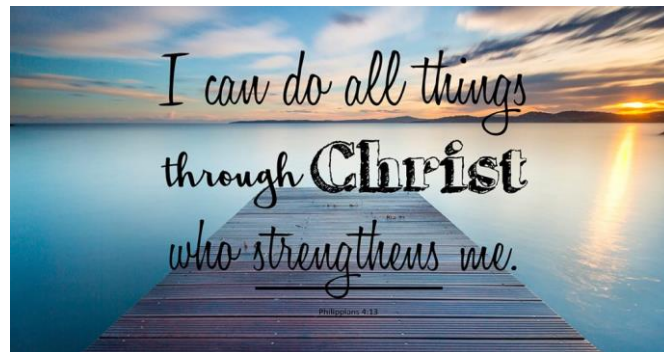


St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui November 2023



Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been quite a final term so far with so much going on to enjoy, keep us all busy, and of course to celebrate. Apologies for the delay in sharing some of the highlights.

Thanksgiving Mass

An occasion which is always full of aroha and reflection, our Thanksgiving Mass this year was once again a wonderful celebration of the past year. 2024 has continued to bring some challenges which have tested us greatly at times. However, our faith has carried us through, and we have come out the other end stronger and closer as a community. With a special focus on our departing Year 13 students, the Mass brought a mixture of emotions, as for most of them and their families, a seven-year journey has come to an end. Thank you to all our departing students and staff, for your contribution, your service, and the positive impact you have had at St Doms. We wish you all of God's blessings for a new and exciting chapter ahead.

Year 8 Retreats

Our Year 8 students have enjoyed their retreats this term which were held in the newly renovated LOGOS headquarters in Ponsonby. The venue is a fabulous space which we will continue to visit for retreats over the coming years.

NZQA Level 1 Online English Exams

Due to an error with the online platform for the Level 1 English exams, students are able to apply for a derived grade. Please see the email sent by Mrs Philips yesterday. Students can contact Mrs Philips or Mrs Rutherford if they require any further information or have any queries regarding this.

Academic Prizegiving

Once again, this year saw some incredible achievements being acknowledged in academic success across the senior year levels. Also acknowledged and celebrated on the evening were those students who have experienced success or shown outstanding leadership in spiritual, cultural, and extra-curricular areas.

A highlight of the evening was witnessing the number of scholarships presented to students from various universities and other tertiary institutions. A true reflection of the effort, dedication and achievement of our senior students.

A huge congratulations to all prize winners.

The top prizes were awarded as follows:

Dux
First overall academic in Year 13



Sasha Thakkar

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Second equal overall academic in Year 13



Micaela Cuthbertson



Valerie Tay

**Western Deanery Catholic
Leadership Cup & Service to
the School Award**



Jessica Milham

**Commitment to Religious
Education programme and
Special Character**

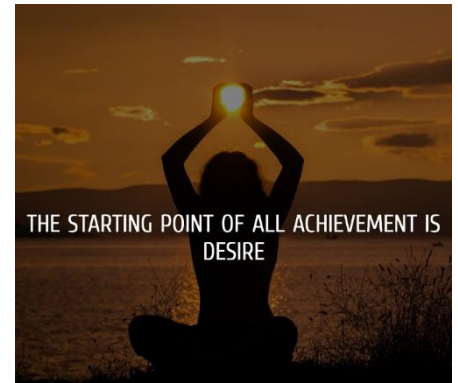


Tirzah Alfante

**Pieta Award for Special
Character Service**



Stephanie Alimagno



Optima Year 13



Valerie Tay

Optima Year 12



Morningstar Elizabeth Finau

Optima Year 11



Cassidy Foster

First in Year 11



Cassidy Foster

First in Year 12



Annika Paras

Scholarships

Angel Afamasaga

University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship \$25,000.

Tirzah Alfante

The University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship \$25,000.

Stephanie Alimagno

The Robert Ned Covich Scholarship \$7,500.

The University of Otago 150th Entrance Scholarship \$15,750.

Maria Cohen

AUT Find Your Greatness Scholarship in the Hiki Ake category, \$24,000.

Micaela Cuthbertson

Top Achiever Scholarship at the University of Auckland, \$25,000.

Anna Hatzaw

University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship \$25,000.

Aisling Joyce

University of Otago Performance Entrance Scholarship, \$6,750.

Jessica Milham

AUT Find Your Greatness Scholarship, All Rounder Category, \$24,000.

Tatyana Rose Rasmussen

University of Otago Māori Entrance Scholarship \$17,750.

Karis Sakaria

University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship \$20,000.

Amanda Saw

AUT Find Your Greatness Scholarship, All Rounder Category, \$24,120.

Valerie Tay

AFS Global STEM accelerators programme.

Academic Potential Scholarship at the University of Auckland \$10,000.

Laura Tevaga

University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship \$20,000.

Sasha Thakkar

The University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship \$25,000.

The Robert Ned Covich Scholarship valued at \$7,500.

Faith Timu

Vocational Excellence Award, \$2,000.

Tyler Tobin

University of Auckland Waka Moana Scholarship \$20,000.

Sports Prizegiving

St Dominic's students continue to shine in an array of sporting codes, with representation at local, national, and international level. We were blessed to have past student and Northern Mystics netball player Filda Vui as guest speaker and presenter.

Filda spoke beautifully to our athletes about her own journey in sport including the challenges she faced through lockdown. She highlighted the importance of remaining focused on goal setting, perseverance, and resilience.

It is always wonderful to have past students return to share their stories with current students. Thank you Filda! Your journey inspires us all.



Top sports prizes were awarded to:

Dux Ludorum Top Sportsperson



Mia Swann

Brodieur Shield Outstanding Service to Sport



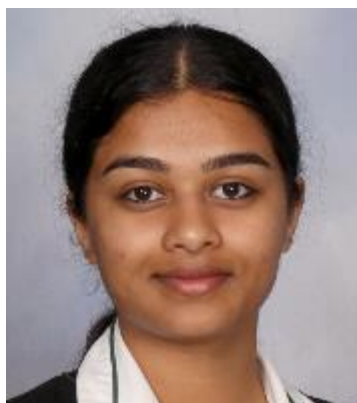
Aisling Joyce

Outstanding Sports Performance

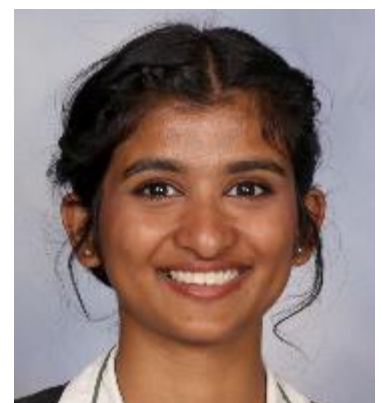


Carolann Faeamani

Service to Sport



Anusha Sen



Juliya Sabu-Thomas

Team of the Year



Premiere Netball team

Sportsperson of the Year



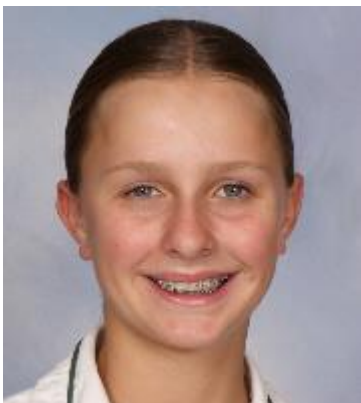
Year 12 - Sienna Mulcahy



Year 11 - Carolann Faeamani



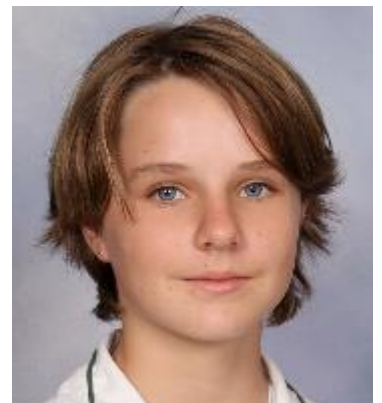
Year 10 - Faith Heke



Year 9 - Fleur Stone



Year 8 - Delores Sagatu



Year 7 - Keana Hofmann

Kī-o-Rahi Tournament

A team of Year 10 Girls competed in the Auckland colleges kī-o-Rahi tournament last month. The girls did incredibly well as a novice team competing in the mixed grade, as there were not enough girls' schools at the tournament. That did not worry us though and we still made some incredible tags on the opposition.

We had a nail-biting game, only losing by 1 point to Mt Roskill Grammar mixed team who later went on to compete in the final.

We played off for 3rd and 4th – losing narrowly to McAuley High School. It was a great day and the girls represented St Dominics Catholic College with pride.



Equestrian

Congratulations to Charlotte Cashin in representing St Dominic's at a recent competition in Taupo. Charlotte, on her horse, Cashin's World Star, had fantastic results placing 9th, 5th, and a 2nd place in Level 3 Elementary Dressage. She placed 4th overall in Level 3 for the North Island amongst 300 riders from 100 different schools. Well done, Charlotte!



International Film Awards Winner



Congratulations to Judie Zhang for winning the Brandenburg International Film Festival with her film 'Contentment'. Judie, you are proving yourself to be true talent in the film industry and we are so proud of you! You can watch the short trailer through this link <https://filmfreeway.com/ContentmentFilm>



Horticulture



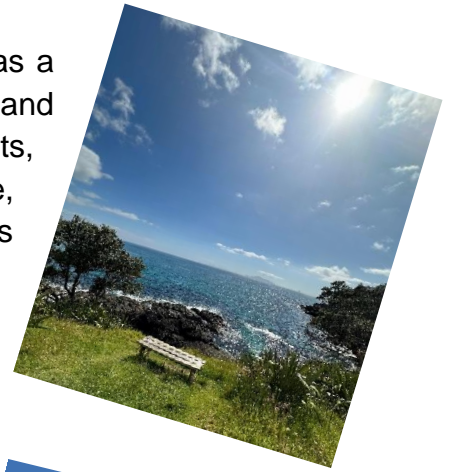
Congratulations to Willow Marsden in Year 7, who was a third time winner at the annual 'Auckland Horticultural Council' flower show this past weekend. She was awarded the "**Arthur Yates Cup**" again this year on Saturday 18th for her two entries in the youth division.

Well done, Willow! What a great talent you are growing.



Year 9 Camp

Waipu Cove was the location for our Year 9 camp this year. It was a great opportunity for our students to experience a range of beach and camp activities. From the organised chaos of pitching their own tents, to surf lessons, boogie boarding, sandcastle building, amazing race, coastal walk, talent show and movie night beneath the stars, the girls enjoyed great weather and spending time together as a year level. A huge thanks to staff and parents who assisted with the preparation leading up to the camp as well as those who supported with supervision during the week.





Year 11 – Level 1 NCEA English Exam

Please refer to the email sent by Mrs Philips yesterday regarding the application process should your daughter wish to apply for a derived grade due to the errors incurred that day with the digital exams.

Level 3 Calculus 2024 - Apollo: L3 Calculus programme for Māori & Pasifika students

The Apollo programme is free and offers current Level 2 calculus students the opportunity to attend Auckland University in December and January to get a head start on Level 3 by working on NCEA Level 3 Differentiation in a University environment.

More information can be [found here](#) or by contacting Hazel Yu

Registration for the programme is [via this link](#)

Uniform Updates

Second-hand uniform items

Please consider donating any school uniform items that you or others no longer require. Good quality second hand uniform is much appreciated and is always gratefully received to help those who require it. Second hand uniform is also sold through the college. Please contact the office if you have any queries or items to donate.

Black School Cardigan now for Years 11-13

From 2024, Year 11 students may wear the college regulation black zip cardigan with if they wish. They may also continue to wear the green jersey if they prefer.

New School Scarf

After considerable consultation via the previous school council, there will be a school scarf from the start of Term 2 next year. The new College scarf will be grown in overtime as the only scarf allowed to be worn by students. From next year, Year 7s choosing to wear a scarf in winter, will only be allowed to wear the new College scarf. It will be an optional scarf for all other year levels. Please refer to the College website for up-to-date uniform guidelines and rules.

Enjoy your weekend everyone.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Anna Swann



Week 8– Week B

Monday 27th November

- Year 7 @ Arataki
- Board Meeting 6.30pm

Tuesday 28th November

- Duke of Ed Silver/Gold Tramp
- Year 8 Goat Island trip for science

Wednesday 29th November

- Duke of Ed Silver/Gold Tramp
- Year 8 Goat Island trip for science
- Year 10 Beach Ed

Thursday 30th November

- Last NCEA Exams
- Duke of Ed Silver/Gold Tramp

Friday 1st December

- Year 7&8 Athletics

Week 9– Week A

Tuesday 5th December

- Christmas T-Shirt Day

Wednesday 6th December

- Year 13 Leavers Dinner

Friday 8th December

- Junior Prizegiving and Liturgy
- Last Day of School 2023 – School finishes at 12.30pm.

Please note that no school buses will run in the afternoon on this day from St Dominic's. No supervision will be available after 12.30 for students and all students will need to be offsite by 1pm. Thanks.