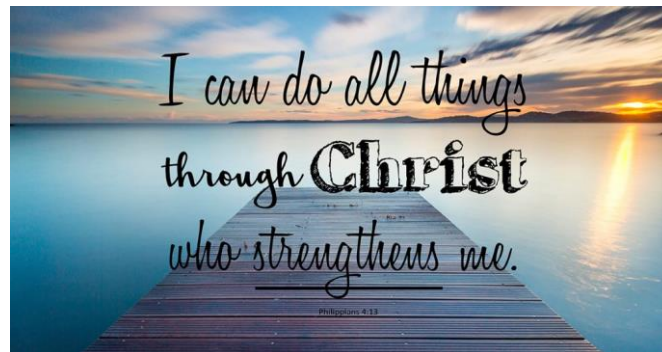


St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui December 2023



Kia ora e te whānau,

We have come to the end of an incredible year with experiences of every emotion being felt across the community. Above all, and if nothing else, we have learned to be aware of past, grateful for the present, and hopeful for what is yet to come.

Thank you again for your support throughout the year. A special thank you to those parents and families who have their daughters leaving us for new adventure next year. St Dominic's will always be a place they can return to and share their journeys with. Once a Dominican, always a Dominican!



Japanese Paper Cranes for Peace

The nine Japanese classes made 1000 paper cranes for world peace, and wrote their peace prayer on each paper crane. These cranes have been sent to Hiroshima Peace Park in Japan, where they will be put on display.

Through this action the peace prayers from St Dominic's will be heard all over the world. Thank you Ms Ito and all the students who took part.

Student Executive 2024

Congratulations to these students for their achievement. We look forward to watching you shine in your leadership roles next year.

Head Girl Mia Swann	
Deputy Head Girls Cassey Del Rosario Jivanni King	
Special Character Leaders Elizabeth Finau Jazel Nicolas	Academic Leaders Sophie Blomfield Rina Sawano
Arts Leaders Alannah Everett Ezara Val Tuek Poppy Ujdur	Cultural Leaders Cynthia Gituranya Janzen Nicolas
Enviro Leaders Tesssa Hepburn Poppy Spackman Hauti	International Leaders Jennika Huang Seoa Kim Jessica Pham
St Catherine's House Leaders Sela Ahio Joan Sutcliffe-Melvin	St Margaret's House Leaders Ali-itasi Fa'atautofe (Tofe) Faumuina Milla Mackenzie
St Mary's House Leaders Lauren Marr Brooke Mocomoko	St Rose's House Leaders Anika Espinosa Shayla Pati
Library Leaders Coco Chen Lilith Richardson	Pacific Leaders Puni Afamasaga Angelina Lapa
PTFA Leaders Olivia Taylor Swara Verma	Secretary/Treasurer Sienna Welts
Sports Leaders Sophie Drewett Jenaya Lata	Waiora Leaders Therese Molloy Annika Paras
Student Representative on the Board Jillian Bunquin	

Junior Prizegiving

Our last day of term included celebrating outstanding effort, diligence, and a range of achievements from our students in Years 7-10.

Well done to all award and certificate winners

Major Awards

Scholarship for Gifted Learners Award: Faith Skeen

MacDermid Trophy for Most Promising Musician in Year 7&8: Faith Skeen

MacDiarmid Trophy for Most Promising Musician in Years 9&10: Kathy Chen

Optima Awards

Presented to one student in each year level who has achieved consistently in academics, cultural, arts and sports as well as being a diligent learner and role model in uniform and living out our College values through Veritas in Action.

Year 7 OPTIMA AWARD: *Gace Gatland*

Year 8 OPTIMA AWARD: *Vichelle Manalo*

Year 9 OPTIMA AWARD: *Robyn-Leigh Cascalheira*

Year 10 OPTIMA AWARD: *Faith Heke*

Further Senior Scholarships and Awards

At our final sign-out assembly for Senior students, the following scholarships were awarded:

The Phil Twyford Parliamentary Internship for 2024:

Alina Choudhry.

An Outward Bound Hiringa Scholarship for 2024 valued at \$5,795:

Stella Arkle

Another Outward Bound Hiringa Scholarship valued at \$5,795:

Madeleine Burnand

A certificate from NZQA for her being an exhibiting artist in the National Secondary Schools Exhibition at Te Papa Tongarewa in Wellington:

Brooke Lane

Winner of the Brandenburg International Film Festival 2023 with her short film, *Contentment*:

Judie Zhang

University of Auckland Faculty of Education and Social Work Smart Merit Scholarship 2024 valued at \$2,500

AND the University of Auckland William, Betty and Jill Bell Award 2024 valued at \$2,000:

Tirzah Alfante

Year 7 & 8 Athletics Day

On Friday 1st December we held the Year 7 and 8 Athletics at school. It was a day filled with high participation, house spirit and a fabulous demonstration of the athletic skills of our Year 7 and 8 students.

Year 7 Athletics Champion

Maddison Deakin who won 100m, 200m, 400m and Long Jump. Breaking the Year 7 School 200m record that has stood since 2018.



Year 8 Athletics Champion

Anastacia Lui winning the 200m and Long Jump.

A highly competed House Spirit Day with every event entered earning a house point.

1st = St Margarets on 178 points

2nd = St Catherines on 162 points

3rd = St Roses on 154 points

4th = St Marys on 142 points

Congratulations to all the girls who competed in our Athletics Day.



St Doms/Liston Water polo

Congratulations to our Liston/St Dominic's junior Waterpolo team who won their final against Mt Roskill. Our team exhibited great defensive strength against a team who had beaten them in their last encounter by 1 point.

Our convincing win of 6-0 proved that our team of a few beginners could work hard as a team and achieve their goals to win and play fairly.



A huge thank you to our parent helpers, and student coaches for their support in carrying this team through their first season.

Congratulations to.....



Ella Withers Champion Year 7&8 grade at the Intermediate Schools Scholastic Surfing Champs.

Well done Ella – an awesome achievement!

Vichelle Manalo

Winner of year 8 Grade Table Tennis singles at the Auckland Champs at Waitemata Table Tennis Stadium. Well done Vichelle – a wonderful achievement!



Maddison Deakin – Representing St Dominic's at Year 7&8 Auckland champs at Mt Smart Stadium, in the 100m, 200m, and 400m events.

Year 8 Textiles

Our Year 8 Textiles Technology students have learnt how to use the sewing machines and made aprons this year. They are very proud of their achievement.

Well done girls! The experience and skills you learn in technology classes will give you skills for life!



End of Year celebrations from the Art Department:

We celebrate the 14 years of service Mrs Rogerson has given to St Dominic's Catholic College in the Art Department. She has worked tirelessly for us and has been a great colleague for myself, Ms Karanga.

Year 9

Pop Art as a reference point, we carved, sculpted, painted, and drew.

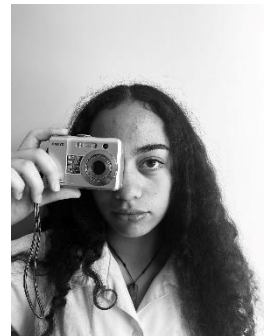


Year 10

Some of the fantastic *photography, drawings and paintings* our students have been working on over the last year.



From photography with inspiration taken from their selfies, they then research based solely on female photographers.



Cubism and Impressionism where students studied and replicated works by Picasso and Giorgio Morandi.



Self-portraiture using Frida Kahlo as our artist model.

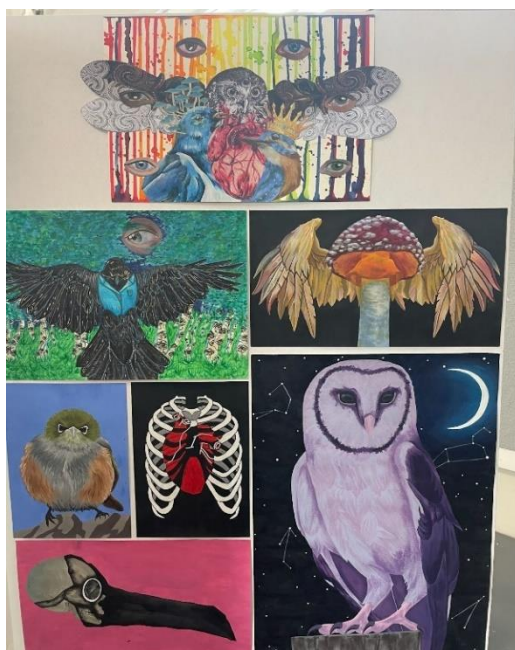


The Year 10 cohort of 58 students then had the opportunity to complete Level One credits and the results were extremely pleasing, due to the extraordinary talents that the young people have.

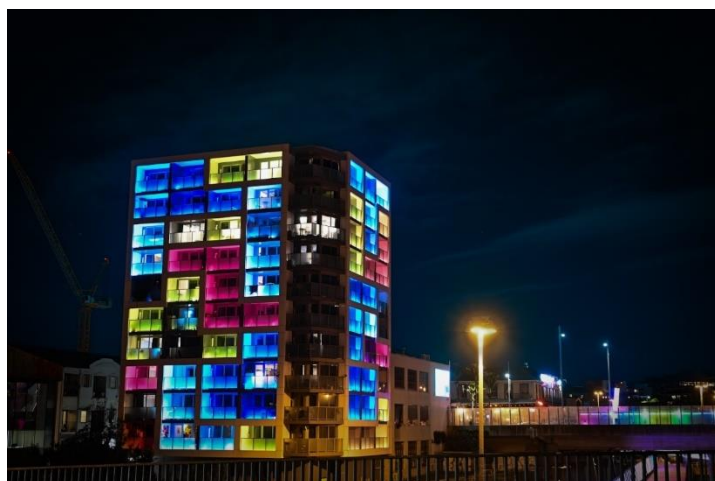


Year 11

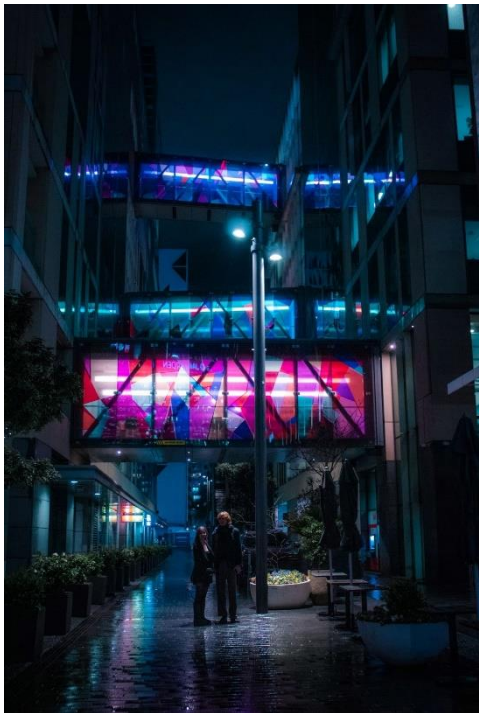
In Year 11, we had the theme of Aotearoa New Zealand Flora and Fauna. Students were able to interpret the theme within certain limitations, and the results were of a high standard for 2023.



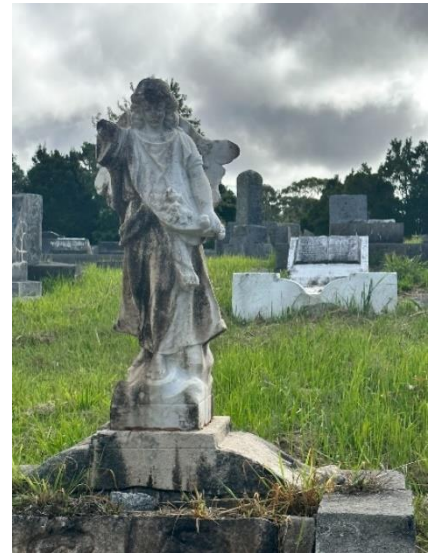
Years 12 & 13 Our Year 12 and 13 Painting students and the Year 12 and 13 Photography students presented some outstanding work this year.











Preparation for 2024

I will be sending out further information and updates via email, including stationery requirements, and purchasing of College text books early in the New Year.

Key dates for startup of 2024

Our start dates are:

Tuesday 30th January

Wednesday 31st January

Thursday 1st February

Tuesday 6th February

Wednesday 7th February 8.40am – 3.20pm

Wednesday 7th February 8.00am – 4.00pm

Thursday 8th February

Friday 9th February 8.40am – 3.20pm

Year 12 & 13 surnames A - K course confirmation 11am – 2.30pm

Year 12 and 13 surnames L – Z course confirmation 1pm – 3.30pm

Waioara leaders training 10am – 3.00pm

2024 Student Executive 9am – 12pm.

School closed for Waitangi Day

School starts for all new Year 7's to attend Orientation. Please bring lunch and device.

College office will be open daily.

All Year's 7, **new Year 8 and new Year 9** students plus all Year 13 students. Please bring morning tea and lunch as the canteen will not be open. Students are not required to bring all their stationery – just bring a pen and paper, their device, plus swimwear and a bathing cap (which can be purchased from the office).

School begins for all students Years 7-13. On arrival, all returning students will assemble in the Gabriel Gill Sports Centre and from there they will go to the Pōwhiri. All NEW students and family members Years 7 – 13 are to wait outside the Rathgar Road entrance for the pōwhiri beginning at 9.00am (more information to come).

Uniform – Elizabeth Michael Pop-up shop

The Pop-Up Uniform shop will be held at Liston College Gym on Saturday 13th January 2024.

Secondhand Uniform.

If you wish to purchase second-hand uniform items, these will be available from the College office when we re-open on 22nd January 2024.

The office will then be open daily until February 1st 9am to 3pm, before resuming our usual school office hours.

Piercings and eyelashes over the summer break.

I'm sure that many of our students will enjoy the freedom to add extra piercings and eyelash extensions over the summer break. Please remind your daughter that she will need to comply with all school rules regarding uniform, piercings, and eyelashes when she returns to school next year. These are available on the College website. Thank you for your support with this.

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE OVER THE SUMMER BREAK

Your school health nurse, Richelle, would like to wish you and your whānau a safe and enjoyable break. She would like you all to know that even though you will not be at the school your school health nurse service is still available over the January period. Their health service will continue up until the 21st of December and re-open again on the 8th of January. If you would like to get in touch about your health, please make contact with Richelle by text/calling or email on the below contact details. If your health issue is urgent or an emergency, please call 111 or use the services of your GP, or urgent care services. Their consults remain confidential, and they will arrange a private place to meet alternate to school on contact.

You may contact them Monday – Friday's between 8am – 3pm.

Phone/ Text: 021 843 158

Email: Schoolnurse@stdoms.ac.nz

Or

Youth Health Hub: 0800 562 023 txt: 021824500

Health, Safety and Wellbeing Links

If you or anyone in your whānau needs support with food, stress, anxiety or anything else, please contact me in confidence principal@stdoms.ac.nz

Nationwide and Local Support services that remain open		
Women's Refuge	0800REFUGE or 0800 733 843	LINK
Shine	0508 744 633	LINK
Alcohol and Drug Helpline	0800 787 797	LINK
Oranga Tamariki call centre	0508FAMILY	LINK
CADS	0800 367 222	LINK
Narcotics Anonymous	0800 628 632	LINK
Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 229 6757	LINK
Lifeline	0800 543 354 or free text 4357	LINK
Youthline	0800 376 633 or free text 234	LINK
Samaritans	0800 726 666	LINK
Outline (LGBT)	0800 688 5463	LINK
Depression Helpline	0800 111 757	LINK
Suicide Prevention Helpline	0508 828 865	LINK
The Fono West (Social Services)	09 837 1780	LINK
Counselling	Free Call or Text 1737	LINK
Healthline for COVID-19	0800 358 5453	LINK
Netsafe	0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723)	LINK
Work and Income	0800 559 009	LINK
If you or someone you know needs some assistance with food these Food Banks may be able to help. Call first for instructions of how they are operating to ensure physical distancing:		
Auckland City Mission (City)	09 303 9200	
Salvation Army (Henderson)	09 837 4471	
Vinnies Auckland (Newton)	09 815 6122 or 0800 6800	
Hope Centre (New Lynn)	02108048436	
Vision West (Glen Eden)	09 818 0716 – Mon, Wed, Fri only	



Wishing you the blessings of a beautiful faith and family filled Christmas and Summer break. Looking forward to 2024 and all that awaits us.

Arohanui,
Anna Swann