

St Dominic's Catholic College

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VERITAS

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Kia ora whanau,

The past two weeks have continued to be full of exciting events and activities. The beginning of the year is always a busy time for reconnecting with friends and colleagues and getting back into the routines of school life, as well as welcoming new members into our community.

Our BBQ last week provided a great opportunity for our new families to meet with their daughter's form teachers, dean and other members of staff. We encourage you all to continue this connection with us as we continue the shared responsibility of educating your daughter. A big thank you goes out to our hardworking PTFA once again for their continued support of this function.

Please remember that if you have any concerns or queries, you can contact the office or your daughter's Dean. Deans and all staff can be contacted by phone and email. Please refer to our school website www.stdoms.ac.nz for details.

School Safety

The beginning and end of the day are busy times around our school and parking can cause some issues. Please be mindful of the rules around the gates. Parent and caregiver cars are not permitted to enter the school at these peak times as it causes risk to our students. Their health and safety is our priority and we appreciate your support in this.

Job Vacancy

We are currently looking to employ a part time Library Assistant to work in our school library from 2pm-4.30 pm each day. The role is in term time only and includes completing assigned tasks, supervising students and closing the library at the end of the day. If you are interested in this position, please contact our Deputy Principal, Mr Philip Jellyman pjellyman@stdoms.ac.nz.

Nga mihi nui,

Anna Swann
Principal

NEWS FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

We were privileged to host the 2020 National English Workshop organized by the New Zealand Association for Teachers of English in our school on the 20th of February. This was attended by 55 English teachers from schools across Auckland, including four teachers from our department. The purpose of the workshop was preparing students for Externals. Such workshops are instrumental in our professional development for better learning outcomes. While adding tips to their existing rich repertoire, teachers shared ideas on the amazing things being done in their schools and this was both affirming and enriching.



NETBALL

Netball trials begin this week. Any students interested in playing should collect a permission slip from the gym foyer, pay the \$25 deposit and sign up before attending. A reminder also that the uniform is changing for Year 7 students, Year 9 students and Premier/Premier Development players in 2020. This new dress can be purchased for \$63.50 from Elizabeth Michael from early March. The "old" dresses are now available in the gym office at a discounted price of \$30. If you are in need of more information or are able to help with coaching or managing a team, please email cmatthewman@stdoms.ac.nz.

The new Year 13 ENVIRONMENT LEADERS for 2020, Jasmin Chen and Sophie Hepburn worked with two Year 7 and one Year 8 class to create drinking stations for bees around the College. Honeybees often try to drink from swimming pools and they often drown in the process. The drinking stations are shallow plates filled with coloured glass pebbles and water. This allows the bees to cool off and drink water in safety. Why not create a bee drinking station in your own garden and help the bee population to survive?



UNIFORM RULE CLARIFICATION

False eyelashes and eyelash extensions are not part of our college uniform from the start of Term 2, 2020. Thank you to parents and caregivers for supporting us with this uniform rule clarification.

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The team at **MoneyHub**, a personal finance website, have updated their comprehensive guide to school leaver university scholarships extensively for 2020's Year 13 students. Please check it out. <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html>



McIntosh Dental is holding a free Orthodontics Parent Information evening for everything you need to know about braces. Thursday, 5th March 2020 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm at McIntosh Dental, 43 Lincoln Road in Henderson. Registration is essential so please phone us on 837-2598 or visit our website www.mcintoshdental.co.nz to register. All attendees receive a Complimentary, no obligation orthodontic consultation and x-ray valued at \$199.

FOUNDRESS DAY AND ASH WEDNESDAY

This week has been a big week for the Special Character of our school. On Tuesday we celebrated Foundress' Day Mass, which was beautiful, joyful and reverent, highlighted by our Student Executive receiving their badges for the year, and all members of our community making pledges for the year ahead. We were graced by the presence of many guests, including six Dominican sisters, Catherine Ryan, the new Vicar for Education, Phil Mahoney, General Manager of Catholic Education Services, Chris Rooney, Liston Principal amongst others.

On Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday with another meaningful liturgy. Each form class had painted a rock, symbolizing what they planned to 'let go' of during lent, and these were placed along a 'river'. As the girls entered the Gym, they added a flower to the river to symbolize the constant hope and presence of Christ's resurrection in our lives, as we wait for Easter.



2020 Theme

"She is clothed in strength and dignity
and rejoices without fear of the future"

*He korowai, kia kaha, kia hōnore ai ōna kākahu, a kaua e wehi, titiro whakamua kia hari kia koe .
Proverbs 31:25*