

St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui 06/06/2022



Kia ora whānau,

Another busy couple of weeks in and around the College. We have celebrated many occasions including our Sacramental mass, fare-welling Father Kevin and blessing Miss Lasenby as she takes on her next adventure of motherhood.

Pentecost Sunday – The Birth of the Church

As promised, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to guide the apostles in their evangelisation of faith. In a similar way, the Holy Spirit is calling each of us to use our Faith and Gifts to bring LIFE and LOVE in all we do.

"God has created me to do Him some definite service:

He has committed some work to me which He has not Committed to another. I have my mission - I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. I shall do good. I shall do His work.

I shall be an angel of peace. A preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it. If I do but keep His commandments. I will trust Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work in me." (Prayer of Cardinal Newman)



Sacramental Mass

Last Saturday we celebrated our Sacramental candidates from 2021. On a stunning day we gathered in the Chapel to witness these young women of faith receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Congratulations to all who have entered into this exciting new chapter on their faith journey.



Farewell Father Kev



As you will be aware, Father Kevin has taken up his new role as parish priest at St Anne's in Manurewa. We have been so incredibly blessed to have had Father Kevin as part of our community for so long. We shall miss him greatly but will hold him to his promise to pop in on a regular basis.

We held a whole school blessing for Father Kevin last Friday, and presented him with some small gifts of appreciation on behalf of staff and students, both past and present.



Pink Shirt Day

On Wednesday 25 May, staff and students at St Dominic's dressed in an array of pink in support of PINK SHIRT DAY, and in a stance against bullying.



Our theme this year of wisdom and kindness so beautifully reflects the message of Pink Shirt Day. It is the responsibility of each one of us to speak up and stand together to create a community which values diversity, demands inclusiveness, and expects acceptance and love of all.



High Achievers Tea 2021/2022

It was great to be able to gather last week to celebrate those young women in our College who have received outstanding success in academic, sports, the arts and cultural areas in 2021, and so far in 2022.

To receive an award, students will have performed or represented at a regional, national or international level. With the challenges we have faced over the past two years, these young people should be extra proud of their accomplishments. Congratulations to all our recipients.



Brain Bee Challenge

Congratulations to Sophie Blomfield and Poppy Ujder for making it to the second round of Brain Bee Challenge. Brain Bee Challenge is an opportunity for Y11 students to learn about the Brain and compete in a competition by answering questions online through Education Perfect. The first round was completed earlier in the year. Sophie and Poppy will compete in round two with 300 other students from around the North Island at the end of this term. They will also get an opportunity to visit the Medical School at Auckland University to see what neuroscience studies are being done and to meet with some neuroscientists. Well done!

OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FOR 2022

Congratulations to **Jaylynn Hoff** and **Aisling Joyce** who are the recipients of this year's Hiringa Scholarships. They will spend 21 days on Outward Bound at Anakiwa, at the top of the South Island in July. We are incredibly grateful for the generous external sponsorship for these scholarships.

Term 2 Reporting and Academic Coaching

Thanks to all parents and family members who attended our recent Academic Coaching.

For Term 2, the key dates for reporting and academic coaching are:

- **June 10th** - Year 7-10 – latest report comments and grades available in Spider/Learning Program
- **June 23rd** - Year 11-13 – latest report comments and grades available in Spider/Learning Program
- **July 7th** - Subject teacher academic coaching – 2pm - 8.30pm

More information about the Subject Teacher Academic Coaching will be provided closer to the date.

Football – 2nd XI



Our 2nd XI football team playing at home beneath a beautiful rainbow against Green Bay College on 25th May. Congratulations on the victory girls-3-1!

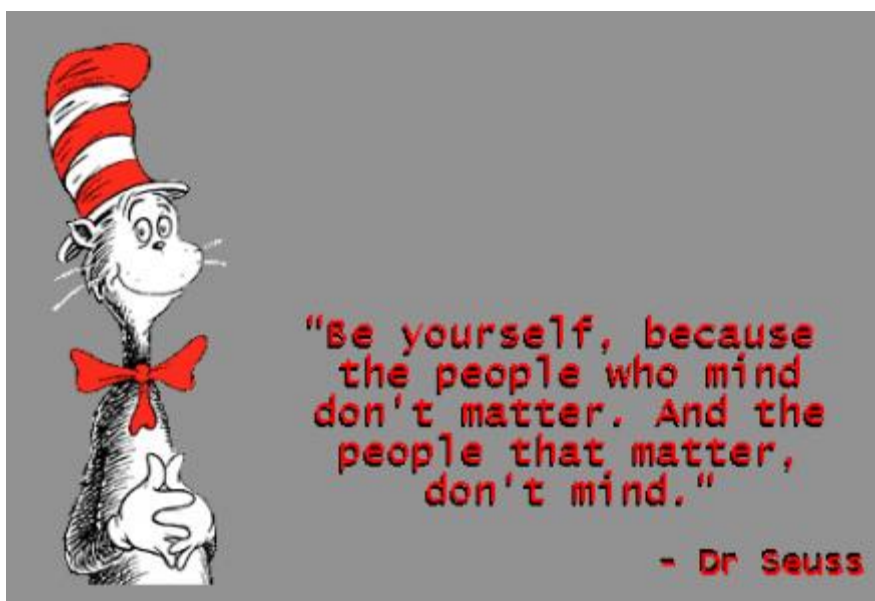
Open Day Tours for students enrolling for 2023

On Wednesday 8th June this week, we will be holding Open Day tours for those students looking to enrol for 2023. There are two times available, 9.30am and 12pm and reservations are essential. Please contact Tina Allingham principalspa@stdoms.ac.nz to book a place.

Enjoy the rest of your weekend whānau.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Anna Swann



TERM 2 WEEK 6- Week A Timetable

- **Monday 6th June**
Queen's Birthday – School Closed
- **Wednesday 8th June**
Open Day Tours (by RSVP for students enrolling for 2023)
- **Thursday 9th June**
Year 9 Retreat
- **Friday 10th June**
Year 9 Retreat

TERM 2 WEEK 7 Week B Timetable SENIOR PRACTICAL WEEK (more information to come)

- **Tuesday 14th June**
Big Sing

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Kia ora whānau,

As we come to the end of a lovely long weekend, we continue to be grateful for the blessings of family, friends, food and good health.

Matariki



This weekend we celebrated our first official Matariki public holiday. The opportunity to spend time with loved ones has no doubt been a much appreciated time for all of us. However, the celebrations of Matariki are not limited to just one day each year.



Matariki is a special occasion in the New Zealand calendar which marks the start of the Māori New Year. Signified by the Matariki cluster of stars reappearing in our night sky, this is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead.

However you chose to spend this new public holiday, I hope you have been able to participate in old traditions, create new ones and enjoy the company of whānau and friends.

*God of the cycles and patterns of the universe and all living things,
Whose ways we only begin to comprehend,
Open our hearts to the wonder of the natural world, to your incarnation throughout creation,
And to your presence with and in us now.
Amen*

Market Day

Last week we enjoyed the products of Level 1 Economics/Business 'Market Day'. There was a range of yummy food items on sale at lunchtime, which had been created, marketed and sold by some of our Year 11 students as part of their NCEA internal assessment.



Big Sing

Congratulations to our Vox Veritas choir who received a commendation award for their performance at this year's Big Sing at the town Hall. Well done girls! Huge thanks to both Miss Kim and Miss Kim for your support and tutorage. The girls performed beautifully and made us all very proud!



Level 2 Biology Students

Year 12 Bio students enjoyed their trip to the beach for their Rocky Shore study. They were very blessed with beautiful weather, and were able to complete their field study which will greatly help them in their NCEA internal assessment.



High School Musical

The cast and crew have been working full on in preparation of this year's school production of High School Musical.

Please follow the link below to purchase your tickets.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-dominics-catholic-college-production-of-high-school-musical-on-stage-tickets-352448130847>

School Board Elections

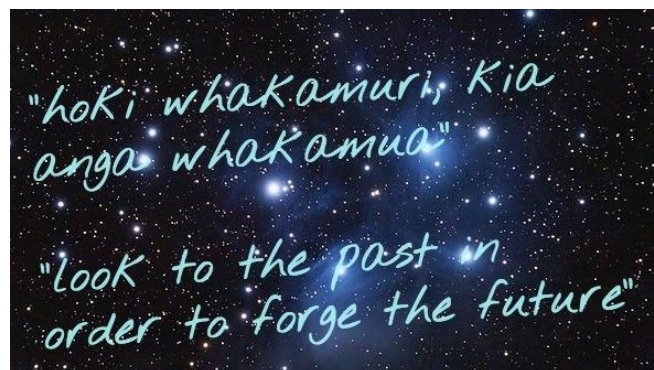
The triennial School Board Elections will be held in September this year. Please see the link below to a webinar designed to provide members of the public with an opportunity to find out more about what it means to be a school board member and to answer any questions you have about the election process and board member role.

During the session you will have the opportunity to direct questions to a panel of experienced school board members and NZSTA advisors.

This session is open to anyone with an interest in school governance.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/korari-online-q-a-session-tickets-310260376137>

We are enjoying having all students back onsite and engaged with their learning. With just two more weeks left of this term, it is really important that all students attend each day, are on time, and well prepared for their lessons. If your daughter is unwell, she should stay home and we ask that you contact the office as soon as possible to let us know.



Ngā manaakitanga,

Anna Swann

TERM 2 WEEK 9 Week B Timetable

- **Monday 27th June**
Board Meeting 6.30pm
- **Thursday 30th June**
Rainbow Youth Bake Sale
Opening Night School Production – *'High School Musical'*
- **Friday 1st July**
Matinee performance for invited primary school students – *'High School Musical'*
Evening performance – *'High School Musical'*
- **Saturday 2nd July**
Evening performance – *'High School Musical'*
- **Sunday 3rd July**
Evening performance – *'High School Musical'*

TERM 2 WEEK 10 Week A Timetable

- **Thursday 7th July**
Subject Teachers Academic Coaching 2pm-8pm by appointment only (*school closes at 1.10pm*)
- **Friday 8th July**
Last Day of Term 2