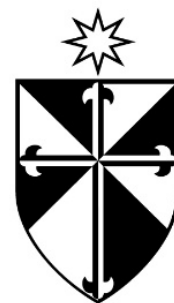


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Kia ora whanau,

4th April 2019

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be sent home this week. Please discuss these with your daughter and if you have any concerns or queries please contact her Form teacher or Dean. As a proud Dominican school, we hold high expectations of all our students across all areas of their school experience. This includes academic achievement, attendance, behaviour, involvement in extra-curricular activities as well as how they present themselves in our school uniform. Thank you for your support in upholding these values.

Information Evening Years 7, 8 & 9

We invite all parents and caregivers of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students to our information evening tomorrow night at 7pm in the Chapel. This is an opportunity for you to hear about the range of subjects and learning experiences on offer to your daughter through her time at the College.

Board of Trustees Elections 2019

As you will have seen in our last newsletter, we are preparing to hold our 2019 triennial school Board of Trustees' election. Serving on our school Board of Trustees is a great opportunity for you to share your skills and expertise in a governance role. If you are interested in becoming a trustee, or know someone who might be, please click on the link below for more information. Nomination forms will be sent out next term. <https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee>

End of Term 1

This term has been a busy one and personally a wonderful start to my time here at St Dominic's Catholic College. Thank you for all your support over the last 10 weeks. The final day of term is next Friday, 12th April. Wishing you all a wonderful Easter time with your families and we look forward to seeing you when Term 2 starts on Monday 29th April.

Nga mihi nui,

Anna Swann

Principal

SPECIAL CHARACTER CORNER Last week, two groups of students were able to present the banners that were signed with messages of love and hope for Zayed College in Mangere, and Cashmere High School in Christchurch. On Tuesday a group of students and staff attended the Zayed College Memorial Service and were able to gift the banner and a box full of heartfelt messages on pink and red hearts. On the same day, our Lawn Bowls team were competing in a national competition, and the Cashmere High School Boys Triples team was there. Our girls presented them with our banner for them as well as another box of heart messages. Here is an excerpt from the manager of that team, in his email to us:

"I want to thank St Dominic's College for their thoughtfulness and kindness for putting together the notes and the mural of thoughts and messages of kindness following last week's tragic events. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers in what is a tough time for Cashmere High School, and the wider Christchurch community. I myself the 'Bowls Coach' work as a doctor at Christchurch Hospital and was incredibly touched by your thoughts. We look forward to catching up at the 2020 bowls nationals."



Lawn bowlers present the Cloth and box of hearts to Cashmere Highschool players.



YEAR 7 RETREAT

Retreat for me was a wonderful experience and opportunity to grow a better relationship with God. There was always a sense of reverence during prayer, it was peaceful. It gave me a deeper understanding of the importance of our community. How we need everyone to work together so we can achieve all our goals. You can achieve so little by yourself, but with others, you can do so much more. During my time at retreat, it helped everyone let go of their worries and focus on their spiritual wellbeing. Overall, I got to make new friends, make new spiritual goals and be a part of the St Dominic's Community.

Jillian Bunquin 7RM



On 28th/29th March all Year 7's attended the **BEACH EDUCATION PROGRAMME** run by local lifeguards at Muriwai Beach Surf Club. We were taught how to be sun smart, how to spot a rip and how to stay safe when visiting the beach. A big THANK YOU to all the adult helpers who volunteered their time and support, we couldn't have managed without you!

Our **DRAGON BOAT TEAM** competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships on Sunday 24 March at Lake Pupuke along with 21 other teams. There were eleven girls only teams. Congratulations to the team who made the Grand Final in the 200m race. They paddled extremely well to get a time of just under one minute to place 3rd, winning the Bronze medal. Congratulations to the team who have trained hard with their on-water Coach and Sweep Leslie Ash. A big thank you to all staff, family and friends who have supported the team this season.



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NCEA Holiday Assessment Opportunity – Monday 15 April

Year 11, 12 and 13 students may have been informed by one or more of their teachers that they can have an assessment opportunity for an internal assessment standard 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 assessment opportunity will be on the first Monday of the holiday. **Assessments will take place at the College in S1 at 9.00 am on Monday 15th April.** Please ensure that your daughter attends if she has been given the opportunity to achieve NCEA credits which are part of her studies in 2019.

MESSAGE FROM THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE:

Tax receipts for any donations paid for the period 1/4/2018 to 31/3/2019 will be emailed at the end of the Term 1. School fees statements were emailed this week - if you are yet to start making payments for the school fees, we have a variety of payment options, from weekly payments set up via your bank or paying by credit card via the parent portal. If you are having any difficulty paying the fees, please contact the accounts office accounts@stdoms.ac.nz in confidence to discuss payment options or financial assistance.

MEASLES

New Zealand is having outbreaks of measles at present which is a very contagious disease. Please ensure your daughter's vaccination for MMR is fully completed to optimize her immunity. If she has contact with someone with measles during the contagious period, she will have to remain at home unless vaccinated. After our mumps outbreak in recent years, we know that missing school is very stressful, especially for NCEA students. Your support with ensuring that your daughter is vaccinated is much appreciated. The Auckland Regional Public Health Service website (www.arphs.govt.nz) has useful information about measles. Ms Heffernan



KATHMANDU WAITAKERE have invited St Dominic's Catholic College students to an exclusive shopping promotion. We are also offering a one-off COMMUNITY DISCOUNT on purchases across our entire range, as well as FREE SUMMIT CLUB MEMBERSHIP. This will be held at the Waitakere store on Monday April 1st until Sunday the 7th of April.

At this event we will offer our guidance and expertise with important information on correct fittings for backpacks, different sleeping bag options, choosing the correct footwear and technical information on clothing and apparel. This is an ideal opportunity to learn more about what is needed for your upcoming adventure and ensure you'll be safe and comfortable. If you have not received the flyer in your email, please see Mrs Gillian Taylor for a copy.



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