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VERITAS

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Kia ora whanau,

It has been a great couple of weeks back at school, with the college grounds returning to the familiar buzz of laughter and chatter. We are really proud of how our students are settling into their new routines and reconnecting with their friends and teachers. It is heartening to see so many of our sports teams training in anticipation of their competition rounds beginning shortly. Our Education Outside the Classroom programmes are also preparing for various events which is exciting for all involved. This also means the opportunity to finally have our new school vans out on the road!

NCEA Update

The NCEA update sent out earlier this week outlined the changes being made for this year due to the impact of COVID-19. We will continue to provide further information as it comes to hand.



Alert Level 1

We are currently preparing for the changes that will come if and when we enter Alert Level 1. Please be assured that we will continue to follow the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education guidelines to ensure our procedures continue to prioritise the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff and students. We will keep you updated when the announcement is made by our government.

Nga mihi nui,

Anna Swann
Principal

News from the Mathematics Department

We are very excited to share news of the academic success of some of our senior Mathematics students. Zeenat Ali and Chiela Fortunato, who completed Level 3 Calculus in Year 12, have been accepted to follow the University of Auckland Young Scholars' Programme MAX (Mathematical Acceleration and eXtension) course this year. This is a first semester course in university mathematics for high achieving high school students throughout New Zealand jointly offered by the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Engineering Science. Students who complete this course may be able to use their credits to enrol in second-year courses in their first semester at the University of Auckland. We congratulate these students for this significant achievement.

Zeenat Ali and Chiela Fortunato



Message from Accounts Office. Tax receipts for any donations paid during the financial year ended 31/3/20 have been emailed recently. Thank you for your contributions, they are very much appreciated. Please contact the accounts office accounts@stdoms.ac.nz if you are still waiting for your Tax Receipt. If you are experiencing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 please contact us to set up a payment plan, set up a deferred payment arrangement or lowered level of payments. Other forms of financial assistance may also be available - please contact the accounts office accounts@stdoms.ac.nz or our Principal, principal@stdoms.ac.nz. If you are able to pay the school fees in full, we have extended the prompt payment discount of \$100 per student to 30/6/20.

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We have received the first of seven new Bernina electronic sewing machines. The machines are slowly being replaced with these amazing new electronic models for all Textiles Technology students.



NEWS FROM SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Before Lockdown, St Dominic's students were represented at the Western Zone Swimming Championship - West wave Aquatic Centre and Western Zone Athletics Championship - Mt Smart Stadium, Penrose. It was an amazing achievement to qualify for both competitions and a bonus to get a placing in the finals. Laura Hammond placed 2nd in the intermediate 50m Breaststroke Final. It was a very close finish that had the swim team standing at water's edge cheering her on. **Congratulations** to Rebekah Friend 7HP, Madeline Lewis 7SB, Laura Hammond 7DL, Charlotte Harvey 8GH, Carolann Faeamani 8GH and Caitlyn Lupeitu'u 8AS for competing and qualifying in all their finals. It was a very cold wait for each race throughout the day, but it was warming to see the enjoyment in each other's company and that of their club buddies in other schools.

Stella Hammond 11DT, Grace Kairua 13PG, Suluama Vaeau-Mulitalo 12JR, Hope Maka 11KI and Breanna Ah Sam 11NM were selected for the Auckland College Sport Athletic Championships through qualification at the Western Zone athletic meet in March. This type of qualification comes from being placed in the top 3 in your event. Awesome effort girls!

The aim of sport at this level was to achieve to their highest ability, enjoy the experience and encourage each other. VERITAS in action shone through in the comradery with each other and the respect shown to their supporters. Vinaka vaka levu to all of you who came out to watch and support these talented ladies.

We look forward to sport returning to our school this week in the form of Football and Badminton trials. Due to the slight adjustments in our sporting season, some school venues will be made available for the various winter sports as larger sporting facilities are not available for the time being. Updates for sport can be found on the following links:

<http://www.nzsssc.co.nz/newsarticle/90763?newsfeedId=51035>. <https://collegesport.co.nz/category/news/>
<https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19/sector-advice/mass-gathering-guidance>
<https://sportnz.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Play-Active-Recreation-Sport-Alert-Level-3.pdf>



2020 Netball

Netball teams have been named and trainings will slowly start over the next week or two with games expected to start from June 20 onwards. Netball fees are now \$75 for the 2020 season instead of \$100 due to the impacted season. We are still on the hunt for parent coaches and/or managers. If you could help with your daughter's team, email sports@stdoms.ac.nz – we would really appreciate it!

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