

St Dominic's Catholic College

Founded by the Dominican Sisters

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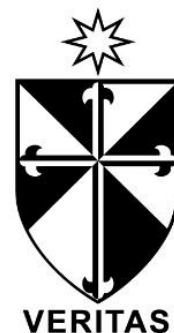
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Kia ora whanau,

Wonderful news from our PTFA! We are thrilled to announce that the grant application put forward by the PTFA to the Trusts was successful and we have been awarded \$100,000 towards our new playground/fitness area. This is exciting for our College. Not only will it provide a social and play area for our younger students, it also creates another learning space for PE, Health and fitness. Thank you to our PTFA for their dedicated effort in making this happen, especially to Norma Hayward and Tricia Saxon who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and in submitting the application. The playground/fitness area will be installed over the Christmas break, ready for the start of the 2020 school year.

Tula'i Programme

Last Friday night a group of our Senior students graduated from the Tula'i Leadership programme. This two term programme involves Year 12 and 13 students from West Auckland Secondary Schools attending workshops and group activities to develop leadership skills through service. The night was a great celebration of the success of our young people and how they serve their community. Congratulations to Aundreana Chou-Lee, Louise Degey, Dayna Gates, Kanisha Reddy, Awekage Siep, Hayley Stowers, Terisa Suamasi, Lanicia Chang, Janice Leiataua, Cheyann Sinclair-Webb, Kyani Utia-Noa, Oshenika Wijesinghe.



St Dominic's Catholic College Alumnae

We are continuing to develop our Alumnae database. If you are a past student or staff member please contact Tina Allingham principalspa@stdoms.ac.nz with the following details: Full name (including Maiden Name if applicable) and Third Form Year. We are hoping to organise a social event before the end of the year.

St Dominic's Day 2019

Next week we celebrate St Dominic's Feast day. During our Mass we will share in the joy with 29 of our students and their families as they receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. St Dominic's Day is an important day of celebration and joy for our students and staff, and we thank you for ensuring your daughter's attendance on the day.

Nga mihi nui,

Anna Swann
Principal

GOOD NEWS FROM THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT!

Congratulations to Year 13 students Tayla Paauwe, Jae Hwang and Amanda Wang who have successfully completed the 2019 University of Auckland Mathematics Acceleration and Extension (MAX) course. This course is academically equivalent to a first year Mathematics course and they are eligible to enrol in a number of second year Mathematics courses if they become fulltime students at the University of Auckland.



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2020. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students. A list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships completes the list. Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success. For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the MoneyHub Scholarship page.

MESSAGE FROM ACCOUNTS OFFICE

Thanks to everyone who has already paid the fees in full or have a payment plan in place, it is much appreciated. Please ensure that by now, you have paid at least 50% of the school fees owed, especially the Attendance Dues which are a compulsory payment. The Attendance dues collected by the College are forwarded to Auckland Common Fund Ltd. Attendance dues are used for loan repayments, property related costs and for building works done at schools in the Auckland Diocese. Attendance Dues are a compulsory charge for all students who attend Catholic Schools in New Zealand. They are a condition of enrolment and are a legally enforceable charge. If you are having difficulties paying the school fees, please contact the accounts office in confidence as soon as possible to apply for financial assistance. accounts@stdoms.ac.nz or call Karen on Ext 8913 or Laura on Ext 8810.

SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF

The Pinedale Gate Carpark entry is becoming increasingly congested and hazardous mostly due to a large number of parents who are parking in this staff carpark. From Tuesday 30 July for the health and safety of staff and students, the Pinedale Gate will be closed from 2:45-3:20pm. Please respect our rules and staff who enforce them.

CARING FOUNDATIONS MASS

On Wednesday, July 24, three of our senior students received certificates for caring and service to the community at the Caring Foundation Mass, celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dunn, at Christ the King church in Owairaka. Kate Devereaux, Samara D'Souza and Dan-Yel James were nominated from our school because of their ongoing and extraordinary caring and service to our school community and beyond. We are very proud of them. We are also very proud of all the girls in our school community who give service in so many ways. These three represent all of you.



TRICKY TEENS

In the term break I read this fabulous book full of good ideas to support parents and caregivers of teenagers. It begins with:

Dear Teen,

I am your parent. I am not your friend, pal, bestie, mate or BFF. I repeat, I am your parent. This means there are times that I will use the word 'No'. This means what it sounds like. You will not like it when I use this word. Toughen up and get over it. There will be times that you will think you hate me. There will be times that you think I am the worst parent on earth. There may be times that you are right even though you won't hear me admit it.

As a parent I am responsible for raising you to be a decent successful human being who treats themselves and others with tolerance and respect. That is my job and I take it on willingly because I love you and want the best for you. This means that I will watch you with a level of surveillance that most intelligence agencies would envy. I will track you like a bloodhound. I will detect illicit or mind-altering substances with the intensity of a customs officer. I will scrutinise your love interests. I will check whether you have schoolwork to do and whether you are doing it to the best of your ability.

I will speak to your teachers without asking your permission. In fact, I will talk to whomsoever I please without your agreement. I will call the parents of your friends at times, especially when there are parties. In the house that I work to pay for, there will be rules. You will not like all of these rules. These rules are in place so I do not go crazy while raising you.

You have the right to argue with me. You do not have the right to remain silent or brush me off with vague comments like 'don't know', 'as if' or 'that is so random'. I'm sure we are going to get along just fine. Through all this, please know that I love you for who you are and will continue to do so even if you screw up. Love, your parent.

The "Tricky Teens" book is by Andrew Fuller, Finch Publishing Ltd and available from Learning Network NZ for \$46NZD or ask your local library to purchase a copy. It is highly recommended and very practical with ideas to help with parenting.

Ms Heffernan

2019 Theme

Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire - St Catherine of Siena
Kia meingia i te Atua ki a koe, a ka whakatūria koe te Ao i runga i te ahi