

St Dominic's Catholic College

Founded by the Dominican Sisters

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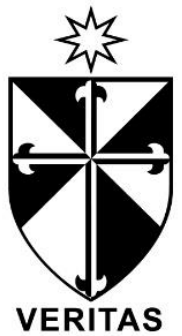
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Kia ora whānau,



I hope you have all enjoyed having your daughter's home this holiday break. The mixed bag of weather has allowed us to get outside and enjoy the warmth of the mid-winter sun as well as enjoying the comfort of wrapping up warm on the rainy days.

Thank you for all your support at the end of last term whilst we experienced rising staff and student illness, which led to us having to roster different year levels home. We remain hopeful that we will not need to return to this next term, and that our students and staff are all able to attend school daily.

Health, Safety and Wellbeing

The case numbers of COVID and Influenza continue to remain high, and the contagious nature of these viruses means we need to remain vigilant in our daily health and safety practices.

The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education strongly recommend that masks continue to be worn in schools in Term 3, and we will be following this advice at St Dominic's. There will still be some situations where masks will not be required to be worn.

Masks will not be required while:

- eating and drinking
- playing certain musical instruments
- playing indoor sport
- singing or drama performance on stage, and PE.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe.

Year 7&8 Social Friday 29th July

Our Year 7&8 St Dominic's/Liston Social is booked in for the end of Week 1 next term. Tickets are \$10 per student, and payment can be made online, and permission slips handed in next week.

School fees, Attendance Dues, and Contributions

You will recently have received an updated invoice for your daughter from our Accounts Department, and I thought it would be a good time for a reminder of what your payments go towards.

On enrolment at St Dominic's you will have been aware of the costs involved in choosing St Dominic's as the school best suited to supporting your daughter's learning and faith development. We are extremely proud of our reputation as a College that provides a rich faith filled environment, achieves highly academically as well as in a wide variety of sports and extra-curricular activities. As a high performing school, we rely on the contributions from our families to help us provide the resources, facilities and equipment needed to be the great College we are. Your contributions make a real and valuable difference for what we can provide.

You will be aware of the current construction underway in the College that will result in a brand new 19-classroom block, specialist teaching rooms and new pastoral area. At the completion of this first phase of our building plan next year, the second phase construction of a brand new Arts Block, for Dance, Drama, Visual Art and Music, will begin. These new buildings will completely transform our College and provide fresh, modern facilities to further enhance learning for all our students. The heart of our College will open up and increased green space will emerge.

This is an exciting time for St Doms and we are looking forward to when the buildings are completed. Our partnership with the Diocese and through the contributions made by families by way of Attendance Dues helps fund the buildings we are so looking forward to. However, as a College we are required to meet the costs of fitting out the buildings with classroom and office furniture, blinds, curtains, televisions, projectors and landscaping. The College much needed contributions and donations paid by our families will help fund these essential resources.

- ***Attendance Dues***

Attendance Dues are a compulsory payment under the terms of the Education and Training Act 2020, and a condition of enrolment at a Catholic school.

Attendance Dues are charged for all students who attend Catholic Schools in New Zealand. It is a legal charge and not a donation; attendance dues are not tax deductible.

Attendance Dues are used to repay loans for building works done at schools in the Auckland Diocese, property related costs including school building works, buildings insurance and costs directly associated with the administration of attendance dues.

Attendance Dues are collected by the schools on behalf of the school's Proprietor and depending on the facilities available, you can pay with Cash, Eftpos, Automatic Payment and Internet Banking.

Attendance Dues can be paid in full at the beginning of the year, per term or by regular installment. As a condition of enrolment at an integrated school, there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay attendance dues.

- ***Special Character Contributions***

The Catholic Special Character contribution is a voluntary donation of \$12.50 per term (\$50.00 per annum) per student. This contribution provides the main source of funding for all services provided to Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese by the Catholic Education Services Board.

No contributions are made by the Government for these services.

The Catholic Education Services Board assists schools to provide a Catholic education for your child through the preservation and enhancement of the Catholic Special Character in our schools.

- ***General Purpose Donation***

This donation is used to help pay for sporting and cultural activities, extra resources for the benefit of students including extra staffing, curriculum resources, classroom resources, library books, prizes and other purposes for the benefit of all students, including what is required to fit-out our new learning spaces.

Please refer to the College website for fuller detail on all contributions and compulsory fees.

<https://www.stdoms.ac.nz/Enrolment.html> Thank you for your continuous support for your daughter's learning environment.

Youdance

Level 2 and 3 dance students performed at Youdance on the 21 June at Mangere Arts centre. The girls performed alongside other secondary schools around Auckland as part of their NCEA performance and choreography credits. Having the opportunity to perform in a theatre provided the students invaluable learning around stage craft, lighting and technical aspects, and performance techniques. The girls represented St Dominic's with pride, grace and mana, and danced beautifully. Keep your eyes peeled for St Dominic's Dance Showcase in Term 3!



Brain Bee Challenge Round 2

Poppy Ujdur and Sophie Blomfield had the privilege of visiting the School of Medicine at University of Auckland on the 29th of June as part of their Brain Bee Challenge Round 2 Competition.



They enjoyed the tour around the facility as well as competing with nearly 200 other students from around the North Island.



National Netball Champions



Congratulations to Netball Waitakere Representatives 2022 Breanna Ah Sam (Under 18s) and Mia Swann (Under 16s) for their recent National Championships in Christchurch and New Plymouth.

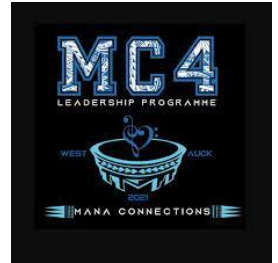
Breanna's Under 18s team finished in 2nd place, defeated by Christchurch in the final, and Mia's Under 16s team won the National title in their final 31-21 against Wellington. Congratulations girls! A fabulous achievement for both of you.



MC4 Graduation

Congratulations to our MC4 graduates who celebrated the completion of their leadership programme last term.

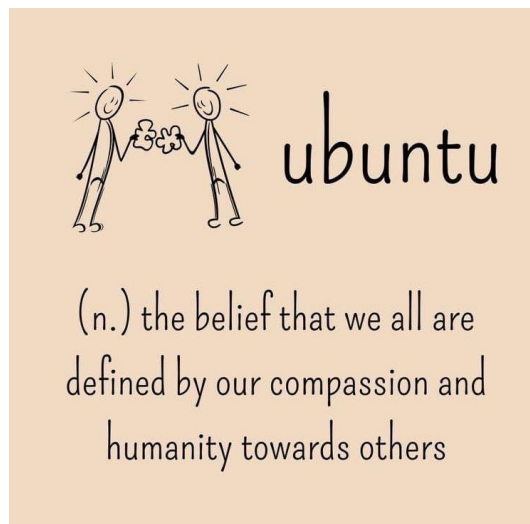
This 17-week mentoring programme focussed on supporting and inspiring young Pacific students to thrive, become resilient, confident, and understand and know the beauty of their Pacific identity, culture and values. Congratulations to all our St Dominic's participants who were committed to completing this programme.



Ice Skating

Georgia Hessel in Yr13 has been selected to compete with an Australian Ice-Skating Team - Nova. They are one of the top senior teams in Australia, and after competing in the Australian Nationals this year, will be heading to Europe to compete in the World Challenger Series.

Congratulations Georgia - we wish you every luck in your upcoming competitions.



Ngā manaakitanga,

Anna Swann

TERM 3 WEEK 1 Week B Timetable

- **Monday 25th July**
Day one Term 3
- **Thursday**
Veritas in Action St Catherine's House Mufti Day
Year 7&8 Bikewise
- **Friday 1st July**
Year 7&8 Bikewise
Year 7&8 St Dominic's and Liston Social at Waitemata Rugby Club

TERM 3 WEEK 2 Week A Timetable

- **Monday 1st August**
Year 7&8 Bikewise
PTFA Meeting TBC
- **Tuesday 2nd August**
Year 7&8 Bikewise
- **Wednesday 3rd August**
Year 7&8 Bikewise
- **Thursday 4th August**
Year 7&8 Bikewise
Careers Expo
- **Friday 5th August**
Year 7&8 Bikewise
Level 2 Outdoor Ed Rock Climbing
Tula'i Graduation