

St Dominic's Catholic College

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VERITAS

Kia ora whanau,

21st February 2019

Another wonderfully busy week!

We had a great day at the Trusts Stadium for Athletics Day, with all the girls competing well and showing great school spirit. Well done to all winners, runners up and all girls who took part. A massive thanks to all staff who helped with the organisation, planning and running of the event. We now look forward to Swimming sports on this Friday at West Wave!

Our Foundress Day Mass on Tuesday was a beautiful occasion, and I was so proud to stand as Principal of our College. The girls were truly remarkable in their worship, prayer, singing and respect for the occasion and our school. Our senior leaders have now been officially commissioned into their roles and we look forward to watching them grow in these leadership positions as the year progresses. Thank you to all families who came to share this celebration with us.

New Year 7, 8 & 9 Families BBQ

We look forward to seeing all our new families to the college, at the BBQ on Thursday 28th February next week. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your daughters Form Teacher, Dean, our Senior Leadership Team and PTFA members plus other new families to the school. This is held in the Citrus quad (by the swimming pool) 5.30-7.30pm. The pool will be open, so please bring your togs. There will also be raffles run by students fundraising for their trip to Fiji if you would like to bring some cash for this.

College Open Evening - Enrolments 2020

We are holding our Open Evening on Tuesday March 19th at 6.30pm. This is a great time for students looking to enrol at the College in 2020, to come and look around, ask questions and fill in an enrolment application form. We have made some changes to our enrolment process. Enrolments are open now and will close on Friday 28th June followed by interviews in Term 3. If you have another daughter or know of someone wishing to enrol for 2020, we look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations to our winners of NZQA Scholarships (all Year 13 in 2018): Grace Charteris in Photography, Louve Yap in Geography and Charlotte Wong in Biology. Special congratulations to Mary Membrere who gained an Outstanding Scholarship in Economics.

Nga mihi nui,

Anna Swann
Principal

YEAR 7 BEACH EDUCATION

Reminder to all parents and caregivers of our Year 7 annual Beach Education days which are on Thursday 28th (7AC & 7JM) and Friday 29th March (7EY & 7KR). We are looking for a number of adult helpers to join us and ensure we all have a great day at the beach and stay safe in the water. Please return permission slips with payment and medical forms by Thursday 14th March. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie van der Putten (Subject Leader Outdoor Education), svanderputten@stdoms.ac.nz 09 8390380 x8874.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED

We are looking for warm, kind and caring host families for short term international students. Arriving in Term 2 & 3. English speaking only. Comparative rates paid per week. Please contact Jenny Goodwin St Dominic's College 0210651942 jgoodwin@stdoms.ac.nz

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT - Please return all textbooks from last year as soon as possible, thanks

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Netball trials for all Year levels begin Monday 25th February. Students should pick up an information letter and permission slip from the gym foyer if interested. We are currently searching for volunteer coaches and managers for our 2019 teams. If interested, please email sports@stdoms.ac.nz.

Results from Athletics Day 2019

New record: Jojo Houbern - Long Jump Junior, New 4.50m, Old 4.36m Ne've Wolloner in 2017

Athletics Champions: Junior: Sasha Thakker 25pts, 1st 300m, 3rd 100m, 2nd High Jump, 5th Long Jump

Intermediate: Ne've Wolloner 24pts, 1st in Long Jump, 100m and 200m

Senior: Grace Kairua 29pts 1st 100m & 200m, 2nd High Jump, 3rd Long Jump

MESSAGE FROM THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE:

Thank you to everyone who has paid their school fees in full already, or have set up a payment plan to pay the fees in instalments via automatic payments/internet banking. We also encourage you to use the payment portal which allows you to select the items you wish to pay. A link to the portal was attached to the email sent out on 25 January 2019 which included the school fees invoice for the year. If you have not received your invoice, please contact the account office – accounts@stdoms.ac.nz. We would also like to remind you that if we received full payment for the fees by 31/3/2019 then a discount of \$100 per student is available. Please deduct this from the total you need to pay. Tax receipts for school donations paid for the period 1/4/2018 to 31/3/2019 will be sent out in the April school holidays.

SPECIAL CHARACTER

On Tuesday 20th February, we celebrated our first full school Eucharist of the year, with our Foundress' day Mass. It was a joyful occasion, attended by many visitors, including Sr Bernie Cheyne and Sr Cecily Sheehy, representing the Dominican Order and many parents and whanau who came to support their daughters receiving their student leadership team badges. Father Kevin was in fine form, delivering a memorable homily about letting our light shine. (cf Matthew 5:14-16)

Other highlights included the commissioning of our strong team of Eucharistic Ministers for 2019 and singing the 2019 theme song "Be Who God Meant You To Be" for the first time, composed by one of our own Year 13 Liturgy Band leaders, Fiorencia Ichwansjah. Sr Bernie Cheyne read a letter of welcome and endorsement to our new Principal, Anna Swann, from the Dominican Leadership team in Dunedin. Once again the singing was fabulous, ably led by our student led Liturgy Band. Next on the Special Character calendar is the Staff Retreat on March 14, and Year 7 Retreats on March 21-22. If the Foundress' Day Mass was anything to go by, we are going to have a blessed and spiritually enriching year.



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