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Dear parents and caregivers,

Tena Koutou, tena koutou tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou nga mātua nga kaitiaki,

Welcome back to Term 2, we are almost two weeks into the term and the staff and students are already very busy with sports, academic studies and other co-curricular activities.

One of the key findings that is a factor that contributes to student success at school is the "parent connectedness with the school". This includes parental involvement on the Board of Trustees, PTFA, college sports teams, attendance at college events, including attendance at Information Evenings, Academic Conference meetings, Consultation Evenings and assistance with events. The parental support also encourages the girls to always perform at their personal best. A good indicator of this is our girls achievement in NCEA. The finalised results have been released and we are delighted that overall the girls have achieved results that are above the national average. On Tuesday this week we acknowledged and congratulated the students who achieved Excellence in NCEA in our Principal's Awards Assembly. The students who gained Merit endorsement will be acknowledged in Level's Assembly.

2017 NCEA Results Overall

NCEA	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Level 1	86.1	93.5	97.5
Level 2		84.7	95.9
Level 3			89.7
University Entrance			80

2017 Excellence and Merit

Level	Excellence	Merit	National Excellence	National Merit
Level 1	17.7	46.8	16.9	34.7
Level 2	15.5	28.4	13.6	26.4
Level 3	17.5	43.7	13.8	27.5

God's blessing to you and your families.

CAROL CCODDINGTON
PRINCIPAL

SPECIAL CHARACTER CORNER VINNIES COMMISSIONING MASS

On Saturday May 5th, the Young Vinnies leaders from our college as well as from other colleges across Auckland and Hamilton; were blessedly commissioned. It is a milestone of leadership which is highly valued among the St Vincentian family. As we embark on this new faith journey, we hope that we are able to live out these values and to seek these outcomes. In doing so, we hope to strengthen our relationship with God through acts of service. With the help of other volunteering students from the college, we were able to bring forth a flag and a candle in representation of St Dominic's Catholic College. Becoming an official leader, student Vinnie leaders are 'Called to Love'; the theme of this year's commissioning mass. We are called to serve within our communities and bring service to all those who we encounter. We are called to feed the hungry and give water to those who thirst, to bring hope to the hopeless and a guidance of light for those in darkness, to love and be loved. *Nina Vaifale*



AUCKLAND TRANSPORT UPGRADE ON RATHGAR ROAD- IMPORTANT INFORMATION -DELAYS!!!

Commencing Wednesday 9 May 2018 Auckland Transport (AT) will be upgrading the crossing beside the Rathgar Road entrance to St Dominic's Catholic College. AT have advised that it will take approximately three weeks to complete the upgrade at our crossing. During this period, there will be times where Rathgar Road will be down to one lane. The traffic and parking on Rathgar Road and surrounding streets are already at a premium before and after school, these upgrades are expected to increase the time delays already being experienced during these busy times.

Auckland Transport (AT) and KiwiRail have begun a programme to install automatic safety swing gates to keep pedestrians safe at various stations across the Auckland region. The pedestrian crossing at Metcalf Road in Ranui was the first to get the safety swing gates last year. As part of the programme, new automatic safety gates are expected to be installed at Asquith Avenue and Rossgrove Terrace crossings (Baldwin Avenue Station), Fruitvale Road Station and the crossings at Woodward Road and Lloyd Avenue (Mount Albert Station). These gates are activated by a sensor on the tracks and have a safety zone with an emergency exit gate. These will be clearly signposted. The new gates have been designed to improve the safety of all pedestrians, especially school children who regularly cross the train tracks. Installation work is starting soon, which means students may need to allow more time in the morning to tag on/off at a different part of the platform.

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

For the 1st time in 11 years St Dominic's Catholic College entered 5 teams into the Auckland Schools Petanque Tournament. The girls did extremely well, with Team 5 (Jessica Watts 7VP; Sarah De Jong 7AF; Monica Tuala 10HK) winning gold in the junior category. Congratulations to all our participants.



AUSTRALIAN – NEW ZEALAND BRAIN BEE CHALLENGE 2018 SUCCESS

As part of Gifted and Talented Education at St Dominic's Catholic College, 30 of our Year 11 students participated in Round 1 of Australian-New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge. They were given a book to learn about how the brain works and sat an online test on the 21st of March. Brain Bee Challenge is open to any Year 11 students who are interested in learning about the brain and neuroscience. **Congratulations** to **Eliza Butler** and **Caitlin Kilpatrick** who have been invited to participate in Round 2, North Island Finals. They will visit the Auckland University Medical School on 5th of July. They will attend some lectures and take a tour around the brain research centre. They will also compete with other students from around North Island. If they win in Round 2 individual competition, they will get a chance to compete with other winners from each state in Australia & South Island (NZ) in Adelaide. The winner will get everything paid for – 2 airfares for the student and a caregiver, accommodation and some shopping money. Good luck!

Quiz Night Friday 25 May

Not long now till our annual Quiz Night!

Firstly, a big thank you to all families who brought in gifts to contribute to the raffle prizes. The PTFA is raising money for playground/fitness equipment which will be available to all students.

- Friday 25 May at school in the Gabriel Gill Sports Hall. (Please wear flat shoes as the gym has just had a new floor laid).
- 6.30pm doors open. 7pm Quiz starts - finish should be 9.30pm.
- Tickets \$10 and students \$5 (Year 11 up please) on sale now at the school reception.
- Tables of 8 so get friends and family together and fill a table.
- Lots of great snap raffles and a big hamper for the winning team.
- Eftpos will be available to purchase drinks and food. Pizza, sausage rolls and savouries will be on sale on the night.
- Please bring cash/gold coins for the raffles.
- Big raffle tickets will be on sale at reception soon. Please see Face Book for a list of the prizes but they include: 3D printer, a signed Annabel Langbein cookbook, \$150 Elizabeth Michael school uniform voucher, McIntosh Dental hamper, Auckland Zoo pass for four and more....



The St Dominic's Catholic College PTFA warmly invites you to our

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday
May 25th

IN THE SCHOOL GYM

Doors open at 6:30 pm. Quiz starts at 7pm.

Adults \$10 Students \$5

This will be a great opportunity for new parents to come and meet other parents, staff and the community at our annual fundraiser.

Tickets will be on sale at the school office.

CASH BAR - RAFFLES - PRIZES

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We look forward to seeing you there! Any questions please contact Norma on norma.haywardnz@gmail.com.



DIARY DATES:

Thursday 10th & Fri 11th May Year 12 Retreat,, **Wednesday 16th May 7.00pm Maori Consultation Evening**, **Friday 25th May PTFA Quiz Night 7.00pm in the Gym**