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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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### DEAR PARENTS

We recently held our annual Year Eight open evening which was extremely well attended. At the opening three people speak - the Head Boy, a Year Nine and me. Although we do not compare notes, inevitably we all touch on similar themes. In particular the family spirit here, the sense of brotherhood at St John's and that 'Jonnies' word. The power of the spoken word, and the importance of putting abstract ideas into language that the boys can understand and relate to can never be underestimated. So what is a Jonnies boy? I recently spoke at assembly to the students about being a 'Jonnies boy', what it is and how do you know you are one.

Firstly a Jonnies boy will want to belong at St John's, you will be curious about this 'Jonnies' word and desire to be one.

Next he will find himself being **proud** to belong, telling others about us and even defending the school when others might run us down and saying things like 'I love it here'.

A Jonnies boy will also want to **contribute** to the wider life of the school and will treat other members of our community with love and respect. For you cannot fully enjoy the benefits of being a member of St John's without being involved and giving back.

He will begin to **support** and stand up for other boys who he feels need help.

A Jonnies boy knows that he **belongs**, that this is now his place and that he is the equal of any other member of the community.

Lastly, a Jonnies boy **stays connected** when they leave St John's. He has made life-long friends and knows that he has a place where he will always belong. Our 'Blue and Gold' lunch at the end of last term where so many old boys turned up is one example of this.

I thank you, our community, who support your sons and St John's so well in our journey to prepare Jonnies boys for life. There were one hundred more people than last year at our information evening recently, indicating growing recognition and interest in our College. When choosing a school families will seek information from those who have sons already here, rather than what we tell them about ourselves.

At this time of year I pay tribute to the parents and staff who are involved in winter sports. There are times, I am sure, when you wonder if it is all worthwhile as it can be a thankless and draining task. However, please know that you are providing opportunities and making a difference in the lives of our young men, even though they may not appreciate it until they have children of their own!

**- Mr Shane Tong, Principal**





## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Greetings to you all. As we near the end of a busy term we can look back on it with some satisfaction at the various activities that have taken place.

During the last holidays our head students, Thomas Watene, Joel Jaques and Felix Minhinnick, gave up their time to represent St John's College at the Hamilton ANZAC Service, laying a wreath and being present with their thoughts and prayers.

The St John's College Liturgical Music Group and Choir plus the Special Character team and members of our Ministers of the Eucharist Ministry Team have helped to lead masses at the Cathedral, St Matthew's Silverdale and St Joseph's Morrinsville. This has been greatly appreciated by the parishioners of these parishes. It is our way of being present to our school communities.

We are now blessed to have full House Masses in the library during the Wednesday Form Time (10:10 - 10:55 am). This has enabled the Houses to build their Family Spirit in a way not previously experienced. Visitors are always welcome to these Masses.

On Friday 1 June the students that make up the Special Character Team organised the Caritas Challenge. This was a mufti day with a gold coin donated to help support initiatives of Caritas in East Timor. Boys also brought in cans of food to help with the Food Bank. We were also very privileged to have Fraser Kerr of Montana Catering offer to shout a morning tea for the Form Class that brought in the most cans of food. Ms Fiona Greenwood's Form class walked away with line honours bringing in a massive 93 cans. The class all agreed that the Montana Catering morning tea was sensational.

That same day students were invited to participate in a House challenge whereby they had to transport water in fickle plastic cups from one part of the school grounds to another. The House transporting the most water within the time limit of 15 minutes won. The purpose of this task was to help the students become aware that what we take for granted (turn on a tap when you want water) is not what a good portion of the world experiences. Furthermore, when their plastic container became cracked and useless for the task, there was not the convenience of going down to the shops to purchase a new one straight away, they had to go without.

On Wednesday 6 June we celebrated Marcellin Champagnat Day with style. We began with Mass at the Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Steve. The music and choir, ably prepared by Mr Malcolm Barr, Mrs Donna McHugh and Ms J Tankersley were superb as were the boys in their attendance and participation. The Pasifika students sang an inspiring song during communion in Fijian. It was tremendous.

I wish you all the best in the holiday period. Hopefully you will have the time to participate in activities as a family, creating that stronger bond and those memories that last a life time. God bless,

**- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character**



## JOHNNIES ANGELS - IN THE SPIRIT OF ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

Is your family struggling or in crisis? Is illness, changed circumstances or bereavement making it hard to cope? If so, Johnnies Angels are here to help with meals and access to other practical support from the St John's community.

In a spirit of caring and confidentiality, Johnnies Angels can provide meals to help families in our school community who may be facing unexpected health, financial or emotional challenges, and provide short term relief during a difficult time.

If you, or someone you know, might need this help, please contact:

Carolyn Morris - St John's College School Counsellor phone 856 7091 x 2747 or email [cmorris@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz](mailto:cmorris@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz), or  
Marcel Bormans - Director of Catholic Character phone 856 7091 or email [mbormans@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz](mailto:mbormans@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz).

### Want to help?

If you are interested in being part of Johnnies Angels, providing meals (on a rostered basis) to support families in need, please contact Tania Pointon- PTFA Johnnies Angels Coordinator by emailing her at [taniap@hmstrust.org.nz](mailto:taniap@hmstrust.org.nz).

Together we can make a difference and lighten the burden of another.

**- St John's College PTFA**



## KEY DATES 2018

### TERM 3

23 July	Teacher Only Day
24 July	Start of Term 3
25 July	Junior Report Evening
8 August	Yr 10 Vision Testing
10/11 August	Chanel Shield Cultural Competition
14 August	Options Evening
18 August	St John's Ball
3-7 September	Winter Tournament Week
12 September	Senior Report Evening
13 September	Winter Sports Photos
14-21 September	Yr 13 Retreats
19 September	Junior Speech Competition
28 September	End of Term 3

### TERM 4

15 October	Start of Term 4
22 October	Holiday (Labour Day)
24 October	Performing Arts Awards Evening
30 October	Final Mass (morning)
30 October	Senior Prizegiving (evening)
31 October	Y13 Leaver's Dinner / Junior Study Leave
1-6 November	Junior Exams
7-30 November	NCEA Exams
12-20 November	Yr 10 Retreats
4-7 December	Yr 9 Activities / Yr 10 Camps
10 December	X Games
11 December	Junior Prizegiving & End of School Year

## ENROLMENT 2019

A reminder that Enrolment applications for students entering Year 9 next year are **now due**. If you plan to enrol please get your application into the College office now. The Office is open during the holidays, and enrolment packs can be collected or sent out. If you know friends and family who are planning to send their son here, please remind them to get that enrolment in to us.



## HIGHLIGHTS IN MUSIC

### NCEA GROUP PERFORMANCE EVENING

This year the music department held the first Group Performance evening for NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 Music students. Nine groups performed in the school Library, supported by family and friends. It was a great turn out and provided an authentic context for the boys. They all did so well and are keen for this to become a regular event. Thank you again to those that attended.

### ROCKQUEST

Congratulations to Thomas O'Connor, Ben Wilson, McElyo Menezes and Connor Zampese for their participation in this year's Rockquest Heats. Ben and Connor performed an original song written by Connor. Thomas and McElyo played in their band 'Typical Image'. Thomas also competed in the solo category. It was a great afternoon and the boys performed with lots of energy.

### BIG SING

On Friday the 8th of June the St John's College Choir competed again this year at the Big Sing in Tauranga against 12 other Choirs from the Waikato and Bay of Plenty. They received a Commended Award for their three songs - The Lord's Prayer, When the Earth Stood Still and Blue Skies. Thank you to Jayne Tankersley for her hard working getting the Choir ready and to Malcolm Barr for accompanying the group on Piano. The Choir also sang The Lord's Prayer to the school at the MC Day Mass too. Their performances are on our Facebook page if you missed them.

### HAWKE'S BAY BANDS FESTIVAL

Brendan Boyd, Alex Chen and Bill Wang travelled to Hastings with the Waikato Youth Symphonic Band to take part in the Hawke's Bay Bands Festival held at Lindisfarne School. The Youth Band was awarded Gold for their performance and also took out the 'Outstanding Band' of the festival. There were 16 Bands from Hawke's Bay and the Lower North Island. Thank you to Stewart Stanbridge for helping get the students ready for these opportunities.

### HAMILTON COMPETITIONS

Good luck to the various music students competing in this year's Hamilton Competitions held in the first week of the school holidays. It is great to have a local event still going strong and we wish those students well.

- Mrs Donna McHugh, Music Teacher



### TOUGH GUY CHALLENGE

On Sunday 10th June 40 year 13 Outdoor Education & Sports Science students took part in the 12km Tough Guy & Gal Challenge held in Ngaruawahia. Conditions were cold, foggy and the weather didn't improve much during the day. After a few nerves settled, the boys got stuck into their work and some really pleasing results were attained. Some found it easier than others but there was a sense of accomplishment by all and the boys left with a smile on their face.

Khan Fama 4th

Thomas Coombes 5th

Corban Hall 6th

Joel Jaques 9th

Anthony Lewis 10th

- **Mr Tymon Neil,**  
**Outdoor Education**  
**Teacher**



*Happy as a pig in muck!*

### YEAR 10 ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

Term 2 saw the end of our robotics unit of work. Students had to choose a theme, build a robot, design a costume, develop a program, and edit an accompanying soundtrack for the Robocup Theatre Competition. We held Round 1 here in school and our top two teams go on to the Waikato Regional finals at Hillcrest.

It is a very challenging unit for the students with the emphasis being on the key competencies of:

managing self; meeting deadlines, project management and staying on task

Relating to others; working within a group, doing your share and covering for others when they are absent to ensure the project comes in on time and on budget

Thinking; solving problems, developing resilience.

The results were ingenious, funny and well done. The variety of designs was outstanding, well done to all who participated.

- **Mrs Sharron Gray,** **Digital**  
**Technology Teacher**



### MC DAY FUN

No MC day is complete without the famous 'Family Feud' school quiz. The student leaders wanted to change things up this year with the inclusion of staff participation. Mr Ardern and Mr Sykes once again hosted the event and it was truly enjoyed by all.

The questions this year were based around the different school departments. Naming a tool in the workshop brought few surprises but asking students to name a sport showed how much the idea of 'sport' is changing. The PE department won that round with the guess of E-Sports as the final answer.

The highlight of the event would have had to have been Chanel House taking on the Science department. They had the arduous task of naming the most popular eight elements from the periodic table. They surprised everyone in the room with getting all eight answers!

Every house managed to win at least won round which means the teachers may need to start preparing now for next year.

- **Mr Paul Ardern,** **Year 12 Dean and**  
**English Teacher**



**"Our greatest glory is  
not in never falling but  
in rising every time we  
fall."**

**~ Confucius**





## PEACE POEM WINNER

Ilija Jankovic has won a \$2500 cash prize for his entry in a Waikato Secondary Schools Peace Competition. Entrants could submit a speech, poem essay, musical or dramatic composition, with Ilija's judged best Senior Essay/Poem. Ilija enjoys writing poetry and short stories, and was attracted to this competition because of the awesome prize potential - who can blame him?

### IDENTITY

*A world of tastes, an atmosphere of smells  
Separated by pride, but linked by meaning  
A sea of ideas, the waves of discussion  
Walled by critics, but connected by interest*

*Far from the world, oceans from home  
An island finds a way  
Its outstretched arms embrace  
All, none forgotten*

*Flooded with opportunity  
Motivated by community  
They stride forward, shoulders back  
But a silent roar grows*

*Swimming in freedom, floating on acceptance  
Ripples spread  
Eyes lock, waves of whispers  
The few are too many, there from the beginning*

*Drowning in silence, tied to stereotypes  
Thoughts of escape, of home  
Was there ever acceptance?  
Are the few the many?*

*Paradise under the long white cloud  
But at what cost?  
Identity, the tragic barrier  
But a fickle one, constructed by mindset*

*Social tags conceal reality  
The subtle gifts of diversity  
Inviting to share in one another's stories  
The key to prosperity*

*Boundless power unlocked through openness  
Through willingness  
Through respect  
A revolution of wisdom*

*So far from the world, yet the world is here  
A world of tastes, then let us taste  
A sea of ideas, then let us consider  
A community of perspectives, then let us learn*

*New Zealand, the unity of cultures  
A land carved by differences  
Where our views will determine everything*

## PASIFIKA BY NATURE

Massive congratulations to our Pasifika group who competed in the Pasifika By Nature competition placing fifth overall.

The combined group of Sacred Heart and St John's College students practised hard for the competition, putting in countless hours over the last few months to prepare. They performed on the Māori, Tongan, Kiribati, Fijian and Samoan stages. A big thanks to all the students, volunteers and staff who have done such a fantastic job teaching and learning the numbers, making costumes and organising for the competition.

The group also put on a Fia Fia Night to raise money for Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand's fundraiser appeal around climate change in the Pacific. The evening raised more than \$600 and was enjoyed by family, friends and staff.



## GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS

Autumn 2018 has seen all three Geography classes get out of school for their annual field trips. The NCEA Level 1 class visited Waihi Gold Mine to study economic, social and environment sustainability in the region. The boys took a tour around the mine site and learned about the future plans once the gold is deemed inaccessible.

The Level 2 class had an eventful overnight trip to the Central Plateau where they studied the natural environment of the Tongariro Volcanic Centre and how different groups of people interact with it. Weather hampered some of the activities but the boys had a great time experiencing geography first hand.

The start of term two saw the Level 3 class visit Mt Maunganui for a two day trip conducting research relating to coastal processes. Alongside other skills, they measured wind speed and wave frequencies as well as conducting beach transects and debris counts. Geography is a study of the world around us and these field trips really allow students to experience the subject to its fullest.

- Mr Andy Sykes, Geography Teacher

## HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

We are always looking for caring families to host some of our international students. International students need to have their own room and to be treated as a family member. Both short-term and long-term hosting is possible. Ongoing homestay support is provided by the school and families receive a weekly payment of \$250.00.

St John's College benefits enormously from having international students and the support from our school community is hugely appreciated.

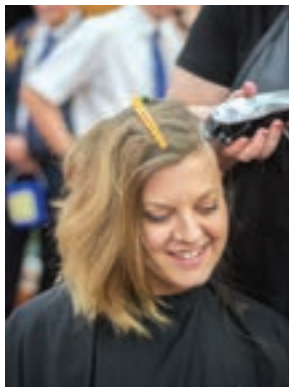
If you are interested, please contact Mrs Anita Sopers, Homestay Coordinator [asopers@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz](mailto:asopers@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz) or phone the school office 07 856 7091



### SHAVE FOR A CURE

When's the ideal time to shave your hair off – right before temperatures plummet of course! Shave is about raising funds for cancer research and St John's boys have supported this for many years. Our braver lads commit to having their heads shaved (no chest waxing this year, come on fellas??) and raise sponsorship online. The spectacle takes place in the gym, and students pay a gold coin donation to watch the action. \$780 was raised on site, but that doesn't count the sponsorship raised by each student who shaved.

A big thanks to the experienced Mrs Sandra Petrin who organises this, and the "best effort by a teacher" goes to Miss O'Brien who is sporting a new half-shave look.



### THE RESURGENCE OF RONCALLI

This year's Inter-House competition has seen the resurgence of Roncalli. House points at end of Term 2 are:

Roncalli	244
Pompallier	208
Chanel	156
Marcellin	120

Term one saw the Year Nine Haka competition and the big sports events, Athletic sports and Swimming Sports.

With the inclusion of non-competitive sections boosting participation, we were able to reinstate the eagerly anticipated House relays to the athletics programme. Pompallier won the competitive track events, but Roncalli dominated the field and the new non-competitive events section to take out first place.

Swimming sports was a competitive swimmers only format, favouring Roncalli who blew everyone away with very strong competitive swimmers. Pompallier again secured a second placing. Both these houses individually had more points than Chanel and Marcellin combined at this point.

Term 2 has seen the Cross Country and a new event, the Caritas water challenge. The cross country placings continued this year's trend of Roncalli first, Pompallier second, Chanel third and Marcellin fourth.

- Mr Cullen-Wright, Social Sciences teacher



### MATARIKI

We celebrated Matariki from Monday 2nd July – Friday 6th July with activities and competitions for staff, students and whānau to participate in.

#### What is Matariki?

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter and for many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year.

Matariki literally means the 'eyes of god' (mata ariki) or 'little eyes' (mata riki). According to myth, when Ranginui, the sky father, and Papatūānuku, the earth mother, were separated by their children, the god of the winds, Tāwhirimātea, became so angry that he tore out his eyes and threw them into the heavens.

Traditionally, it was a time for remembering the dead, and celebrating new life. In the 21st century, observing Matariki has become popular again.

#### When is Matariki?

Different tribes celebrated Matariki at different times. To some tribes the new year in mid-winter was signalled by the dawn rising of Matariki (the Pleiades), while to others it was the rising of Puanga (Rigel in Orion). For many iwi the appearance of Puanga in the night sky signalled the start of winter. Puanga was said to be one of the parents of the climbing plant puawānanga.

- Mr Dwayne Hudson, Māori teacher





## CNI COMPETITION LIFTING THE BAR

The 1st XV has joined the prestigious Central North Island competition this year, which is a real step up from the traditional Waikato schools competition. The CNI ranks just below Auckland's premier A1 league and the Super8 national competition in terms of the quality of teams and performances. It is immensely exciting for St John's to be invited to join, and forces us to really lift the bar on performance and also on the development of players throughout our rugby programme.

The CNI campaign offers a rich experience of travel, billeting and hosting, with teams ranging from Masterton to Hawkes Bay to South Auckland, but it's fair to say that the step up is proving challenging for our young team. At time of writing, we'd played four and are yet to record a win, but Coach Milton Ross explains "We've played many of the toughest teams first, and I'm seeing real development and improvement week on week."

The Karalus Cup was on the line against Francis Douglas, and it was a treat to have Mr Noel Karalus and his family in attendance to support us and make the Cup presentation. Our boys stayed in the boarding hostel at Whanganui Collegiate which was a new experience, and they were challenged to occasionally look outside the window on their travels to understand a part of our country that many had never been to.

Our results do not reflect the effort and commitment the boys are putting into training and each game. There was a good improvement shown in the game against St Paul's, with St John's College leading for the first 20 minutes and still in the game at half-time. St Paul's pushed hard in the wet underfoot conditions, and moved the ball well to break the line, but St John's College dug deep to finish with a strong last ten minutes on attack.

"Sport is character building. Through sport our students learn that they can achieve much more when they work alongside others, sharing in a common goal." Keep up the hard work boys, the College is right behind you!

Thanks to all the supporters and parents, and we look forward to continuing to develop the team.

- Mr Tony Hall, Manager 1st XV



Mr Noel Karalus presents the Karalus Cup to Francis Douglas College



Sharpest looking team in the comp

## 1ST XV RUGBY – COACH, MANAGEMENT AND SPONSORSHIP TEAM

We have an experienced coaching team in Mr Milton Ross and Mr Phil Mourits who are both new to St John's this year. Milton Ross has joined us after a lengthy stint as Director of Rugby at Sacred Heart College in Auckland, and has coaching experience with Auckland age group teams. St John's College Old Boy Phil Mourits is a bit of a rugby legend at Hamilton Marist, and with Waikato Championship titles under his belt he couldn't be better suited to train our boys.

Manager Tony Hall has done an outstanding job of preparing for this new season. He has been tireless in securing sponsorship for the team – a necessary requirement for playing rugby at this elite level. We are enormously grateful to the sponsors featured here and urge our parent community to support these businesses if you can.

## ST JOHN'S 1ST XV RUGBY SPONSORS



## JERSEY SPONSORS







## RUGBY MID SEASON REPORT

The juniors are showing tremendous promise so far this season, with impressive performances in all their grades. Our Under 14s lead their Division with an unbeaten record, and our Under 15s, Under 55kgs and Under 65kgs are all tracking well towards semi final positions.

The seniors are having a tougher time, with both the 1st XV and Development XV struggling to make an impact against more experienced opposition. Both teams are youthful, and will focus on using this season to learn, build and step up a level each week in order to earn some wins.

We're very grateful to the sponsors for our rugby programme, and urge parents to support these businesses that support St John's.

- Mr Tymon Neil, TIC Rugby



Ben Mosa'ati Fosita on the charge

## INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES WEEK

Languages from around the world were celebrated and Chanel block was bedecked in colourful national flags in Week 4. Some brave boys twirled their tongues around the "International Tongue Twister Competition" and also competed for Ferdinand, a piñata stuffed full of lollies. Boys had to solve a clue each day, the first letter of which, when unscrambled, gave the final clue of the piñata's location. This year, the clue was "statue", with the obvious location being the Marcellin Champagnat statue in the car park. Some cunning Year 11's worked that out by Day 3 of the competition, but they were no match for Mrs. Derecourt who had "kidnapped" the Virgin Mary statue from the staffroom, placed it safely in Reception, and hid the "Winner's Scroll" behind that. Quick-thinking Jack Gibson, Year 11, found the scroll and earned the right to decimate the hapless Ferdinand!

- Mrs Su Derecourt, Spanish Teacher



Jack Gibson, with Ferdinand the Piñata

## ST JOHN'S U15 RUGBY SPONSORS



## ST JOHN'S U14A RUGBY SPONSORS



## HOT CHOCOLATE & SAUSAGES



There's nothing better than a hot chocolate on a cold miserable morning, and our Young Vinnies team of between 20-30 students surprise the lads from time to time with a Hot Chocolate stall before school. Working under the guidance of Akhil Babu (an Old Boy of the college currently studying at the University) and Mrs Anita Sopers, they also run a Sausage/Hash Brown Sizzle fortnightly. The students are raising funds for the Society of St Vincent de Paul and to support other charitable needs within our school community.

We also continue to have the support of the Society of St Vincent de Paul who, every day, bring in lunches for some of our students.



## REP BOARD

### NZ REPRESENTATIVES

**Water Polo** Corban Hall (*NZ Born 2000 Squad, Waikato U18*)

**Basketball** Akiva McBirney-Griffin (*NZ U16 Wider Squad, Waikato U17A*)

### Regional Representatives

**Swimming** David Bom (*Division 2 Nationals & National Age Group*)  
Taniko Shane (*Division 2 Nationals*)  
Ryan Roche (*Division 2 Nationals*)  
Boston Haddon (*Division 2 Nationals*)  
Thomas Coombes (*National Age Group*)  
Nye Linton (*National Age Group*)

**Cricket** Cameron Burgess (*Hamilton Senior Secondary Schools*)  
Jacob Clare (*Hamilton Junior Secondary Schools*)  
Daniel Coles (*Waikato Valley Junior Secondary Schools*)  
Grant King (*Waikato Valley Senior Secondary Schools*)  
Ethan Price (*Waikato Valley Junior Secondary Schools*)

**Basketball** Grace Mayemba (*Waikato U15A*)  
Dima Stephens (*Waikato U15B*)  
Nicholas Hayward (*Waikato U15B*)  
Bobby Jackson (*Waikato U15B*)  
Carsen Hirawani (*Thames Valley U15*)  
Kendyl Nelson-Graham (*Waikato U17A*)  
Kobe Olsen-Matara (*Waikato U17A*)  
Finn Lally (*Waikato U17A*)  
Kael Robinson (*Waikato U17A*)  
Maxwell Pearce (*Waikato U17B*)  
Matariki Hodges-MacDonald (*Waikato U17B*)  
Manaia Jones (*Waikato Country U17A*)  
Sebastian Tuisamoa (*Waikato Country U17A*)  
Connor Lally (*Waikato U19A*)  
Simon Lafaele (*Waikato U19A*)  
Logan Rush (*Waikato U19A*)  
Ethan Dromgool (*Waikato Country U19A*)  
Wiremu Jones (*Waikato Country U19A*)  
Thomas Watene (*Thames Valley U19*)  
Shaun Johnsen (*Thames Valley U17*)

## CHASE HENNESSEY - WORLD RANK 7 KARATE

This young man is achieving outstanding success in Karate, and travelling the world is one of the perks of all that hard work and training.

Chase won Gold in the Oceania Karate Champs held in Auckland in May - he competes in the U55kg 16/17 year old Junior Kumite Division. He won a second gold in the team fight at that event, where teams of 3 fighters take on their opposition in an open weight event.

Chase then travelled to Sofia in Bulgaria for the Youth K1 World Champs. This event features only 60 competitors in each Division, with countries only able to send their top two fighters. Chase placed 7th in his Division.

In June, the flight was to Croatia for the Youth Olympic Selection tournament. This was a 2 day wildcard event, allowing the top two qualifiers automatic entry into the Youth Olympics later this year. Only 1 competitor per country attends, and the weight Divisions are merged so it's a tough challenge, but with a big prize. The Eagle went to press before the result was known - here's hoping it went Chase's way!



World ranked Chase Hennessey in action

## JOSH DURBER - KARTSPORT

We pride ourselves on the range of sports our students participate in, and now we have Josh Durber extending that by attending the KartSport National Schools champs in this July break. Held in Hawkes Bay, Josh races in the 12-15 class against around 20 other karters in each race of 8 laps, with a goal to finish in the top 10. Josh's best result this season to date has been 7th at the GP Goldstar event in Palmerston North.

Josh started karting only a couple of years ago, but it's in the blood, with Josh's Dad and Grandad also involved in the sport. Dad's his trainer (and, we suspect, primary funder) with Grandad still supporting in many of the race meets. Josh does a bit of buying and selling of karts and parts to help pay for some of the costs of his sport, proving there's so much more to sport than just the race. His ultimate goal would be to move into racing cars and who knows, maybe Formula One one day? Best of luck Josh, at the Nationals.



## MATTHEW FREE - JUDO GOLD

Congratulations Matthew - Gold Medal winner in the Wellington Open Cadet Men's U66kg.





## KEEGAN CALKIN - BMX

Congratulations to Keegan Calkin on a successful BMX National Championships at Easter.

Keegan made it to the Top 8 final, a feat he has been aiming to achieve for 10 years. This year he trained hard for the event and his hard work was rewarded. He crashed in the final vying for a top 4 spot into the first corner but then battled it out in the "Super Nats" and finished second in a photo finish with the rider who obtained NZ1 the previous day.

He followed this up with a trip to the World Junior BMX Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan. Keegan competed against 64 other riders in his Division, competing in 3 motos (events). His best result was qualifying for an 8s final, in a rain hampered race. Keegan's older brother also competed, so the whole family are travelling on the BMX circuit. Keegan described Azerbaijan as an oil country, with both very rich and very poor people, and found the experience of being in a Muslim country incredibly interesting.

## INDOOR ULTIMATE FRISBEE

We cleaned up the Indoor Ultimate Frisbee competition, placing 1st and 3rd overall for our Senior and Junior teams, respectively. Our Junior team took out the Spirit Award which is based off review from other teams on our character, the seniors won the overall teams award and Harry Jones won the MVP of the competition award. A massive thank you to Father and Son combo Mark and Lucas Willcock for their coaching and managing support to place St John's College in such great light.

- Mr Ryan Overmayer, Director of Sport

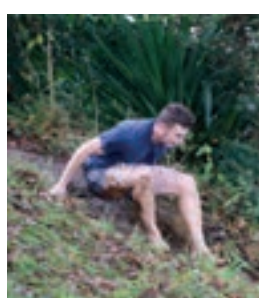


## FLYNN BEETHAM - CUE SPORT WIZARD

Flynn, in Year 9, was one of just fifteen junior NZ pool players who qualified to compete at the Junior World Pool Championships. Held in Sioux City, Nebraska, (how cool does that place sound?) in late June, we didn't have any results in for Flynn at time of writing the Eagle.

## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 9	Reuben Lovell	Daniel Tickelpenny	Jakub Dowd
Year 10	Toby Dowsett	Jayden Cole	Amilame Finau
Senior	Jorel Chapeau	Finlay Hamill	Lars Hansen



< Year 10 Winner Toby Dowsett (centre) with placegetters Jayden Cole (right) and Amilame Finau (left)

## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE KENDO CLUB "THE WAY OF THE SWORD"

In Kendo, a major tenet is "know the way of the sword, know yourself". To look at it another way, it implies that you are your biggest enemy. In other words, you can improve yourself through the sport.

We are fortunate that Mr Sam Tsai, by day a Physics Teacher, is a respected and experienced Kendo Sensei after hours. He explains Kendo below:

Anyone who practices the principles of Kendo as they are meant to be practiced all their lives will not only eventually achieve higher grades or trophies, but will also enjoy the personal benefits of this discipline. These benefits include the physical and the mental.

- **Physical benefits:** Kendo is a sport that makes demands of the body. You must learn how to wield a shinai and a bogu when you spar. You must get used to the weight of the bogu, and this is only possible through training.
- **Mental benefits:** As with any martial art, to get the maximum out of your training, you must be focused. Here it is proper to pull out the old cliché, practice makes perfect. Only with rigorous, focused practice will you be able to achieve the perfect Ippon.
- **"Full Spirit":** This is the ability to act with a "full spirit" even when the odds are against you. This means keeping your full concentration and enthusiasm no matter the situation.

It must be remembered that modern kendo will only offer its benefits to those who have understood that the sport is not just a way of winning over an opponent but a way of living.

We welcome John Baunton-Brown, Finn Leong, Randika Sirimanne, Qiwen Jin and Sachitra Sirimanne to the St John's College Kendo Club. If you'd like to get inspired by the benefits that modern Kendo can offer please contact Mr Sam Tsai. Parents and friends of students also welcome.





## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE GOLF OCT 28TH - LOCK IT IN

The annual St John's College Old Boys Golf Tournament will be back at St Andrew's Golf Course this year. Block out your Calendar now and start lining up your team to join Old Boys and parents in a great day out with your mates.

We're seeking sponsors for this tournament so please make contact with College Office if you'd like to sponsor a hole, or gift prizes.

## BLUE & GOLD LUNCH AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

The inaugural Blue & Gold Lunch held at The Narrows Landing was a wonderful celebration of the connection we all share as Old Boys, parents and friends of the College.

Paul Geoghegan entertained us with tales from his era, and Buck Andersen MC'd with his usual brand of humour and style.

Over \$22,000 was raised on the day, and the St John's College Foundation wish to thank the many people who sponsored, gave of their time and attended this event. The Foundation provides financial support to the College in its mission, which is used for scholarships, student welfare, Catholic character and building developments.

We'll be doing it again on an annual basis, so note Friday 12 April 2019 as the likely date.

## BASKETBALL LOOKING STRONG

St John's means business this year and our basketballers have started strong.

In the Senior Divisions, we lead both the Premier and Senior A tables, with the Eagles and the Ospreys unbeaten to date. The Junior Falcons are sitting second on the Junior Premier table with just one loss, while our Junior Hawks are sitting further down but gaining valuable experience in that same top league. All these teams are building towards the Regional Tournaments in September and, for the Eagles, the National Secondary Schools Champs in October.

St John's College is a dominant force in the Waikato basketball competition, fielding 12 teams overall. Wherever College basketball is being played, look out for our blue and gold strip in action.

## CATHOLIC INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS SPORTS

We couldn't have asked for better weather at our annual Catholic Integrated Schools Winter Sports Tournament. Everyone had a marvellous day up here at St John's College. It was exciting to see the amount of talent in our Catholic Primary Schools and we look forward to seeing all of these young men at St John's College next year.

Well-done to all players, and thanks again to the coaches, managers, parent supporters and students who made the day such a success.

### Tournament Team Winners:

Hockey: St Columba's Catholic Primary School and Marian Catholic School Hamilton (draw)

Rugby: St Paul's Catholic School (Ngaruawahia)

Football: Marian Catholic School Hamilton

- Mr Ryan Overmayer, Director of Sport







## GO WELL JACK LANTING

It's not every day the TV cameras show up to school, but you may be seeing Old Boy Jack Lanting on the Sunday programme later this year outlining his plans to establish an elephant sanctuary in Thailand. Last year's Eagle readers will remember the story of Jack, aged only 17, and his lifelong passion for elephant welfare. He has successfully attracted the interest of large international sponsors and is moving to Thailand to progress his dream to provide a safe haven for sick and abused elephants.

Jack wanted to visit St John's, and in particular meet with Mr Sparrow, Mr Bormans and Mr Tong to say farewell before he left. Mr Sparrow remarked on how much Jack has grown in confidence through pursuing this passion, and he now presents and speaks to large and, at times, very wealthy audiences. We wish Jack all the very best and every success in his venture - his commitment, drive and determination is truly inspiring.



Mr Sparrow farewelling Jack

## STUDENTS AGAINST DANGEROUS DRIVING

Originally, Students Against Driving Drunk was a group founded by students who were concerned about the overrepresentation of serious crashes involving young drivers who were intoxicated, in order to promote sober driving. Due to its success, the organisation rebranded as Students Against Dangerous Driving in order to focus on the many other ways that young drivers can make responsible, informed decisions before they choose to get behind the wheel.

With this being the first year in many that SJC has had a SADD group, our efforts have been focused on setting a good foundation for SADD to run in our school for the future years to come.

Firstly, the three of us went to a SADD workshop in Cambridge to learn what SADD is and what we as the representatives for SADD at SJC should aim to do. The day helped us to understand the 6 SADD principles:

<b>Sober Drivers</b>	<b>Safe Speeds</b>	<b>No Distractions</b>
<b>Avoiding Risks</b>	<b>Driving to the Conditions</b>	<b>Building Experience</b>
<b>and gave us ideas of ways that we could promote these ideas in our school.</b>		

In the April school holidays, the Waikato District Council paid for us to go to King's College to attend the annual SADD Conference in Auckland. We were amongst SADD leaders from all over the country and were guided through a process to create our own activities tailor-made for our audience and the particular issues in our community. SADD conference was essential for us to learn how to streamline our ideas of what we want to do at St John's into activities that we can schedule throughout the year.

Our first step is to identify what issues exist here, so we will be handing out 'Parking Ticket' surveys in order gather information on the driving habits of our audience at St John's College. Then we can create activities which directly target the big issues for our drivers.

We have also introduced three SADD leaders from year 12. With the knowledge that we have gained we will be able to run activities to get the ball rolling so that they can will be able to carry on our work in the years to come.

- Jordan Edwards, Christian Fabe and Reece Cateley



## INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTING LEVEL 1 UNIVERSITY PAPER

A number of students have taken the COMP101X first year university paper through Waikato University. This is a challenging paper and students get their first experience at what it is like to work at this level, which is great preparation for their next step when they finish school. For some it has reaffirmed that computer science and university is for them, for others it has given them food for thought. The results are not due out for another couple of weeks but the majority are already sitting on 70% or more so we are expecting a fine set of results. A huge well done to the boys, this is a supreme effort and they should be highly commended for their diligence and commitment.

- Jack Levat, Ryan Foster, Conrad Monkley, Ian Tabunot, Joshua Vijendran

## YEARBOOK IN DESIGN

A group of year 13 Digital Technology students are undertaking the design and development of the yearbook for 2018. It is a team effort and as a bonus we have been able to turn it into an NCEA assessment. The team are very excited and have some great design ideas for this year's magazine. We have a visit to the printers planned and we will be exploring the greener side of yearbook production. We value the environment and our aim is to produce a yearbook as sustainably as we can.

- Corban Fray, Jack Levat, Ryan Foster, Caleb Salisbury, Joshua Vijendran



## YEAR 9 HAKA COMP



Students learn the Hato Hoani Haka and then compete for House honours. Roncalli were victorious

## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS WANTED

Do you have spare uniform items that are in decent condition that you can donate to the College please? Drop them into the College (the office is open during the holiday break) and we'll do the rest. The PTFA is helping to establish a second hand uniform shop. We'll start this up in Term 3 but we'd really like to build up our supply. We'll send you more information once the shop is up and running.

Proceeds from the sale of second hand uniforms will be used to support student welfare.

## REAL TALK

Our young men need help to learn how to make good, but at times very hard, decisions. Part of growing up is to learn that men and women are shaped by the choices they make. In the last week of Term 2, a "Real Talk" team of presenters challenged our students about the dominant media messages around sex and intimacy, and painted a different picture of relationships that value ourselves and others. They tackled the big issues like peer pressure, respect in relationships, pornography, teen apathy and bullying, and encouraged our boys to be men of character who affirm the dignity of women.

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## "GATEWAY" TO OPPORTUNITY

Our Gateway Students have been busy in the first half of the year:

- 40 students have completed work placements
- Several have been offered full time or part time work through their placement
- Many have attended work-related courses and gained valuable credits toward their NCEA results
- All have gained work experience in an industry of interest regarding future pathways





## INTRODUCING AKHIL AND MARCUS

We warmly welcome Akhil Babu and Marcus Dudley into our St John's whānau. These young men will be walking alongside our boys and sharing their experience of life as young Catholic men. They're in school regularly to be present and available to our students, work with them on activities like the Young Vinnies and Chanel Shield, and show the pathways into other Catholic opportunities like Set Free, youth groups or sacramental programmes.

"Being just a little bit older means we can relate really well to the students" explains Akhil, a Jonnies boy himself who is studying 2nd year Mechanical Engineering at Waikato University. "I hope we can be a positive influence, be an extra friend and create opportunities where some boys may find they have strengths or interests."

Marcus left Aquinas College in 2017 to study Te Reo Māori, also at Waikato Uni. "I have been to 2 Catholic World Youth Days, and I'd love to encourage some St John's students to go to next year's one in Panama" suggests Marcus. "What an awesome experience it was to celebrate Mass with 2 million other young Catholics on the beach at Rio".

These two men will work in St John's and with the Catholic Diocese under the 24/7 YouthWork umbrella. ([www.24-7youthwork.nz](http://www.24-7youthwork.nz))

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



Marcus Dudley. You'll see Akhil serving up hash browns elsewhere in this Eagle

## MICHAEL D'SOUZA - WEIZMANN SUMMER SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

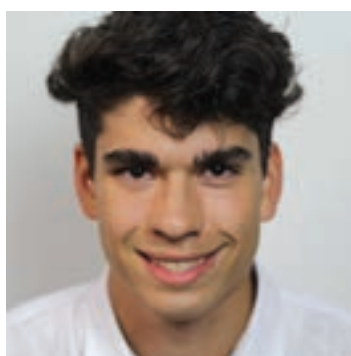
We're incredibly excited for Michael D'Souza, one of only 80 students internationally who has been selected to attend a Summer Science programme in Israel. He'll be there for four weeks over July, and we'll ask him to report back on his return. Here's what he has to say about applying and being accepted...

I honestly couldn't believe it. I had just been selected for the International Summer School in Israel. 4 weeks at the Weizmann Institute of Science, a University that has produced 3 Turing award winners and 6 Nobel Prize Laureates. Trips to Jerusalem, Galilee, The Dead Sea, and the Negev Desert. And best of all, the whole trip fully funded. When I applied for the International Summer School (ISSI) earlier in the year, I didn't think I had much of a chance. On one hand the ISSI has thousands of high achieving New Zealand applicants every year and I had some slightly rusty grades, and no major academic awards behind my name. However, on the other hand I knew I had something to offer, if only the selection committee could see the person behind the application.

The application comprises of two letters to separate committees, a personal essay, a CV, two teacher references, and a copy of your grades. I truly believe that what helped me get in to the ISSI was not grades, but my dedication to leadership and community service. It's important for them to see that you are more than just a few achieved, merit, and excellence credits on a page. The ISSI is not looking for academic whizzes, but people who they know will share their new knowledge with those around them.

I strongly encourage any St John's boys, who have the opportunity to apply next year, to give it a go. The only thing you can do to guarantee you won't get in is not apply. Give it your best shot, and who knows, you may find yourself on an adventure across the world.

- Michael D'Souza, Year 13



## BOT SURVEY - WHAT DO YOU THINK?

### It's Strategic Planning Time

Every three to five years the Board of Trustees takes a step back, looks at the fine work that is going on at the College, and thinks about the direction it is heading. The school is like a big ship, with the Board a 'helicopter' hovering overhead. Every so often we must look at the map, check we're on course, and adjust a few degrees if necessary.

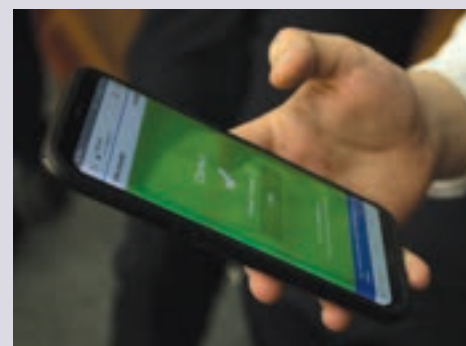
We need your feedback please to do this well. We're asking parents and caregivers, staff and students for information and your views so we form sound decisions on the strategic direction you want to steer the school.

### *This is where you come in!*

You've received an email with the survey link already. It looks at 3 main parts of the school: Education Experience (academic, sporting etc); Special character; and the Future of the School. It is not onerous or overly-long, there are lots multi-choice, and best of all, you can't fail! It's anonymous too, so you can tell us what you really think!

Some of you may have completed Section One already - you can still use this link and the survey will take you straight through to the next two sections. If you haven't yet done the survey, you can do all three sections at this address.

This is YOUR CHANCE to have YOUR SAY, and we want to know what you think- good, bad or ugly! Thank you for your taking an active role in your son's schooling.



- Mrs Monique Reymer, Board of Trustees



## PREPARING YOUNG MEN FOR LIFE

