St Dominic's Catholic College

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Tena Koutou, tena koutou tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou nga mātua nga kaitiaki.

We are now more than half way through the school year and your daughter will have made decisions about her option choices for 2019 if she is in the senior school. Mrs O'Carroll is busy interviewing students about their option choices and talking to them about making wise choices. Your daughter will, by one popular estimate, be part of the 65% in education today who will ultimately end up working in completely new job types that don't yet exist. On average, by 2020, more than a third of the desired core skill sets of most occupations will be comprised of skills that are not yet considered crucial to the job today, according to research.

Overall, social skills—such as persuasion, emotional intelligence and teaching others—will be in higher demand across industries than narrow technical skills, such as programming or equipment operation and control. In essence, technical skills will need to be supplemented with strong social and collaboration skills.

So, the subject choices your daughter makes in secondary school are important and the other skills such as adaptability, collaboration and working well in teams will also help her in the future.

Uniform

A reminder that Year 12 and 13 students have the option of wearing the black zip up cardigan. These are available through our uniform supplier Elizabeth Michael.

Congratulations: to our Premier Development Team, Year 10A and Year 10B Netball teams who won their grand finals in the Netball Waitakere Competition finals held on Saturday at Te Pai Courts. A big thank you to their coaches: Lele Manu'u, (Premier Development); Rosanna Matautia (Year 10A); Oshenika Wijesinghe and Janice Leiataua (Year 10B).

God's blessing to you and your families.

Carol Coddington Principal

REGARDING FAST FOOD DELIVERIES TO SCHOOL

Parents, caregivers, other family and friends are asked to refrain from making fast food deliveries to students at the college between 9am and 3pm. We are committed to having and keeping our canteen for the benefit of all students.

MCINTOSH \$5,000 ORTHODONTIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Does your daughter need orthodontic work such as braces? Too much for your family at present? If so, we strongly urge you to apply for a McIntosh Orthodontic Scholarship. Applications close 31 August 2018. Fliers can be downloaded from the McIntosh Dental website or collected from the college office.



10A Netball Winners of Netball Waitakere 10A Grade Coached by Rosanna Matautia



Premier Development Team Winners of Netball Waitakere Premier 2 Grade Coached by Lele Manu'u





10B Netball
Winners of Netball
Waitakere 10C Grade
Coached by
Oshenika Wijesinghe and
Janice Leiataua

WORLD RELIGIONS FIELD TRIP

"Many think differently, feel differently, seeking God or meeting God in different ways. In this crowd, in this range of religions, there is only one certainty that we have for all: we are all children of God,"

Pope Francis said in his message, released Jan. 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Last Wednesday, the Year 12 cohort embarked on the annual World Religions trip: a tour of Auckland's diverse religious sites. Although the purpose of the trip was to prepare students for an upcoming R.E. internal, the overall day was a moving, eye-opening and enlightening experience. During the day, students visited Bharatiya Mandir Hindu Temple in Balmoral, the Dorje Chang Institute in Avondale and the Beth Shalom Synagogue in Epsom and Christ the King Church in Owairaka where they learnt about the key beliefs and practices of Hinduism, Buddhism and Judaism. For many of the students, the teachings and traditions of religions other than Christianity were initially foreign to their own understanding of faith, however, the warmth and kindness they received at each of the sites gave them a comforting sense of community.

It was interesting to observe the different practices of each of the religions. However, it was the similarities and shared values of love, truth, and equality that resonated with them the most. These similarities were affirmed at their visit at Christ the King Church in Owairaka, where the beliefs of Catholicism were explained with new insight and understanding. Students returned to St Dominic's Catholic College with a deeper appreciation of both religious diversity and their own Catholic faith.

A special thank you to the speakers at Bharatiya Mandir Temple, Dorje Chang Institute, Beth Shalom and Christ the King Church for welcoming us warmly and sharing their wisdom.

Mrs Cala and the R.E. Department



St Dominic's College will be closed for Staff Professional Development from 12.10pm on **Monday 10th September**. Please see the letter sent home this week, and email sent on 28th August for further details.



YEAR 8 RETREAT

On Thursday and Friday last week, all of Year 8 attended Retreat at the Te Pai Function Centre run by the Logos crew. Our theme was "Friend in Me" and we got to learn about how everyone has a friend in each other no matter what. We had a blast of a time at Retreat and couldn't have asked for better activities.

Overall, Retreat was an amazing experience all of us Year 8's will always remember. It was a really fun time and we learned more about our friends, God and ourselves.



We would like to thank the Logos team, the school and everyone who helped to make our retreat possible.

Aisling Joyce 8GT





