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PARENTS & FRIENDS *of Dio*

We did not know what we were in for on Friday 27 January. Following tradition, the Welcome Morning Tea and Picnic was set for the Friday of Anniversary Weekend. The RSVPs indicated we could expect a record number of attendees, but the weather forecast told us to batten down the hatches. Not wanting to disappoint the hundreds of new Dio girls and families eager to attend, we devised a rain plan and hosted our largest and most successful Welcome Day yet. With help from the wonderful O Catering, which has worked with us on our Welcome Picnic for three years, we brought together the school and students for a jubilant day, despite the weather. Proudly hosted by Parents and Friends, this event brings new students and their families to Dio before the start of the school year. We love the opportunity to meet new students and give families a chance to see the School and get to know one another.

A common reaction at the Welcome Picnic was one of surprise and excitement as returning students entered the Dio Café. Refurbishment is now complete, and the café looks stunning. Our goal was to create a space where Dio students *want* to



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be. With the help of Melissa Brady and the Dio Property Team, we succeeded. The new-look Dio Café is a beautiful, relaxing, urban space designed for the girls. Polished concrete floors, soothing tones of green, wooden tabletops and cozy corners create an atmosphere that could rival any Auckland café as the place to be for lunch.

Speaking of lunch, the café is busier than ever. Working with some amazing new suppliers, including Bowl and Arrow, OJI Sushi, and Krispy Kreme, the café offers students and staff a healthy lunch, a tasty snack or a sweet treat to keep them going through the day. We greatly appreciate our hard-working staff, the many Dio girls who volunteer, and our parent helpers. Anyone keen to volunteer or work in the café can email us on PFA@diocesan.school.nz

Term 2 kicked off with another record-breaking event, as we held our Father-Daughter Breakfast for almost 600 guests. Sergeant Steve Pike of the NZ Police, Police Dog Dog Section, quickly got everyone's attention as he introduced his colleagues and canines. We heard of the hard work these policemen, policewomen and dogs do to safeguard our community and learned about the specialised training and incredible efforts of the Police Dog Section of the police force. And yes, of course, there were puppies!

Food was catered by the exceptional WooZoo Group, working alongside Jadcup, to ensure a zero-waste event with compostable products and packaging. Atomic's coffee was perfect, Leigh Hart kindly gave his time to MC, and we had a host of amazing sponsors donating to our raffle prizes and the overall event.

Following the success of the breakfast, we have started planning for our next event. We can't wait to entertain the Dio community with a night to be remembered. So don't miss out on what will be the party of the year. Ticket sales start in July through iTicket for our event in mid-October.

As always, if you're keen to volunteer or would like more information, we encourage you to contact us at PFA@diocesan.school.nz



Back row: Sgt Steve Pike, Wayne Leach, AJ Gadson, Andy Dixon and Andy Cope Front row: Ava Leach, Eva Gadson, Ava Dixon and Jamie Cope.



William and Scarlett Main, Mike and Coco Bayley, Jonathan and Olivia Oram, and Mark and Zoe Ching.