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***LOVE AND MERCY – WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME,
THERE I AM.***

**REMINDER : Wednesday, 18th December 11.30a.m. end of the year
school mass. ALL WELCOME.**

**Please join us as we gather to thank our God for all that we have
been gifted with throughout 2019.**

- **ALL STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 1.30P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY**
- **Children can wear casual clothes on Wednesday**

Dear Families,

As I said a few weeks ago, it is with a heavy heart that I finish my time at St. Dominic's. Having been 14 years here at St. Dominic's, I believe that God is inviting me to journey new paths. While taking long service leave for terms 1 and 2 next year, I will officially finish my time at St. Dominic's at the end of term 2. Fr Peter is happy to appoint Ms Bretag as Acting Principal before the position is formally advertised sometime in the new year, and I know that you will continue to give Alison your full support. My time to slow down a little and spend time with family has come. St. Dominic's is in a really good place and in good hands. We have a great staff who continue to have the children at the centre, resources to enable positive learning experiences for all, families who are supportive and want the best for their children, but most of all, we have the most beautiful children who are happy, trusting, friendly and want to learn. They are our future. Our school community is welcoming, and it has been such a privilege to be with each one of you. My life has been enriched by what we have shared together. It is not goodbye...it is the beginning of something new, and God has each one of us embraced in loving arms.

For unto us a Child is Born

Wishing every family a very
Happy and Peace Filled Christmas.
May the Christ Child who is the message of love,
make his home in your hearts,
and may you be true instruments of his peace to those around you.



We pray for peace in our world and in our hearts.
We live with the belief in a God who loves us,
and that there is more good in our world than bad.
Christmas is about things you can't wrap in a box –
family, friends, love, & acceptance.

Christmas is a time to treasure those you love, and to remember those less fortunate.

Thank you to all for the year and the years we have shared together. Your support in so many ways throughout has helped make St. Dominic's a special place. I continue to feel so privileged for the trust you place in me as principal of this wonderful school. We are a learning community together. The journey will continue in 2020 with new beginnings and many exciting happenings. Already much has been planned for.



*We thank staff who are leaving us. Mrs Michelle Hedley and Mrs Michelle Vassallo. We wish each one of them every happiness and success for the future. We welcome Ms Claire Shinnars who joins our staff as a year 2 teacher.

*Each one of the students at St. Dominic's is special. May you all enjoy your holidays, and thank you for being the beautiful young people you are. Remember to be loving and kind to your family, especially over this holiday time. Help out when you can, and enjoy some time outside to play and celebrate life.

*Thank you to all parents for working in partnership with the staff to provide your children with the best learning opportunities for success and happiness. You continue to teach your children everyday skills, and guide them with the values that will help them grow to be people who make good choices. For the many hours of voluntary work done – classroom help, excursions, canteen, book covering, and so much more – Thank you.

*Thank you to each one of our staff and Mercy Connect volunteers for believing in what we do. I thank you for making a positive difference in the lives of the children entrusted to our care, and giving them opportunities for learning not only for today, but for the future. For work done both in and out of the classroom, in the office, the Learning Centre, grounds and maintenance work, cleaning, school crossing – whatever your role, you are valued. Our time together has been special.

*Thank you Fr. Peter for leading us in our on going faith journey. For your friendship, guidance and support we are truly grateful.



*I wish to acknowledge those who are leaving us – To our year six students who move on to secondary schools, I wish you every happiness and success. To the families who leave us – thank you for sharing your lives with us, and entrusting your children to our care. To the other children and families who are moving from Broadmeadows. May your new schools welcome you into their communities.



THANKYOU TO ALL WHO BELONG TO THE ST. DOMINIC'S LEARNING COMMUNITY, AND MAY EACH ONE CONTINUE TO 'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'. THE JOURNEY TOGETHER HAS BEEN CELEBRATED WITH LASTING MEMORIES.

2020 School Fees/Levies : There will be a small change to fees in 2020.

School Fees for 2020	: \$896.00 per year per family, per year (\$224.00 per term)
Subject/Stationary Levies	: \$100.00 per child (includes hire of Religious Education Text Book, and some excursions/incursions)
Excursion Levy	: \$125.00 per child
Year 6 Camp	: \$150.00

Thank you to those families who finalised their payments for the year, and to those who made appointments to speak with us in relation to any outstanding payments. A reminder that the school cannot run as effectively as it does without the contribution of family fee and levies. Our school does not charge excessive fees in any way, and all money received goes towards providing your child/children with the best in learning opportunities.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARTINA POUTRIS, ON RECEIVING THE HUME COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED EACH YEAR TO A YEAR 6 STUDENT. MARTINA WAS NOMINATED BY OUR SCHOOL. WELL DONE MARTINA – WISHING YOU HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS FOR THE FUTURE.

2020 Class Teachers : Further staff information and programs for 2020 in the first newsletter next year.

Prep M	: Mrs Sharon Russell (Prep M)
Prep N	: Mrs Chiarina Blake (Mon-Thurs); Mrs Marita Burnett (Fri)
One I	: Miss Lucia Moloney
One J	: Miss Sarah Quinlan
Two K	: Ms Claire Shinnors
Two L	: Mrs Camille Voce (Mon-Thurs); Mrs Daniela Caruana (Fri)
Three/Four P	: Miss Liz Cusack
Three/Four R	: Mr Chris Anderson
Three/Four S	: Mrs Tania Tripicchio (Mon-Weds) & Mrs Helen Sims (Weds-Fri)
Five/Six Harvey	: Mr John Kimuliatis
Five/Six Doh	: Miss Elise Scibberas
Five/Six Jennings	: Mr Steven Wintrip

2020 SCHOOL YEAR

**Staff return on Tuesday, 28th January.
(staff will have all been in prior to this date setting up rooms and preparing for the great year of learning)**

SCHOOL BEGINS FULL TIME FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 1-6 ON

Thursday, 30th January

It is important that all children are at school on this day for learning to begin.

Foundation (Prep) will start on Monday, 3rd February.

In 2020 – music will play a 8.50a.m., all children are to be in their classrooms by 8.55a.m., and lessons begin 9.00a.m. sharp. Flag raising and the anthem will be at Friday Assembly each week.

Let's Eat Kiosk:

A special thank you to Shamy and her helpers. You have achieved great things this year, and we are grateful for all your support. Enjoy a rest!

Thanks you to our furniture helpers : A special thank you to those who came today to help with our classroom furniture moving. A great job was done. We are very grateful to each one of you for your help.



Congratulations to the following students who were Term 4 *Week 10 Students of the Week*. Each student received their certificate last Friday at assembly for their achievements during the week. CONGRATULATIONS FOR GREAT WORK DONE IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM. TRUE CHAMPIONS...

Prep Red:	5/6I: Frans; Ayrán
Prep Purple: Oran; Eluney	5/6J: Bhupen; Marvin
1/2L: Andrew; Rami; Jayden	5/6K: Whole class
1/2M: Alma; Rami; Jayden	Mrs Sharon & Mrs Rawaa award:
1/2N: Eliana; Etienne; Elena	Mrs Burnett's Reading award:
3/4P: Telua; Karlo	Ms Lakshmi/Ms Mirna – Learning Club :
3/4R: Isaac; Angela; Rushil	Mrs Cromie's award:
3/4S: Faneeta; Noor	Mrs Menassa Breakfast Club :

TERM 4 CALENDAR	
WEEK 11 Monday 16 th December	Classroom moving day for furniture, etc. 6.00p.m. Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday 17 th Dec	Year 6 End of year day out 2.30p.m. Santa to visit Preps-5
Wednesday 18 th Dec	11.30a.m. End of year school Mass 1.30p.m. SCHOOL ENDS FOR STUDENTS
Thursday 19 th Dec	Staff Finish

**ST. DOMINIC'S PARISH
CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS**

Don't forget if you are able to bring your children to the 7.00p.m. Family Christmas Mass at St. Dominic's Church on Tuesday, 24th December to help act out the Gospel.

Children can come dressed as an Angel, Shepherd, Inn Keeper, Mary or Joseph.

Thank you to those who have already let us know.

Children need to be at the Church by 6.45p.m.



Thankyou to families for your kind words, cards and gifts this Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. The gift is the trust you place in us to share the journey with you and your children.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday and every good wish for 2020.

Gayle

On behalf of the school staff.



***Happy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year...
Ho, Ho, Ho!***