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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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DEAR PARENTS

Over my time as Principal of St John's College I have become increasingly aware that it is not just the boys that learn, there are connections and links for all of us involved in our community and we all learn together. At times our experiences as members of the community at St John's mirrors that of our young men as they journey through our school.

If you are a parent who has an older boy with us, or perhaps have a son who has already graduated, you will be acutely aware of how much they mature and grow over their time at St John's. In a similar way we all learn and grow through our interactions at St John's, be that as parents, teachers, or interacting with the school in the wider community. Students learn from great teachers, great teachers in turn learn with, and from, their students, and as parents we learn life's richest and most important lessons from our children.

I am not ashamed to say that I have grown with my role. In my first year as Principal I was in essence a year nine, nervous on day one at the powhiri and just like many other year nines, my Mum was in the audience to support me. St John's has made me a better person with a deeper faith and an understanding of what is truly important in life. I have come to appreciate the struggles that our young men face now and into the future and these lessons were magnified for me as I walked alongside my own son, not just as a Principal but also as a parent through his time at St John's.

St John's men make mates for life and they will always have a place they belong to and people they can turn to in times of need. I have been privileged to find my place, a community that I can call my own and a place that I feel I can contribute.

We rightly focus on the education and growth of our sons in our College, however as the adult community we should from time to time reflect on what St John's College means for us and our own families. If we are not engaging as we could then not only are our sons missing out but we are also the poorer for it.

We are fortunate to be part of the St John's community, but we all have a role to play in ensuring that we remain true to our mission of preparing fine young men for life in the Catholic faith. If we are no more than a place to go to school, then we have failed. Strong links with an authentic community enables us all to grow as individuals and as a community. For this we should be grateful.

- Mr Shane Tong, Principal



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Around 1225 St Maher coined the phrase, "Time and tide wait for no man". Observing how quickly this term has passed us by, I would state that never a truer word was spoken. Sometimes, as a teacher, one contemplates time and marvels at how malleable it is, how flexible it's walls, how distended it can become. For to fit in the variety of activities that we do, and for the boys to manipulate their schedules the way they do so that they participate not only in classes and study but in any number of school and cultural events, truly pushes the limits of the imagination.

Earlier this term, Shane Tong, Jude Bartram and myself attended the biannual National Catholic Education Convention in Wellington. This was a chance to catch up on a number of educational innovations and be fed intellectually and spiritually by world class speakers. Tymon Neil and Donna McHugh attended the Champagnat in the Pacific Course run in Auckland by the Marist Brothers. This course leads the participants into a deeper understanding of our Marist spirituality.

In August, Brendan Malone spoke to our Y9's and Y10's about Pornography and Human Dignity. The talks were both humorous and thought provoking. Underlying the talks was the very important message of how easily our world promotes the objectification of people, and how important it is for us to live out our own personal dignity and to recognise the personal dignity of all other people.

These themes were followed up when Hayden Miller organised 'Attitude Presentations' to speak to all our Year Groups for 45 minutes each on a variety of subjects that covered Sexuality, Mental Health, Choices and Addictions.

On the 9th of September a number of our students and staff participated in and were present for the Miha Maori Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve in the Cathedral. A big thanks must go to Susan Brebner of Sacred Heart Girls College for organising this.

To end the term we had the Y13 retreats which ran from the 17th - 21st September. These retreats, led by our own staff, are a very special farewell for the Y13's as they prepare to leave St John's College forever as pupils and move into the esteemed and dizzying heights of being Old Boys.

Finally, I would also like to ask for help with securing for the school our own monstrance for adoration as well as some suitable candle sticks. If anyone would like to help us in a financial way with this then please contact me at: mbormans@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

Thank you and God bless,

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character

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KEY DATES 2018

TERM 4

15 Oct	Start of Term 4
8 - 16 Oct	Music Trip to Samoa
17 Oct	Senior Sports Awards Dinner
24 Oct	Performing Arts Awards Evening
30 Oct	Final Mass
30 Oct	Senior Prizegiving
31 Oct	Leavers Dinner
31 Oct	Junior Study Leave
1 - 6 Nov	Junior Exams
2 Nov	Senior Reports Online
7 Nov	NCEA Exams Begin
12 - 20 Nov	Yr 10 Retreats
16 Nov	Yr 8 Orientation Day
29 Nov	Year 8 Parents Evening
4 - 7 Dec	Yr 10 Camps & Yr 9 Activities Week
10 Dec	X Games
11 Dec	Junior Prizegiving / Final Day

2019 START DATES

29 - 30 Jan	Yr 9 Induction / Yr 13 Leadership
31 Jan	All students Return

GOLD FOR GAT ATTACK & JAZZ

A massive congratulations to our music students for their amazing efforts at the 2018 Waikato ITM Band and Orchestra Festival. Our guitar group, Gat Attack took first place and Gold again this year. Jazz Band also won a well deserved Gold award. Concert Band and Drum Corp both came home with Silver awards. Very impressive results this year - congratulations to all involved and special thanks to our Itinerant music teachers.

- Mrs Donna McHugh, TIC Music



3rd place winners in the Chanel Shield

CHANEL SHIELD

This is an annual cultural competition that brings the five Catholic Colleges in the Hamilton Diocese together. Held on 10th and 11th of August, 15 boys accompanied by Mr Bormans, Ms Hutchinson (HOD Languages), Mrs Johansson-Hale (TIC Drama) and our two youth workers, Akhil Babu and Marcus Dudley, travelled to John Paul College in Rotorua to compete. The goal for this year was to gain a podium finish overall, something we achieved with a third place, 2 points behind Sacred Heart who took out second.

Our students were exemplary in their dress, their comportment, in their willingness to help out wherever it was needed, in their participation and in their interactions with the other students. As our motto says, "Preparing young men for life". Our individual results were as follows:

1st - Junior Bible Reading	Alistair Sequeira
2nd - Senior Bible Reading	Nathaniel Bormans
5th - Junior Prepared Speech	Ryan Roche
3rd - Senior Oratory	Michael Echague
1st - Impromptu Speech	Andrew Walker
4th - Junior Poetry	Charlie Raj
4th - Senior Poetry	Thomas Srhoj
4th - Maori Perspective Speech	Tawera Marsh
4th - Drama Presentation	Ben Wilson, Daniel Cruickshank, Connor Zampese, Thomas O'Connor, Charlie Raj, Andrew Walker
1st - Debating	Dominic Beaton, Sacha Chotoya, Antony Perera
3rd - Bible Quiz	Whole Team

For next year, if there is anyone within our community who would have the time and expertise to help prepare our students in one of the fields of competition mentioned above, please let me know and I will make contact with you closer to the time of the 2019 event: mbormans@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character

FAREWELL DR THEO

It is with great sadness that we farewell Dr. Theo van der Nest from our St John's teaching community. Dr. Theo is taking up a position as teacher of Calculus at Melville High School. He has played a significant role in establishing the RE Faculty and its curriculum as a strong area of learning for our students. He has also been a strong advocate for the continued promotion of the Special Character of the College. Thank you, Dr. Theo, for the time, experience, expertise and spirit you have given to the staff and students over your 15 years here. We wish you all the best.





TEACHERS VS PREFECTS FOOTBALL

The build-up video to this annual battle is a must-see – go to our Facebook page to watch how our teachers and student leaders prepared and psyched themselves up for this year's Daffodil Day Match. Held every year in remembrance of our much loved Mr Mel Young, who taught here for 43 years, this is a highlight of the school Calendar and raised over \$1,000 for the Cancer Society.

Mr Ardern is clinging to his 'teachers remain unbeaten' claim by a thread now, following a nil-all draw.



Mr Edmondson lining up a shot



Head Boy Thomas Watene and Mr Ardern sharing the honours for 2018

GATEWAY IN ACTION

All our Gateway students have opportunities to explore different work options. David, in Year 12, has a keen interest in all things IT and he completed his first Gateway Work Placement with Mr Silas Burton, our very own IT Guru here at St John's. David demonstrated a great work ethic, displayed an impressive knowledge of IT and learnt many more aspects of the job, thanks to Silas' expertise, time and commitment. David successfully learnt and completed tasks like:

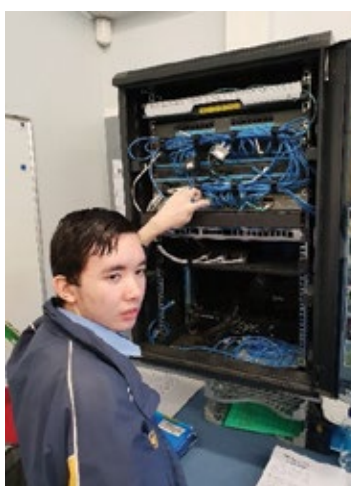
Servicing computer hardware	Installing & configuring Windows 7 & Windows 10
Setting up Chrome Books	Learning about firewalls & security
Repairing laptop keyboards	Patching & cabling switches & computers

There are many life skill/work ready learning opportunities in the Gateway programme and David has embraced these by also completing work place unit standards such as "Knowledge of the Management of Drug and Alcohol-related Problems in the Workplace" and "Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Procedures in the Workplace".

Gateway has given David more confidence and enhanced his communication skills, all of which improve his academic and vocational pathway prospects.

A big thanks to Silas, and to all our employers who have offered our students work experience this year – you make a huge difference in helping our young men's successful transition into work.

- Mrs Erin Tristram, Gateway Coordinator



David patching new switches

LEAVERS NEWS

It's that time of the year when we prepare to farewell our Year 13 and senior students who will be moving on. There's a few events for parents to remember:

Final Mass	1pm, October 30th
Senior Prizegiving	6.30pm October 30th
Leavers Dinner	6.30pm October 31st

Year 13 students and their parents have been invited to the Leavers Dinner, held in our Gymnasium. This is a very special final celebration for all the Year 13 students who are leaving St John's College in 2018. RSVP's and payment was due on September 26th. Please contact the school office for enquiries or late requests.

Leavers Hoody – The students have chosen their Leavers Hoody from a range of options designed by Felix Minninnick and orders are now open. Final date for orders and payment is October 19th (first week of Term 4). Please note that NO orders will be made without payment, and NO late orders are possible – so if your son wants a Leavers Hoody we must have payment by October 19th.

ROLL INCREASE TO 925

The Board is pleased to announce that a roll increase to 925 students has been approved by the Ministry of Education. The College applied for this on the basis of very high demand for places, and we were in the difficult position of turning away Catholic families earlier this year. The College has now offered an additional 30 places to Year 9's for 2019, and will absorb another 20 new students in other year groups, taking next year's roll to 800. This will steadily grow over the next 3-5 years to reach our cap.

The Board congratulates our Principal Mr Shane Tong and all of the teachers and support staff for the quality work they do, day in and day out, to make St John's College the first choice for our young Catholic men. The Board also acknowledges the support of the Bishop and Diocese who have committed the necessary funding for this growth.

- Mr Brendan Lally, Board Chair



WAIKATO CULINARY FARE 2018

Seven young men entered 5 different classes in the 14th Waikato Culinary fare over 2 days at the Wintec centre for Hospitality and Cookery at the end of term 2.

The students gained valuable experience working to specifications and preparing their products under conditions which replicate the pressure that often comes with the territory.

1 x GOLD MEDAL Harry Eaton's Café Cake

1 x SILVER MEDAL Isaac Sherburn's Hamburger

4 x BRONZE MEDALS Antony Silich's Pizza
Jacob Quintal and Harry Eaton's
Mystery box (Team)
Nico Mecchia's Hamburger
Jakob Fullers' Hamburger

2 x MERITS Antony Silich's Cup Cakes
Regan Mead's Hamburger

Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and dedication towards a well organised and worthwhile event! A huge thank you must go to all the Wintec staff involved and to the St John's parents who supported the event.

- Mrs Myburgh, TIC Food Technology

HE TAI OHINGA MĀRO FESTIVAL

On 31st August, St John's College and Sacred Heart joined our kapa haka groups together to support the He Tai Ohinga Māro festival hosted by Hillcrest High. It was an awesome day and the group performed well. Ka mau te wehi koutou!



THE GREAT GATSBY



The annual St John's College ball was held at the Wintec Atrium and this year's theme was *The Great Gatsby*. The ball committee decorated the atrium with all the glamour expected of a ballroom, including a chandelier, art work and a vintage car which made an authentic backdrop for photographs. Hats and waistcoats, tuxedos and scarves added to the sophistication of the evening- and that was just the boys outfits!

Thanks to all those who contributed to making this a memorable night for everyone, including the year 11 waiters who worked tirelessly and Harry who became the non-official official photographer for the night. More photos later in this Eagle, and all photos are on our Facebook page.

- Mrs Jude Bartram, HOF Religious Education

12OED RAFTING TRIP

Towards the end of Term 2 12OED went on an excursion to the Horahora domain to complete a rafting/orienteering unit. The trip was a chance at 4 credits providing that we could build a raft that would hold up to navigating the set orienteering course and wouldn't fall apart when it came to flipping them at the end. After everyone had got their rafts together they faced the unenviable task of getting in the water itself, which was no easy mission as it was winter and not too many boys were keen to freeze - but for four credits and a fair bit of commitment everyone managed to brave the cold.

All groups managed to acquire at least the first of the various control points before one group decided to split their raft in two, in thinking that it would benefit them by being able to collect all the control points twice as fast. This turned out to be not the smartest of ideas as they lost all stability and ended up having to forfeit. The rest of the course was carried out by the remaining groups without too much hassle apart from the odd complaint about the water being "bloody freezing." Everyone made it back to shore with all control points and flipped rafts and all members of their respective groups.

After stripping out of wetsuits and life jackets and into warmer attire the boys all huddled around for a bit of hot tucker and a cup of milo or two rounding out the day as a successful event, but grateful they wouldn't have to be getting back in the water anytime soon.

- Nathan Trigg & Connor Fleming





The full Science Fair team

EXCEPTIONAL SCIENCE FAIR ENTRIES

That's what the judges said about the St John's entries this year. Fifteen Year 10's researched a dizzying array of topics and presented their findings in that very standard Science Fair format- the Presentation Board.

Will Benefield spent many hours making frozen ice blocks with different mixtures and melting them with a hair dryer. The surprising result was that salted ice melted the fastest.

Pieter Pape spent many hours heating rocks and metal and putting them into a water bath to measure the temperature rise. His calculations show categorically that metal of the same heat content allows the cooking of more food per hangi as it takes up less space.

Boston Haddon and Josh McWilliam used a drone to survey the Alexandra Redoubt at Pirongia more accurately than the last survey in 1984. The archaeologist who last dug there 20 years ago was astonished with the model and the two students are likely to be doing more archaeology over Christmas.

All the young men who entered deserve our congratulations - they have the wit to be curious about the world around them.



Will Benefield "Comet Ablation" - Highly Commended



Pieter Pape, "Best Hangi Heater - metal or stone?" - Highly Commended



Josh McWilliam and Boston Haddon "Drone Archaeology" - Mr Wood's favourite!



INTERSCHOOL MOTOCROSS

James Parry attended 2 motocross events in August and gained podium awards at both.

He represented St John's College at the Interschool Motocross Championships in Whakatane and placed 3rd in the 12-14 years 125cc class. He followed up with another 3rd place in the same class at the Ebbett Pukekohe Sand Prix in Mercer.

Awesome work James - you did us proud!

James Parry sporting some silverware

SENIOR SPORTS AWARDS - OCTOBER 17

Nominees for sport awards have already been invited to attend with their parents. RSVP's and payment is due please by Wednesday October 10. The office is open to receive payments or to answer enquiries.

PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS - OCTOBER 24TH

This evening will celebrate and honour the achievements of our performing arts students in 2018.

POETRY SLAM

This term we held our inaugural St John's College Poetry Slam in the Library. Inspired by the work of Poetry in Action, staff and students were invited to an 'open mic' lunch time session to share their poetry skills.

We were very fortunate to have a past pupil, Michael Moore, offer to attend and participate in our Poetry Slam. Michael is a Regional and National Poetry Slam champion.

It was a very entertaining event and we will look forward to next year!



Old Boy Michael Moore returned for the Slam



GOTTA LOVE THIS FEEDBACK

Dear Dominic and Shane

This is just a very brief thank you to both of you for the support you gave our rugby day in Matamata yesterday. The boys you gave us to assist with refereeing were outstanding.

They controlled the games with authority and skill and there were many positive comments from competing schools about their performances.

I would like to extend my personal thanks and suggest to you both that they were a credit to themselves, their parents but above all to their school. If this is the kind of student that St John's College turns out then you can be justifiably proud of what you are doing. Well done and thanks.

Gerard O'Neill, Matamata College

And who were these fine young men? Carter Harris, Ethan Dromgool, Wiremu Jones, Logan Rush and Oscar Elliot. Well done Marist men and thank you for the way you represented us!

VISITING U.S. B'BALL COACH

It was a privilege and hugely beneficial to host basketball coach Ruben Luna from San Jose, California during August. He travelled to St John's College accompanied by one of his students, 15 year old Aidan Burke, to run coaching clinics and development workshops for our players.

Along with leading Bay Pride to three San Francisco ProAm League championships, Coach Luna has coached at the International, Division I, Community College, and High School level. Coach Luna's Bay Pride teams featured NBA Hall of Fame member Gary Payton, as well as NBA All-Stars Tim Hardaway, Jason Kidd, Antonio Davis, Shareef Abdur-Rahim, and back-to-back NBA Most Valuable Player, Steve Nash.

Ruben has a vast network of connections in California basketball and has already opened some new doors and arranged introductions in support of our planned basketball trip in 2019. Thanks to Myles McCarthy and Brendan Lally who organised and hosted Ruben's visit.

WINTER TOURNAMENT WRAP

Our top athletes in a number of codes look forward to Winter Tournament Week each year, where they travel together and test themselves against a broader range of teams from outside their usual Waikato opposition. It's a fun and rewarding end to a long winter season, a great experience and a few days off school for those students lucky enough to go. A big thanks to the committee members, managers, parent helpers and TIC's Mr Hayden Miller and Mr Tim Sadumiano who put in a lot of work behind the scenes to get these teams organised. Here's the wrap...



Junior basketballers at Tauranga tournament

Basketball Jnr A Falcons	Jnr Sec Schools Premiership, Tauranga	3rd
Basketball Junior B Hawks	Jnr Sec Schools Premiership, Tauranga	11th
Basketball Snr A Eagles	Schick Premierships Nationals Qualifier, Rotorua	2nd
Basketball Snr B Ospreys	Schick Northern Cup, Auckland	6th
Hockey 1st XI	Woolaston Trophy, Levin	12th
Football Colts A	Hillsdene Trophy, Tauranga	8th
GymSports	NZSS GymSports Champs, Auckland	Individual results
8-Ball	NZSS 8 Ball Cup, Hamilton Masse	Gold team - 4th
Ultimate Frisbee	Waikato University	Senior 3rd, Junior 8th
Liam Walton	Lunden Links Putter Golf	2nd equal net
Snowboard and Ski team	Waikato and Nth Island Champs	Results not in

- Mr Ryan Overmayer, Director of Sport

KEEN INTEREST IN NETBALL

We may be a boys' school, but there was no shortage of volunteers to form a netball team to challenge Sacred Heart at their own game. In the end, it was a prefects match-up and our fine athletes adapted to the unfamiliar shooting requirements surprisingly well. Superior size also counts for something, and they were quietly chuffed to come home with a 25-16 win and champion honours. It's not hard to see this returning as an annual event on the prefects Calendar.





Winners of the Ray Scott Trophy after beating Aquinas College

1ST XV RUGBY

"We saw some pleasing wins to end the season" reflects coach Milton Ross after a torrid first year for our 1st XV rugby men in the Central North Island (CNI) competition. And he's right – the team had strong victories against St John's College (Hastings) and Te Aute (Hawkes Bay), demonstrating improved strength and ability to compete and score. These wins relieved some pressure and provided some much needed confidence for their final game against Fielding High.

Fielding are an impressive side, rated as one of the top ten teams in the country. Our boys played their best game of the season, applying pressure throughout the first half to create two real scoring chances but just couldn't nail any points. The half-time score was 7-0 down, and Fielding lifted in the second half, breaking our line more often to win comfortably.

"We'll be much better placed to match those CNI teams next year, because we now have a core of players who know what to expect and understand the demands of this premier competition" says Mr Ross with confidence. The season ended on a high note with a convincing win 34-17 against Aquinas College, and we retained the Ray Scott Trophy.

Players and coaching staff have completed a season review, and each player has received feedback on their performance, strengths and areas to improve. New coaching team Milton Ross and Phil Mourits now have the benefit of an offseason to plan and prepare. You may think the season's over, but there's no time to rest – off season weight training starts in Term 4 for those players keen to be selected next year!

The College is proud of our 1st XV players – as an inexperienced side at this level, they faced some very tough challenges with determination, grit, flair when the game allowed, and at all times great sportsmanship. The College expresses its real gratitude to our coaching team, and we farewell Manager extraordinaire Tony Hall who is, quite frankly, irreplaceable. A big thank you to our loyal sponsors, and final thanks go to our parents (mostly Mum's) who hosted and fed visiting players.



A satisfied St John's College Hamilton team who retained the 'Matthew Cooper Boot' after their win over St John's College Hastings

THANK YOU, FUNDRAISERS

Is anyone sick of donuts yet? No, because they're a mighty delicious treat, that's why. These have been the fundraising go-to this winter, and hundreds, maybe thousands, of these doughy gems have been traded here at school.

We want to thank the fundraisers and the buyers – you've all supported our boys to get away to tournament week and make these events affordable for our families. And a disclaimer, St John's College takes no responsibility for any health issues that may have resulted from over consumption!



ST JOHN'S 1ST XV RUGBY SPONSORS



JERSEY SPONSORS





FEES & DONATIONS

Please check any money owing on your school accounts and make final payments on outstanding charges and donation requests.

The Financial page on the Kamar Parent portal presents an easy picture of what's owing and what's been paid - if you haven't already logged in there it's a great tool to help you manage your school payments. You can even make payment direct from the portal, choosing exactly how much you want to pay - there's a small surcharge on card payments using this option.

The portal can be accessed from the Quick Links buttons at the bottom of our home page. If you need a reminder about your Kamar Parent portal login, please email reception@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

- Mrs Vicki Fabling, Business Manager



Access the Kamar Parent Portal from the bottom of our web homepage

THE WAIT IS OVER

We cleared the site for our new sports complex earlier this year, and then there were some hold-ups over contracting and consents, but the wait is over! Coresteel Construction are moving in over the holidays, and when the students return in Term 4 they will watch our new gymnasium rise up and take shape over the coming months. The construction programme now has completion scheduled around September 2019.

Students will see new site fencing in place, and please remind your son to take extra care when entering the Helena Road driveway - only bike and pedestrian access is available from there.



U14 RUGBY CHAMPIONS

St John's U14A have just completed a very successful season beating Boys High in the U14 Final by a resounding 43 - 12.

To put some perspective on just how good these boys were, here's some stats:

Played 11, Won 11

Points for 656, Points against 47

Points Differential 609

Scoring this many points is impressive but it takes a special team to only concede 47. This exemplifies the boys character, highlighting their desire to work hard for one another.

"When building a team of significance, Teamwork is the true measure of success". We all look forward to this team progressing through the grades over the next few years. Travelling over to play Tauranga Boys showed this team is well up amongst the best U14 teams in the Central Region and bodes well for the future.

The players had a great coaching team headed by Johnny Walters (former Waikato NPC coach), Tony Goodin and Kevin O'Brien, and were managed by the Holmes family - Paul, Catherine and Kataraina. Thank you all for an enjoyable and rewarding season. A special thanks to all the parents for bringing along food so we could host all our home game opposition this year.

- U14 Management Team



U14 Champion Rugby team - unbeaten season!

GYMSPORTS

The 2018 New Zealand Gymnastics Championships will be held at ASB Arena in BayPark, Tauranga from 3-6 October where the country's top gymnasts will compete under one roof for NZ titles. We are proud to announce that our very own Jayden Cole (Y10), Cade Rowlingson (Y10) and Jaron Trenberth (Y9) have qualified to compete for Waikato in the Men's Artistic Section in levels 7, 6 and 4, respectively. Men's artistic gymnastics (MAG) involves a combination of acrobatics, strength and power across 6 different apparatus.

- Mr Ryan Overmayer, Director of Sport



Jayden Cole showing great form in his build-up to the NZ Gymnastics Champs



YEAR 9 RUGBY TOURNAMENT

This annual event for the Phillip Graham Trophy saw over 100 of our Year 9's contesting and challenging each other for Form Class honour at lunchtimes. Our Year 13 Sports Science class coached and successfully ran this Tournament as part of their study programme.

9J and 9M set the standard early with quick ball from the base of the ruck and excellent teamwork. These two teams dominated the competition and it was justice both teams qualified from the semi-finals to advance to the final. It was pleasing that the Year 9's fully embraced this tournament and adhered to the rules.

The final was a great spectacle of two teams playing attacking rugby, both hungry to win the trophy and honor to be deemed Year 9 Rugby champions. 9J started well scoring first, which woke 9M who quickly scored 3 unanswered tries before half time. With some encouragement and final tactics given by both sets of coaches, 9J came out firing with the injection of Nab Utiaro and Samuel Parker and in the space of 3 minutes levelled the scores with 4 minutes to play. In the end it was some individual brilliance from Karioi Tihore-Moke which separated the two sides where 9M eventually won 5-3.

Congratulations to Yr 13's Ethan Dromgool, Brodie Ryan and Wiremu Jones for coaching 9M to success. These men all, coincidentally, played and won the tournament for 9M back in 2014. Commiserations to Marc Thurston, Jordan Fleming and the 9J team who played a key part in the final and played some outstanding rugby throughout the tournament.

Thank you to all those who supported, and to the Media team who filmed, photographed, and posted regular updates on the College's Facebook page. Also, a big thank you to those Year 13's (Daniel Fieldsend, Oscar Elliott and Jordan Edwards) who stepped up to referee some of the games. And to the Year 9 participants for representing their core classes with pride, thank you and well done.

You can view the video at <https://bit.ly/2B5xrgA>

- Mr Hayden Miller, PE Teacher

9M Triumphant!



HONOURS BOARD

JUDO
Matthew Free Gold NZSS U66kg
Hamish Murray Bronze NZSS U60kg

BASKETBALL
Finn Lally NZ U17 Tournament Team

MUAY THAI BOXING
Alejo Cortez NZ Blackgloves

FUTSAL
Griffin Taylor WaiBOP U19
Keagan Thompson WaiBOP U14
Matthew Dale WaiBOP U14
Thomas Walters WaiBOP U16

FOOTBALL
Eddy Prestidge-King WaiBOP U16
Thomas Walters WaiBOP U16 (Non Travelling Reserve)

HOCKEY
Kees Goodman Thames Valley U18
Max Hawkings Waikato U15 Dev
Caleb Fernandes Waikato U15 Dev
Alex Middleton Waikato U15 Dev

GYMSPORTS
Jayden Cole Waikato
Cade Rowlingson Waikato
Jaron Trenberth Waikato

KARATE
Brodie Thomas Silver U14 & U55, Oceania Cup

SQUASH
Sam Kelly Waikato U19

RUGBY
Corban Hall Waikato U18
Zachary Ngapo-Kimura Waikato U18
Esira Tulagi Waikato U18
Jordon Fleming Harlequins U17
Ryan Hutton Harlequins U17
Hausia Vea Harlequins U17
Miseli Fosita Hamilton Black U14
Vea Finau Hamilton Black U14
Korbin Goodin Hamilton Black U14
Craig Brosnan Hamilton Black U14
Matua Holmes Hamilton Black U14
Ryan Trigg Hamilton Black U14
Nab Utiaro Hamilton Black U14
Kyan Rangitutia Hamilton Black U14
Jack O'Brien Hamilton Black U14
Tangi Takabwebwe Hamilton Black U14
Amilame Finau Hamilton Black U14
Jonte Rikiriki Hamilton Black U14
Flynn West Hamilton Black U14
Daniel Ticklepenny Hamilton Black U14

LACROSSE
Alexi Brennan Waikato U18
Dylan Hannam Waikato U15

WAKA AMA
Jared Iti Te Toki Men's (to World Champs)



A big thanks to Steph Bormans of Lodge Real Estate for the donation of a school BBQ

The Young Vinnies continue to do their wonderful work of running Hot Chocolates in the morning and fortnightly sausage sizzles. A big thank you goes out to Stephanie Bormans and Lodge Real Estate for providing a brand new BBQ for the Young Vinnies to use. These young men continue to impress us with their energy and enthusiasm to make a difference - late in the Term they successfully organised and ran a community quiz night to raise funds for St Vincent de Paul and for the College's own welfare fund.

NZ BASKETBALL TRIALLISTS

The future is looking bright with 3 of our Premier Eagles players selected for the final selection camps for the 2019 New Zealand U17 and U16 teams to contest the FIBA Oceania World Cup qualifying tournaments. Akiva McBirney-Griffin (U16), Kobe Olsen-Matara (U17) and Finn Lally (U17) have been recognised as being in the top 24 players for their age group in the country and will go in to camp in October to stake their claim for a place in the side. Just making this camp is a huge achievement and given these lads are all still year 11, our 2020 team is looking sharp!!

Well done lads and good luck with your trial.

BASKETBALL NATIONALS QUALIFIER, ROTORUA

The Senior A Eagles Basketball team, our Premier side, were dominant throughout pool play at this event during Winter Tournament Week. This tournament features 21 of the best teams from Colleges throughout the Central North Island. A comfortable win against Gisborne Boys High in the quarterfinals saw the Eagles progress to a tough semi-final challenge against Tauranga Boys High.

While St John's always had their nose in front in this match we never built up a comfortable buffer. Scores were tight throughout, but our boys held their composure in the final minutes to beat Tauranga with a margin of 5 points. It's not often we single out individuals in a team sport but Simon Lafaele was simply outstanding in this semifinal - strong under the hoop at both ends of the court and he played virtually every minute of this game.

So, onto a final against our fierce rivals Hamilton Boys. Wins to date in this 2018 season are tied at 1-1. The Eagles started well, lead from the early stages and stayed in front through the first three quarters. But a basketball lead can change very quickly, and Hamilton Boys really stepped up the pressure in the final quarter. Once they got a roll on they disrupted the Eagles' flow and we struggled to maintain our scoring rate, dropped our lead and in the end could not generate a win. While enormously disappointing to have come so close, a second place finish in this tournament is nevertheless a very respectable achievement.

The Eagles qualified comfortably to go on to the AA Schick National Basketball Tournament in the October break, playing against the very best teams in the country. They also have a Waikato competition finals match-up against Hamilton Boys, played late September (after this Eagle newsletter went to press).



MARTIN TAMOAIETA MAKING HISTORY

We couldn't be more proud of Martin Tamoaieta who will make history as the first ever Kiribati rower at an Olympic event. Martin earned the opportunity at a Pacific Islands development camp earlier this year, winning the single sculls by more than 13 seconds. He's since attended the World Rowing Junior Champs in Czech where he hit a personal best in the 2k scull. But to podium in the Youth Olympics at Buenos Aires, Argentina, Martin will have to conquer an unusually complex race.



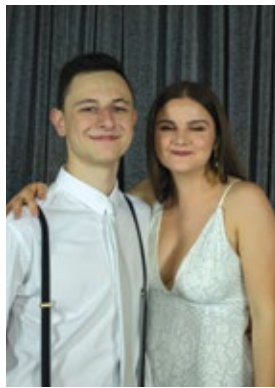
He'll compete over a sprint distance of 900 metres, not the usual 2000 metres, and at the halfway mark, competitors must complete a risky 180 degree turn. "That's going to be really weird to be honest, especially doing one after a turn, so I'll be trying to maintain that balance," he said. "Otherwise, I'll probably stuff it up and flip over."

Martin travels to Buenos Aires on 5 October, with his St John's College and Kiribati rowing coach Louise Beaumont. He's training daily until then and can't wait to catch up with friends he made in Czech, where he stayed in the 'developing nations' camp. "That's been a really cool part of this year's experience, is meeting rowers from other countries" says Martin with his trademark big smile. "As well as seeing the Burj Khalifa from the Dubai airport!"

Martin is hugely thankful to coaches Beaumont and Drew Tierney, as well as the St John's College rowing committee and team who gave him his start and have supported him, as well as Lee Speare who has linked him into the Kiribati programme. Best of luck Martin - we'll try and get some results up on our Facebook page.



THE GREAT GATSBY





VEX ROBOTICS

We have a keen team of engineers and programmers for our Vex Robotics team. The Youtube video explains it best (search Turning Point Vex Robotics) but our team has to build, programme and control a robot that competes with and against other teams to capture, move, protect and throw caps, balls and flags better than their opposition.

They have been to Auckland for a scrimmage and have many more to go before the finals in March next year. The goal is, of course, to compete at the World Champs! A huge thank you to RoomMate Cabins, our sponsors for 2018. Their generous help has enabled us to buy extra parts and give the robot a much needed overhaul we would not be looking so good without their help.

Interested? We are always looking for engineers who could give us a bit of guidance, so feel free to get in touch with Mrs Sharron Gray (sgray@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz).



Vex Robotics Team: Danny Squire; Max Hayes; Will Benefield; Sean Young

NEW SMARTSPEED LITE AND SMARTJUMP SYSTEM

"It was like Christmas in July when the new Smartspeed Lite and Smartjump system arrived, courtesy of funding from the Grassroots Trust. The Smartspeed system accurately measures large groups of students during sprinting and change of direction tasks, while the Smartjump system calculates jump height and contact time by the precise measurement of flight time once an athlete leaves and returns to the mat. The margin of human error when using a stopwatch to measure speed can often exceed the level of improvement students may make between testing sessions, which can lead to misinterpretation of the effectiveness of the program. So, using this advanced sport science technology can ensure our athletes and coaches know exactly what's happening and what they need to do to continue improving. These state-of-the-art tools are being used in the Athlete Development Programme and PE curriculum to monitor speed and expose the athletes to groundbreaking sport science. We are looking forward to rolling out the testing protocols with our athletes and monitoring their progress throughout the season and off-season.

- Mr Andrew Pichardo, Director of Athlete Development

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YEAR 6-8 ADP TRAINING

Designed to teach girls and boys the fundamentals of training, your child will have the opportunity to improve movement skills, strength, speed, agility and flexibility in a fun environment. This programme offers a great preview of some of the skills and drills used by athletes at St John's College (and Sacred Heart Girls' College.) Monday and Wednesday evenings in Term 4 - 5:30-6:30pm in the St John's College gym.

Please contact Director of Athlete Development Andrew Pichardo (apichardo@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz) for registration details.

- Mr Andrew Pichardo, Director of Athlete Development



YEAR 13 FUSION VISIT

This year we have a group of year 13 students who are creating the yearbook. We were lucky enough to get first hand experience of the printing world with a tour around Fusion Print's facilities in Frankton. Emma Jane, one of Fusions graphic designers then came to the College to give the team some guidance and inspiration in producing the yearbook. A huge thank you to Fusion Print for their support of our students.

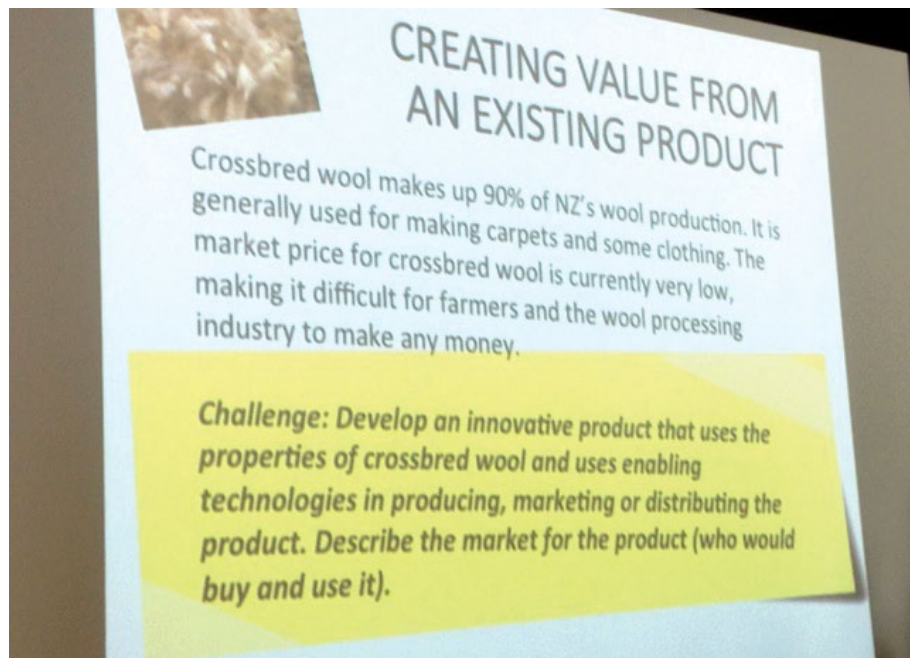


Yearbook Team: Corban Fray, Jack Levet, Ryan Foster, Caleb Salisbury, Conrad Monkley, Joshua Vijendran

THE GROWINGNZ INNOVATION CHALLENGE

This was a fast-paced, one day competition for teams of year 10 students with an interest in technology, science or business. The challenge required our students to apply their subject knowledge and build a prototype solution to a real-life situation being faced by one of New Zealand's largest export industries - see the photo as an example of the challenges they addressed.

Our team comprised Danny Squire, Max Hayes, Will Benefield, Sam Slone, Joshua McWilliams, Jack Dillon, Pieter Jan Pape and Richard Hall. We walked away with a couple of wins, but much more importantly our young men were shown the very real problems faced by NZ export industries, and came away with a new respect and understanding of what it takes to make New Zealand industry tick.



MEL YOUNG MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

The Mel Young Memorial Invitational was another great success in August with teams from Napier Boys, New Plymouth Boys, Auckland Grammar and St John's College showcasing great basketball in front of enthusiastic groups of supporters for all teams. This tournament honours and remembers the wonderful, late Mr Mel Young who served St John's College for 43 years leaving his stamp on our school, and a legacy in the outstanding basketball programme and culture at St John's.

The Tournament invites a Junior and Senior team from three other Colleges, with points combining to earn a tournament win. Our Senior Eagles started with a win over Grammar by 13 then had a tough one against New Plymouth - Ethan Dromgool needed to sink a free throw in the last seconds of the game with the scores tied at 50, and came up trumps. Our final game against Napier didn't go as planned and we finished behind 48-58.

The Juniors started with a loss to a well organised Grammar team but were missing a couple of key players on rugby duty. They bounced back to beat New Plymouth and were left with Napier to beat by more than 10 points to claim 'The Mel' trophy for the first time. They didn't disappoint and pretty much had the game under control from the start to win nicely by 13. A great day had by all with an even better end result for St John's College.

Brothers did good, Mel!





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