg* (the capital city of Alsace); the houses were older, the streets were swarming with bikes and the weather was around 3 degrees to -15 degrees.

My host family were very kind and welcoming to me. Having had an exchange student from Australia in the past, they were aware of the kinds of challenges I would be facing both linguistically and mentally from the culture shock. They showed me around, and we visited the *Castle of Haut-Koenigsbourg*, the *Musee Historique* and the *Musee Alsacien*, *Strasbourg Cathedral*, the *Unterlinden Gallery* and *Mont Saint Odile*. I even got to visit Germany!

There are so many things about going on exchange that you don't expect to discover; the things you do expect - like different cuisine and the bigger, more populated cities - and then the things you'd never know if it weren't for the immersion aspect of the exchange. For example, I discovered "Alsacien" culture and French family life. During school, I learnt the differences in expectations and school structure between Australia and France. For example, in France, students are either enrolled in the *Scientific*, *Literature* or *Economics* course. They decide at age 14 and it determines the course of their career from then on!

In all, I had a fantastic time on my exchange, and I've made lifelong friends and family. I would definitely recommend such an experience to any student who is interested. I feel much more confident with my French and I know that this will be invaluable as I embark on my Year 11 & 12 French studies. You learn about yourself, your own resilience and other people too.

Amy Pham 11B

ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE SRI LANKA TRIP MOVIE FUNDRAISER SCREENING

LION

RATED PG

Sunday, 26th February 2017
2:30pm Afternoon Tea • 3:30pm Screening
The Capri Theatre • 141 Goodwood Rd, GOODWOOD

\$25 Ticket includes Afternoon Tea provided by Bakery on O'Connell,
and one glass of Champagne, soft drink, or tea/coffee
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STUDENTS MUST BE COLLECTED AT 4:30PM
THERE IS NO SUPERVISION SCHEDULED AFTER THIS TIME

÷ = Maths Club % +

WEDNESDAYS STARTING WEEK 5

Year 12 Centre 3:30pm - 4:30pm

ATTEND WEEKLY OR AS NEEDED | BRING A SNACK
STUDENTS MUST REMAIN FOR THE FULL HOUR
[UNLESS THEY HAVE A NOTE TO LEAVE EARLY]

ALL STUDENTS YEARS 7-12 WELCOME

This year, Maths Club is inviting some of the Year 12 students to come and assist younger students with their learning in Maths by helping them with their weekly *Maths Mates* in Years 7 & 8 as well as providing help with any problems they might have with topics they are currently studying. Additionally, we would like to create a space where students can come to work collaboratively on *problem solving*. Some of the students have entered the upcoming CAT (*Computational and Algorithmic Thinking*) Competition (held on March 21) and this would be an ideal time to use competition papers from previous years to hone their problem solving skills in a small group setting.

We look forward to welcoming all students who would like to attend Maths Club, for either help with their studies, or for extension activities, in a friendly and supportive environment.

SPORTS NEWS



from @stephna276 [Twitter]

Old Scholar Sports News

Congratulations to old scholar Stephanie Na (class of 2006) who participated in the Australian Women's Open at Royal Adelaide Golf Course over the weekend. Making the final round, Stephanie placed 58th overall and made the cut for the LPGA - the world's leading professional golf organisation for women. We commend Stephanie on this remarkable achievement and wish her well on this next stage of her professional golfing career.

Round 1 Results - Saturday 18 February

Basketball

Junior *def* Loreto (26-23)

Senior B *vs* Mercedes

Senior C *lost to* Kildare (14-30)

Tennis

Junior B *def* Kildare (5-1)

Junior C *drew* St Ignatius (3-3)

Touch Football

Junior *lost* (2-5)

Senior *drew* (3-3)

Volleyball

Junior A *def* Mary Mackillop (2-1)

Junior B *def* Mercedes (3-0)

Junior C(3) *def* Loreto (4-1)

Junior C(4) *lost to* Marryatville (1-3)

Senior A *lost to* Loreto (1-2)

Senior B *lost to* Marryatville (1-2)

Senior C *def* St Ignatius (4-0)

Water Polo

Year 7/8 *lost to* St Ignatius (16-3)

Year 11/12 *lost to* Loreto (5-8)

Round 2 Draw ~ Saturday 25 February

TEAM	LOCATION	TIME	OPPONENT
Basketball			
Junior	Loreto	8:30am	Kildare 2
Senior B	Sacred Heart	8:30am	Nazareth 2
Senior C	Loreto	8:30am	St Ignatius 2
Tennis			
Junior B	St Ignatius	8:30am	St Ignatius 2
Junior C	St Dominic's	8:30am	Mary Mackillop 2
Touch Football			
Junior	Greenhill Road	10:10am	Pembroke 2
Senior	Greenhill Road	9:20am	Pembroke 2
Volleyball			
Junior A	Mary Mackillop	9:20am	St Ignatius 1
Junior B	St Dominic's	9:20am	St Michael's 2
Junior C (3)	St Dominic's	10:10am	Kildare 1
Junior C (4)	St Dominic's	11:00am	Kildare 2
Senior A	St Aloysius	8:30am	St Ignatius 1
Senior B	St Aloysius	10:10am	Loreto 2
Senior C	St Dominic's	8:30am	Mercedes 2
Water Polo (Thursdays)			
Year 7/8	Pembroke	4:00pm	Pembroke 1
Year 11/12	Adelaide Aquatic	4:00pm	Walford 2

TUCKSHOP

Wednesday Hump Day Specials

Stirfry Chicken + Veg

\$6.00

with Hokkein Noodles

Please ensure LUNCH ORDER BAGS are CLEARLY LABELLED with your daughter's NAME and CLASS

OLD SCHOLARS MASS

11:30am Sunday 5th March, 2017

College Chapel • to be followed by shared Light Lunch in the Hall

ALL WELCOME!



Sports Day Raffle Prizes

The Sports Day Raffle is conducted to raise funds for the College. We are presently in the process of **sourcing prizes** and would be very grateful for any donation of items for the raffle. **If you can help with prizes please contact the office.**

Sports Day Helpers Needed

We are always very grateful for the assistance given by parents on Sports Day. Once again we are asking for helpers to set up shelters, etc or assist with judging or timekeeping. If you are able to help, please return the reply slip and you will be contacted closer to the time with more information about the event.

Sports Day Officials, Sunday 26 March

Name

Student's Name Class:

E-Mail.....

E-mail will be the primary point of contact

Telephone No.....

First Aid Certificate YES / NO

I can assist by (please tick preferred option)

Setting up shelters 8.00am-9.00am ☐

Packing up ball games 12-1.00pm ☐

Packing up shelters 2.00-3.00pm ☐

For Secondary Activities Only

9-10am 10-11am 11am-12pm

Judges ☐ ☐ ☐

Timekeepers ☐ ☐ ☐

Ball games ☐ ☐

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Daughter's Name(s):..... Class(es):.....

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