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St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui 4/03/2022



Kia ora whānau,

As we come to the end of another week, we continue to work through the challenges presented by the current outbreak of COVID-19. As expected, case numbers have continued to rise across the country as the quick transmissibility of Omicron is realised.

Our own cases at St Doms still report, in general, as being relatively mild. Symptoms reported are flu-like and temporary. Please keep all our positive cases in your prayers at this time.

To those who are isolating as *Household Contacts*, we also send our love and prayers during a frustrating time. Please know that by staying home you are slowing down the transmission, and keeping yourself and others safe.

Household contacts need to isolate for the 10 days that the positive case is isolating for, and can return to school following isolation provided they have a negative test and are symptom free.

Under Phase 3 of the Red Light system, the Ministry of Education requires us to send details of positive cases through regularly. Please be assured that no personal information is shared, only numbers of confirmed cases of students and staff.

Due to the removal of the *Close Contact* status and the importance of *Household Contact* status, we do not report individual cases to our community directly. This protects both the privacy of those concerned and reduces widespread panic.

I can confirm that positive cases are still relatively low and are across multiple year levels. The biggest impact is that of students being identified as Household Contacts, sometimes leading to positive test results days later, but not always.

Please avoid making assumptions about the status of other people as often this information is incorrect and can cause stress to those concerned.

Thank you to all families who have reported positive cases in your household. This helps us plan for classroom learning.

The best guidance continues to be to monitor for symptoms and get a test if symptoms present and/or you become a Household Contact. Thank you for your support.

Rostering Home continues next week:

We will continue with our Rostering Home for Years 10-13 next week.

Monday 7th March: Year 11 learning from home

Tuesday 8th March: Year 12&13 learning from home

Wednesday 9th March: Year 10 learning from home

Thursday 10th March: Year 11 learning from home

Friday 11th March: Year 12&13 learning from home

Your daughter should have Google Classroom folders for each of her classes. If she is learning from home, she needs to refer here for the expectations from each of her subject teachers.

Students should attend onsite every day they are not rostered to learn from home, unless isolating at home, unwell or for other explained reasons such as bereavement.

Courses through Gateway or Pathways programmes are still taking place and students enrolled in these programmes still need to attend.

Year 7, 8 & 9 students need to attend daily unless isolating at home, or unwell or another justified reason.

Extra-Curricular, EOTC and Sports

We are continuing to work with College Sport, Sport New Zealand, and our external venues and providers concerning access for all students in curriculum based and extra-curricular activities.

The changing legislation means further participation will be open for students regardless of vaccination status. The finer detail of this will be confirmed as it comes through to us.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate these changes.

House Sports Day

The results from the House Sports Day are as follows;

St Catherine's = 74 St Margaret's = 68 St Rose's = 90 St Mary's = 88

Year 9 Winners = St Mary's

Year 10 Winners = St Rose's

Year 11 Winners = St Margaret's

Year 12 Winners = St Catherine's

Year 13 Winners = St Catherine's



OVERALL HOUSE WINNERS OF SPORTS DAY St Rose's (by 2 points!!!)

Congratulations to St Rose's House Leaders, Martina Natac-Williams and Madeline Stocker, and to all students in St Rose's House for your victory in the first House event for 2022!

Once again thank you to all the staff and students for your organisation and participation.

Netball Trials and Team Selections

Trials for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are complete. Thank you to all the selectors, umpires and volunteers for your time and effort to ensure these could take place.

Unfortunately, Senior Trials for Years 11, 12 and 13, are postponed due to a range of COVID related issues. New dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.

We must continue to prioritise the health and safety of all concerned. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please be assured that all students will have an opportunity to trial before the season commences.

Elizabeth Michael Uniform Supply

We have been in contact with our uniform supplier Elizabeth Michael, concerning some shortages in stock that have been experienced by some of our families over the past few months.

Continued Covid related supply chain challenges over the past year appears to have created some issues for uniform supply. This includes global supply chain and customs clearance issues.

If you have any uniform queries, please contact Elizabeth Michael directly <u>uniforms@elizabethmichael.co.nz</u> or phone 09 358 1680.

Our prayers and thoughts for those in crisis

Whilst we face the challenges of our own in Aotearoa, we need to remain consciously aware of crisis experienced in other parts of the world.

We particularly remember all those suffering in the Ukraine.

We keep all innocent victims and survivors of this terrible conflict in our thoughts and prayers.

This weekend, whether you are isolating in your homes or not....

Enjoy the fresh air in your lungs

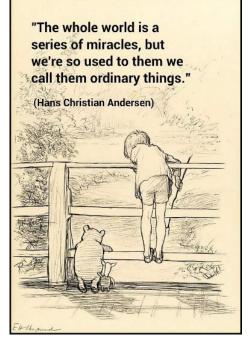
Enjoy the sun's rays on your skin

Enjoy the tastes and the smells of the changing season

Enjoy the freedom so many in our world go without

Ngā manaakitanga,

Anna Swann



Key calendar dates

TERM 1 WEEK 6 - Week B Timetable

Monday 7th March

- Year 11 Rostered Learning from Home
- Gateway Health & Safety Course

Tuesday 8th March

- Year 12 & 13 Rostered Learning from Home
- Gateway Health & Safety Course

Wednesday 9th March

• Year 10 Rostered Learning from Home

Thursday 10th March

- Year 11 Rostered Learning from Home
- Senior Volleyball @ Massey after school

Friday 11th March

• Year 12 & 13 Rostered Learning from Home

TERM 1 WEEK 7 - Week A Timetable

Monday 14th March

• Year 10 Rostered Learning from Home TBC

Tuesday 15th March

• Year 11 Rostered Learning from Home TBC

Wednesday 16th March

• Year 12 &13 Rostered Learning from Home TBC

Thursday 17th March

• Year 10 Rostered Learning from Home TBC

Friday 18th March

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St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui 7/03/2022



Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to Monday!

I hope your weekend was a kind one and you were able to spend some time with loved ones, family and friends.

The Season of Lent

Last Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday and entered the Season of Lent.

The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection of Christ's suffering and sacrifice, as we look forward to the promise and hope of Easter.

Traditionally, we promise to 'give up' something during the 40 days of Lent, as our own sacrifice. Lollies, alcohol, fizzy drinks,



social media and gossiping, are popular sacrifices people make in these weeks leading up to Easter.

We may also consider actions we can do or changes we can make that have a positive impact for others and the world around us.



- Set aside prayer time daily
- Help a neighbour
- Spend time with someone who lives on their own
- Write a card or letter for someone in hospital or in prison
- Donate items of clothing to charity
- Purchase extra tinned goods at the supermarket and place in the charity collection bins
- Tell a family member each day something you love or admire about them
- Start a daily Gratitude Journal
- Talk to someone at school/work you don't usually

NCEA results

We are incredibly proud of our 2021 NCEA results.

Our students have once again achieved incredibly well in spite of a very challenging year. This is a true reflection of the hard work, perseverance and determination of our students, our staff and our families. Well done everyone!

NCEA Results	Year 11 <i>Level 1</i>	Year 12 <i>Level 2</i>	Year 13 <i>Level</i> 3	Year 13 <i>UE</i>
St Dominic's	84.3%	92.4%	81.3%	72.3%
National	68.3%	77.2%	69.8%	50.8%

Excellence Endorsements	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
St Dominic's	34.6%	31.2%	20.9%
National	21.1%	17.7%	17.8%

Learning at Home

Students, who are learning at home due to isolation or on a rostered home day, should continue with the learning set in their Google Classroom folders for each of their classes.

Devices

All students need to have a fully charged device for use at school each day. Please remind your daughter to charge her device each night so that it has enough battery for the full school day. If this is not possible for any reason, she needs to bring her charger to school.

If any student needs to borrow a school device, she can go to the library for a loan Chrome Book. Alternatively, you can contact Mr Jellyman <u>deputyprincipal@stdoms.ac.nz</u> about borrowing a device longer term.

From the Sports Department



A group of students enjoyed their first squash training session today at Henderson Squash Club.

Thanks to Glenn and DJ Jeffries and Brian Lloyd for volunteering your time and expertise and support in developing squash at St Doms.







Senior Netball Trials (Years 11, 12 and 13)

All going well, the new dates for Senior Netball Trials are as follows:

- Monday 14th March 3.30pm 5.30pm
- Thursday 17th March 3.30pm 5.30pm
- Saturday 19th March 10.30am -12.30pm.

For further information or any queries, please contact Nat Jones netball@stdoms.ac.nz

Testing Positive or a Household Contact

Thank you to all our families who are acting so quickly and sensibly once a positive test is confirmed in your household.

For those who are yet to go through this process:

- 1. A member of your household tests positive (with a RAT or PCR test)
- 2. Contact the College office to report the positive case and identify your daughter
- 3. The office will arrange for your daughter to come to the office and wait for you to collect her
- 4. This is considered Day 0. Your household will enter a 10 day isolation period
- 5. All household members (except the initial positive case) need to RAT test on Day 3 and Day 10
- 6. Provided your daughter returns a negative Day 10 test result, and she is symptom free, she is able to return to school on Day 11.
- 7. If any subsequent member of the household tests positive during the 10-day isolation period, your daughter is still able to return to school on Day 11, provided her Day 10 test is negative and she has no symptoms.
- 8. Families continue to monitor for symptoms
- 9. If symptoms present, stay home and get a test

Household Contact advice from the Ministry of Health

Please follow this LINK to Ministry of Health guidance

All students should be attending school unless they:

- have tested positive using a RAT or PCR test
- are isolating as a Household Contact
- have symptoms
- are on a scheduled rostered at home day
- are unwell
- have another justified absence such as a bereavement



As a community we continue to work through these changing times with reslience and a determined resolve. As we face each new challenge, we also acknowledge the possibilities that are presented that provide us with the opportunity to reflect, grow and rebuild. Thank you for your support your patience and your partnership throughout.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Anna Swann

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Saint Theresa's Prayer
May today there be peace within.
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received,
and pass on the love that has been given to you.
May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your bones,
and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.
It is there for each and every one of us.

Key calendar dates

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Thursday 10th March

- Year 11 Rostered Learning from Home
- Senior Volleyball @ Massey after school

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TERM 1 WEEK 7 - Week A Timetable

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Tuesday 15th March

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St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui 9/03/2022



Kia ora whānau,

International Women's Day

Yesterday was a reminder to celebrate the incredible Wāhine Toa who continue to love, motivate, and inspire us. We are surrounded by role models; Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, cousins, teachers.

And those who speak to us from the history books; Dame Whina Cooper, Marie Curie, Joan of Arc, Mother Teresa, Kate Sheppard, Jean Batten.

Perhaps you find inspiration in the Bible through strong women such as Mary, Deborah, Rachel or Ruth.

Maybe you have a sporting hero; Dame Lisa Carrington, Sophie Pascoe or Dame Valerie Adams.

Although not restricted to just one day a year, we give thanks for the strength, the accomplishments, the dignity and the determination shown by the wonderful women in our lives. May they continue to inspire us to become role models for others.

Attendance at School

School remains open for on-site learning, and teachers are focussed on teaching in class each day. Students are expected to attend school every day, unless they are unwell, are in isolation as a household contact, have a justified reason such as a bereavement, or are on a rostered learning from home day (Years 10-13). Attendance whenever possible is important to the ongoing learning, progress and wellbeing of all of our students.

Google classroom folders are updated regularly for students who are isolating at home. Please remind your daughter to refer to these folders for her learning expectations.

Celebration of Learning

As part of their Social Studies Celebrating our Cultures topic, 7TU and 7GK have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. This is some of their beautiful work.



Changes to the Isolation Period

Today, Minister Hipkins announced a reduction in the isolation period for positive cases and household contacts. From 11.59pm on Friday night, **the isolation period will be reduced to 7 days** instead of 10 days. A negative test result will be required on Day 7 from all household contacts, and anyone returning to work or school will need to be symptom free. Please visit the Ministry of Health website for the most up-to-date information. <u>LINK to MoH</u>

Great news from the Sports Department



Huge Congratulations to Leia Millar, for selection in the New Zealand Junior Surfing team to compete in the 2022 Surf City El Salvador ISA World Junior Surfing Championships, in May/June this year. Well done Leia! We are very proud of you!



Congratulations to Amogh Tyagi (right), who competed in the Ocean Swim competition last month and placed 3rd in her age group. Congratulations Amogh! Amogh will also represent St Doms in the College swim team at the Western Zone Swimming Champs next Monday.





Congratulations to Stella Hammond (left) who received 4th

place at the Nationals in Hastings over the weekend and put up a PB for the 5000mrun-her first one on a track.

As a member of our College Athletics team, Stella will represent St Doms at the College Sport Athletics Champs in three competitions, over the next 3 weeks.

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St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui 13/03/2022



Kia ora whānau,

The weekend has no doubt been a welcome reprieve for many, and I hope that you have been able to find time to rest, have some fun and recharge.

This week we continue with our rostering home cycle for years 10-13. This system has really supported onsite-learning when a number of staff have been required to isolate. We hope to be able to have all students back onsite as soon as possible.

Attendance at School

School remains open for on-site learning, and teachers are focussed on teaching in class each day. Students are expected to attend school every day, unless they are unwell, are in isolation as a household contact, have a justified reason such as a bereavement, or are on a rostered learning from home day (Years 10-13). Attendance whenever possible is important to the ongoing learning, progress and wellbeing of all of our students.

If your daughter is absent due to COVID, isolation or another reason, please let the office know as soon as possible. It is important that the correct code is recorded for your daughter's absence.

Google classroom folders are updated regularly for students who are isolating at home. Please remind your daughter to refer to these folders for her learning expectations.

Safety Online - Please be aware of what your daughter is watching on streaming services.

Many households have signed up in the past few years to streaming services such as Netflix and Disney+ however many parents may not be aware that these sites also allow their daughters access to a wide range of programmes that may not be suitable for them.

A good example at present is the series "Euphoria" on Neon, which has an R18 rating and includes the warning;

"This series contains disturbing themes including sexual assault and self-harm and strong depictions of sex, nudity, drug use and violence."

We are aware that a number of our younger students are watching this programme on their parents accounts and we are concerned about the impact that watching programmes such as these could have on these girls. We highly recommend that parents ensure that they are aware of what their daughter is watching and, ideally, use the parental controls that these streaming services offer to limit access to age appropriate shows.

Isolation Requirements

Understandably, there is still some confusion over the isolation requirements for positive cases and household contacts.

Please refer to the Ministry of Health website for the most up to date information LINK to Ministry of Health guidance

Support Available

The reality of isolating is different for everyone. If you require any support during your isolation period or beyond, please make contact and let me know.

Thank You!

We are incredibly grateful for the generous donations of money, food, hand sanitiser and masks that have been gifted to the College.

Thank you! These contributions have greatly helped our students, families and individuals in the community.

Have a blessed Sunday and a wonderful start to your week.

Ngā manaakitanga, Anna Swann

TERM 1 WEEK 7 - Week A Timetable

Monday 14th March

- Year 10 Rostered Learning from Home
- Senior Netball Trials 3.30pm-5.30pm

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Wednesday 16th March

• Year 12 &13 Rostered Learning from Home

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- Senior Volleyball at Massey High School

Friday 18th March

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Saturday 19th March

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St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui 16/03/2022



Kia ora whānau,

We have enjoyed a good first half of the week and it is great to see so many more students back onsite. The grounds are alive with laughter and noise and the girls are really enjoying being with their friends, and back in the routine of learning.

Rostering At Home for Years 10-13

We will continue with our rostering at home system for Years 10-13 next week. With staff members isolating at home at different times, this system is really helping with teaching classes across all year levels.

- Monday 21st Years 12&13 Rostered to learn from home
- Tuesday 22nd Year 10 Rostered to learn from home
- Wednesday 23rd Year 11 Rostered to learn from home
- Thursday 24th Year 12&13 Rostered to learn from home
- Friday 25th Year 10 Rostered to learn from home

Returning to school following isolation

As more and more of us are being required to isolate due to testing positive, having symptoms, or being a household contact, the changing isolation requirements may still cause confusion.

The isolation period was reduced last week from 10 days to 7 days. This has allowed those who have recovered from COVID, and household contacts, to return to school and work sooner.

- *Household contacts* returning to school from Day 8 should be symptom free and return a negative test result on Day 7 of their isolation period.
- Those who have recovered from COVID returning to school on Day 8 should feel well and be symptom free. Please note that there may be a slightly runny nose or light cough for some time, for some children, following infection. These are not considered major symptoms on their own, however if your daughter is displaying several symptoms or is otherwise unwell, she should stay home until she is better and her symptoms should be monitored closely.

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Feel good Nourigh daily Express gratitude Seek joy Embrace possibilities Laugh often Dream big

TERM 1 WEEK 7 - Week A Timetable

Thursday 17th March - Happy St Patricks Day!

- Year 10 Rostered Learning from Home
- Senior Netball Trials 3.30pm-5.30pm
- Senior Volleyball at Massey High School

Friday 18th March

- Year 11 Rostered Learning from Home
- Mufti Day fundraiser for Tonga-gold coin donation please

Saturday 19th March

• Senior Netball Trials 10.30am-12.30pm

TERM 1 WEEK 8 - Week B Timetable

Monday 21st March

• Year 12&13 Rostered Learning from Home

Tuesday 22nd March

• Year 10 Rostered Learning from Home

Wednesday 23rd March

• Year 11 Rostered Learning from Home

Thursday 24th March

• Year 12&13 Rostered Learning from Home

Friday 25th March

- Year 10 Rostered Learning from Home
- Mufti Day fundraiser for The Ukraine-gold coin donation please

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St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui 18/03/2022



Kia ora whānau,

This week has been full of different celebrations and events that have provided lots of fun and energy onsite.

Tongan Relief Mufti Day

Today was a fundraising mufti day for our friends and family in Tonga. Thank you to our Pasifika Student Leaders Tuli Mene and Kenese Mulivai for their organisation of today, and to all students who supported the day with bringing in a gold coin donation. The coins are still being counted and we will have a total for you next week. Next Friday we are having another mufti day, with all gold coin donations going to help support our brothers and sisters in The Ukraine.







Symphony in the Pear Quad

Auditions are well underway for this year's production of *High School Musical*.

Our orchestra have also begun their practices and yesterday took these outdoors at lunchtime into the Pear Quad-Such a treat at lunchtime!





St Patricks Day

We celebrated St Patricks Day yesterday, with staff and students favouring a bit of green attire.

Our Dominican connection to Ireland is strong. Our ten Foundresses travelled from Sion Hill in Dublin, Ireland to Aotearoa New Zealand to begin Dominican education here, which has continued for the last 150 plus years.















Attendance

Our onsite attendance continues to grow! Thank you for your support in sending your daughter to school each day. Congratulations to 7GK for 100% attendance today! Well done ©



MC4 Leadership Programme

The MC4 Leadership project is a 17 week youth 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. Our students will learn to lead through performing good deeds and service to others.

Congratulations to our very worthy Year 10 participants: Symphony Thomson, Keilana Fa'aletatau, Isabella Palemene-Itunu, Angelina Fainu, Alaha Paea Jr, and Ashley Vaifale for being selected to represent St Dominic's Catholic College in this programme. We look forward to hearing all about your experience in this programme.

Senior Volleyball



The volleyball season has been heavily affected this year by Covid and isolations, but we managed to get 3 Rounds in! The A team were undefeated winning all five of their matches! In addition, the B team did really well also winning 2/5. All girls were great and for such a short sharp season their skills developed and it was nice to see them all back out on court.

Message from our Accounts Office:

This is a reminder that a discount of \$100 per student is available if all the fees are paid in full by 31/3/22. Just deduct \$100 from your General Purpose Donation and we will apply the discount.

If possible, please avoid paying in cash. On-line payment or payment via the payment portal or eftpos/credit card at the office are preferred.

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gratitude

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noun

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

Gratitude is a precious gift that we can try to give to those around us who make a difference in our lives. Showing gratitude is showing ultimate kindness towards another human being.

Sometimes in the busyness of the times we are in, it can be easy to forget how much others appreciate us. This weekend, take some time to accept and feel the gratitude of others and allow yourself to know that you make a difference in the lives of another.

Ngā manaakitanga, Anna Swann you are someone's favorite person. the way you laugh. your kind heart. your sense of humor. the way you make problems melt away with a loving hug or a shoulder to cry on. you are important to more people than you even know. and it's tough to remember that sometimes. but it is true. you are loved. you are needed. you are appreciated for simply being you.

Saturday 19th March

• Senior Netball Trials 10.30am-12.30pm

TERM 1 WEEK 8 - Week B Timetable

Monday 21st March

• Year 12&13 Rostered Learning from Home

Tuesday 22nd March

- Year 10 Rostered Learning from Home
- Western Zone Athletics

Wednesday 23rd March

- Year 11 Rostered Learning from Home
- Pathways Health & Safety Course

Thursday 24th March

- Year 12&13 Rostered Learning from Home
- Pathways Health & Safety Course

Friday 25th March

- Year 10 Rostered Learning from Home
- Mufti Day fundraiser for The Ukraine-gold coin donation please

TERM 1 WEEK 9 - Week A Timetable

Monday 28th March

- Year 11 Rostered Learning from Home
- Board Meeting

Tuesday 29th March

• Year 12&13 Rostered Learning from Home

Wednesday 30th March

• Year 10 Rostered Learning from Home

Thursday 31st March

- Year 11 Rostered Learning from Home
- Year 7 Retreat (more information to come)

Friday 1st April

- Year 12&13 Rostered Learning from Home
- Year 7 Retreat (more information to come)

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St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui 26/03/2022



Kia ora whānau,

We have all enjoyed another great week at school, with plenty of love, laughter and learning taking place.

COVID Response - changes and developments

The Government's announcement this week regarding the mandate, vaccination passes and the changes to gathering numbers will affect everyone. For us as a College, the changes include the following:

Sports

We no longer require vaccination passes for students to participate in sports either at school or outside of the College.

Gatherings

From next week, year level assemblies will be able to take place. These will be in the gym, one year level at a time, and students will sit socially distanced from each other.

Being able to gather in this way will provide an opportunity for students and staff to come together and reconnect as a group.

For the most up to date information including the changes to the traffic light system, please visit <u>https://covid19.govt.nz/</u>

Rostering Home for learning Years 10-13

Next week we continue to roster home students in Years 10-13. The calendar is at the end of this Pānui. Thank you for your support.

Parent Info page on College Website

A new page on the College website has been developed which provides some key information for current parents, caregivers and whānau.

Please visit https://www.stdoms.ac.nz/Parent_Info.html

Caritas Fundraiser for Ukraine

The College was a sea of blue and yellow on Friday, as our students showed their support for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. All proceeds from the mufti donations and the bake sale will be given to Caritas who will ensure it helps families in need. Thank you for your generous support!



















Great News from the Mathematics Department

Congratulations to Year 13 students Amrita Maggu, Jessie Cheng, and Shushmita Paul who completed Level 3 Calculus in Year 12 in 2021 and are now enrolled in the University of Auckland Young Scholars' Programme MAX course. MAX (Mathematical Acceleration and eXtension) is a first semester course in university Mathematics offered jointly by the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Engineering Science at the University of Auckland. It is aimed at high achieving high school students throughout New Zealand who enjoy academic challenge and have shown themselves to be very capable at high school Mathematics.

Message from our Accounts Office:

This is a reminder that a discount of \$100 per student is available if all the fees are paid in full by 31/3/22. Just deduct \$100 from your General Purpose Donation and we will apply the discount.

If possible, please avoid paying in cash. On-line payment or payment via the payment portal or eftpos/credit card at the office are preferred.

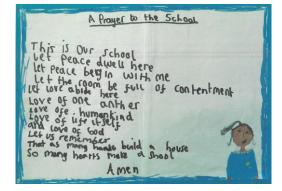
Support Available

The reality of isolating is different for everyone. If you require any support during your isolation period or beyond, please make contact and let me know.

The prayer below was shared by a primary school student. Whilst the student may not attend our school, the sentiment remains the same.

Enjoy your weekend whānau.

Ngā manaakitanga, Anna Swann



TERM 1 WEEK 9 - Week A Timetable

- Monday 28th March Year 11 Rostered Learning from Home Board Meeting
- Tuesday 29th March Year 12&13 Rostered Learning from Home
- Wednesday 30th March Year 10 Rostered Learning from Home
- Thursday 31st March Year 11 Rostered Learning from Home Year 7 Retreat (more information to come)

• Friday 1st April

Year 12&13 Rostered Learning from Home Year 7 Retreat (more information to come)

