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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.

Term 2 is set to be a busy term with the winter sport's codes being played. Thank you to the staff, parents and students who are managing or coaching our various teams. We have one of the highest participation rates in sport of the secondary schools in West Auckland.

Physical activity is vital to the holistic development of young people, fostering their physical, social and emotional health. The benefits of sport reach beyond the impact on physical well-being and the value of the educational benefits of sport should not be under-estimated – students learn resilience, adaptability, teamwork, respect and persistence and a positive attitude.

Our Year 11-13 students will be busy throughout the term with assessments as they work towards their NCEA qualifications. Your daughter should, by now be using her strategic planner to track the number of credits she has and how many more she needs to achieve gaining NCEA. Careful planning now will lead to success.

Thank you for your patience with the road works on Rathgar Rd and Pinedale Place. It has not been easy to drop off or pick up your daughters over these last couple of weeks.

A reminder that there is a Paid Union Meeting from 12.10pm Wednesday 30th May. Years 10 -13 will finish at 12.10pm and Years 7 – 9 will remain at school. Buses will run as normal, we apologise for the inconvenience this may cause some families.

Congratulations to Jolenna Deo who gained 2nd Place in the recently held National Council for Women Speech Competition.

God's blessing to you and your families.

CAROL CCODDINGTON
PRINCIPAL

SPECIAL CHARACTER CORNER



CARITAS CHALLENGE

Many thanks to Students, staff, parents and friends who supported the Live It Caritas Challenge. \$2675 was raised and has been sent to Caritas Aotearoa. The money will be used for Caritas programs in Timor Leste. A big shout out to Caitlin Hayes' dad who made an amazing cardboard box shelter.

Last Tuesday, Mrs Cala's RE Class had their liturgy where we celebrated **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE FEAST OF PENTECOST**. We also offered the liturgy for the eternal repose of Mrs Glenn's brother in law, Robert Glenn. Every member of the class had a specific role - readings, presentation of gifts and prayers of the faithful. We all sang hymns and worked together as a class to create a welcoming loving liturgy. We also prayed for those in need and for those who need comfort during this difficult time. *Charlotte Meiklejohn 13AS & Anna Larsen 13CA*



YEAR 12 RETREAT began straight away with students being divided into small groups, with people they may not normally interact with. The entire experience was emotional and eye-opening, it was a great chance for us to understand that we all face similar struggles in life and be able to connect with others facing the same struggles. A highlight for many of the girls' time at the retreat was the positive affirmations we wrote and received. A memorable activity for most was the Magical Mystery tour. The activity required most of us to lose one of our senses. We then had to move around the park overcoming various obstacles. This challenging, but fun activity allowed each group to come together and form strong bonds, building trust and confidence in each other.

These two days were about becoming closer as a year level, with oneself and with God. We all learnt that each of us has our own highs and lows in our lives and that both are inevitable, but through God and the people we surround ourselves with, we will be able to overcome our struggles. It was a time of peace, reconciliation, and mending broken bonds. By the end of it, the whole year level had become even closer than we were before. Each and every girl was able to walk away with something special from this retreat. Making new friends and strengthening old bonds. Tears were shed, happiness was alive and memories were made. Year 12 Retreat is one that will never be forgotten!
By Kate Devereaux, Samara D'Souza, Krychelle Espinosa and Yashoda Lodhia

- **PINEDALE AVE PICK-UPS** Students report that it feels unsafe to them because some parents are inside the Pinedale staff carpark in the afternoon and not driving safely enough. A reminder that, as previously advised, no parents should be inside this carpark between 3pm and 3.45pm, for student safety purposes. Parents and caregivers coming later to collect your daughter from the library or a practice closer to 4.30pm are asked to drive very carefully inside the staff carpark on Pinedale Ave. *Ms Heffernan*
- **UNIFORM** Thank you to those families working hard to ensure that your daughter is wearing her full uniform, including clean polished shoes. It is much appreciated. *Ms Heffernan*
- **HARDSHIP APPLICATIONS** Families in serious financial need should consider applying confidentially to the Diocese for assistance with Attendance Dues. Ring the school office and request the forms from the Business Manager, Wayne Smith. *Ms Heffernan*

Quiz Night tomorrow Friday 25 May!

Have you bought your tickets for the Quiz Night fundraiser? It's tomorrow night!
 Tickets available on the evening

The PTFA is raising money for playground/fitness equipment which will be available to all students. Friday 25 May at school in the Gabriel Gill Sports Hall. (Please wear flat shoes as the gym has just had a new floor laid).

- 6.30pm doors open. 7pm Quiz starts - finish should be 9.30pm.
- Tickets \$10 and students \$5 on sale now at the school office. Students Years 7 - 13 are welcome to attend the Quiz Night. Years 7 - 10 must please be accompanied by a parent, as alcohol will be on sale. Please note that the Quiz questions are largely aimed at adults but we welcome the whole school community and hope you will join us.
- Tables of 8 so get friends and family together and fill a table or join a table on the evening.
- Lots of great snap raffles and a big hamper for the winning team
- Eftpos will be available to purchase drinks and food. Pizza, sausage rolls and savouries will be on sale on the night.
- Please bring cash/gold coins for the raffles.

Big raffle prizes include:

- ✓ 3D printer from Maker Shop - Model: Flashforge Finder - Retail: \$995. Ticket price \$5.
- ✓ McIntosh Dental products basket - including Oral B Genius 8000 electric toothbrush - value \$350. Ticket price \$5.
- ✓ Auckland Zoo Pass for 2 adults and 2 children - value \$76. Ticket price \$3.
- ✓ Headspace voucher for treatment, style cut and blow dry valued at \$100. Ticket price \$3.
- ✓ School uniform voucher from Elizabeth Michael - value \$150. Ticket price \$3.
- ✓ Cook Book *Essential Annabel Langbein Volume 2 - Sweet Treats for Every Occasion*. Ticket Price \$3.

Tickets are on sale until 8am Monday 11 June when the raffles will be drawn at school assembly.

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 DATES:

Monday 28th May Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm, Wednesday 30th May PPTA Paid Union Meeting - Year 7 -9 stay at school, Year 10-13 finish at 12.10pm, Friday 1st June Teacher only Day (school closed)