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VERITAS

Kia ora whanau,

21st March 2019

It has been an emotional and reflective time at school this week whilst we all come to terms with the tragic events of last week in Christchurch. It is crucial now more than ever that we continue to talk to our children about the importance of the love and hope that exists in our world, and there is no better way to do this than through prayer. I would also like to remind you of the legal matters around the viewing and sharing of any video footage and streaming of this horrific attack. The police are taking this very seriously and we urge you to discuss this as you see appropriate with your daughter.

Open Evening

We had a very successful Open Evening on Tuesday night, attended by many existing and prospective families. The positive comments we received during the evening are a testament to our amazing students, staff and entire college community. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to support this event in many ways.

Year 7 & 8 Social

Our first Year 7 & 8 Social for 2019 took place last Friday night, and was a great success. Over 250 Liston and St Dominic's students danced the night away and had lots of fun. Thank you to our awesome PTFA who organised the event, to our staff who attended and all families for your support. All funds raised will go towards the planned playground project.

Nga mihi nui,

Anna Swann
Principal

On Monday morning, the whole school gathered in the Gym for a Liturgy in response to the Christchurch massacre. It was a very moving and somber time, and all the girls were deeply respectful and reflective. We prayed for peace, and for love to overcome hate. Then, our school community was offered the chance to light a candle in the Chapel for those victims of the Christchurch shootings. Many also took the opportunity to write a message of support to both Zayed College here in Auckland, and Cashmere College in Christchurch. The cloths of prayer and good wishes will be sent to these Colleges later this week.

Eternal rest grant unto them O God, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

This Friday, March 22, our school will support the Christchurch shooting victims and their whanau by wearing colourful mufti. This is part of a nationwide event, organized by the Christchurch City Council. Girls will be asked to bring a Gold coin donation which will go to an agency set up to provide support to these people. We respectfully ask students not to wear red, as this would be culturally difficult for our Muslim community. Students may wear the mufti from home, they do not have to wear their uniforms to school on this day, as it is a community and national event.



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RIP SR MAUREEN

On Tuesday March 12th, we welcomed into our Chapel the recently deceased and beloved Sister Maureen Connolly OP. Sister Maureen was a Dominican with a long standing relationship with our Kura, and it was a great honour to have her resting in state here with us for three days before she was taken to St Malachy's Church for her Vigil Mass, followed by her Requiem Mass at St Paul's in Massey on Friday. Our Kapa Haka stepped up to welcome Sr Maureen into the Chapel. Sr Maureen's cousin, Mrs Ella Trappe, who had come from Ireland to be with Maureen for the last month, was overwhelmed by the Karanga and the Haka, and told the girls that experiencing that was "the highlight of my life".



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Left – Right, Sr Helen, Sr Carmel, Sr Leonie, Sr Jacqui, Sr Cecily, Sr Maureen, Mrs Ella Trappe



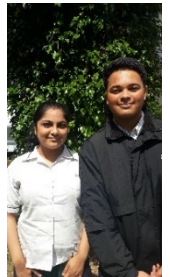
FIJI RESEARCH TEAM FUNDRAISING

The planning for the Fiji Research Trip is well underway and we are all getting e-x-c-i-t-e-d! We are very grateful to the many people who have helped with fundraising. Thank you to Mrs Adrienne Halley and Mrs Maree Bunce for plants for the successful plant sale, Mr Bruce Drysdale for the stunning arrangement for the floral raffle and to Sierra Café, Savour Espresso Café, Mitre 10 Columbus Café and Kings Plant Barn and Café for the donations for the coffee raffle. A big thank you to Creative Alliance for the amazing t-shirts and jackets you sponsored and to Eco store for the biodegradable soap, some of which the team will use in Fiji and the rest will be part of the next raffle!

RADIO RATHGAR Permission has been granted for an Internet radio station streamed through YouTube. The station manager is George Hunt from Liston College and he will be assisted by other students from Liston and St Dominic's Catholic College. The name of the radio station is "Radio Rathgar". The first broadcast will be on Friday morning from 8.00am to 8:30am and then regular broadcasts will be streamed on Wednesday afternoon during form time and every Friday morning thereafter from 8.00am to 8:30am. Students will be able to phone in and start a conversation thread which the broadcasters will then follow up on. The station will also broadcast news from both schools and there will be competitions and give-aways.



JAPANESE classes have been making Origami paper cranes for Christchurch. Japanese teachers association of New Zealand are sending this together to the mosques in Christchurch. Paper crane means Peace and Hope in Japan and the students put their message on each crane. Kia Kaha, Mrs Ito



MESSAGE FROM ACCOUNTS OFFICE: Please contact the accounts office on accounts@stdoms.ac.nz if you need a copy of the school fees statement for the year. There is a discount of \$100 per student if the school fees are paid in full by 31/3/2019. Tax receipts for any donations made for the year ended 31/3/19 will be sent to you in April.

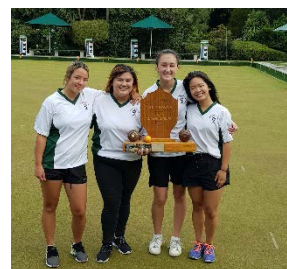
MUSIC DEPARTMENT Attention all Year 8 or 9 flute players. If you play the flute and would like to have lessons we have a few limited spaces available. Whether you played last year or even if you haven't played for a while but would like to get back to into it. If you would like to find out more please see Mrs Nelson or go and see Mrs Macdonald on Wednesday morning after assembly in the music rooms underneath the Drama department.

2019 Theme

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LAWN BOWLS 2019

Congratulations to Dayna Gates (Captain) and Krychelle Espinosa who won the Auckland Collegiate pairs Lawn Bowls competition last week. These two students along with Cassandra Seaton, Tala Siaosi, Maya Smith and Hannah Anderson will be competing in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships on Tuesday 26-27th March. We wish them "Good Luck!"



ATTITUDE PRESENTATION



St Dominic's College Junior students welcomed Tony O'Rourke from the Attitude group where he talked to all Years 7– 10 students. The talk covered a wide range of topics which are relevant to the students' lives. Relating with others especially with members of the family, friendship issues, relationships and making the right choices and Hauora were some of the topics presented to the students. There was also a session where students can ask questions on topics that need to be clarified. The students found the talk helpful and informative.

2019 TRIENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Every three years state and state integrated school communities (such as our own) elect their parent and staff trustees to help govern their schools. Right now boards around the country (including ours) are preparing to hold their 2019 triennial school board of trustee elections. The elections will take place during May and June 2019. Full details relating to the election process will be communicated at the beginning of term 2. For those of you considering standing at these elections, please read the information available via this link <https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/> to gain a brief insight into the role of a trustee.

WHOLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC COACHING DAY MONDAY, 11TH MARCH 2019

The school would like to thank all the parents who made this Monday such a success. So many of you turned up ready to engage with your daughter and her plans for her future. Your feedback is always appreciated. 91% of your daughters understand the academic coaching process, 93% set suitable goals and 97% think they can achieve their goals. Here are some comments: "The process was really good. I love the use of SMART goals and also being involved to help my daughter achieve the goal she set". "It is a very efficient way to keep in touch with what is happening academically in the school and I have found it useful to build a relationship with the various coaches over the years I have been involved". "The program is fantastic and is a guiding platform for my daughter towards her dream goals".

All students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning with the full support of their subject teachers and their academic coach. Please encourage your daughter to talk with her teachers if she has any problems, pay attention to any feedback she is given and to look at her past reports. If, however, you still have specific subject queries, you are encouraged to email your daughter's teacher directly. All contact details for staff can be found through our Parent Portal or on the school website. We are increasingly seeing the benefits of this holistic approach where the focus is less on isolated single subjects. It is now more directly centred on the student who is the true heart of what we do here at St Dominic's.



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