

DMC NEWSLETTER

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Saints Peter and Paul

Apostles

St. Peter: The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life, and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles.

And to Peter only did Jesus say, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:17b-19).

St. Paul: St. Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort—even the most scrupulous observance of law—can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil, and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus.

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, Who, of Thy divine mercy, did instruct Thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul what they should do that they might be filled with the Holy Ghost; grant that we may serve Thee in Thy Holy love and compassion and so be filled with the comfort of Thy heavenly gifts. Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

From "Lives of the Saints for Every Day of the Year."

Week Nine

1) School Uniform: It is important that all students wear their school uniform properly at all times. Unfortunately a number of our students have gotten into some bad habits, regarding their personal appearance:

- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Coloured underclothes/shirts must not be worn under school clothing if they are visible.
- Girls are permitted only ONE set of earrings. Multiple piercings are not allowed- neither are nose piercings, eyebrows or any other location on the face.

These rules are set out clearly in the student/ parent handbook, which was read and signed by everyone at the beginning of the year.

2) End of Term 2/ Beginning of Term 3: The last day of Term 2 will be Friday, 25th of June. The first day of Term 3 will be

Monday 19th of July, after the three week holiday.

3) School Reports: The Semester One Report will be handed out to students on the last day of school; it will also be uploaded in an electronic format to the Xuno parent portal on the same day.

4) Uniform Shop: The uniform shop will be open on the 12th July during school holidays from 9am to 12pm.

5) XUNO Sign-in/Out: Since the introduction of the XUNO Contactless Sign in/out Kiosk, the efficiency and accuracy of attendance and student arrivals and departures in Years 11 and 12 have improved considerably- however a number of students are not signing in when arriving late to school and on some rare occasions, not signing out upon the completion of their last class at school.

This process is essential for our duty of care and attendance records, so parents of upper school students please remind them to follow all procedures correctly

6) Parent/Teacher Night: Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on 21st July, 2021 (Term 3, Week 1, Wednesday). This will be a half day, ending at 12:45pm. Kindy to Year 6 interviews will run from 1.30pm to 5pm and high school interviews will run from 3pm to 7pm. It would be beneficial for secondary students to attend with their parents/ guardians if possible. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on (08) 9417 3267. There are secondary teachers who will be conducting interviews from 3pm, please refer to the booking site to see who they are. The booking instructions have already been sent out via email.

7) Year 10 Information Night: Year 10 information night will be held on 28th July (Term 3 Week 2, Wednesday) which will concern the Year 11 academic pathways, subject selection and WACE requirements,

all of which we would like to share with you, the parents of our DMC students, so that we all work together in helping your child be organized and well prepared for the one/two years ahead of them.

8) Driveway Safety: Student safety is a priority at DMC and we would like to remind all parents and caregivers of our Traffic and Drive through Guidelines. Thank you to those people who are consistently following our guidelines and for keeping our students safe.

- All drivers must strictly adhere to the 5km/h speed limit within the school carparks and drive-through area
- All drivers must give way to pedestrians at all times.
- All pedestrians must ensure they utilise crosswalks and footpaths to minimise the impact on traffic flow and to ensure children safety
- All pedestrians are to leave school grounds using the allocated gate
- All drivers must strictly adhere to traffic flow signage within the school car park.
- All drivers dropping off or collecting children from their vehicles MUST do so via the drive through drop off/pick up service only.
- Cars are only to be parked in car park areas and within allocated bays and NOT in the school drive through area. If overflow is needed please use verge parking at the front of the school.
- Vehicles are not permitted to park within the Day Care Car park
- Vehicles must not stop or park their vehicles on or adjacent to a “NO STANDING” sign painted on the road surface.
- Vehicles must not park either wholly or partially on ANY footpath within the school grounds.
- No Driver shall drive their vehicle on school grounds or where students are present in a wilful manner (which includes speed), that is inherently dangerous, or given regard to the circumstances, considered to be dangerous to the public or to any person.
- All parents/guardians must explain the Divine Mercy College Traffic Guidelines and Rules to ANY person

who will be attending the school to collect their child in a motor vehicle.

- All drivers queuing for the Divine Mercy drive through pick up/drop off service shall not leave their vehicle unattended at any time and please ensure that your vehicle do not restrict other cars accessing Mater Christi.
- All drivers must follow the directions of a Staff Member
- Students who travel to and from school on school bus and public transport must at all time behave in manner which reflects the values of Divine Mercy College.

9) NUT AWARE: DMC- A Nut AWARE School: In an effort to provide a safe environment for students with allergies to nuts, Divine Mercy College is seeking the support of the whole school community to help make our school nut free by ensuring sandwiches, cakes, slices, biscuits, muesli bars, chocolate bars, dips and dried fruit and nuts are not brought to school. Please note we also do NOT encourage students to share food.

10) Code of Conduct for ALL: As a school community we encourage good relationships which are based on a shared faith and common beliefs and goals. There is an expectation that all parents, volunteers and visitors to the school comply with the Parent Code of Conduct and the Visitor and Volunteer Information. Please download these from the DMC website www.dmc.wa.edu.au under the 'Policies' heading and make yourself familiar with the guidelines. If you have any questions about these documents please feel free to contact Mrs Jodi Hampel, the Schools Registration Officer via email, jhampel@dmc.wa.edu.au. We believe that fostering good relationships is two-sided, therefore the Staff at Divine Mercy are also required to comply with a Staff Code of Conduct. If any parent or student has a complaint about an employee not following the Code of Conduct, have concerns about grooming, child abuse or other behaviour which is not permitted by the Code of Conduct then the Complaints and Disputes Policy will be implemented and therefore referred to

the Principal and/or School Board. Victimization of staff, students, visitors, parents or guardians for making an allegation in accordance with the schools policy, is forbidden, including where the allegation is unfounded. The staff Code of Conduct can also be located on the DMC website www.dmc.wa.edu.au

11) Keeping Safe - Child Protection Curriculum

All students at DMC will be learning the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC) throughout the year. The teachers delivering the program have received explicit training in the use of the Curriculum. This has been implemented to ensure all children and young people have access to the approved child protection curriculum. A letter detailing further information has been sent to all students, however if you would like further clarification please contact your classroom teacher / homeroom teacher, as they can provide you with relevant information that could alleviate any concerns or visit our website to view the summary of topics for each year level.

12) Annual Satisfaction Survey

Thank you for those parents who took part in our Annual Satisfaction Survey, your feedback assists with future planning and school improvement. We are busy analysing the results and will publish them in the newsletter during term 4.

13) Absentees: Parents if your child is absent from school, please contact the school by phone, or email at admin@divinemeracycollege.wa.edu.au.

14) Divine Mercy College Buy and Sell Facebook: Below is the link for the school buy and sell page where parents can go to either buy and/or sell their books or uniforms.

Divine Mercy College Yangebup buy and sell group on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/912010118884607/>

15) Xuno Parent Portal: If any parents encounter any difficulties in accessing the Xuno parent portal, please contact Mrs Lau by email:

ycheng@divinemericycollege.wa.edu.au

ASAP. Please note that this parent portal is an essential tool for communication, such as attendance tracking, school report downloads, behaviour, and school announcements.

16) Fundraising- Sausage Sizzle and Free

Dress: This Thursday the 24th of June, a sausage sizzle and free dress day was organised to raise funds for the Year 12 Graduation. A record total of \$900 was collected, so thanks to all the students and teachers who assisted in organisation.

17) Playground Safety and Duty of Care:

Parents, please be aware that the school playground in the kindy and Primary areas are not permitted to be used after school as they are not supervised at this time.

+ Jesus, I trust in You

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