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Kia ora whanau,

Welcome to the end of Term 2!

It has certainly been a term to remember as we have navigated our way through these unprecedented times together. I am so incredibly proud of the resilience and positivity shown by our students and I thank you for your ongoing support of them and for us as a college community.

I also want to publicly thank my staff for their dedication and continued commitment to our students. These two weeks break will allow our teachers and support staff some valuable rest time to replenish their energy stores for the second half of the year. It is really important that our students use these two weeks to do the same. My message to them this morning at assembly was REST, RELAX, FUN, SLEEP, REPEAT!

Have a safe and blessed term break.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Anna Swann

PTFA Corner

- *Year 7&8 Social*

We have rescheduled our Year 7&8 combined St Doms/Liston Social for Friday 7th August 7pm-9pm, at Waitemata Rugby Club. Tickets, \$10, will go on sale early next term..

- *Quiz Night*

We are really excited about the St Doms Quiz Night on Saturday 29th August in the College Gym. Students in Years 12&13 are invited to put teams together. Students in Years 10 & 11 may enter with parents or a responsible adult. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per student. This is set to be a great night out with great prizes and lots of fun. If you or someone you know would like to donate a prize for the raffles, please contact Tricia Saxon (PTFA Secretary) tricia.saxon@hotmail.com. Further information will be sent out early in the term, but in the meantime, save the date!

NCEA Holiday Re-assessment Opportunity for Levels 1, 2 and 3

Year 11, 12 and 13 students may have been informed by one of their teachers that they can have a re-assessment opportunity for an Internal Assessment during the holiday. Your daughter will know if she is one of these students and her teacher will speak to her about it and ask her to inform you. The re-assessments will take place on the first Monday of the holiday. Re-assessments will take place at the College in S2 or another room organised by your daughter's teacher, at 9.00am on Monday 6 July. Please ensure that your daughter attends if she has been given this opportunity to achieve NCEA credits which are part of her studies in 2020 .

Brain Bee Challenge 2020

Brain Bee Challenge is a competition open to all Year 11 students where they learn about the brain and neuroscience and answer questions in a competition through Education Perfect. At St Dominic's Catholic College, this is done as part of Gifted and Talented Education. Every year for the past 8 years, we've had nearly 30 students participating for Round 1, then a selected group of students get invited to compete in Round 2 – the North Island Finals at the University of Auckland Medical School.

Round 1 is usually done at school towards the end of March. Then high achieving students from Round 1 are invited to compete in Round 2 towards the end of term 2. This year, due to the Covid-19 lockdown, Round 1 was done at home with Round 2 being cancelled. 12 students participated in Round 1 and have received the participation certificate. Amrita Maggu was placed Fifth equal in the North Island and has been awarded a special certificate together with a voucher from UBIQ, the University Bookshop – Congratulations!! *Mr Ahn*



Year 12 and 13 Attitude Talk on Stress and Anxiety

Last Friday, 26th of June the Year 12 and 13 students had Robbie from Attitude Group who spoke to them about overcoming stress and anxiety. He shared with the students the different factors that can cause anxiety and the different ways to overcome them. The talk was very timely and helpful since most of the Senior students are doing and completing assessments in some of their subjects at the moment. A special thank you to Robbie for a very engaging and informative talk.

ENVIRO LEADERS Jasmin Chen and Sophie Hepburn organised a Neighbourhood clean-up in collaboration with Liston College and Waitakere College on 1 July 2020 to bring awareness to Plastic Free July. Plastic pollution is a huge problem and students picked up ten bags of rubbish in and around St Dominic's Catholic College. Plastic pollution is the accumulation of plastic objects and particles (e.g. plastic bottles, bags and microbeads) in the Earth's environment that adversely affects wildlife, wildlife habitat, and humans.

The conveniences plastics offer, however, has led to a throw-away culture that reveals this material's dark side. Today, single-use plastics account for 40 percent of the plastic produced every year. Many of these products, such as plastic bags and food wrappers, have a lifespan of mere minutes to hours, yet they may persist in the environment for hundreds of years.

By helping to clean up the neighbourhood around the College students helped to create a safer, cleaner and better world.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Covid19 has brought about quite a change in how sport looks this term. We as a school are happy to be finally starting our seasons. The Sports Department would like to thank our community, our coaches and managers for allowing us to provide these sporting opportunities for your daughters. Workshops during PE classes have proven a success with our students being introduced to a new sport. We would like to thank Peter from Auckland tennis who came in during Week 10 to teach a few tennis classes with our Year 10's – 13's. Michael, Kelsey and Stuart from Auckland and Henderson Squash also provided squash lessons in week 11. The students were very interested and enjoyed their opportunity to try something new.

FOOTBALL

We have entered 3 teams into the Football season. Juniors, 1st and 2nd XI's. Thank you to Mr Michael Shiu and Paulus Choi for arranging trials earlier on in the term and before lockdown. It made preparation for coming into Alert level 1 a lot easier with training and preseason games. The football teams have had a great start to their season which began last week. The following link will provide draws and results for the season <http://drawsresults.sportrunner.net/?org=CSA&sport=SN>

NETBALL

Our College teams have got off to a great start with their trainings and games with many wins, losses and learnings along the way already. All teams have had great uniform at the games and we have been especially excited to see our new dress being played

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Proverbs 31:25*

in! A reminder that all year 7 & 8 teams begin playing on the first Wednesday of next term and fees for all teams are now overdue. Thank you very much to all our kind adult volunteers who are assisting us this season – we appreciate you! There will be no College netball games or trainings in the holidays. Have a lovely break.

Lunchtime sport has been introduced every Wednesday and it has been encouraging to see the amount of students taking part or trying it out. Badminton was taught during class lessons and with the feedback received from it, it was decided to introduce it at lunchtimes for years 7 & 8's while College teams were trialing for various sports. Next term will see volleyball and badminton featured for anyone interested. We would love your feedback or suggestions on what we could work on to make sport an exciting and enjoyable experience for students. We hope you enjoy a much needed holiday within your community and with your loved ones. God Bless from us at the Sports Department.



*Start by doing what is necessary,
Then what is possible, and suddenly
You are doing the impossible
-St. Francis of Assisi –*

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT: Spoken Word

This year we have two Spoken Word teams – Team 1 with Indy Jane, Nina Bata, Brenda Fotu, Ruby Bray and Kelsy Mandizvidza, and Team 2 with Zizi Watts, Sarah de Jong, Coco Chen and Shushmita Paul. The auditions for 'Word-The Frontline' were on Saturday and while Team 2 did very well to embrace the challenge, Team 1 has made it to the top 16 from across Auckland to compete in the semifinals. This is what the organisers had to say, "The team smashed their auditions! So amazing to see what an amazing culture has developed at the school. Your students are always such a warm light and every judge commented specifically on how much they supported each other. They really represent why we love this program." A top Spoken Word artist present at the auditions added, "I was blown away by their team spirit. I saw all the teams auditioning and didn't see another that was as much of a unit as them." We are indeed proud of you all!

Team 2

Team 1



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