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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,

22nd March 2018

From Sunday we celebrate Holy Week in the Catholic Church's calendar. During Holy Week we re-live the final days of Jesus at three specific times known as the Triduum. Palm Sunday will mark the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem for the holy Passover feast. Holy Thursday acknowledges Jesus' farewell meal with his closest friends. He washed their feet and broke bread and shared wine, as his body was about to be broken and his blood spilled on the cross. On Good Friday Jesus is humiliated and mocked and he asks God to forgive those who were torturing him. Easter Sunday is a celebration of hope and joy. We rejoice and welcome new members into our community of faith. Next Thursday (29th March) we will have a Holy Thursday liturgy at school with the whole school.

Congratulations to our cultural groups who took part in the ASB Polyfest last week – they all performed well and we are very proud of their achievements. Thank you to all the staff who managed the groups, Mrs Lambert who coordinated, parents and tutors who worked so hard to help our girls achieve their best. Our successful celebrations overleaf!

God's blessing to you and your families.

CAROL CCODDINGTON
PRINCIPAL

SPECIAL CHARACTER CORNER

Year 8 Lenten Journey Boards

Year 8 SZ and 8 KJ have been enthusiastically working on their Lenten Journey Boards. Through this project the students make a journey, something like a game board for every day of Lent, which invites them to reflect and act on prayerful, giving-up and self-giving actions throughout Lent. *Chris Clark*

Year 13 are studying Sects, Cults and New Religious Movements, an essential area as so many young New Zealanders have an OE post school and need to be aware of such organisations when travelling. *Anna Heffernan*

Year 12's topic for this term is on Social Justice. Social Justice incorporates basic respect for human beings coupled with concern for and action on behalf of human rights. Students can respond to issues of injustice from a Catholic perspective. They study about Catholic and other Christian social organisations such as Caritas, St Vincent de Paul, Catholic Caring, World Vision, etc that enhance people's opportunities for their full human development.

Elizabeth Cala

Year 11 are studying about the Gospels and share the Good News of Jesus Christ: God has become human. Its writings show us the different portraits of Jesus written by each Gospel writer and letters from the first Christians, eager to share the 'good news' that Jesus, who died and rose again is the Saviour of the world. *Elizabeth Cala*

CARITAS CHALLENGE

Caritas is the Catholic agency for justice, peace and development. Caritas Challenge is an annual event whereby Catholic schools and youth groups are involved in sponsored activities to raise funds for the annual focus—this year it is Timor Leste. The first activity – the Live It Challenge, will be on the 6th and 7th April, at school. Students will build temporary shelters in Moran Quad and sleep in them! The second activity- the Sweat It Challenge, on the 5th May, will be a combined Liston/St Dominic's activity and will involve picking up litter in the Henderson area. These activities provide an opportunity to experience in a small way, some of the challenges faced by those living in poverty on a daily basis. It is a fun and informative way to connect with the principles of Catholic social teaching. Caritas is the Catholic agency for justice, peace and development. Students will

- Learn about Timor Leste and other places in the world which need peace, justice and development
- Reflect and pray for these areas
- Collect donations from friends, family and colleagues to help the people of Timor Leste.



KNITTING CLUB DONATIONS

A knitting group will be starting in Term 2 to knit and make blankets to donate to worthy people in our community. We need donations of knitting needles (sets) and wool (any amount). If you have any of these items at home that you no longer need please send them to school with your daughter and deliver to Mrs Hahn in PR7. Please ask friends and extended family if they have any to donate also. Your help will be much appreciated.

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 31/3/2018. Tax receipts for any donations made will be sent to you during the April school holidays.



ASB POLYFEST We are so very proud of all our students who performed beautifully in the ASB Polyfest last week. Congratulations to all students who participated in the Kapa Haka Group, Korean Group, Japanese Group, Chinese Group, Indian Group, Filipino Group and Papuan Indonesian Group. We are also thrilled to announce that the Tongan Group and Samoan Group both received placings at Polyfest. The Samoan Group were placed 3rd in three dances, the Ma'ulu'ulu, Sasa and Ulufafo. The Tongan Group also did amazingly well and were placed first for their



Faha'iulu dance. A huge **congratulations** to all students and especially to our prize winners from the Tongan and Samoan Groups.

SUCCESS ON THE DIVERSITY STAGE - We are thrilled to announce that the Filipino Group also won a number of prizes from their amazing performance on the Diversity Stage: Overall Winner for Diversity Stage - High Score, 3rd Place – Filipino Choreography Award, 2nd Place Equal - Filipino Interpretation of Theme, 3rd Place Equal – Filipino Continent Awards - Asia Continent Award 2nd Place. **Congratulations** to all students who participated in the Filipino Group. We are very proud of you (Mrs Lambert – Cultural Coordinator for the ASB Polyfest).



ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS

RYDA is an educational programme that turned into an eye-opening experience, for both the teachers and Year 12 students. The events included teaching students to decide ahead of time for the safest outcomes, learning the road choices and tips when driving. One of the many things that we also had the opportunity to learn about was self-coaching tips (self-control, risk awareness, thinking social, speaking up, and knowing yourself) and how our personalities could also affect our driving. We were also taught about hazards and distractions, and the more you manage and eliminate the higher your ability to avoid hazards. And before concluding, students were able to gain an outdoor experience and lessons on speed and stopping. During our last session we met a crash victim (Kelly) who had been in a crash in 2011 and is still recovering who courageously told her story. Her experience touched everyone's hearts. Taking the most important lesson of the day: better safe than sorry.

MARCH SALE

\$20 off any pair of McKinlay's shoes or sandals.



\$20 off one of our great selection of JanSport bags.



Offers are only available while our March stocks last...

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Congratulations to the St Dominic's Dragon Boat team who competed in the Auckland Dragon Boat championships on the 18th March. Having only participated in Dragon Boating for the past two years and with limited practice our team performed extremely well, finishing in 5th Place in the grand final of the 500m race and going on to win the 200m Plate final in a nail-biting race.

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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DIARY DATE: BOT MEETING 6.30 pm Monday 26th March