



St Dominic's Catholic College

7th February 2013

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Diary dates



Friday 8 February
Swimming Sports

Tuesday 12 February
Athletic Sports

Tuesday 19 February
Class Photos

Friday 22nd February
Foundress' Day
Eucharist

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to all our St Dominic's College families and a warm welcome to our new families who have joined our school community this year. The beginning of a new year is an opportunity to set new goals and expectations for the year ahead.

As a community our theme for this year is: *As pilgrims with Dominic we; Act justly, Love tenderly, and Walk humbly with God.* This theme comes from Micah 6:8 and invites us to look at relationships in a loving and just manner. We, as a community, will be exploring how this theme enables us to grow as people throughout this year.

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 13th February, this signifies the beginning of Lent in our Church calendar. We will be marking this occasion with a Liturgy at school on this day.

Parents and caregivers are invited to our Swimming Sports Day on Friday 8th February at Westwave and also to Athletic's Day on Tuesday 12th February at the Trusts Stadium (Central Park Drive).

Staff News Welcome to Miss Charlotte Cooney, Science and Mrs Frances Ah Ken, Religious Education and Physical Education, Mr Alan Taylor, Mathematics for Terms 1 and 2.

Safety at the school gate Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking rules help protect our students and keep them safe. Drivers who park illegally put our students at risk. This term parking officers will be on patrol outside the College and will issue tickets to those who are illegally parked.

St Dominic's College students excel in NCEA again!

We are pleased to report that in 2012 students at St Dominic's College continued to perform well above the national average, and above students at other Decile 6 schools in New Zealand. In fact, pass rates at St Dominic's College compare favourably with Decile 8 schools around the country. It is particularly pleasing to see that not only are our students passing NCEA at a rate above those of similar schools but they are also achieving to higher levels. As you can see below, at all levels of NCEA many of our students are gaining NCEA endorsed with Merit or endorsed with Excellence. Also of note is the College's high rate of students qualifying for University Entrance with almost 78% of last year's Year 13 students leaving with UE. Well done to both our students and staff. We have achieved our 2012 targets and aim to continue to build on these this year

2012 NCEA Certificate

	Overall	Endorsed with Merit	Endorsed with Excellence
Level 1	86%	51.1%	14%
Level 2	84%	35%	12%
Level 3	83%	35%	10%
University Entrance	78%		

Ordering student documents: NCEA Certificates, Record Of Achievement & School Results Summary
Reminder: students need to order documents and certificates they are eligible for and want copies of from their Learner Login. Students can also see and pay outstanding fees on their Learner Login.

God's blessings to you and your family,

CAROL CODDINGTON
PRINCIPAL

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MUSIC LESSONS

The lesson timetable will be up on the music noticeboard, please check and see Mrs Yoon if there is any problem. Year 8 and above Clarinet and Saxophone lessons will commence on Thursday 7th February. Check the music noticeboard and see Mr Adlam if you have any problem with the lesson time or if your name is not on the list. Year 8 and above Flutes and violin lessons will commence on Wednesday 13th February. Guitar lessons will commence on Monday 18th February. All year 7 instrumental Music lessons will start on Monday 18th Feb (lesson days will be different according to their instruments). Please ensure that your daughter has her instruments organised by this date. If she has not got her instrument by this date she will be withdrawn from the Music Programme. Please bear in mind that it takes about 10 days for the instruments to be organised and be delivered. The company we deal with at the school is Tom Kroons (flutes, clarinets) 534-9040. Also please note she will need to buy a tutor book, which is different from the theory book which she uses in the class room, for her instrument lessons. This can be purchased from the office.

GUITAR LESSONS

We offer private guitar lessons at school. Lessons are held weekly, in school time, for 30 minutes in small groups of around 4-5 students. The students learn the fundamental skills of guitar playing, including chords and finger-picking and also learn to read guitar music. Lessons are fun and relaxed and the students are encouraged to play their guitar at home in order to build on their learning at school. Payment for lessons is made in full for the term before the first lesson. A 10-week term of lessons is \$90. Students will need their own 'nylon-string classical' guitar to practice and bring to the lessons. Please contact Andrew Burt, the guitar tutor for further queries (09)8188069 Mobile: 021 1586 739 andrewburt@clear.net.nz

DISCOVERY FOUNDATION INC

Discovery for teens is a powerful and incredibly successful 7 day programme designed for all kiwi teenagers from 14 – 18 years. It provides teens an opportunity to discover their true potential and use it. Find out more about their next programme (April 28 – May 4 on Motutapu Island) at free information evenings at Youthline House 13 Maidstone Street, Grey Lynn. Wednesday 13 February, Wednesday 13 March, Wednesday 3rd April, 7.30 – 9.00pm. RSVP or find out more information from Francie 376 8267 email: admin@discoveryforteens.co.nz .

AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS 2013

The PE Department will be holding ½ hour swimming lessons on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Friday afternoons from 3.30-4.00pm starting February 13th until the end of Term 1 in our school pool. Each lesson will cost \$3.50 which will go to the swim instructors. All swimmers will be assessed and then put into their ability classes. Equipment needed is togs, swim cap, goggles & towel. Permission slips will be available from the gym office. Any questions please contact Mrs Joan Hodson on Ext 8828.



NEWSLETTERS MOVING TO EMAIL

This will be the last paper newsletter sent to the whole school with all future newsletters being sent by email and available on the College website every fortnight. The next newsletter will be on the website on Thursday 21st February 2013. If you would like to continue to receive a hardcopy (paper) newsletter, please complete the form below and return it to Mr Jellyman, or the front office.

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I would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the College newsletter.

Your daughter's name _____ Form class _____