

St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui 10/10/2022



*Her speaking displays her wisdom;
words of kindness come from her tongue.
He reo matatau, he ārero māhaki.
Proverbs 31:26*

Kia ora whānau,

I hope you are able to enjoy some family time this term break. It is hard to believe that we are entering Term 4 next week, and for many of our senior students it is just a couple of weeks before they leave to go on study break.

This year has certainly provided many opportunities to rise above the challenges we have all faced over the last couple of years. Events and activities that we have missed have returned and our students have enjoyed being back in the full life of the College. Thank you again, for the continued support you provide your daughter's to ensure they are engaged with their learning and involved with other rich opportunities in and outside of school.

Year 13 Retreat

At the end of last term, our Year 13 students enjoyed their overnight retreat at Willow Park on Eastern Beach. The theme this year was 'Celebrate' and provided an opportunity to reflect on the journey through school, unpack the challenges that have been faced, and celebrate the successes, experiences and time together over the past seven years. It was a great experience for all and a fabulous way to come together as a year group. Thank you to Mrs Ah Ken for your organisation, to all the staff who supported our students over the two days, and to our LOGOS whānau for your superb leadership and energy throughout.



Vinnie's Leadership Celebration

It was a proud moment to witness our Vinnies Leaders be acknowledged for their leadership and service for the St Vincent de Paul society, at a special Diocesan youth mass last week.



Congratulations to Martina Natac-Williams, Emily Mudgway, Laura Tevaga, Epi Toomata and Aniela Endaya. Also congratulations to our Liston Brothers, as well as past students April Joy Avito and Maddie Swann for their continued leadership service with St Vincent de Paul.

Special Character Review


In the last week of term, the review team from the Catholic Schools Office were welcomed into our College to complete our Special Character review. This review occurs every 3-4 years as part of a regular evaluation cycle. The team met with staff, students, whānau and Board members, to find out how our Catholic Special Character is lived on a daily basis. The full report will take some weeks to come through, however from the feedback we have already received, we are confident it will be a positive one. Thank you to all who helped over the week.

Community Consultation Hui

We are committed to moving forward in this post-COVID time, ensuring our students can experience all they can. Currently we are working on our Strategic Plan for the coming years and will be consulting with our community later in the term for your input and ideas. The date for this consultation evening is Thursday 17th November in the College chapel. More details to come.

St Dominic's Parent Information Centre

Please check out the Parent Info Centre, which has now gone LIVE on the College website. This page provides quick links to helpful information for whānau..



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We hope that the sections at left will cover any questions you have, but if you need to contact us for further information please use the following email addresses:

For help with the Spider Portal, the college App or anything else related to the student information system, please email: datatteam@stdoms.ac.nz

For account enquiries, email accounts@stdoms.ac.nz

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Duke of Edinburgh Our Gold and Silver groups took to the tracks of Mt Ruapehu in the first week of the holidays. It turned into quite an adventure, with challenging weather causing some changes to tramping routes. Well done to the students and huge thanks to Miss Geary, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Pauuwe and Robert.



Gateway Programme – New Course

A new course, *Animal Care*, has been introduced in Gateway for 2023. If you love animals and want a career in animal care, this Gateway course may be the one for you. This Level 2 and 3 course aims to provide students with skills and knowledge required for employment or further training in the animal care sector. Please see Mrs Foley if this sounds like something you would be interested in.

gfoley@stdoms.ac.nz

NZ Sailing Trust Scholarship



Congratulations to Cassidy Foster (10RM) who has been accepted into the Hine Moana Sailing programme, which is run by the NZ Sailing trust. Cassidy applied for a scholarship after reading about the opportunity in the school notices. Cassidy will spend the second week of the school holidays in the programme.

Well done Cassidy, we hope you have a fabulous time and look forward to hearing about your adventure!

Pacific Cup Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing their Pacific Nations in the upcoming Pacific Cup netball tournament this Saturday 15th October.

Cook Islands

Under 16

J'Dore Walters



Tonga

Under 14

Bella Latu & Viana Lapa & Delylah Fine



Samoa

Under 16

Keilana Fa'aletatau & Jenaya Lata

Under 18

Mia Swann



We wish you all the very best for your games and look forward to hearing your results.

Do the mahi-get the treats...But first, some rest

As we look to begin our final term of 2022, we remain focussed on all the mahi that is still to be done before the end of the year. Our senior students will be preparing for their end of year exams and our junior students have a full calendar of many different events and activities.

2022 has been year of enjoying school, work and valuable time with family and friends. After the challenges of the last two years, energy levels need to be replenished and cups need to be filled.

It is important that all students spend time this week getting some much needed rest and down time, taking a breath and preparing for the busy weeks ahead.

Be gentle, be kind, and remember to breathe.

When your head hits the pillow tonight, remind yourself that you've done a good job.

You are headed down your path at your own pace and with every obstacle, you are trying your utmost best.

Be patient with yourself and remember that big things are achieved not all at once, but one day at a time.

Enjoy the rest of your term break whānau.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Anna Swann

TERM 4 WEEK 1 Week B Timetable

- **Monday 17th October**
Term 4 Day 1
- **Tuesday 18th October**
PTFA Meeting 6pm (TBC)
- **Thursday 20th October**
L2 Outdoor Ed rock Climbing
Sports Prize-giving

TERM 4 WEEK 2 Week A Timetable

- **Monday 24th October**
Labour Day – School Closed
- **Tuesday 25th October**
Individual Photo Day
- **Thursday 27th October**
Academic Prize-giving

TERM 4 WEEK 3 Week B Timetable

- **Monday 31st October**
Thanksgiving Mass
Board Meeting
- **Tuesday 1st November**
Year 12 Leadership Day
- **Thursday 3rd November**
Orientation Evening (new students 2023)
- **Friday 4th November**
Year 7&8 Athletics Day
- **Saturday 5th November**
Pop-up Uniform Shop onsite in the Gym

TERM 4 WEEK 4 Week A Timetable - NCEA Starts

- **Thursday 10th November**
Beach Ed – details to follow
- **Friday 11th November**
Beach Ed – details to follow

TERM 4 WEEK 5 Week B Timetable

- **Thursday 17th November**
Board – Community Consultation Evening

TERM 4 WEEK 6 Week A Timetable

- **Monday 21st November**
NCEA Teacher Only Day – All students learning from home
- **Thursday 24th November**
Year 7 Science/Social Sciences Trip – details to follow
- **Friday 25th November**
Year 7 Science/Social Sciences Trip – details to follow