

St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui 30/4/2021



Kia ora whānau,

As the April term break comes to an end, I wanted to send through some highlights from the end of last term as well as some reminders for what is coming up in Term 2. Thank you for all of your support throughout the start of the year-it is truly appreciated.

The beginning of the year has certainly been full of activity, and hopefully our students have enjoyed a couple of weeks down time, as we prepare for the busyness of Term 2.

HOUSE COLOURS DAY

Term 1 ended with a great celebration of school spirit in our House Colours Day. Students were encouraged to come to school in their House colours for the day and participate in lunch time activities and a form class photo competition. We gathered as a community in the gym in the afternoon for games and a House chant competition. Thank you to Mrs Davidson and her form class 12AD, as well as our Year 13 student leaders for your organisation in this fabulous end to our term. Photos to come.

NCEA TEACHER ONLY DAY & DOMINICAN SERVICE WORK DAY THURSDAY MAY 13TH

On Thursday May 13th School is closed to all students due to an Auckland Secondary Schools Teacher Only Day. Teaching staff will be undergoing Professional Learning and Development in the changes to NCEA. All Secondary schools in Auckland will be closed for students on this day.

Last year on the Regional Teacher Only Day, our Junior students took part in our first Dominican Service Work Day. Students were asked to find local businesses, families or friends who they could offer their services to. All koha given, was donated to our Dominican Justice fund which helps support our own students and their families who are undergoing hardship. All students should have brought home a form, which will explain this in more detail. Last year was a great success, with all students in Years 7-10 taking part in various work or service roles in the community. With our Senior students also involved this year we hope to build on this further. Please note that there was an error on the form that came home and as this is a Teacher Only Day, there will be no supervision available at school for students who cannot find placements.

GREAT NEWS FROM ...

The Sports Department:

Swimming

Congratulations to Carolann Faeamani who qualified and competed in the Junior 50m Freestyle at the Champion of Champion's swim meet at Diocesan Pools and got a personal best of .08secs off! She was very nervous but happy with the result. Well done Carolann for representing our College so well. We are very proud of you.

Orienteering

Congratulations to our Year 8 Orienteering team who competed in the Orienteering tournament at Western Springs Park last term. This new team placed third out of 30 teams, which is a fabulous achievement especially considering most of the team had never done it before. Well done girls!

Athletics

Congratulations to Stella Hammond and Suluama Vaeau-Mulitalo who both qualified and competed in the North Island Secondary Schools Athletic Champs last term. There were 119 athletes representing Auckland. They are yet to receive their results.

Run-Swim

Congratulations to Stella and Laura Hammond who both competed in the Takapuna run swim last term. This event included a 1km swim and 3km run. Stella finished 2nd in the Senior Women's division and Laura was first in Junior Women's. Outstanding!

Climbing

Our College Climbing Series began last weekend in Glen Eden. Caitlin Paauwe, Helene Hassenbach, Isabelle Nash and Delara Elavia represented Saint Dominic's and enjoyed their first experience of indoor climbing. Isabelle was placed 2nd and Delara was 21st out of 26 participants in their Year 9 – 10 grade. 2 more events to go on 27th June and 15th August.



Softball

Following a successful Easter Classic tournament over Easter weekend, Joan Sutcliffe, Margaret Alotafa and Hope Maka have been selected to attend the training squads for JWSX, Junior Developing Sox teams in preparation for the upcoming World Cup in 2025. Well done girls! We look forward to following your journey in softball.



Olympic Ambassador

Our Olympic Ambassador Caitlin Regal returned in the last week of term to run leadership sessions with some of our St Dom's Athletes.

We are incredibly grateful for the time Caitlin gives to us, teaching our students the importance of leadership, resilience and overcoming obstacles.

ALUMNAE/PAST STUDENTS MIX and MINGLE

Last year we had to postpone the planned 'Alumnae/Past Students' event. This will now be held on Friday 7th May in the College gym. This is an opportunity to catch up and share memories with old friends.

If you are a past student or staff member of the College and have not yet registered on our data base, please send your details to Tina Allingham principalspa@stdoms.ac.nz

Please include:

- your current or maiden name at school
- your email address
- contact number
- the year you were/would have been in 3rd form (students only)

Light refreshments will be served. RSVPs are essential for catering purposes by Wednesday 5th May at the latest. Thank you.

JUNIOR TALENT QUEST

The Junior Talent Quest finals were held at the end of last term. Heats had been held in the weeks leading up to the finals, and were judged by Sophie Wheeler, Jorgia Brodie, Monica Tuala, Miyako Brown, Keisha Jayapuram, Amie Jackson & Jacinta Brannigan. We are thankful to these talented Senior students for their time and commitment to this.

At the finals for the Talent Quest, the selected finalists performed their acts on stage in front of family and friends, and we were blown away by the quality of the talent on display. We were treated to contemporary dance, hip hop, cello. Keyboard and guitar skills, as well as solo singing, duets and a dramatisation. Thank you to these Senior students who helped run the evening and make it such a great showcase of the talent at St Dominic's; Sophie Wheeler, Molly Hayward, Bianca Worsley, Jordan Skinner, Aleycia Nafai and Monica Tuala.

Our Judges for the finals were; Nikki Coutts (dancer and past student), Da- Hae Kim (our new singing teacher) and Laura Thompson (Shortland Street star and trainee teacher here on placement).

Congratulations to all finalists and place winners.



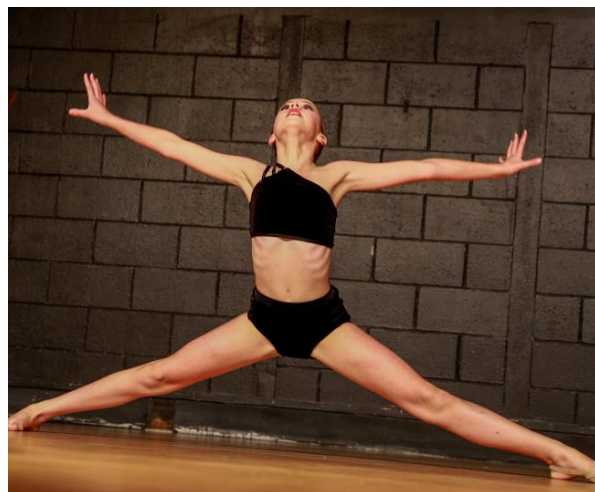
1st Place

Bella Rennie 8KM & Hermila Abuye 8DL



2nd Place-

Sovita Ah Him 8DL



3rd Place - Claudia Lambert 8WH/HJ



4th Place- Catharine Liu 7HL



5th Place - Cynthia Gituranya 10MJ & Jivanni King 10AR

Most Promising Performer: Sumintra Kumar 8DL



Encouragement Award: Stella Arkle 9GH & Poppy Arkle 7DL

150 Year Anniversary **WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO**

To celebrate 150 Years of Dominican Education in Aotearoa New Zealand, we are having a whole school photo taken on Thursday 6th May. Please ensure your daughter has her College blazer on this day.

WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that from the start of Term 2, students will be in Winter uniform.

Students may wear black tights and plain black scarves. No Roman sandals are worn in Terms 2 and 3. We encourage your family to purchase a college anorak for your daughter if she does not have one as it is both water resistant and warm for the upcoming winter months. There are a few anoraks available at present in our PTFA second hand uniform shop. For more information please contact Olga at stdomsecondhanduniforms@gmail.com

Key Calendar Dates:

- **Monday 3rd May:**
Day 1 Term 2
- **Tuesday 4th May:**
Senior Netball begins
- **Wednesday 5th May:**
NCEA Information Evening
- **Thursday 6th May:**
Whole School Photo Day (To celebrate 150 Years Anniversary)
- **Friday 7th May:**
St Roses House Mufti Day
Alumnae/Past students and staff evening
- **Wednesday 12th May:**
Year 7&8 Netball Begins
- **Thursday May 13th:**
NCEA Teacher Only Day
Dominican Service Work Day

Have a lovely weekend everyone, and we look forward to seeing you all soon.