From the Chair...

Although I don’t enjoy travelling without my wife, it was a privilege to go to Europe for the Domino Servite Conference 2016. About 200 staff attended from schools across Europe, some travelling 24 hours by road to get there. I was moved to see how much people from other DS schools had our school on their hearts and have been carrying the project in prayer. Moreover, they were stirred and encouraged to hear that through much prayer and God’s miraculous leading we were able to make a start in Australia this year.

Psalm 118:23 “This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes”.

The teachers at the conference were thrilled to see the pictures I could share with them of the school, especially the ‘before and after’ images of the massive working-bee effort in December and January. A big thank you to all those who so willingly offered their time and energy at the school to make a February start possible.

I was pleasantly surprised to learn that some of our students felt that the school holidays were taking just tooooo long! To me, this is an indication of how much the students enjoy and appreciate schooling at Domino Servite. Some parents may jump to the conclusion that school must be too much fun, let me assure you that there has been a lot of hard work going on!
School is not all fun and games - the students have gone through vigorous evaluation and many have put a lot of effort into catch up work. The joy on the faces of the students and parents bears testimony to what God has done.

May we never take it for granted what the Lord has done. The children of Israel did. God brought them into a new land flowing with milk and honey. It was not long before they forgot to be thankful for the privileges they had received, despite the warnings Moses had given them. They let the blessing become ordinary and God had to deal with them and help them to re-appreciate the good things God had done for them.

The words of Moses – “When you have eaten your fill, be sure to praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the LORD your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today. For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in, and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful! Do not become proud at that time and forget the LORD your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt. Do not forget that he led you through the great and terrifying wilderness with its poisonous snakes and scorpions, where it was so hot and dry. He gave you water from the rock! He fed you with manna in the wilderness, a food unknown to your ancestors. He did this to humble you and test you for your own good. He did all this so you would never say to yourself, ‘I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.’ Remember the LORD your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfil the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath. “But I assure you of this: If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods, worshipping and bowing down to them, you will certainly be destroyed. Just as the LORD has destroyed other nations in your path, you also will be destroyed if you refuse to obey the LORD your God.” [Deuteronomy 8:10-20 NLT]

Let us appreciate all that the Lord has done for us and not forget to be thankful for the goodness He has shown toward us. It is when we are experiencing an abundance of blessing that we are most susceptible to the disease of ingratitude.

With thanks...

Martin Jaeger
Senator Bernardi’s Visit

It was a great privilege to have Senator Bernardi come to the school on Thursday 19th of May to address the students. The 7 & 8 classes have been learning about the Australian Constitution and how parliament works. The Senator spoke about how circumstances brought him into politics and shared his passion for upholding conservative values and guiding decisions in the best interests of the country, families, businesses, and people. He received letters from the 7 & 8 students which were written to encourage and support the Senator in his role.

Please remember to pray for Senator Bernardi as he continues this important work and role in parliament.
Uniforms
All parents and students are reminded that winter uniform is compulsory during terms 2 & 3 even if the weather is not so wintery. This means trousers, long-sleeved shirt, and tie needs to be worn. The top button of the shirt needs to be closed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Lost Property
Could parents please take a moment to rumage through the lost property box. Although we are only in the third week of the term, the box is overflowing. If your child has the ‘I can’t find it’ syndrome, you might like to check the lost property box for familiar items on a more regular basis.
Thanks.

Performance Notes
As part of our music program, students are preparing for and performing in assembly. Thanks to Emily and Michael for starting us off. This provides excellent opportunities for students to deal with nerves whilst blessing the school community.

NAPLAN
Thank you to our very brave students who cheerfully participated in National testing. We even had several students ask if we can do more NAPLAN on Friday morning!

Cows Create Careers
Our cows are very healthy and doing well. It took a whole school vote to come up with the perfect two names, Spotty and Dotty. We love running with the cows. They sure are quick. We put them on a leash at recess and lunch time for the whole school to enjoy.

Next Tuesday, we will have the privilege of visiting the Kowald’s farm to see their Dairy. We will be doing some videoing for the CCC program.

by Jeremy Jaeger

Thank you Mr and Mrs Kowald!