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Dear parents and caregivers,

21st June 2018

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

This week is the first week of Matariki. On Monday in assembly three of our Whanau class students shared the meaning of Matariki with the whole school. As Bella, our Maori Student Leader, said: *"The rising of the Matariki constellation in our eastern skies marks a special moment in the Maori calendar. Matariki is a time to gather with family and friends to reflect on the past, celebrate the present and plan for the future. Matariki is the Maori name for the cluster of stars that rise in the midwinter and symbolise the start of the New Year..... traditionally Matariki was a time to remember those who have died in the last year. But it was also a happy event – crops had been cut and seafood and birds had been collected. With plenty of food in the storehouses Matariki was a time for singing, dancing and feasting, a time of giving."* We will be having some special events at school throughout the next few weeks that will deepen understanding of Matariki for students and staff.

ACADEMIC COACHING is happening on 28th June 9.00am – 7.00pm. There will be no taught classes on that day. The purpose of this second conference is to review your daughter's academic goals, to empower her learning; and to strengthen her relationship with another significant adult. It involves the whole school conferencing during this school day. This means 20 minute conferences instead of classes i.e. your daughter attends school only for her academic coaching conference. *Your daughter can come in her own casual clothes/mufti. No buses will run on this day.* Students who are Under 14 years old may be supervised in the library by reliever(s) for the times of a normal school day but you must notify the College Office. In this case, your daughter must come in uniform and bring food and drink as the student canteen will be closed. Please make an appointment with your daughter's academic coach as per the letter sent home earlier this week. These meetings are an important part of ensuring your daughter's achieving her academic goals this year.

Thank you to parents who came to the Pasifika Consultation Evening on Tuesday night, it was well attended and very productive.

Please keep our Year 11 students in your prayers as they go on Retreat this week.

God's blessing to you and your families.

CAROL CCODDINGTON
PRINCIPAL

CAREERS EXPO DAY

St Dominic's Catholic College would like to invite you to attend our Careers Expo Day held at the school on 25th July 2018 commencing at 8.50am to 3.45pm. The event will be held in our Gymnasium. You are welcome to join your daughter during the day at her designated time or call in after school. The format for the day is as follows:
8.50am Year 11, 9.50am Year 10, 10.50am Morning Tea break (no students), 11.10 am Year 12, 12.10pm Year 13
1.10pm Junior school to visit during first 30 minutes of lunch, 2.20pm Year 9, 3.20pm -3.45pm Parents and Caregivers. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, Chris O'Carroll HOD Careers cocarroll@stdoms.ac.nz

EOTC DATES FOR TERM 3 AND 4

Year 7 Beach Education day trips: Tuesday 20th November (7AC/GK/VZ) and on Wednesday 21st November (7XD/7LP) – approximately 10-12 parent helpers will be required each day. Letters due out in Term 3.

Year 8 Camp: Monday 26th to Thursday 29th November (4 days, 3 Nights) – letters went home this week (*the information letter had the incorrect departure day). Approximately 10 parent helpers required. Please use the form provided with the information letter to indicate if you are keen and able to help out.*

Year 10 Hillary Outdoors trip: Sunday 23rd September to Friday 29th September (6 days, 5 nights. 20 students).

Level 2 Outdoor Education class: Overnight Caving and tramping trip 23rd to 24th August. Kayaking day trip Wednesday 24th October.

DANCE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 13 students Tayla Grayling and Maxann Alexander who have been awarded a dance scholarship each to attend a three day Contemporary dance course at Unitec Institute of Technology during the next school holidays. (Mrs Lambert).

SCHOOL FEES STATEMENTS School fees statements showing any unpaid school fees, will be emailed before the end of the term - please let us know if your email address has changed. We encourage you to use the new payment portal which enables you to select and pay for the items that you wish to pay on the fees statement by credit card. You will find the payment portal link at the bottom of the school fees statement email. Just click on the link and it will take you straight to your daughters' school fees account. If you did not receive your Tax Receipt for donations paid for the year ended 31/3/2018, please contact the accounts office accounts@stdoms.ac.nz to request a copy.

PTFA QUIZ NIGHT RAFFLES RESULTS

Congratulations to all our winners, thanks to everyone for your support!

- 3D Printer from Makershop – **Marie Anisi**
- McIntosh Dental basket including an electric tooth brush set - **Adria Andrews**
- \$150 school uniform voucher from Elizabeth Michael Uniforms - **Kaitlyn Jones**
- Auckland Zoo pass for four people – **John Hermans**
- Signed Cook Book - *Essential Annabel Langbein Volume 2* – **Julia Stuart**
- Headspace – 192 Lincoln Road (voucher for treatment, style cut & blow dry) – **Rachel Grevel**

SPECIAL CHARACTER CORNER



The Year 9 Retreat was a great opportunity for us to connect with our classmates in a new environment away from class routines. For many of us, the most memorable group activity was the tower building exercise because it challenged everyone to work together and make decisions as a team. This special day helped us to understand the meaning of co-operation as a community. *Faith Kay – 9TC*



DIARY DATES:

Saturday 23rd June Environmental group WORKING BEE, 9.30am – 12.00pm

Monday 25th June Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 28th June Academic Coaching Conference day

St Dominic's Environmental Group
WORKING BEE
You're Invited!
23rd June
9:30am-12pm
St Dominic's College
Lend a helping hand in preparing the garden for WINTER
Meet new people and have some fun
Food and Drinks will be provided
For more information please contact
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