

# St Dominic's Catholic College

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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,*

On Friday the girls will be looking forward to two weeks of holiday and the staff will be using the time to catch up on their marking and preparation for Term 3. It has been a busy term of sports, tests, exams and hard work.



We have enjoyed a number of successes this term. **Congratulations** Karis Sakaria (8CL), Sophie Draper (8AH) and Emily Mudgway (8CL) who were awarded the Westpac Sir Peter Blake Leadership Awards by Emele Palamo from Westpac, Te Atatu (left). Their very proud Dean, Mr Charlie Ahn is on the right.

**Congratulations** to our past student Sophie

Matthewman who received the 2018 Fulbright Science and Innovation Graduate Award, worth \$31,000 USD. She will complete a Masters of Public Health specialising in Health Policy at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She has also received the Presidential Scholarship from GWU worth \$30,000 USD. Sophie graduated with a BHSc (Hons) from the University of Auckland in 2016. She received the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences Senior Scholar Award in 2014 (highest overall GPA for the BHSc graduating cohort), and the School of Population Health (Hons) Prize in 2015 (highest overall GPA for the postgraduate cohort). We were also named the top school in the decile 3,4 and 5 group with 74% our girls achieving University Entrance, a tribute to the students and the staff who have worked hard to achieve this result, along with our Level 1, 2 and 3 NCEA results which are above the national average at all levels.



**Congratulations** also to Grace Matthewman (Head Girl) who has been awarded a Parliamentary internship with the Hon Phil Twyford!

Safe travels to Ms Dani Taylor and Mrs Rachel Phillips who are taking a group of students to France during the holidays and to Mrs Geary and girls who are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Kaimais trip.

We farewell Jonna Arthur who has been an itinerant music teacher with us since 2010 and wish her the very best for her to move to Motueka.

You may or not be aware, from your daughter, that I have resigned from my position as Principal to take up the role of Deputy Chief Executive of the New Zealand Catholic Education Office in Wellington. I have enjoyed the challenges of my role and being an integral member of this College community which I will miss very much. I will be leaving at the end of the year and the Board will now be in the process of appointing a new Principal to start next year.

*God's blessing to you and your families.*

**CAROL CCODDINGTON**  
PRINCIPAL

## **SPECIAL CHARACTER**

### **WYDAK18 - REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT -Saturday, 15 July 2018**

World Youth Day Auckland Experience 2018 is the biggest youth event on our diocesan calendar. All youth and young adults are welcome to attend a Youth Regional Day as part of the weekend activities. North Shore - West - City - Central Youth Regional Day (*for College Years 9 & Up*) on Saturday 14th July 2018 from 2pm - 9:30pm. Day activities at St Joseph's Parish, Takapuna. Evening activities at Rosmini College Auditorium. To register contact Manu Bennett - nscatholicyouth@gmail.com. This will be followed by a Diocesan event on Sunday 15 July 2018. Meet at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby at 1pm for procession to Victory Convention Centre, 98 Beaumont St, Freeman's Bay for event to start at 3.00pm.

### NCEA CATCH-UP HOLIDAY ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITY – JULY

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 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 C2 at 9.00am on Monday 9 July. Please ensure that your daughter attends if she has been given the opportunity to achieve NCEA credits which are part of her studies in 2018.

### VERITAS IN ACTION

*Congratulations* to the winners of the Term 2, token draw. Each winner will receive a \$20 voucher for 'Doing What is Right'. St Mary's: Cathleen Uy and Michaela Holt, St Catherine's: Sydney Best and Georgia Hessel, St Margaret's: Julia Rola and Charlotte Shuter. St Rose's: Ella-Rose Brownlee and Claire Farmer. The House with the most number of tokens submitted during Terms 1 and 2 will be announced on Friday. The two front-runners are St Roses and St Marys, the top house will be allowed a mufti-day in Term 3.

### MESSAGE FROM ACCOUNTS OFFICE

School fees statements will be emailed this week. Please try out the new parent payment portal using the link at the bottom of your email. It is very easy to use and allows you to select the items you wish to pay. If you are having any difficulties paying the fees, please contact the accounts office [accounts@stdoms.ac.nz](mailto:accounts@stdoms.ac.nz) in confidence to discuss payment options or financial assistance.



#### ECO CLUB FOR JUNIORS:

On Wednesday 27 June 2018 the members of the Eco club for Juniors worked together to re-plant the Butterfly Garden in the Northcote quad. The saying "many hands make light work" really sprang into action and within an hour the garden was refreshed, cleaned and look brand spanking new. Thank you to Mrs Alison Ferguson who gave a helping hand and to all of the Eco Warriors. The planting was made possible with a grant from "Beautify your place".



### PASIFIKA STUDENT LEADERS

Malia Vakauta and Priscilla Tuala invited Carmel Sepuloni, a local MP into the College this week to talk about her journey into politics and to offer advice to our students on how they can achieve success.



**DIARY DATES:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July End of Term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July Term 3 begins