Many seasons for learning

The first day at a new school, like any journey, is usually filled with a mixture of excitement and trepidation. While we typically look forward to all of the possibilities that lay ahead, it is natural to feel a little anxious about the unknowns that will surprise us along the way. Perhaps, most interesting of all is the fact that it is the surprises that usually offer the greatest opportunities for learning.

As we commence the 2013 academic year we welcome our newest students, staff and their families to our community here at Cabra. We hope that you will quickly grow to feel that this is your college and your community; a place where you belong and a community in which you are valued simply for being yourself.

The commencement of another year also gives us the opportunity to reflect upon what it is that we offer the young people who enter our gates every day. In particular it is good to consider what is essentially Catholic and Dominican about Cabra and how this shapes the education of our students.

Through 2013 we hope to open up some of the riches of Dominican Education through the pages of our regular newsletter and through our website. In so doing we aim to provide all families with the opportunity to get to know us a little better and to share with you some of the values, insights and traditions that motivate us and guide our work.

In the meantime as we make our way through the academic year with its cycles of learning, assessment and reporting we acknowledge and respond to the seasons of the Church. These spiritual seasons provide us with regular and natural moments for reflection and celebration.

Sometimes this can be as simple as acknowledging the feast day of a particular Saint as we did last week for St Thomas Aquinas. At other times, such as our Opening Mass, our celebration is much larger and invites us into some of the great mysteries of our Catholic faith. Regardless of the format and the number of people involved, living the life of the Church in this way complements all of the secular learning that occurs throughout the year and helps us to provide a holistic education for all students regardless of their particular faith background.

With best wishes and every blessing for the year ahead.

Brian Schumacher
**2012 SACE RESULTS**

We are delighted with the SACE results obtained by Cabra students in 2012. While the following summary provides only a glimpse of our students’ many achievements, they give some insight into the very strong academic performance of our most recent graduates. Similarly, their recent success in gaining places in their preferred University and TAFE courses ensures that our 2012 graduates are set to continue their learning well beyond school.

As Principal I was particularly pleased with the distribution of the highest grades across all faculties as it reminds us of the high quality of instruction available to all students at Cabra courtesy of their expert and dedicated teachers. The following summary of our students’ performance based on their ATARs shows that there were many academic, success stories for Cabra graduates in 2012.

Brian Schumacher

**Students Achieving A+ Grades**

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**18% of Cabra students achieved an ATAR greater than 90.0**

**50% of Cabra students achieved an ATAR greater than 70.0**

**82% of Cabra students achieved an ATAR greater than 50.0**

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**UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE — SPORT UNIFORMS**

In previous years, sport uniforms were only available to hire for the sport season. In 2013, various uniforms are available to purchase.

**Please note changes below:**

White polos for cricket, volleyball and tennis, must be purchased for Year 8, 9 and 10 students ($48). Purchase/hire is optional for all other year levels.

Netball dresses and soccer guernseys will also be available to purchase for the winter season; prices will be advertised in the sport newsletter once confirmed.

Football and basketball tops will be available to buy from 2014.

In the instance of uniforms being purchased, the sport invoice may need to be adjusted; uniform shop staff will advise at the time of sport fee payment. Please contact the uniform shop for more information.
**CABRA COLLEGE NOTICES**

**ABSENT FROM SCHOOL?**

**Please notify the school...**

If your child or children will be absent from school, parents and guardians are required to notify the college.

**Option 1:**
Leave a telephone message:

Call 8179 2477

After the message tone, please leave the following information:
- Child’s name
- Home Class
- Reason (Family, Unwell, Holiday)
- Your Name (Parent or Guardian)

**Option 2:**
Send a TEXT message:

**TEXT Message – 0427 767 937**
- Child’s name
- Home Class
- Reason (Family, Unwell, Holiday)
- Your Name (Parent or Guardian)

**METRO CARD RECHARGE**

**Metro Card Recharging Terminal**

Available in the **BOOK ROOM**

We cannot sell the cards but they can be purchased from various outlets around Adelaide. A list of these can be found on the website: [www.adelaidemetro.com.au](http://www.adelaidemetro.com.au)

The cards will attract an initial cost of $3-50 plus however much credit you may wish to load to the card at the time. Existing tickets will still be able to be used in parallel with the “Metrocard” system on buses, trams and trains. “Day trip” and “Single trip” Metro tickets are still available and can be purchased from the Cabra Book Room.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

The services and events contained in this newsletter are in no way connected with the school and are included for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.

**CLOSURE OF POZNAN PATH**

**NOVEMBER 2012 TO LATE APRIL 2013**

**NORTH SOUTH CORRIDOR - SOUTHERN EXPRESSWAY DUPLICATION**

The Poznan Path will be closed until late April 2013, to enable the pedestrian bridge to be extended. During these construction works pedestrian access will not be available across Poznan Path, with alternative access available via either Beach Road or Honeypot Road.

- For further information please contact: 1300 626 097
- enquiries@bajvse.com.au
- www.infrastructure.sa.gov.au

**RAILWAY STATION CLOSURES**

**ADELAIDE RAILWAY STATION**

Closed from 2 January to 3 February 2013.

**NOARLUNGA AND TONSLEY**

Closed from 2 January to September 2013

**BELAIR**

Closed from 2 January to mid-2013

For further information about public transport changes:

**PHONE:**

ADELAIDE METRO INFOLINE ON 1300 311 108

**VISIT:**

ADELAIDEMETRO.COM.AU

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Uniform Shop Opening Hours:**

**TERM 1, 2013:**

- Mon 8:30am - 5:30pm
- Tue 8:30am - 5:30pm
- Wed 8:15am to 3:45pm
- Fri 8:15am to 3:45pm

Thursday 7th February, 7th March, and 4th April Only — 3:30pm to 7:30pm

**Entrance via Little St**

Phone: 8179 2400
Email: uniform@cabra.catholic.edu.au

**CABRA OLDSCHOLARS**

**Share Your Story**

We’d love to hear from any Old Scholars with information of what you have been up to since leaving school. Send your updates to our Development Officer, Sue Baum via email: sbaum@cabra.catholic.edu.au

**STAY IN TOUCH**

Do we have your latest contact details? Register online to stay in touch:

http://www.cabra.catholic.edu.au/old-scholars/online-registration

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**BOOKROOM PAYMENTS**

**Re payments to the College**

Could we please ask that when making payments to the college whether it be School fees, Sport fees, Excursion payments (if applicable), Trip deposits or Music fees — that we cannot accept consolidated payments for multiple areas and that individual cheques need to be drawn and paid to the respective areas of payment, more specifically “Cashier”, “Bookroom” and “Uniform shop” as we are separate entities within the College and have individual Banking reconciliations.

**Sport Fees**

Must be paid as a separate amount via the Uniform shop on a separate cheque or credit card transaction.

**Excursion Fees (if applicable), Music fees or Trip deposits**

Should be paid via the Bookroom on a separate cheque or credit card transaction.

However, if you are for example paying a ski trip deposit and an excursion fee for the one student to the one area (the Book room) we can accept a consolidated payment.

We apologise and understand this may be inconvenient for some but is the most practical way for this to be done, and we thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Cabra BOOkROOM Contact Details —**

Email: bookroom@cabra.catholic.edu.au
Phone: 8179 2456

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** TexT Book DELAYS**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

we wish to apologise for any delay experienced by students that have not received the Text Books ordered. The delays are due to the overwhelming number of late orders placed after 31st December 2012. We are endeavouring to fill all orders as quickly as possible and ask for your continued patience. Please help us by ensuring future Booklist orders are handed in by the due date.

Thank you,

Ray Byrne – Book Room Manager
Welcome

One of the many wonderful things about Cabra Dominican College is our students’ ability to relate naturally with each other and look for ways to support one another.

We are blessed to live and work in an environment that allows this to occur. On the first day we saw many excited faces, a few overwhelmed faces but most of all eager anticipation about what the year would bring. (I am talking more about the students than the parents but it would apply to all of us!)

We have already experienced many getting to know you activities and discovered new teachers, timetables and routines. The first few weeks are all about helping your son or daughter in their transition to the College and our current students relish this role, as they ably assist our newest students to settle in.

There may be times where your child is feeling anxious or overwhelmed and this is a natural feeling. Please reassure them, help them to explore their own possible solutions, but if further assistance is required please contact your child’s homeroom teacher as the first point of contact.

The Kids Helpline have provided some tips on successful transitioning. Links to their website and to this article are provided below.

2013 will provide many exciting thrills, bumps, sheer delight, twists and turns. We look forward to sharing this journey with you and your children at Cabra Dominican College.
Welcome back to all of the Senior School students for 2013. I hope that the holidays provided adequate opportunities for rest and recreation with your friends and families. Cabra Dominican College is a strong and vibrant community which really values the individual skills and attributes of the staff and the students. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Year 12 students from last year on their outstanding academic performance. We had a total of 11 students who achieved merits in their chosen subjects and over 20 students who achieved an ATAR in the 90’s. The top achievers we invited to attend our first Whole School Assembly for the year where they were presented with a special certificate from Mr. Schumacher acknowledging their outstanding achievements.

Leadership Camp

Over the past two days the members of the Senior Student Council attended a Leadership Camp at Victor Harbor. The purpose of the camp was to provide time for the students to reflect on their own person attributes as leaders and to form common goals for the team to achieve during the course of the year. At the conclusion of the camp the students voted on the College Captains for 2013.

College Captains & Vice Captains

I am pleased to announce that the following students have been elected as College Captains & Vices Captains for 2013:

**College Captains**
- Grace Buckley
- Jack Morgan

**College Vice Captains**
- Madeline Grammatopoulos
- Todd McLean

Senior School

Parent Information Evening

The Parent Information Evening will be held on Monday 11th of February in St. Dominic’s Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. Information in relation to our Senior School programs will be provided on the night. You will also have the opportunity to meet other parents. A reminder SMS will be sent out in relation to the evening which you will be required to respond to in order for the College to ascertain the number of people attending. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact myself or your son/daughter’s Year Level Co-ordinator if we can be of assistance to you.

Senior Formal – Year 12/13s

The Year 12/13 Formal will be held on Friday 22nd of March, commencing at 7.00pm. The Adelaide Town Hall has been booked for what will be a very special evening for the students.

School Uniform

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is wearing the summer uniform correctly and appropriately. This is a way that students signify that they are proud to be a part of the Cabra community and are respectful of its traditions and culture. All uniforms will be checked again at the beginning of Week 3 to give parents/caregivers the opportunity to purchase or alter any items of clothing requiring attention.

Year 12 Physical Education

The class of 2012 should be congratulated on an extremely successful 2012. The students worked diligently in their theory and practised with intensity in all the practical modules. These included Netball, Netball Umpiring, Basketball or Soccer, Badminton and Touch. Many of these students combined their sporting activities with this school subject. It often allowed them to understand the theoretical aspects of their performance. At school there was an attitude of collaboration, competition and persistence which enhanced their overall success. Both Emily Curtis and Kate Hofmeyer achieved an overall A+ with a merit. All students achieved a passing final subject grade. This included seven A scores, 15 B scores and four C grades.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Ash Wednesday 2013

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated this year on 13th February. All students and staff will participate in Ash Wednesday services provided at different locations around Cabra during block 3 on that day. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. Each year level’s service involves the students in readings and prayers with the teachers signing the students with the symbol of the day, ashes. Some ashes come from the traditional burnt palm branches of Palm Sunday while others come from the burnt resolutions, previously written privately by students. These resolutions the students and staff hope to follow during the Lenten season. You are most welcome to attend the ceremonies on the day with the classes.

Brian Sharkey

St Vincent de Paul Collection

Thank you so much to parents, students and friends for the donations to the Vinnie’s boxes available at Cabra. We continue this year with our collection boxes available in the Senior School Office, Middle School Office and the main Front Office. If you have any non-perishable items in good/reasonable condition please parcel them up in bags of some description and drop them into one of our boxes. There are special bags available from the college (offices) if you wish to use Vinnie’s own bags or to encourage others to recycle.

Brian Sharkey
Welcome to all the students, parents and teachers involved in our Instrumental and Ensemble Music program. The music department has had some changes in our staff with the appointment of Sarah Heaslip as Music Administrator. Whilst most aspects of the music department will remain the same, you will notice slight changes to the program this year. The timetables are now situated just outside the music office and it is important that lesson times and ensemble rehearsals are checked regularly as there will be slight changes in the first few weeks as teachers and students settle into lessons and ensemble rehearsals for 2013. The music office hours are Monday-Friday 9-3pm (ph: 8179 2406) and students are encouraged to visit Mrs Heaslip during recess or lunch for assistance with their music enquires. It has been a busy start to the year with many enthusiastic students visiting the music office keen to start lessons and be a part of the exciting and diverse music program. Lessons started this week for continuing students and new students will begin their lessons next week. For those students interested, private tuition is offered on the following instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, voice, piano, acoustic, electric and bass guitar, violin, cello, double bass, drums and this year harp.

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Welcome
Welcome to 2013, a year that will be filled with many sensational and rewarding sporting opportunities at Cabra Dominican College. My name is Kara Smallman and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Sport Coordinator this year. I previously worked at St Aloysius College as the Secondary Sport Coordinator. I have always been a very active person involved in a variety of sports and sporting teams. I have a genuine love and passion towards physical activity and in maintaining a healthy lifestyle and believe that it is an essential quality in lifelong learning.

My focus is to encourage students to set achievable goals and to reach these particular goals within the sport program and curriculum. I believe that this will further lead to an enriched and holistic educational experience, strong sense of personal success, confidence and accomplishment for each student.

To get Cabra sport up and running smoothly for 2013 below are a few key dates to add to your calendar:

**Week 2**
Friday 8th February
Summer sport fees due to the Uniform Shop

**Week 3**
15th / 16th February
Round 1 commences for summer sport (except Primary Basketball)

**Week 4**
19th / 20th February
Round 1 commences for Primary Basketball (Wayville Stadium)

**Week 5**
Friday 1st March
Winter sport nominations close

**Week 6**
Friday 8th March
Cabra Sports Day – all welcome!

Monday 25th March
Catholic Secondary Schools Co-Ed Athletics Carnival

**Week 10**
Friday 5th April
Winter sport fees due to the Uniform Shop

Team lists and coaches are in the process of being finalised. Final summer sport nominations are due tomorrow; trials for final team selections (where applicable) and trainings will take place next week. All students that nominate to play sport for Cabra in 2013 will be placed in a team regardless of playing ability or experience.

Competitions will commence in Week 3. It is expected that all students participating in the Cabra Dominican College sport program uphold the professional nature that is currently present.

If students are unable to attend trainings or games it is expected that coaches are notified in advance if your son or daughter will not be present.

The successful running of a team for both the students and coaches relies on the commitment from all team members and it is imperative that this is taken into account when participating in the sport program here at Cabra.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and meeting with you all. If you have any questions feel free to contact me on

Email: ksmallman@cabra.catholic.edu.au
Phone: (08) 8179 2415

**SPORTS NEWS**

**DO YOU WANT TO PLAY SPORT IN 2013? NOMINATE ONLINE TODAY!**

Simply follow these easy steps:

- Talk with your parents about which sport/s you wish to play in 2013
- Log on to the College intranet
- Select SPORTS / PLAYER NOMINATIONS
- Select sport/s from the drop down menu and save your nomination

**Sport Fees**

A sport invoice will be automatically generated and emailed to your parents / carers once your sport nomination has been saved; please read the Cabra Sport Policy carefully prior to nominating. Sport fees are generally $100 per season; uniform hire is an additional cost, between $10 - $30 for the season.

**Team lists and Trainings**

Team lists, training times and coach details will be available early in Term 1. Trials and/or training will commence in Week 2. Round 1 sport will commence at the end of Week 3. Listen to the daily bulletin, read the sport newsletter and check your Cabra email account for updates!

**Nomination Closing Dates**

Summer sport nominations have now closed. Closing date for all winter sport (played in Term 2 and 3) is Friday 1st March (Week 5).

**Sport Payments**

All payments are to the uniform shop during opening hours (Mon, Weds, Fri). Summer sport fees are due by 8th February; winter sport fees are due by 5th April.

Payments can be made over the phone by credit card; contact the uniform shop on 8179 2461. Please note payment must be received by the due date to secure a place in a team.

**Sport Uniforms**

Most sport uniforms are to be collected at time of sport fee payment from the uniform shop. The majority of sport uniforms are available to hire however various styles are to be purchased in 2013. Please see important information pertaining to sport uniform hire/purchase on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Contacts:

**SPORT OFFICE:**
Phone: 8179 2415
Email: sport@cabra.catholic.edu.au

**UNIFORM SHOP:**
Phone: 8179 2461
Email: uniform@cabra.catholic.edu.au
SPoRTS NEWS

Term 1 Summer Sport

Training will commence in Week 2 unless otherwise advised, students must listen to the daily bulletin for updates.

Sport draws with coach contact details can be found in team pigeon holes (located in the gym foyer) from Week 3.

For further information, please contact the relevant coordinator.

Basketball – Coaches needed!

Primary Coordinator
Mr Rob Jarrad (8179 2434)

Girls Coordinator
Mr Joel Morizzi (8179 2443)

All Grades:
Training times to be advised by Coordinator

Cricket
Coordinator, Mr Shaun Ossitt (8179 2439)

Primary: Thursday 2.45 – 4.30pm
Year 8: Thursday 3.30 – 5.00pm
Year 10: Wednesday 2.45 – 4.30pm
Senior: Thursday 3.30 – 5.00pm

Tennis
Coordinator
Miss Kara Smallman (8179 2415)

Primary Boys/Girls: Tuesday 3.45 – 5.00pm OR
Wednesday 3.00 – 4.00pm (to be advised after team selections)
Middle B/C Girls: Tuesday 3.45 – 5.00pm
Middle C Boys: Thursday 3.45 – 5.00pm
Snr C Boys: Thursday 3.45 – 5.00pm

Lacrosse
Coordinator
Mrs Marilyn Fuss (0433 547 661)

U13 and U15 Girls: Training times to be advised by Coordinator

Volleyball - Coaches needed!

Girls Coordinator
Eddie Janmaat (0434 607 998)

Boys / Mixed Coordinator
Miss Kara Smallman (8179 2415)

All Grades: Training times to be advised by Coordinator

SPORTS DAY

Friday 8th March (Week 6)

All family members are welcome to attend.

Volunteers are needed to help on the day,

Please contact Mr Mike Whinnen if you can assist.

Phone: 8179 2434
Email: mwhinnen@cabra.catholic.edu.au

Congratulations Kayla!

After being injured for much of 2011, Kayla Mathews (Yr 12 2012) played exceptional basketball in the Statewide Schools Championships leading our senior girls team to consecutive state titles. Kayla’s involvement included assisting with Junior teams and she is now focussing on state selection in 2013. We congratulate Kayla on her outstanding contribution to Cabra Basketball over many years and look forward to her being involved with Cabra teams in the future.

COACHES NEEDED!

Cabra Dominican College are seeking coaches for Summer and Winter sport in 2013.

Teams cannot compete without a coach!

Parents, carers, siblings and old scholars are invited to apply. Parents and carers that choose to coach their child’s team are offered the following incentives:

• Exemption of sport fees for your child
• Entertainment Book
• Coaching courses (where applicable)
• Invitations to sport functions

We are currently looking for Basketball, Cricket and Volleyball coaching staff for the summer sport season. Please contact the sport office for more information.
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