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## MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL



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### DEAR PARENTS

This time of the year is one of mixed emotions. While we say goodbye with a tinge sadness to our senior men moving onto the next chapter of their lives, we also look forward to meeting our incoming boys with all the excitement new beginnings bring.

To those boys leaving us, be safe in the knowledge that you have the skills and attributes to make your way in the world and that there is a place here where you will always be welcome as part of the St John's family.

We also bid farewell to three staff members as they move onto new challenges and callings. I would like to thank them for their contributions to the success of the College in their time with us. We wish you all the best in your new endeavours and look forward to hearing of your successes in the future.

While the year has been full of highlights for the College, one in particular will have a major impact as we move forward in the future. The roll increase we have been granted means we can increase our numbers up to a cap of 850 boys in 2019, and a cap of 925 from 2020.

While we have this green light from the Ministry of Education and Diocese, the actual increase in student numbers on the ground will occur over a number of years. This process has already begun as we had approximately 200 Year 8's at our orientation day on Friday 16th November, a record number of boys in a Year 9 entry cohort for St John's College. I was lucky enough to be a part of this day and it is great to see the enthusiasm and excitement of these young men as they take their first steps toward becoming "Johnnies Boys".

Part and parcel with our roll increase comes a building programme which will see the refurbishment of some spaces and the creation of new teaching facilities so we can cater for our expanding roll. I remind you all that payment of the school donations by our families makes a real difference to the quality of these developments.

The first part of this programme is the new sports complex which is progressing smoothly. We are already planning for Phase 2 which will see new teaching spaces created to enable us to continue to offer top class facilities for our students.

I thank the St John's College community for your continued support of our young men as they grow with us. Without your contribution we would not be able to provide our boys with the high quality educational, sporting, cultural and faith opportunities they can access at the College.

Have a safe and joyous Christmas break.

In the Spirit of Saint John

**- Dominic Kay, Acting Principal**





## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

With the end of the school year upon us I would like to thank all those who have supported the Special Character of our school through your prayers and faith formation of our young men. The older I get the more I realize that the development of boys into men is not the job of any single person or institute but the collaborative efforts of an entire community – and thank God for that. The same remains true with our faith formation.

Since the last edition of the Eagle we have had the Year 10 retreats and it became very evident, in the course of the conversations had with those boys, that they are very aware of what is going on around them and who is doing what. They are more observant than perhaps we give them credit for. They also want to be challenged with their faith, in the right way of course, according to the individual. We mustn't be afraid to present to them the truth of what it is to be a person of faith. They need us to point out the contradictions the world is throwing at them to our faith. They need to see us fighting to keep our faith alive because it then becomes real for them. We mustn't be afraid to show that to be a Christian of virtue today is no walk in the park – it is hard, it is challenging, there are good and bad days, and it works best when we are in community.

Speaking of community, I would like to give a very special word of thanks to the 10 young men who have been my constant support throughout the year – my Special Character Team. Ably led by Anthony Lewis and Timothy Staincliffe, there were: Jack Levet, Caleb Laurent, Joshua Jeremiah, Hayden Smedts, Terry Zamora, Daniel Boyd, Riwata Teiwaki and Lucas Willcock. These boys gave up Period 2 of every Wednesday to help set up the library for our House masses, ensuring that things flowed smoothly. They were quick learners and became bold in their stepping out and taking charge of things. Many of them also helped with the Young Vinnies groups, offering leadership and great examples to the other boys.

Looking at what we have done over the course of the term, it has been very much one of bidding au revoir to our Seniors. The final School Mass was celebrated by Fr. Richard Laurenson, our College Chaplain, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Despite quite a few boys getting soaked in their dash from the bus to the Cathedral, I didn't hear one complaint from them which is all credit to our young men, taking the knocks life throws at them in their stride. It was lovely to see our future Year 9's from Marian School at Mass, as well as a number of our Sacred Heart sisters. Father Richard's homily was very apt for the occasion. The Gospel reading was about the grain of salt flavouring our food but if it loses its flavor, what use is it to us? Father spoke of the value of salt and how our Y13's (and all of us) are the salt that, leaving St John's College, is full of flavor, something we must use to influence the world into which we are going and to ensure that the world does not take away our saltiness.

With Christmas now upon us, I encourage all of us to put family first. It is the time spent with those we care for and care about that has to take priority. Yes, a good meal and a gift or two goes down a treat but if we make, as our priority, sharing our time with others then perhaps the stress of these other things may become less. This is an important message we need to be telling our children – it is about the people first, long before it is about gifts and food.

On behalf of all of us at St John's, I wish you a blessed Christmas, a relaxing and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you next year. For those whose time with us has come to a close for your youngest has left us, thank you for your support, commitment and trust in us over the time we have been in partnership. We want that relationship to continue and you and your family are always welcome to pop in and to take part in community activities that take place here.

God bless,

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



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## KEY DATES 2018

Office opens before the start of Term 1 on Fri 25 January

### TERM 1

Tue 29 January	Start of Term 1, Y9 Orientation / Y13 Leadership Day (Leaders Only)
Wed 30 January	Y9 Orientation / ALL Y13 attend
Thu 31 January	All Students, Normal Timetable
Wed 6 February	Holiday (Waitangi Day)
Thu 28 February	Athletic Sports Day
Wed 20 March	Swimming Sports Day
Fri 12 April	End of Term 1

### TERM 2

Mon 29 April	Teacher Only Day
Tue 30 April	Start of Term 2
Mon 3 June	Holiday (Queen's Birthday)
Fri 14 June	Teacher Only Day (Fieldays Fri)
Fri 5 July	End of Term 2

### TERM 3

Mon 22 July	Teacher Only Day
Tue 23 July	Start of Term 3
Fri 27 September	End of term 3

### TERM 4

Mon 14 October	Start of Term 4
Mon 28 October	Holiday (Labour Day)
Fri 6 December	End of School Year

The College acknowledges the tremendous hard work of Mrs McHugh who not only led the trip in Samoa, but so ably led the year-long organisation and fundraising that goes into these trips.



## SAMOA MUSIC TOUR

What a fantastic tour and festival of music! This once in a lifetime opportunity allowed our talented music students to share their musical abilities with people in a new country, while also being enriched by the culture and beauty that Samoa has to offer.

Our group of 44 people (St John's, Sacred Heart students plus parents and teachers) performed concerts at four schools in Apia and Savai'i including at our Marist Brother School, St Joseph's in Apia, along with hotel and church performances. We entertained our Samoan hosts with musical pieces from the choir, guitar group, jazz band, drum corps as well as a Year 13 group and solo act.

There was plenty of tourism too - we visited the Afu aau Waterfall, Alofaaga Blowholes, Robert Louis Stevenson Museum, local markets and the Palolo Deep Marine Reserve. The music trip to Samoa was an experience like no other, and the memories from this trip will be reminisced for many years to come.

- Mrs Donna McHugh, TIC Music







## ORDINATION OF MATTHEW GIBSON (OLD BOY OF ST JOHN'S COLLEGE)

Matt Gibson was ordained to the Diaconate on the 29th September at the Ponsonby Parish of Sacred Heart. Let's hear what Matt has to say about his journey towards life as a servant leader of God.

**Tell us a little about your life before you chose to discern the priesthood:**

I went to St John's College, graduating class of 2006. As a competitive swimmer, I had the opportunity to represent New Zealand from 2003 - 2006 at Australian and Pan Pacific Championships. After College, I studied a Bachelor of Commerce at Auckland University and worked for six months as a tour guide on the Milford Track in Queenstown. Following this, I completed an exchange at Santa Cruz University and travelled around the USA.

**What made you want to become a Priest?**

After attending World Youth Day in 2008, I noticed the beauty and universality of the Catholic Church. Many young people from all over the world were in love with Jesus and the Church. I later went to Hearts Aflame, a Catholic Adults Retreat, and I was moved to spend a year at the Catholic Discipleship College (CDC). This consisted of about 8 young people living in community for a year, with silent prayer and Mass each day and study of the faith. During silent prayer I sensed the Lord calling me to follow Him more closely, and to serve Him as a priest.

**So what is an ordination and why is it so important in your journey towards priesthood?**

We spend six and a half years in formation to become a priest, five and a half years of study and one year (the fifth year) living in a parish, on placement. We study philosophy and theology, history and scripture, and we learn about the importance of the priesthood for the Church. God wants to come close to his people and so he gave some men a special task of bringing God to man and man to God through the sacraments. To be ordained is to partake in this special ministry, of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, and helping people come to God.

The priest can baptize people into the life of God, celebrate the Mass where Jesus comes to us in His Body and Blood, and he can forgive people on behalf of God. The Deacon can proclaim the Gospel at Mass and celebrate baptisms and weddings. Every priest has to be first ordained a deacon, and this usually happens about six to twelve months before he is ordained a priest. It is an important step, because it is where we take the promise of celibacy, that we will not marry but give ourselves totally to God. It is also where we promise obedience to the Bishop, to serve the people of God in the local diocese; for me that promise was to Bishop Steve for the diocese of Hamilton.

**What changes now that you're a Deacon?**

I am able to assist the priest at Mass and proclaim the Gospel. I am able to baptize and celebrate Marriages and Funerals (not the Requiem Mass) in the Church. I can wear the clerical clothes that priests wear. Until I am ordained a priest I will continue to finish my studies in the seminary (Auckland), so not much changes day to day. Hopefully next year in July or August I will be ordained priest to serve the people of God in Hamilton. Please pray for me. To any young men who loves God, ask Him to guide you in your future. If you are brave, ask Him if he wants you to serve him as a priest.

**- Thanks to Mr Ryan Overmayer, Director of Sport, for this interview**



WITH HEARTS BURNING

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## ... A DELIGHT TO TEACH ...

Running an event for 700 primary school children takes initiative, great communication, a hands-on approach to problem-solving and a willingness to step up into lead roles. That's what 5 of our senior students discovered and practised when they opted into the School@WILSS programme, planning and running the South East Primary School Winter Sports Event.

Shaun Johnsen, Morgan MacTavish, Felix Minhinnick, Marc Thurston, and Joseph Gida can be very proud of their work - here's what WILSS said about them...

*St John's College can be very proud of these boys who were a delight to teach. They were always polite, adaptive to necessary changes and showed a great deal of effort and persistence in running a very successful sporting event.*

*Thank you to Mr Jacob Kelly who organised many of the umpires for the event. Your help and kindness were greatly appreciated. Without you and your umpires support this event would not have happened.*



We are blessed to have an enormously generous St John's College community, who truly understand and practice Family Spirit and the meaning of Presence. There are countless examples, every day, of generosity and care for our young men.

Some of our students and their families struggle to meet all the costs of fees and activities charges, and we have many parents and Old Boys who make payments on their behalf - often for boys that they do not know personally. For example, some parents purchased 'extra' Sports Awards and Leavers Dinner tickets so that other students would not miss out on these special events. Other parents offer transport, many more offer their time and expertise in coaching, managing, fundraising and supporting. Parents who prioritise the payment of their donation are doing their bit to support the College and every student within it.

Our staff regularly go the extra mile to ensure that students aren't left behind, support out of school sport, activities and performances, as well as just plain look out for some of our more vulnerable young men.

Johnnie's Angels supply meals and other help to families experiencing sudden hardship or distress, while our hardworking PTFA help to make our community evenings and events special.

To all of you, we extend a warm thank you. We wish you a blessed, happy and safe Christmas for you and your families.

## NCEA PREPARATION

The last week of term 3 saw the college running our inaugural NCEA exam preparation workshop. Students came back with a parent to work on developing their revision strategies and produce a personalised study plan through a practical workshop in the evening. Hosted by Mr Tester and Ms Hutchinson, approximately 100 people attended the event and it was fantastic to see parents working alongside their boys. We have had some really positive feedback from parents and are looking at ways to further develop this programme in the future.

- Mr Dominic Tester, Deputy Principal



Parents working alongside their sons to prepare for NCEA

## TEACHING AWARD WINNER

We're lucky to have award winning teacher Mr Donald Stark here at St John's College. One of the highest accolades any person can receive is from their peers - and this year Donald Stark has won the Teachers Choice Award at the 2018 NZ Education Awards. His resource book "Welcome to New Zealand" is used by teachers in a massive 80% of NZ schools! The nominated books came from all curriculum areas and had to be produced during the last two years.

"Welcome to New Zealand" is for international students / new immigrants learning English and supports the Code of Practice for International Students. This is just one of the over 40 books Mr Stark has produced for English, Japanese and French language learning.

- Mr Dominic Tester, Deputy Principal



Mr Donald Stark, winner of the Teachers Choice Award, 2018 Education Awards

## 2018 YEARBOOK

This year we handed over the reins for the yearbook production to a group of Year 13 students who took it on as part of their assessment. Most of you will have seen this by now, and we know you'll be as impressed as we are with the outcome, they have done us proud. It has not been a journey without some hiccups along the way! The team have discovered deadlines, which is very amusing when the shoe is on the other foot - when they are trying to get content from teachers, oh how they have remonstrated on missed deadlines!

Overall they have all said how satisfying it has been to create something that will last for years to come and they can look back and say "I was part of that, I made it". We hope you all like it as much we do. Thank you Yearbook team for taking on such a massive challenge - and thank you Mrs Gray for supporting them to be successful.

Corban Fray - Project Manager  
Ryan Foster - Data Manager  
Conrad Monkley - Graphic Designer  
Joshua Vijendran, Jack Levet and Caleb Salisbury







## 2019 LEADERS ANNOUNCED



Outgoing 2018 Leaders Felix Minhinnick, Thomas Watene and Joel Jaques



2019 Leaders Eric Leiataua (Deputy), George Downey (Deputy), Kees Mortleman (Head Boy)

In a change from tradition, the College announced the 2019 Student Leaders at our Final Mass this year. We thanked our departing Leaders, Thomas Watene, Felix Minhinnick and Joel Jaques, and they then presented incoming Head students with their badges and a solid handshake.

### Congratulations to our 2019 Leaders:

Head Boy	Kees Mortleman
Deputy Head Boy	George Downey / Eric Leiataua
Special Character	Kevin O'Hara / Dwayne Carvalho
Academic	Joshua Frires-Carroll / Sacha Choytoo
Arts	Daunte Tamaki / Keenan Sanders
Sports	Chase Hennessy / Harrison Hodges
Pasifika	Daniel Lima / Sebastian Tuisamoa
International	Jiaming Li
Māori	Kotuiti Thompson
Marcellin	Joe Robwata / Harry Jones
Pompallier	Leon Jobe / Kees Goodman
Chanel	Callum Adams / Nye Linton
Roncalli	Ethan Bradbury / Jackson Neale



Back: Nye, Callum, Sebastian, Joe, Daniel, Harry, Jiaming, Leon, Keenan, Kees, Kotuiti, Ethan, Jackson. Front: Joshua, Sacha, Kevin, Dwayne, Chase, Harrison

## DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

We have had a busy year with the introduction of a new curriculum at year 11 and the new Digital Technology coming in at Years 9 and 10.

Adobe introduced a new licensing scheme and our students have been quick to take advantage - they can now have Animate, Photoshop, and Premier Pro at home as evidenced by the fantastic animations and videos created this year.

Our students never cease to amaze me with their creativity. "Creativity takes courage" - Henri Matisse

- Mrs Sharron Gray, TIC Digital Technology

Scan the QR code for 2018 St John's highlights created by Maverick Baldago as part of his level 1 portfolio



Scan here for the Technology department Dragster racing - Gareth Dooley created this video just for fun.



## KENDO SUCCESS

On behalf of the St. John's Kendo Club, I would like to congratulate Randika Sirimanne who won the 3rd position of the Kihon Enbu at the 2018 New Zealand Kendo Novice Championships on 10 November. While this is a big achievement that makes everyone happy for him, his commitment to training through the whole year is more worthy of celebration. This shows that he has taken up the Kendo spirits and making them a part of his life. We are proud of you Randika, and your Kendo development!

- Mr Sam Tsai, Kendo Sensei



Randika Sirimanne, 3rd NZ Kendo Novice Championships, with Sensei Tsai



## FOREIGNER GIG

On the 1st of November students from Sacred Heart and St John's had the once in a lifetime opportunity to perform on stage with US band 'Foreigner'. They performed 'I Want to Know What Love Is' to a full crowd at Claudelands Arena for their only NZ show. The vibe was amazing and it was fantastic to be on stage with such a well known band. Well done to all involved.



## JO SMALL, DIRECTOR OF CRICKET

Johann, commonly known as Jo, joined us as Director of Cricket in October. Jo's role is to coach and support programme delivery across all teams but with a focus to enhance our Premier Cricket Programme. Jo comes well qualified - four years playing for Griqualand West in South Africa, a Bachelor in Sports and Exercise Science, and coaching experience with teenage students in England.



Green mountains and blue skies drew Jo and his family to New Zealand. Jo didn't expect to be coaching so soon after his arrival but one of our Committee Members was chatting to Jo at a party and jokingly said, "It's a pity that you're not into cricket coaching" to which Jo replied "Well actually...."

Jo's passion is Ultra Marathon Mountain Running, and he has competed in the 'SkyRun' event in South Africa. This is a 100km race with 30 hours to get from point A to B without a map or directions. You have to be self-sufficient to survive in the mountain and this can often be daunting as you are running during the night with no town lights or civilization to guide you.

Jo's ethos on life is "get out of your comfort zone because it's a dangerous place to be" and he is passionate about developing people to be the best they can be. We are extremely excited to have Jo on our team and look forward to continued growth within Cricket as we enter into the Central North Island Cricket Competition next year and send a team to Sri Lanka in 2020.

- Mr Ryan Overmayer, Director of Sport

## TE HUINGA KAPA HAKA O NGĀ KURA KATORIKA

This Kapa Haka show was an awesome opportunity to unite some of our Catholic families together for one kaupapa. Held in November, two of our Year 10 boys, Tawera Marsh and Charlie Raj, represented St John's at this festival by hosting the night as MC's. They represented us well by entertaining the audience with games and laughter. Marian, St Peter Chanel, St Joseph's (Fairfield), and St Columba's school kapa haka groups performed a number of songs and haka on the night. We look forward to the next event planned for 2019.

Tawera Marsh also represented St John's College at a Kōrero Mātauranga hui in October, along with rangatahi from other Waikato schools. Speaking as one of a panel to over 80 people is no mean feat but Tawera gave articulate, well presented and respectful answers and the group as a whole were wonderful to listen to. Thanks Tawera and Charlie - your mahi on behalf of the College is appreciated!

- Mr Dwayne Hudson, TIC Maori



Tawera Marsh and Charlie Raj entertained the audience

## SHEAR HARD WORK

Eight intrepid students spent their October holiday on a free shearing course in the wilds of Taumaranui. Here's what Dominic Beaton says about the experience...

The shearing shed is a workplace that few are familiar with or would really understand, so myself and many others were fortunate enough to experience it hands on. With 2 and a half days of staying in Taumaranui we got a proper feel for the early 5am starts; the hearty dinners; and all of the hard work in between. Thanks to Macintosh Shearing, I can now say that the shearing shed is a hectic and busy workplace that rewards those that earnestly work hard. Although it can initially seem gruelling, it can be very rewarding, with multiple people seemingly finding their passion on the trip. So, I suggest everyone at least think about having a go.

The St John's guys up to the challenge were Dominic Beaton, Ben Breen, Nicholas Bunnik, Dusharn Coker, Thomas Coker, Jiaming Li, Rachata Triratjarasorn and Tristan Zamora. Dominic is going to go shearing at Christmas in Tauramanui along with Tristan Zamora - good luck guys.

- Mr Steve Wood, Head of Science

Jiaming Li

Dominic Beaton rests on a bale







## KIWISPORT LEADERSHIP PROFILE - CORBAN HALL

Corban has been on the KiwiSport Leadership Programme since February 2018 and completed 45hrs of volunteering through coaching waterpolo, as well as helping assist with leadership days in Hamilton.

### What have you gained from the KSCL Programme?

I have learnt a lot in terms of the way I conduct myself in and around working with children. I have also gained a lot of experience and knowledge working with kids and have been able to apply this when I am coaching water polo.

### Would you recommend volunteering/being a volunteer to other young people? If yes, why?

I would 100% recommend to anyone that volunteering is a great way to spend your time. Time spent with new people and with people that are willing to work hard (if in a team) is very motivating and allows you to grow as a person.

Being a volunteer also looks very good on a CV and shows you can put in time and effort without being externally motivated.

### How have you shown leadership this year at school?

At school this year I have been one of two sports leaders. In this role I have been involved with organizing and running our schools athletics day, swimming sports and cross country. I helped with running a year 9 rugby tournament that has run for over 20 years. Alongside other prefects, I have run mini tournaments throughout the year for 3v3 Basketball, Volleyball and Touch Rugby. As well as organising a lot of sport for school I have also done my fair share of participation, playing in the 1st XV and Senior A Water Polo, and have also been named in representative water polo teams both regionally and nationally. I will trial for the national school boys water polo team later this year.



## 1ST XI HOCKEY - SEASON SUMMARY

Following last year's challenging but rewarding season in A Grade, the boys played very well and developed more confidence in their team members and their own abilities. However, with the loss of many important senior players it became prudent for coaches Greg Middleton, Merv Fernandes and team manager Kim Laurent, to focus on re-establishing team bonds and improve skill level; Thus the decision to move to B grade was salient.

There were many new additions to the team but with great support and mentoring from the team's older members, coaches and manager, we were able to gel well together; an important aspect of team building allowing everyone to perform at their best. Even though we were faced with a few shaky games earlier in the season, we were able to come out victorious in many games during the season which gave the boys a much needed boost of confidence. After facing a loss and a draw in our second and third game, we were determined to push ourselves harder.

As we progressed into the Waikato Secondary School Competition, results started going our way. Some specific highlights of our results throughout the Waikato Comp showed great improvement within our team. With a 7-0 win against Hamilton Boys High School Senior A and an 8-0 against Argyle House, the teams' improvement was apparent and good progress continued as we qualified for Quarters and semis eventually finishing 4th in the Waikato Comp - an accurate representation of our team's skill and team play ability.

To wrap up the 2018 season, we headed to Levin to compete in the Woolaston Trophy tournament. Tournament play was a big step up from Waikato Comp and unfortunately we struggled to keep up with the competition. Not giving up, we still managed to come away with a 6-0 win against Aotea College but suffered heart break throughout the rest of the competition. Finishing 12th overall, it was yet again an approximate representation of where our skill level lay. We have a number of players leaving the team this year. Two of which our Year 13 boys: Jake Cox and Caleb Laurent, both of which playing for their 5th season for St. John's College 1st XI and clocking up over 100 games each. Caleb Laurent, Captain of the 1st XI 2018 has

also gained prodigious achievements in hockey this year, and has umpired Premier Mens' Hockey and Midlands Intercity Hockey. He was also awarded the Paul Barnett Cup for Hockey and The St John's College Cup for Student Official of the Year, 2018. We will also be saying goodbye to Year 12, Devin van Teil, a great sportsman and a valued member of the 1st XI.

Also a big congratulations to all who made the squad of 2018, especially Year 9's, Alex Middleton, Alistair Sequeira and Caleb Fernandes. Congratulations to Kees Goodman, Alex Middleton, Caleb Fernandes and Max Hawkings for their selection in representative teams this year.

A big thank you to coaches Greg Middleton and Merv Fernandes, team manager Kim Laurent and also Dan Goodman, Jason Laurent and Di Leslie for the phenomenal support you've provided over the past few years. Finally, to all our sponsors this year, it would not have been possible without you.

Our focus for Hockey is to continue pushing it as a mainstream sport in the college so it will continue to grow and be just as rewarding to all who get the opportunity to play as it has been for us. 'A' grade will be a future goal for hockey here at the College along with creating and fielding three teams in local competition.

- Jake Cox, Senior Team Member



Working with Farmers for Farmers





## GATEWAY

Taking the next step after school is a challenge for every one of our young men. Exploring career options and trying out workplaces is what our Gateway men have been focused on this year. Here's just a sample of the great 'next steps' some of our leavers have secured for themselves.

Luka Southcombe-Nguyen	Farming Cadetship
Corbyn Reader	Plumbing Apprenticeship
Arlin Gordon	Plumbing Apprenticeship
Cole Claydon	Farming Cadetship
Devin Van Tiel	Joinery Apprenticeship
Conner Knipe	Building Apprenticeship
Tommy van den Bemd	Building Apprenticeship
Oscar Elliott	Roofing Position/ Apprenticeship
Ethan Dromgool	Building Position/ Apprenticeship
Conrad Monkley	Winger - Parts Trainee
Brandon Robertson	Building Apprenticeship
Terry Zamora	Engineering Position/ Apprenticeship

## SPORTS COMPLEX FULL STEAM AHEAD

When will the walls be here?? New gymnasium construction is on schedule, with over 300m<sup>3</sup> of concrete being poured in December to complete the floor. We really appreciate how well the students have adapted to the new entrance system off Helena Road - thanks boys!



## FAREWELL TO THREE GREAT STAFF

### Mr Andy Sykes

It is with regret that St John's must say goodbye to Mr Sykes after 4 ½ years of service. Mr Sykes is off to Queen Charlotte College in Picton as the Head of Humanities. Since starting at St John's College Mr Sykes has become an integral part of our school. As Teacher in Charge of Geography the subject has grown and the boys have really enjoyed his approach to a subject that he is obviously very passionate about.

Mr Sykes has also made an impressive contribution to cricket here. He started as Colts coach then moved onto First XI coach where the school won the Div 1 title. As TIC Cricket his expertise in the sport has helped the school achieve results well beyond our size. The school's qualification for the top six tournament this year for our Colts stands as a testimony to Mr Sykes influence. The staff, students and community at St John's will miss Mr Sykes greatly; we are sure that Queen Charlotte College will be much the better for the addition of this fantastic teacher.

- **Mr Shaun Healy, Head of Social Sciences**

### Mr Bradley Edmondson

It is with some sadness but also some excitement that we say goodbye to Mr Edmondson. Mr Edmondson has accepted a Senior Maths position at Golden Bay High School (near Nelson), where he attended school as a teenager. Mr Edmondson, his wife Katy and baby (when "he/she" arrives) are very excited to make the move down South to be closer to the Edmondson whanau, and to give back to a community that has given him so much. Mr Edmondson's mum is also very very very excited with his decision to return home!

We acknowledge all the wonderful work that Mr Edmondson has done in his 5 years here at St John's College, not only as a wonderful Maths teacher but also as a great rugby coach, funny form teacher, trusted colleague, and loyal friend. He will be hugely missed by all of us here at Johnnies, both students and staff. Thank you Mr Edmondson for choosing to join us 5 years ago, for your massive contributions to your students, your hilarious sense of humour, your never ending hard work, and just your general all-round good guy approach to life. Congratulations on your new job opportunity back home, we wish you and your young family nothing but the best in life.

Kā kite & God bless,

- **Mr Justin Harris, Head of Mathematics and the Mathematics Faculty**



Mr Edmondson, all round good guy

### Mrs Erin Tristram

Mrs Tristram joined us as a Gateway Coordinator at the beginning of this year and very quickly got to know the senior students who were looking to move directly into the workforce or into applied training as their career pathway. Balancing care and sensitivity with firmness and efficiency, Mrs Tristram encouraged and corralled over 70 of our young men into attempting and achieving the learning and standards they would need to pursue their goals. On behalf of the Gateway lads and from the College, we thank you Erin for your hard work and relentless commitment to our students. We wish you all the very best in your next venture.

- **Mr Dominic Tester, Deputy Principal**





## LEAVERS DINNER

The PTFA surpassed themselves again this year, hosting over 300 students and parents at our Year 13 Leavers Dinner. The gymnasium was transformed into a glamorous dinner venue, a delicious buffet was provided by Big River Catering and guest speaker, the Rt Hon. David Bennett reminded our boys to Dream Big. The Leavers Dinner is a fabulous St John's tradition, where our boys are farewelled with love and affection, and they themselves acknowledge that they're moving on.

The Old Boys Association presents every leaver with an Old Boys tie and asks them to stay in touch with the College. Judging by the stampede of young men signing up on the night, there's no danger we'll lose contact anytime soon!

Be sure to check out the beautiful new artwork of Pirongia hanging in the College foyer - presented to the College by our year 13 Leavers. This is another tradition, in which students (or more accurately their parents!) donate a small amount and the students consider a gift for the College. This year, Ilija Jankovic's poetry prize winnings of \$1250 allowed our lads to think big, and they commissioned this painting by former art teacher Rosemary Pritchard.

Thank you Year 13s - it's been fun having you lead the College this year and we'll miss you. Go well, and don't be strangers!



## ADP RESEARCH GOES GLOBAL

Most of you will know a little about our Athlete Development Programme (ADP), but you probably don't realise that our young athletes have been contributing to world-leading research as they've trained. Director of ADP, Mr Andrew Pichardo explains...

*For the past three years, I've planned and conducted PhD research in Year 9 and 10 ADP. We wanted to measure the effects of our programme's direction which is targeted towards general athletic development and proper movement patterns across all sporting codes. The intervention included 28 total weeks of training and data collection sessions at the beginning of Term 1 2017, and end of each term that year.*

*We found that both ADP groups improved 4.8% and 6.1% in the 10 meter sprint compared to the control group comprised of a year 9 and 10 PE class (3.7%). The ADP groups also improved more than the control groups in a 20 and 30m sprint, horizontal jump, movement competency screen and the Tuck Jump Assessment, an assessment aimed to identify risk factors for ACL injury. We hope these gains continue to transfer to the pitch and court for our successful junior sportsmen!*

*I've been sharing this research at several conferences since finishing data collection last December:*

- Sport and Exercise Science New Zealand conference held at the Avantidrome;
- Strength and Conditioning conference in Malaysia
- SPRINZ Strength and Conditioning conference at AUT
- International Conference of Strength Training at Edith Cowan University, Perth
- Keynote presentation at the Youth Coaching Conference in Singapore next January

If you would like to read some of his published work on youth development, please contact him at [apichardo@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz](mailto:apichardo@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz) or search on GoogleScholar for the following titles:

- Integrating models of long-term athletic development to maximize the physical development of youth
- Integrating resistance training into high school curriculum

It's great to have these results in so we can assess if ADP is the right programme for our young men. Clearly it shows real benefit to base performance metrics as well as possible injury prevention. We'll work with Mr Pichardo now to review the base Strength & Conditioning programme and consider if we can incorporate other strands of learning or training to support our athletes.

We are very grateful to sponsor Paul Burborough of Winger who supplies a car for Mr Pichardo's use.



**ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMME  
- DRIVEN BY WINGER SUZUKI**

**WINGER**



## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Congratulations to the following students whose hard work has earned them scholarships to attend University next year.

**Te Paewai o Te Rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement**

Corban Hall

**Te Ara Whanui: The University of Waikato Scholarship**

Brandyn Were

**The University of Waikato Scholarship for Pacific Excellence**

Jack Levet  
Martin Tamoieta  
Esira Tulagi

**The University of Waikato Ko Te Tangata Scholarship**

Cameron Burgess  
William Burton  
Matt Foster  
Joshua Jeremiah  
Oliver Rigg  
Hayden Smedts  
Joseph Wallbank  
Niklas Wessling

**University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship**

Michael D'Souza  
Joshua Sturgeon  
Thomas Watene

**University of Otago Salmond College Scholarship**

Joshua Sturgeon

**Victoria University of Wellington Totoweka Scholarship**

Esira Tulagi

**NZ School of Tourism Study Award**

Shaun Johnsen



## BASKETBALL NATIONALS

The last Eagle was buzzing about the success of the Premier Eagles Basketball team, and we were looking forward to a Regional final against Hamilton Boys, before heading away to the National Championships. If you follow our Facebook page you know just how well those final weeks went, but we're happy to recap!



A hopeful three pointer by young star Finn Lally saw us clinch the Waikato Championship from perennial foes Hamilton Boys in what was, spectators say, the most thrilling game they've seen in years. And what a confidence boost this gave our young men as they travelled to Palmerston North to take on the very best 32 teams in the country.

Every game was a challenge, there's no easy beats at Nationals, but the Eagles secured enough pool play wins for a quarterfinal playoff. Now we've made it to Centre Court and Māori TV's excellent live stream meant supporters back home could watch the action too. Our boys were outstanding in these final matches - here's the run...

Quarterfinal qualifier vs Mt Albert Grammar - WON 72/59 - making us top 8.

Quarterfinal vs Napier Boys High - WON 97/79 - making us top 4.

Semifinal vs St Pat's Kilbirnie - LOST 70/69 by a heartbreaking 1 point.

3rd/4th Playoff vs St Kentigern's - LOST 75/65 - FINAL PLACING 4TH.

This result ranks right up there in the history of St John's basketball performances - not top, but getting close. Simon Lafaele was named in the Tournament team, rewarding his strength, stamina and consistency as one of our big men under the hoop. We farewell seven of our Year 13s from this team, but are confident that the younger players coming through will continue to perform at this level. A huge thanks goes to Coach Puke Lenden, his coaching wife Tash, and to Jalna Simmons, Manager and Fundraiser.

**- Mr Brendan Lally, Basketball Committee**

## FUTSAL GROWING FAST

Fast-paced and physical, this indoor football game is attracting huge interest from our young men. We've fielded three teams in a short summer league this term, and at least one of those teams has aspirations to play at National level. At a futsal tournament held earlier in the term, our junior team played hard and well to win the boys competition.

Parents report how impressed they are with how the boys conduct themselves and the good spirit they're playing in. We even heard an opposition parent saying how patient our boys were being with their younger, smaller opposition who they could have easily 'out-muscled'.

Finally, we're delighted to have old boy Nick Walters coaching with us.

**- Mr Ryan Overmayer,  
Director of Sport**

*Junior winners of Hillcrest  
Tournament*







## COLLEGE AWARDS

Congratulations to all our Award winners – these young men have been recognised for their hard work and commitment to both studies and activities, and also to being true to the College's values. Please see the Yearbook for a list of all our Award winners. Listed here are a selection of Awards deserving a special mention.



### MĀORI AND PASIFIKA AWARDS

**Te Wairua o Hato Hoani Award for Spirit**  
Felix Minhinnick

**Joe Tuvuki Memorial Award for Spirit**  
Esira Tulagi

**Māhuri Tōtara for Leadership**  
Thomas Watene

**Tupua Tamasese Award for Leadership**  
Martin Tamoaieta

**Kaporangi Award for Academic Commitment**  
Joshua Frires-Carroll

**Aua Le Fiu Award for Academic Commitment**  
Reupena Maka Tyrell

**He Kanohi Kitea Award for Presence**  
Daunte Tamaki

**Metera Li'ao Award for Presence**  
Eric Leiataua

**Te Pitomata o Tānerore Award for Most Improved Performer in Kapa Haka**  
Manaaki Hudson

**Gugumatua ena ka ni vuli Award for Most Improved Performer in the Pasifika Group**  
Hafoka Veatupu

**Nga Mahi a Tanerore, a Hinerehia Award for the Most Outstanding Performer in Kapa Haka**  
Kotuiti Thompson

**Katoangaii foaki pale faiva fakamafana Award for the Most Outstanding Performer in the Pasifika Group**  
Temaka Tabokaai







## JUNIOR ACADEMIC AWARDS

We're also very proud of our Junior Prize winners. Timing of the Eagle means we can't display photos of our top junior students, but we have listed top achievers here.

Top of Class - 9J	Ethan Ferdinands
Top of Class - 9K	Dima Stephens
Top of Class - 9L	George Singers-Rutz
Top of Class - 9M	Jack O'Brien
Top of Class - 9P	Ryan Roche
Top of Class - 9R	Kamho Binoka
Top of Class - 9S	Reuben Lovell
Top Scholar - Year 9	Ryan Roche
Year 9 - The Principal's Award	Kyan Rangitutia
Top of Class - 10J	Charlie Raj
Top of Class - 10K	Alexander Macrides
Top of Class - 10L	Thomas Patten
Top of Class - 10M	Daniel Cruickshank
Top of Class - 10P	Gyan Lumo
Top of Class - 10R	Maxwell Hayes
Top of Class - 10S	Kurt Burborough
Top Scholar - Year 10	Gyan Lumo
Year 10 - The Principal's Award	Danny Squire

## JUNIOR SPORTS AWARDS

Best All Round Year 9 Sportsman	Daniel Ticklepenney
Best All Round Year 10 Sportsman	Thyme Hailey
Junior Sportsman of the Year	Jayden Cole



## ARTS AWARDS

### MUSIC - MAJOR AWARDS

Brendan Boyd	Singh Cup for Official College Accompanist
Jordan Edwards	SJC Award for Senior Guitars
Thomas O'Connor	SJC Award for Songwriting/Composition
Felix Minhinnick	The Honiss Trophy for Orchestral Music
Keenan Sanders	SJC Guitar Excellence Donated by Stu Edwards from All Music
Ryan Griffiths	SJC Award for Dilligence to the Music Program
Rheed Beverland	The Boyce Cup for Commitment to a Music Ensemble
Andrew Walker	SJC Award for Ceilidh Group, SJC Cup for Excellence and Leadership in Liturgical Music, Principals Award for Contribution to the Music Program
Ben Wilson	SJC Award for Drums, SJC Award for Choir, SJC Cup for Singing, The Principals Award for Contribution to the Music Program, Nooyen Cup for Most Outstanding Musician



### DRAMA

Thomas Srhoj	Outstanding Achievement in Theatre
Connor Zampese	Sports Group
Ben Wilson	Outstanding Contribution in Theatre
Ben Wilson	Sports
Thomas O'Connor	Travaglia Cup for Dramatic Characterisation
Ben Wilson	Principal's Award for Contribution to Dramatic Art







## SENIOR PRIZEGIVING



Guantien Chen Year 11 Top Scholar  
Dyrel Lumiwes Year 11 Principal's Award  
Dominic Beaton Year 12 Top Scholar  
Joshua Frires-Carroll Year 12 Principal's Award  
Timothy Staincliffe Board of Trustees Certificate for Special Character



Anthony Lewis Board of Trustees Certificate for Special Character  
Marist Brothers' Award for Service to Liturgy in the Marist Spirit



Haum'aa Pouafe Jason Carroll Memorial Trophy for Success through Adversity  
Felix Minhinnick Board of Trustees Certificate for Deputy Head Student  
David Williams Memorial Trophy for Exemplifying The Spirit of St John's



Corban Fray The College Award for Year 13 Digital Technologies  
Brother Remegius Cup for Generosity and Service



Reece Cateley Board of Trustees Certificate for Academic Leader  
SJC Cup for Excellence in Chemistry (Yeung Family)  
New Zealand Institute of Physics Award  
Proxime Accessit to the Dux;  
Proxime Accessit Cup



Thomas Watene Board of Trustees Certificate for the Head Student  
The College Award for Year 13 English - The Daley Cup  
The College Award for Year 13 Economics - The Lauren Trophy  
The College Award for Year 13 History - The Interact Cup  
The College Award for Year 13 Top Mathematician - The Wakefield Cup  
The College Award for Year 13 Mathematics with Statistics  
Colin Smith Memorial Cup for Leadership  
Top Māori Scholar - Whaia te iti Kahurangi; The Māori Academic Excellence Award  
Special Award: The Principal's Award for Year 13 - The D'Souza Trophy  
Special Award: College DUX for 2018 - The D'Souza Cup







## PREPARING YOUNG MEN FOR LIFE

