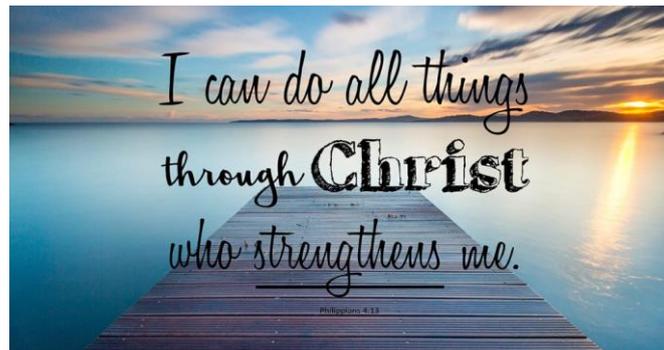


## *St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui* 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023



### **ANZAC Day Commemoration**

On 25 April 1915, several months into the First World War, allied soldiers landed on the shores of the Gallipoli Peninsula. The troops were there as part of a plan to open the Dardanelles Strait to the Allied fleets, allowing them to threaten the Ottoman capital Constantinople.

The Gallipoli campaign was, however, a costly failure for the Allies, who after nine months abandoned it and evacuated their surviving troops. Almost a third of the New Zealanders taking part had been killed.

ANZAC DAY reminds us of a very important episode in our history. Great suffering was caused to a small country by the loss of so many of its young people. But the Gallipoli campaign showcased attitudes and attributes - bravery, tenacity, practicality, ingenuity, and loyalty.

Each year on this anniversary, we remember and pay tribute to, the men and women of New Zealand, and our brothers and sisters in Australia, who have selflessly served, and continue to do so, with such incredible bravery.

As a generation whose fortune and freedom exists because of those who fought and gave their lives, we are forever in their debt. May they rest in peace.

We will remember them.



Kia ora koutou,

## **Welcome to Term 2**

We look forward to being back at school tomorrow and returning to the routines of school life. All students are expected back at school from tomorrow, and we are looking forward to seeing them all. We are continuing our focus on attendance and punctuality and the high expectations we have of learning, behaviour and uniform. Please follow [THIS LINK](#) to the *St Doms Way - High expectations for students* document as a reminder for your daughter.

## **Continued Negotiations PPTA and Ministry of Education**

The PPTA (Secondary Teachers Union) and the Ministry of Education continue with negotiations, and there are some dates you need to be aware of. We will do our best to keep disruptions to student learning to a minimum and appreciate your support as we navigate this time.

## **Full School Strike Day in Term 2 Week 3 – School closed for onsite learning.**

- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Supervision will be available for students under the age of 14 whose parents/caregivers need to go to work on this day. Please email Mrs Jones in the College office if you require supervision on this day for your daughter [office@stdoms.ac.nz](mailto:office@stdoms.ac.nz)

## **Rostering Home Dates for Senior Year Levels**

One of the actions planned by the PPTA is that on certain dates in Term 2, different year levels (Years 9-13) will not be actively taught onsite. It is most likely that the selected year level will not attend school on these days and will continue with their learning at home. This will be confirmed this week.

### **Term 2**

#### *Week 2*

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May: Year 11

#### *Week 3*

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Year 12
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Year 13

#### *Week 4*

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Year 9
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Year 10

#### *Week 5*

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May: Year 11

#### *Week 6*

- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Year 13
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Year 12

#### *Week 7*

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Year 10
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Year 9

Please note that Year 7 and 8 students are not impacted by this particular action.

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## Success for Drama students at Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival.

On Friday evening 31<sup>st</sup> March, students from Years 11 and 12 Drama attended the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival at Avondale College.

They performed two scenes by William Shakespeare, one from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and the other from *Romeo and Juliet*.

They performed absolutely wonderfully, and the audience and adjudicators were very complimentary. St Doms were awarded two prizes:

*'Best Communication with the Audience'*

and

*'Best Adult Director - Comedy'*

Mrs Lambert was so proud of them as are we all! Well done everyone.



## Great news from the Careers Department



Congratulations to **Delara Elavia** (left) of Year 11 who successfully gained a spot in the Women in Engineering Holiday Camp run by the University of Auckland. This experience was for three full days in the April holidays and covered technical and theoretical aspects of engineering including exploring career pathways within this industry. The camp is run by female post-graduate and doctoral students at the University and should be a rewarding opportunity for Delara! We look forward to hearing about this incredible experience.

Congratulations also to **Poppy Spackman-Hauti** (right) of Year 12GB who has successfully gained a fiercely contested Scholarship spot in the Blake Inspire 2023 leadership programme.



Over 400 students throughout New Zealand applied for this and Poppy has gained a full Scholarship which is one of 100 places. This opportunity exists so students can learn more about environmental issues facing New Zealand and more specifically the wider Auckland region, also to develop their leadership skills, and to network with other passionate students who want to champion environmental change. We wish you the very best in taking these steps into your future!

## Netball Coaches and Managers Needed

We are in need of coaches/managers for our Senior A and Prem Development teams.

If you have a passion for netball and would like more information, please contact [nmathews@stdoms.ac.nz](mailto:nmathews@stdoms.ac.nz) and/or [mswann@stdoms.ac.nz](mailto:mswann@stdoms.ac.nz)

### Other Key Calendar Dates

#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April

- NCEA Information Evening

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

- Teacher Only Day & Dominican Justice Workday

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

- Junior Talent Show

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

- Full School Strike Day (See above)

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

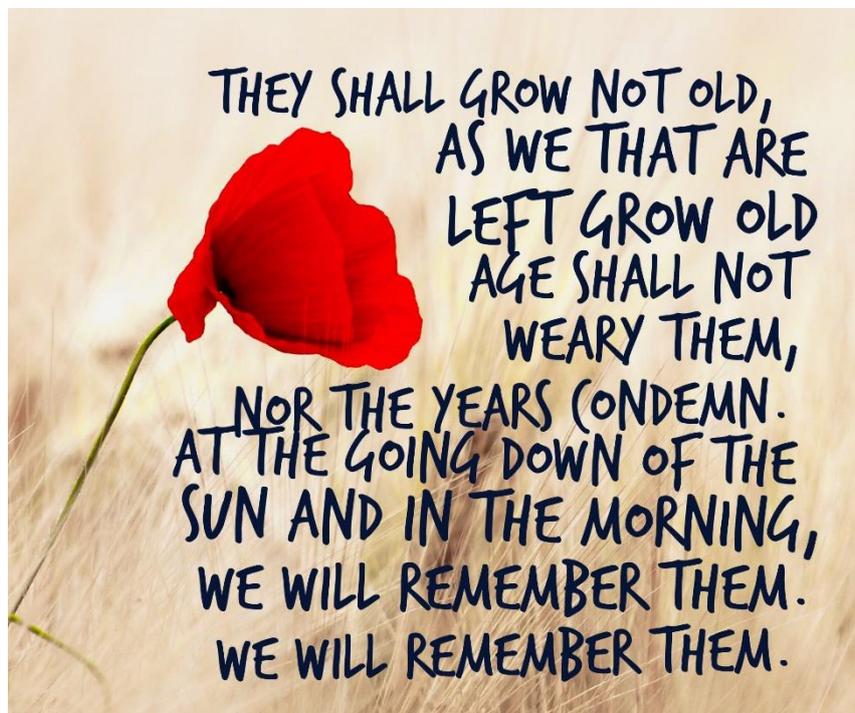
- Pink Shirt Day – Anti-Bullying

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

- Year 12 Overnight Retreat - Details to come.

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

- Year 12 Retreat



Have a lovely start to the new term everyone.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Anna Swann