

St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui July 2024



Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope you have all enjoyed the company of your daughters over the last couple of weeks and are now getting ready (excited perhaps) to hand them back to us tomorrow.

It is certainly looking to be another busy term, filled with celebrations and special events - on top of all the great learning opportunities teachers have planned. There is always a lot to get excited about and we are looking forward to a great term ahead.

Subject Teacher Meetings – This Thursday

You will have received emails last term regarding our Parent-Subject Teacher evening this Thursday, and have no doubt made appointments with your daughters' subject teachers you wish to discuss their learning with. Please note that as all teachers will be involved in these meetings, school will close at 12.10pm (after period 3). Students will be able to leave school at this time and return for their meetings with you. If your daughter requires supervision from 12.10pm until 3.20pm, please email Mrs Jones office@stdoms.ac.nz

Please note that the tuckshop will only be operating at morning tea on this day. Buses will run as normal.

St Dominic's Day

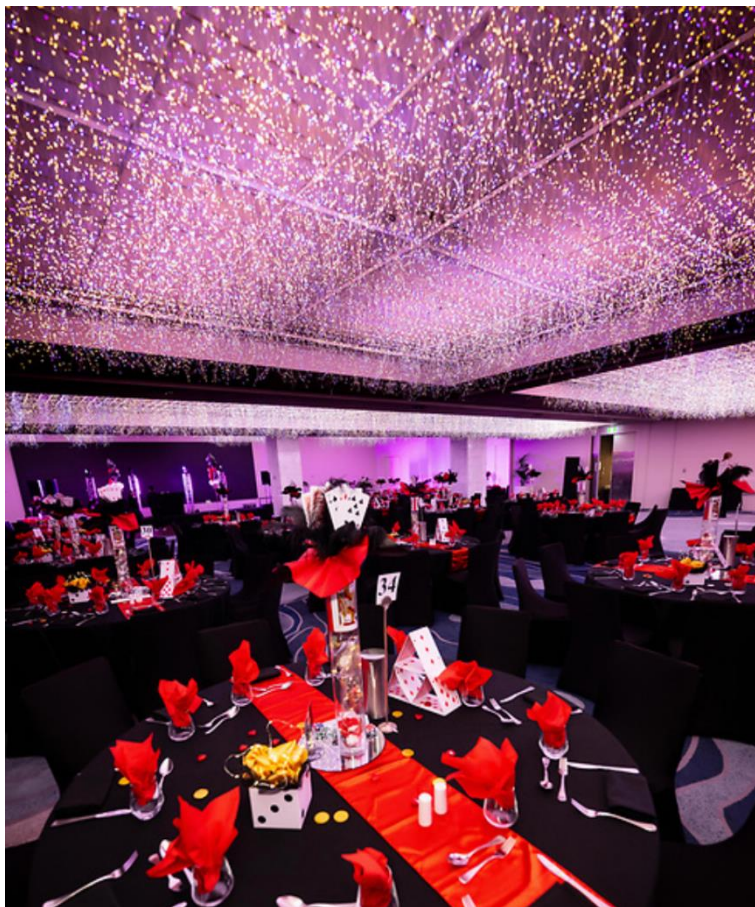
We are looking forward to celebrating St Doms Day on Friday 9th August this year. Students are asked to follow daily notices closely for auditions, practice times and venues.

Māori Whānau Hui

Due to the postponement from last term, our new day/time will be Thursday 1st August in Te Rito Puāwai. More information to come.

School Ball

The first Tuesday of the school holidays, saw our Year 12 & 13 students stepping out in style at the much-anticipated St Doms & Liston Colleges Ball. The theme was *Casino Royal*, and thanks to Whaea Monique, Whaea Hera, and their team, the venue looked spectacular! It was a fabulous evening with a lot of fun and dancing had by students and staff from both schools. The access code for photos has been sent to all attendees.



Great news from our ARTS Departments

MUSIC

Our college choir had an exciting term 2 which culminated in performing at the BIG SING Choral Showcase at the Town Hall. Leading up to the event they were treated to choral workshops with experts Rachel Sutherland and Simon Matāfai. The choir sang beautifully at the event, receiving a Commended award for their performance. Well done girls! A huge thank you to Ms Liu for your tireless efforts in preparing the girls for this.



featuring Auckland & Northland secondary school choirs



DRAMA



Last term, a group of drama students from Years 10 - 13 enjoyed attending a wonderful performance of a thrilling play *Dakota of the White Flats* by Red Leap Theatre Company, at Te Pou Theatre, Corban Estate Henderson. The play is an outstanding adaptation of the novel by award-winning author Philip Ridley.

Our students were thoroughly entertained and enjoyed the high-action adventure about two eccentric and brave young women.

Drama Production



Once again, our school production this year did not disappoint and brought a great end to the term.

Our senior drama students showcased their fabulous talent and energy in the Bruce Mason play *The End of the Golden Weather* in two shows to proud crowds of parents, whānau and friends over two packed nights.

Well done girls, Mrs Lambert, and all those who supported our students in putting on this fabulous production.



Representative Netball

Over the term break some of our top netball players have represented Waitākere at respective regional and national tournaments across the country. Huge congratulations to all those who competed at these prestigious events.

Under 14s and Under 16s

Sina Anae-Paila (Under 14-1) and Fleur Stone (Under 16-2) travelled to Taranaki for the North Island Championships in the first week of the holidays. A special congratulations to Sina and her team, for claiming 1st place in the Under 14 competition. Sina is a key member of our Year 10 Green team. Well done Sina!



Under 18s

Jenaya Lata, Anuella Vagana and Mia Swann (Under 18-1) and Sienna Mulcahy (Under 18-2), travelled to Dunedin last week to compete in the Under 18 National Championships.



This was fierce competition all week with the best and strongest from all around the country fighting it out to make top spots.

Medal Winners

Our Under 18-1 team made it to the grand final and with the game going into extra time, it was a fabulous display of skill and talent from both sides. Unfortunately - as sport goes – there can be only one winner and with a result of 44 v 45, Waitākere took the silver medal.

We are very proud of all our players who represented their region (and of course our College) with such pride. Well done girls!

Rugby League

Congratulations to our College Rugby League team who took 2nd place in the Auckland competition.

In only our second year in this competition, this is an outstanding achievement and we are so proud of them all! Huge thanks to coaches Elia and Mose, and to Mis Ng Lam for her tireless support and organisation.



NCEA me te Whānau

NZQA have online workshops and resources available for whānau wishing to learn more about NCEA qualifications. You can visit the website at

https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/maori/ncea-me-te-whanau/#e8093_heading1

for more information.



Term 3 NCEA me te Whānau workshop registrations are open!
Kel te koruru whare, koutou ko ngā pou whakawhanake o tō kura, ka miha.

Our NCEA me te Whānau kāhui would like to invite you to book our upcoming workshops for Term 3, 2024. It is an exciting time for ākonga of all levels to gain an understanding of how the NCEA structure works and how it may benefit them for their chosen pathway. Our NCEA me te Whānau workshops will be available to both junior and senior ākonga, and their whānau.

In Term 3, we will be offering the following NCEA me te Whānau workshops:

- NCEA-Z** is designed to ensure our year 10 and 11 ākonga are well-prepared for their NCEA journey. This workshop delivers content in an easily digestible format, focussing on essential information that ākonga can quickly grasp, instilling confidence within themselves when embarking on their NCEA journey.
- NCEA me te Whānau** is designed to assist parents and caregivers in supporting their tamaiti/tamariki. It covers every crucial aspect of NCEA and offers guidance on how to help their tamaiti/tamariki make informed subject choices.
- Study Prep** is designed to equip ākonga with the necessary tools and skills to keep on top of their studies and assessments. This includes the prioritisation of your ākonga's workload so that they are confident in achieving what is required to further their aspirations within their chosen pathway.

How our workshops are designed:

Workshops are 1-hour long and can be delivered in-person* or online. The NCEA me te Whānau workshop is usually delivered in the evening when whānau Māori are available to attend. Akonga Māori workshops are offered during school hours.

***Note: For in-person delivery, this is subject to the availability of a kaihapu (facilitator) in your area or region.**

How to request a workshop:

If you would like to host a workshop, please complete our registration form by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code below.

Once the registration has been received, a member of our kāhui will be in touch to confirm dates and other arrangements.



For more information about our workshops, please reach out to nceametewhānau@nzqa.govt.nz



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New Zealand Qualifications Authority

Looking forward to seeing all our students tomorrow.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Anna Swann



Term 3 (Please continue to check the College calendar for updates) <https://spider.stdoms.ac.nz/Spider2011/Pages/Calendar/Calendar.aspx>

Week 1 Week B Timetable

Monday 22nd July

- Term 3 begins

Tuesday 23rd July

- L2 Outdoor Ed Rock Climbing trip to Stonefields

Wednesday 24th July

- Year 7&8 Hockey Western Zones

Thursday 25th July

- Subject Teacher Meetings

Week 2 Week A

Monday 29th July

- Board Meeting

Tuesday 30th July

- Mufti Day for

Thursday 31st July

- Caring Foundation Mass
- Māori Whānau Hui

Week 3 Week B

Monday 5th August

- Nominations open for Student Representative on the Board

Friday 9th August

- St Doms Day

Week 4 Week A

International Languages Week

Monday 12th August

- Pasifika Fono

Tuesday 13th August

- KBB

Friday 16th August

- Sacramental Programme – Further details to come

Saturday 17th August

- Debating Event

Week 5 Week B

Monday 19th August

- Sacramental Programme – Further details to come
- Nominations close for Student Representative on the Board

Wednesday 22nd August

- Option Evening 7pm

Week 6 Week A

Monday 26th August

- Board Meeting

Tuesday 27th August

- Dance NZ

Wednesday 28th August

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Thursday 29th August

- Year 10 Retreat
- Alumnae Meeting

Friday 30th August

- Year 10 Retreat
- Science Fair

Saturday 31st August

- Sacramental Mass

Week 7 Week B

Winter Tournament Week

Friday 6th September

- Teacher Only Day

Week 8 Week A

Pre-lim Week

Week 9 Week B

Monday 16th September

- Student Rep Elections TBC

Thursday 19th September

- Year 13 Retreat

Friday 20th September

- Year 13 Retreat

Week 10 Week A

Mental Health Awareness Week

Monday 23rd September

- Student Rep Elections TBC
- OPC

Tuesday 24th September

- High Achievers Tea
- OPC

Wednesday 25th September

- WOW Trip to Wellington
- OPC

Thursday 26th September

- WOW Trip to Wellington
- OPC

Friday 27th September

- OPC