

St Dominic's Catholic College

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VERITAS

Kia ora whanau,

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Swimming Sports

We had a wonderful day at our annual school swimming sports last Friday. As a school we made our way down to West Wave for a great day of competition and school spirit. The girls were dressed brightly in their House colours and cheered their teams on with passion and enthusiasm. Some amazing skill and talent was displayed in the pool and we are very proud of these girls for their accomplishments. Well done also to those students who entered non-competitive events to earn points for their House.

Results: Year 7 (Under 12) Swimming Champion Charlotte Harvey; Year 8 (Over 12) Swimming Champion Arabella Culley; Junior Swimming Champion Bethany Friend; Intermediate Swimming Champion Aakriti Deshwal; Senior Swimming Champion Hannah Anderson. The winning House was St Catherine's.

New Year 7, 8 & 9 Families BBQ

It was lovely to meet so many new families to the College at our New Families BBQ. Thank you for coming along to introduce yourselves to your daughters' teachers, Deans and the Senior Leadership team. We look forward to getting to know you better throughout your daughter's time here at St Dominic's.

School Van

The school has been looking into acquiring a school van. We are very aware that this is a much-needed resource in the college that will allow us to extend our Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) further. This does however require funds to be raised and/or sponsorship to be found that will support not only the initial costs of the vehicle but also its financial sustainability. If you have any contacts, or expertise in this area, please contact Tina Allingham at principalspa@stdoms.ac.nz.

Past pupils/Old Girls of St Dominic's College

As part of enhancing our community relationships, we are looking to create a database of past students of the College. The plan is that an 'association' of some sort will be developed to re-connect past students with the college community. If you have skills in this area or are interested in helping this exciting venture get started, please email Tina Allingham at principalspa@stdoms.ac.nz.

Enrolments 2020 - College Open Evening

Our 'Open Evening' on Tuesday March 19th is at 6.30pm. If you have friends or family members looking to enrol their daughter at St Dominic's for 2020, please let them know. This is a great time for prospective students to come and look around, ask questions and fill in an application pack. Additionally, for any brothers/sons in our community, for your information Liston College are having their Open Evening on Wednesday 27th March from 7.00pm – 9.00pm.



Nga mihi nui,

Anna Swann
Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DEDICATION MASS

On Tuesday February 26, St Dominic's College staff attended the annual Catholic schools Mass, celebrated by Bishop Pat at Christ the King, Owairaka. This is an opportunity for all catholic schools to gather together to dedicate the year ahead to God. Six St Dominic's College staff were acknowledged for completing the 'Having Life to the Full' course. Suh Yeon Kim and Frances Ah Ken were presented with a Certificate in Christian Studies, and a Diploma in Religious Education, respectively. We congratulate all these staff on their commitment to furthering their own education to improve the teaching and learning of our students.



FIRST ACADEMIC COACHING CONFERENCE

Monday 11 March (appointments available from 9:00am to 7:00pm.)

By now, you should have received the full letter via your daughter last week - this is a reminder about whole school conferences which are held during the school day, so there will be no lessons on this day. Students only come in for their 15-minute conference appointment. This is a non-uniform day, so they may wear mufti. Buses will run as normal. Students who are 14 and over should attend even if parent's/caregivers cannot make it - they are expected to make an appointment directly with their academic coach. Your daughter will already have set her academic goals on her Google Goals page. The student-led conference should be about her progress facilitated by the academic coach. To make a booking, you have received an interview (or reminder) notification by email. Please click on that link and follow the instructions. For any further queries, please email Mr Shiu mshiu@stdoms.ac.nz

DEBATING

Year 12 girls, Zeenat Ali, Vivienne Bunquin and Caitlyn Kilpatrick participated in the 'Auckland Schools Debating Seasonal Championship' on Sunday the 3rd of March at Lynfield College and we had some amazing results. Our team won the novice division in the hotly contested 4 rounds of debating from 12 different schools across Auckland. Our girls were the only team to have won all four of their debates. Zeenat was declared the third best speaker and Vivienne, the best speaker in their division Congratulations to our girls. We are very proud of them! Photo from left: Zeenat Ali, Caitlin Kilpatrick and Vivienne Bunquin



RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)

Year 12 attended a Rotary sponsored workshop aimed at reducing fatalities and crashes amongst our young people. It was staggering to learn that 40 people are killed or injured on our roads; every day. Sadly, most accidents occur once our young drivers go onto their full license. We were inspired by Kelly Munford, a young crash survivor. She shared how her life has changed due to a brain injury caused by falling asleep at the wheel. Please give her Facebook page a like as she was so brave sharing her story with our students. Her workshop had a profound effect. Thank you to the NZ Police and Rotary volunteers for their time and expertise.

STEVE HATHAWAY FROM YOUNG OCEAN EXPLORERS TALK CELEBRATING SEAWEEK

Steve spoke to all Year 7 and 8 students, and senior Biology students. The presentation was teaching students about what is under our sea, that 97% of New Zealand is ocean and that the majority of our native species are in the ocean - celebrating the ocean as well as our land. He talked about the 1 + a day campaign where if every New Zealander picks up 1 piece of rubbish from their community every day then a lot less would end up in our ocean.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

- **Tag** Ava McKean-Ross of Year 7 has been selected to play Representative Tag for Pasifika Invitational for the U12 Girls team as part of the Oceania Cup in March. She has also just been named in the New Zealand U13 Girls Tag 20 team to represent New Zealand in the Trans-Tasman tournament in October this year. She is the youngest player in the team.
- Any students who have old netball dresses or dresses that are too small please bring them with a name and number attached to the gym office. We will re-sell on the student's behalf as a second-hand dress for \$35.
- **Western Zones Athletics**

Last Thursday our athletes competed in the annual Central Western Zones Athletics meet, held at the Trust Stadium. Suluama Vaeau-Multalo performed extremely well winning the intermediate Discus event and placing 3rd at the intermediate Shotput event. Suluama has qualified for the Auckland Athletics Championships where she will be taking part in the intermediate Discus, Hammer and Shotput events. Congratulations Suluama.

Auckland Collegiate Lawn Bowls Pairs Championships

Yesterday our Lawn Bowlers competed at the Auckland Collegiate Lawn Bowls Pairs Championships, held at Carlton Cornwall Bowls Club. Our pairs formed extremely well with one pair reaching the semi-finals and the other winning the competition. Well done to Dayna Gates and Krychelle Epinosa for winning the Auckland Collegiate Lawn Bowls Pairs Championships 2019. Up next for our Lawn Bowlers are the New Zealand Secondary Schools Lawn Bowls Competition, all the best to those students who will be competing at this event!



2019 Theme

Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire - St Catherine of Siena
Kia meingia i te Atua ki a koe, a ka whakatūria koe te Ao i runga i te ahi