



St Dominic's College

3rd February 2011

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Diary dates



Fri 11 Feb

Swimming Sports

Fri 18 Feb

Athletic Sports

Tues 22 Feb

Class Photos

Thurs 24 Feb

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to the new school year. I would like to warmly welcome all our new families who have joined our St Dominic's College community this year and welcome back those who have returned!

Congratulations to our students who have achieved well in NCEA. Our NCEA results overall are very positive with increased percentages gaining Level 1, 2 and 3. I will report on the overall results when we have completed analysing them.

A new school year always brings with it excitement and an opportunity to set new goals. It can also be a time for new students of anxiety and apprehension. If you have any concerns or questions about your daughters education please do not hesitate to contact, in the first instance, your daughter's form teacher or Dean. Contact details are on our school website www.stdoms.ac.nz.

We welcome three new staff members to St Dominic's College this year: Mrs Rowena Marshall - Subject Leader Junior Mathematics & Numeracy, Mrs Tessa Behrent - Chemistry and Science, Mr Carl Hamblyn - Mathematics. We also welcome Mrs Priscilla Allan - Music and Mr Philip Dorney - Mathematics, who are both in a long term relieving capacity. Also we welcome back Ms Gillian Alexander whilst Ms Jane Hunter is on sabbatical for Term 1. We look forward to their contribution to our College community. Miss Hayley Lee is Acting Subject Leader Music and Mr Michael Shiu is Acting Deputy Principal (Administration).

Congratulations to Alexa Frost who was the top student in our Placement Testing in November, Alexa receives the 2011 Dominican Sisters Academic Scholarship.

As we celebrate Waitangi Day on February 6th, it is important to remember the responsibility each one of us has to move forward in our bi-cultural relationship. This is particularly important for us as a Dominican school where the practice of frank and honest dialogue is a long standing tradition that is encapsulated in our motto, Veritas (actively seeking truth). By our commitment to biculturalism we are able to cultivate a fertile field where a multicultural society can flourish and each group within our society can be in right relationship with the Tangata Whenua.

We ask you to pray for the repose of the soul of Mr Jonathon Sowden, husband of Mrs Rolene Sowden. Mr Sowden died last week and we ask you to keep Mrs Sowden and her family in your prayers.

St Dominic's College aims to give its students a wide variety of experiences and opportunities so that each girl is able to develop her particular talents. However, there are many activities that need more adult involvement than the staff can provide. We would appreciate your help and support in any of the areas that we have listed (overleaf). In anticipation, we would like to thank you very much for considering donating your very valuable time. **Could you please give this form to your daughter to return to her form teacher by Wednesday 9th February 2011.** Any assistance you can offer is most gratefully appreciated by the entire College community.

Finally, there will be a change in the frequency of newsletters this year. They will be given to students once per fortnight to take home and posted on the website www.stdoms.ac.nz

God's blessings to you and your family,

CAROL CODDINGTON
PRINCIPAL

CARS IN COLLEGE GROUNDS

We ask parents/caregivers **PLEASE DO NOT BRING CARS INTO THE COLLEGE GROUNDS** when dropping off and/or picking up their daughter(s). This is a health and safety issue as the school buses come into the grounds and the lack of parking space causes severe congestion. Please organise a meeting place with your daughter away from the College's front gates. Be aware that there are yellow lines on both sides of Rathgar Road around the school and the area is patrolled regularly by the Police. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter, this is in the best interest of your daughter/s safety.

"TRAVELLING TOGETHER: in search of – the True; the Good; the Beautiful"

AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS FOR NON/WEAKER SWIMMERS

The College Physical Education Department is offering swimming lessons after school. Mrs Hodson and Ms Jay and trained senior students will be organising the lessons this year.

Where - St Dominic's College Pool

When - 3.30-4.00pm. Probably on Wednesday and Friday afternoons for 3 weeks (6 lessons). Starting the week of 14th February. Days to be confirmed.

Cost - \$3.00 per lesson

If you would like you daughter to attend these lessons please send a letter to school signed by yourself. Please mention any medical conditions the swimming teachers should be aware of. Please include your contact phone number. These letters should be given to Mrs Hodson or to your daughters PE Teacher.

SPORTS DATES TO NOTE:

Fri 4 th Feb	Senior Touch Trials	3.45pm to 5pm
Mon 7 th Feb	Senior Volleyball Trials	1.20pm to 1.50pm
Tues 8 th Feb	Senior Touch Competition Starts	
Thur 10 th Feb	Senior Volleyball Trials/Training	3.45pm to 5pm
Fri 11 th Feb	St Dominic's Swimming Sports	
Mon 14 th Feb	Premier Netball Squad Fitness Tests	3.30pm to 5pm
Thur 17 th Feb	Senior Volleyball Competition Starts	
Fri 18 th Feb	St Dominic's Athletic Sports	
Sat 19 th Feb	Premier Netball Squad Trials	9am to 11am
Mon 21 st Feb	Orienteering Sprint Series Starts	
Wed 2 nd Mar	Western Zone Athletic Champs	
Tues 8 th Mar	Premier Netball Mini Tournament	
Thurs 10 th Mar	Skill Based Netball Trials – All teams	3.30 to 5pm
Fri 11 th Mar	Premier Netball Team Named	
Thurs 17 th Mar	2 nd Skill Based Netball Trials – All teams	3.30 to 5pm
Sat 19 th Mar	Final Netball Trial–All Teams excl Prems	9am to 11am

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PARENTAL VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE (Please indicate where you are able to assist) Please give to Form Teacher by Wed 9th February.

Name	Ph. No:	Mobile:
Daughter's Name	Form Class	Email:

SPORTS	COACH	MANAGER
Athletics	Yes/No	Yes/No
Badminton	Yes/No	Yes/No
Cross Country	Yes/No	Yes/No
Equestrian (yrs 9 -13)	Yes/No	Yes/No
Hockey	Yes/No	Yes/No
Lawn Bowls (Yrs 9 – 13)	Yes/No	Yes/No
Netball	Yes/No	Yes/No
Orienteering	Yes/No	Yes/No
Soccer	Yes/No	Yes/No
Swimming	Yes/No	Yes/No
Tennis	Yes/No	Yes/No
Touch Rugby	Yes/No	Yes/No
Waterpolo	Yes/No	Yes/No

OTHER SUPPORT

Year 8 Camp Year 10 Camp Duke of Edinburgh Activities Kapa Haka Group PTFA Committee Art Exhibition

MESSAGE FROM ACCOUNTS OFFICE:

School fee statements have been sent out recently – if you have not received one, please contact the accounts office on Ext 8810 or 8913.

For your convenience we have various payment options, including automatic payments each week/fortnight. If you would like to use this method to pay the fees, please let us know.

If paying by automatic payment or internet banking, please ensure that you put in your family code as a reference, so we can identify who the payment is for.

This year if the fees are paid in full by 31 March 2011 a discount of \$100 per student is available.

UNITEC

All 3 campuses of Unitec are having an information evening on Wednesday February 16th 2011 from 3.30 – 6.30 pm

The 3 campuses are:

- Mt Albert – Building 180 (The Hub), Entry 4, Carrington Rd
- North Shore – 132 Hurstmere Rd, Takapuna
- Waitakere – Building 510, 5-7 Ratanui St. Henderson

See Mrs Bunce in P3 for further details on seminars and study areas available.

**SUPPORT SCHOOL SPORTS DAYS
SWIMMING SPORTS: 11th FEB 2011
ATHLETICS: 18th FEB 2011**

To all parents and caregivers with experience in the above sports we would like to invite you to share your expertise with our students and supporting St Dominic's College. For anyone wishing to volunteer as a helper to support either these specific days please contact Natalie McPherson on 839 0380 ext 8822 or email n.mcpherson@stdoms.ac.nz.

Shade is always a problem at the Trust Stadium so any help in supplying Gazebo's for the day would also be greatly appreciated.