

## *St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui* 21/7/2021



Kia ora whānau,

As we come towards the end of the second week of the term break, it feels like a great moment to look back at some highlights from the end of last term, and look ahead to what awaits us in term 3.

### **COLLEGE PRODUCTION OF 'ANNIE Jnr'**

For those in our community who were able to make it to one of the four shows of our production of *Annie Jr* last term, I know you will have been blown away by the energy, the talent and the joy that was so evident on the stage. All participating students displayed incredible passion and we are so proud of all actors, dancers, musicians, stage hands and artists.

A special thanks goes to Mrs Lambert (Director/Producer) and Miss Kim (Musical Director), for their ongoing commitment in ensuring the success of the show. Thank you also to the many staff and volunteers who gave of their time to support the production through costume design and creation, stage management, choreography, weekend rehearsal supervision, front of house and set construction. An amazing team, without who, none of it would have been possible. Check out our College Facebook page for all photos from the production.

[LINK to ST Dom's Facebook-Annie Photos](#)







## Year 11 Retreat and Study Skills

All year 11 students enjoyed two days of spiritual, personal, social and academic growth at the end of the term.

The retreats, held at Te Pai Netball Centre and led by Logos, were a great opportunity for students to reflect on faith, personal growth and relationships.

The theme was '*Selfie-check*' and the focus was on values around self-respect and social media.

Students worked together throughout the day, taking time to reflect and share their thoughts, ideas and experiences.



The study skills programme also provided reflective opportunities. Students were encouraged to think about their first year of NCEA and set academic and study goals for the remainder of the year.

They also practised the skill of juggling, as a metaphor to finding ways to manage the many activities they are involved in.

## St Dominic's and Liston Colleges Combined Ball

We had a fabulous evening at our combined Colleges ball on the first Tuesday of the school holiday break, with over 450 students and many staff from both schools, dressed up and enjoying the night. After the disappointment of last year, we were so fortunate to be able to hold this event. The students looked absolutely stunning (as did the staff!) Ellerslie Event Centre did not disappoint with beautiful table settings, great food and an awesome atmosphere.

Students will be sent the password to the photographer's website and will be able to view and download from the hundreds of photos on display.

Thank you to all our staff, our ball committee, and all our students from both schools for making it such a fun and successful evening.



## GREAT NEWS FROM ... The Mathematics Department:

Congratulations to Year 13 students Molly Hayward, Sophie Wheeler, Beatrice Ang, Maike Boquiren, Carina Altena and Siannah Weir who have successfully completed the 2021 University of Auckland Mathematics Acceleration and Extension (MAX) course.



MAX (Mathematical Acceleration and eXtension) is a first semester course in university Mathematics offered jointly by the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Engineering Science at the University of Auckland for high achieving high school students throughout New Zealand. The programme is designed for students who enjoy academic challenge and have shown themselves to be very capable at high school Mathematics. We are very proud of all of you. Well done!

## GREAT NEWS FROM ... The Sports Department:

Welcome to our new Netball Mentor – Natalie Jones.

Natalie has recently joined us as a Netball Mentor. Natalie has a wealth of knowledge having herself represented Samoa over a 10-year period in the South Pacific games, Pacific Cup and the 2015 Netball World Cup before retiring from International Netball to take care of her two young daughters.

Natalie has coached in both Australia and New Zealand over a 16-year period and is currently sitting her PCQ with Netball New Zealand. She is passionate about Netball and will be assisting the athletes at St Dominic's College to increase their skills, mental performance and love of the sport.

Natalie is already a member of our St Dominic's whānau, being a past student of the College, and with one of her daughters currently in Year 7. We welcome her aboard and look forward to seeing our athletes involved in Netball succeeding both on the court and in the classroom with the help of Natalie's skills.



### Rock Climbing Series

Some of our students enjoyed competing in a recent Rock Climbing competition. It is great seeing our students pushing themselves to be involved in a range of physical activities and competitions.



### Representative tournaments/events

We have had many students involved in a range of representative sports over this holiday break. If you have photos and successes to share, please contact Mrs Smith [Sport@stdoms.ac.nz](mailto:Sport@stdoms.ac.nz) so we can celebrate your achievements.

## Community Consultation- St Dominic's Catholic College Charter 2021-2023

We are seeking feedback on our College Charter 2021-2023. The Charter consists of our mission, vision and values, as well as a strategic plan with broad aims and goals set over the next 3 years. The College Charter is on our College website and we invite you to view the Charter and strategic goals, and provide feedback through a brief survey.

The Charter and feedback survey can be found here [LINK to Charter and Survey](#)

### NZQA Secondary School Accord Day-Tuesday 10th August

Please be reminded that Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August is the next Teacher Only Day for Auckland Secondary Schools. Teachers will continue to be involved in professional learning and development on the changes to NCEA and the National Curriculum. School will be closed on this day for all instruction. Supervision will be available for students under 14 years of age whose parents/caregivers need to go to work. These students will need to come in full school uniform, bring school work, a reading book, some lunch, snacks and a water bottle.

### Key Calendar Dates:

#### WEEK 1

- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July**  
*Board Meeting 6.30pm*
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July:**  
*Bike Skills Programme-Year 7&8*
- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July:**  
*Bike Skills Programme-Year 7&8*  
*PTFA Meeting 6.30pm*
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July**  
*Bike Skills Programme-Year 7&8*

#### WEEK 2

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**  
*Bike Skills Programme-Year 7&8*
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
*Bike Skills Programme-Year 7&8*
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August**  
*Bike Skills Programme-Year 7&8*
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August**  
*St Dominic's Day celebrations*

#### Other key dates this term

**Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup> NCEA Teacher Only Day**

**Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup> Option Night**

**Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> Mid Term Break School Closed**

[LINK to College Calendar](#)



We are really looking forward to having all our students back for Term 3.

Enjoy the last few days of your term break. Find time to rest and recharge and get ready for the challenges and fun that Term 3 will bring.