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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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DEAR PARENTS

Dear Parents

At this time of year a portion of our boys have already left to go on to jobs, apprenticeships or further training. The excitement on their faces as they proudly tell you it is their last day and where they are going to is one of those moments when you remember why you came teaching - to see young people realise their potential and know that in some small way you had a part to play in that. As the school year begins to come to an end for our senior boys I reflect on the emotions running through the minds of those who will be moving on. During these last few weeks they begin to have mixed feelings, because after years of looking forward to leaving school, they suddenly realise that they are actually quite attached to St John's and that they will never experience this place and time again. St John's College is a safe place for our boys to work out who they are and where they belong in the world, a place where they can be boys and make mistakes. A place and time where they make mates for life.

The truth is that leaving St John's for the last time is an emotional and stressful time for many. They have been told by many people over time that 'the real world' is an unforgiving place where you 'have to stand on your own two feet, do an honest day's work or risk losing your job!'. It is important as the adults in these boys' lives that we instill in them a sense of resilience and hope for their future, not reinforce what are mostly falsehoods that the world is a dangerous and miserable place.

It is important that Saint John's is a place they will always belong to and we love to have our young men come back to visit and let us know how they are getting on. And they always appear happy and excited about their futures. The young men we see, sometimes years after they leave, are proof of the joy that is to be found in this life.

To those parents who will also be 'moving on' with your sons, thank you for entrusting your son to us and working with us over the past four or five years to grow your young man. I am well aware that our strong reputation at St John's College is a result of what you, our parent community, say about us to others. While far from perfect, I believe that our collective focus on family, Catholic virtues and open communication are the solid foundation upon which we prepare our young men for life.

We take possession of the new gym next term, but will need Term 4 to complete our own internal fitout to have it ready for 2020. It is a stunning facility and one that our boys fully deserve. For me the most exciting aspect will be the ability to have all of the boys together in one place for gatherings and assemblies. At the moment we are unable to hold full school assemblies and have to split junior and senior. For young men the sense of connectedness and belonging are important and having the whole school together to hear the same message and build culture is exciting.

- Mr Shane Tong, Principal



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Greetings

I would like to share the following quote that I came across recently from Mother Teresa: "If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are." Most of us who are long in the tooth have come to realise that when we become proud or arrogant then we usually have a fall waiting for us around the corner. And thanks be to God that this is the case. If we can maintain an attitude of service to others, which is very much part of our Marist charism, then we will remember who we serve and the purpose for this service. Serving Jesus Christ through serving the least, the last and the lost is very much a part of who we are as members of the lay Marist community. This is what we try to teach your sons, nephews and grandsons here at St John's College. For you, service can be shown in many ways: sports and cultural group coaching and managing; driving students to and from games, concerts and practices; being part of Johnnies Angels, the PTFA, the BOT or other committees; helping with donations for raffles or purchasing tickets and products as part of fundraising; there are ample ways to help serve our school community and I encourage all of us to find our niche of service.

This term has had some wonderful events take place. Let me begin with the ordination to the priesthood of Fr. Matthew Gibson on Saturday 31 August at the Cathedral with Bishop Steve and about 50 priests from the Hamilton and Auckland Dioceses plus further afield. Fr. Matthew was a student at St John's College from 2002-2006. He was a champion swimmer representing NZ at the Junior level and still holds one of our College's swimming records. Congratulations Fr. Matthew.

On August 16-17 we hosted Chanel Shield (details pg4). So many of our staff and students helped with service in the kitchen and with the setting up and overseeing of events that it would be a risk for me to try and mention them all for fear of leaving some out. The competition went smoothly because of the positive attitude and initiative used by all these helpers and I would like to offer a sincere prayer of thanks to God for them and for all those families who opened their homes to host students on the Friday night.

Some staff were inspired and entertained by the talented David Wells this term. The wisdom he shares in such a caring and loving way is motivational, and our students benefit through the manner in which it has affected our staff. Mr Tong and I attended the Diocesan Principals and DRS Conference held at Papamoa which was a fantastic time to network and grow.

As a school we continue to raise funds for the St Vincent de Paul Society through fortnightly sausage sizzles, and the Society continues to supply about 16 lunches for our boys every day. Our weekly House masses continue to take place in the library and it was wonderful to have Fr. Matthew Gibson as our celebrant in September. Supporters of the College are more than welcome to join us for mass and a cuppa afterwards on a Wednesday (Mass starts at 10.10am).

The Y13's had their final retreats as a St John's College student late in the term. It was very emotional for many of them. The Lady Goodfellow Chapel at the University has become quite well known to the boys over the years. I would like to thank all the parents and caregivers of our students for making it a very special retreat.

Finally I would like to ask for your continued prayers for the total healing and recovery of some injured young members of our wider Marist community: 2019 old boy Connor Hotene-Wilson, 2018 old girl of SHGC Pieta Bouma, and the daughter of Mark Anderson, one of our teachers. While we may not be able to take a practical hand in their healing from their injuries, we are called to be intercessory pray-ers for them. Even the little faith we have when we pray will be able to move mountains because Mary takes our prayer and presents it to her Son with her faith attached, as a good mother will always do.

Take care and God bless,

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



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JOHNNIES ANGELS

When you're struggling, a meal or other practical support is available from our Johnnies's Angels community. Let us know if you, or a family you know, is at crisis point and needs a hand.

Contact Carolyn Morris ext 2747
cmorris@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz
or Marcel Bormans ext 2749
mbormans@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz.

To offer your help as an Angel, please email Tania Pointon at taniap@hmstrust.org.nz





KEY DATES 2019 - 2020

TERM 4

Mon 14 October	Start of Term 4
Thu 17 October	Sports Awards (Seniors)
Sun 20 October	SJC Golf Tournament
Mon 28 October	Holiday (Labour Day)
Tue 29 October	Final Mass 1pm Senior Prizegiving 6.30pm
Wed 30 October	Leaver's Dinner 6.00pm
Thu 31 October	Junior Exams Begin
Thu 7 Nov - 3 Dec	NCEA Exams
Tue 12 - 20 Nov	Year 10 Retreats
Fri 15 November	Year 8 Orientation
Thu 28 November	Year 8 Parent Evening
Fri 29 November	Documents Day (Leavers)
Mon 2 - 5 Dec	Year 10 Camps, Year 9 Activities
Fri 6 December	Junior Prizegiving End of School Year

2020 TERM 1

Wed 29 January	Year 9 Orientation / Year 13 Leadership Day
Thu 30 January	Year 9 Orientation / ALL Year 13 attend
Fri 31 January	All Students, Normal Timetable

FOODBANK

Thank you te whanau for your generous support of our inhouse Foodbank. When your son scrounges through your pantry for tins and pasta on mufti day, don't be cross with him, instead be grateful for his thoughtfulness! We use these supplies to help students and families in our St John's whanau who are struggling from time to time. Your contributions and aroha make an enormous difference to them.



CHANEL SHIELD

This year Chanel Shield was hosted by St John's College. Aquinas College (Tauranga), Campion College (Gisborne), John Paul College (Rotorua) and Sacred Heart Girls College (Hamilton), flocked to our school with great anticipation and trepidation and they were not let down. It was a super awesome 2 days of mixing, mingling and competing beginning with mass celebrated in St Mary's Chapel with Bishop Steve.

The food provided by Mrs Myburgh and her student and adult helpers was second to none and the banquet set-up was a stroke of pure genius by Miss Hutchinson. Ms Bartram was hands on and encouraging while Mr Bormans, our DCC, was the overseer of the competition. And St John's College did awesome, finishing 2nd overall after languishing dead last on the Friday evening.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

2nd	Māori Perspective Speech	Tawera Marsh
1st	Debating	Dominic Beaton, Sacha Choytooa, Anthony Perera
5th	Junior Bible Reading	Alistair Sequeira
5th	Senior Bible Reading	Kian Bennett
3rd	Impromptu Speech	Vinnie Hermann
2nd	Junior Poetry Reading	Declan Warren
1st	Senior Poetry Reading	Joshua Froggatt
3rd	Junior Oratory	Ryan Roche
3rd	Senior Oratory	Charlie Raj
2nd =	Drama	Thomas Srhoj, Alex Keogh, King Cortez, Bradley Kingma, Tawera Marsh, Charlie Raj

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character





CHANEL SHIELD



READY TO LEAVE?

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 students and parents to lock in now:

- Final Mass 1.00pm October 29th Cathedral
- Senior Prizegiving 6.30pm October 29th Cathedral
- Leavers Dinner 6.00pm October 30th College Gym
- Documents Day 10.00am November 29th Atrium

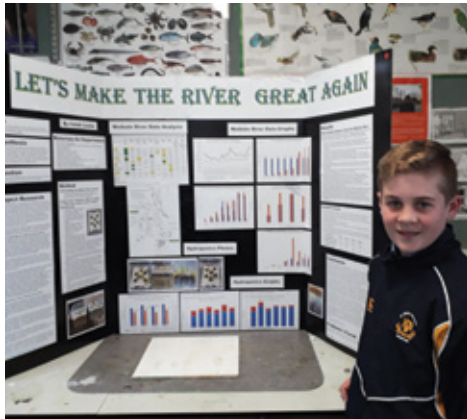
Year 13 leavers and their parents have been invited to the Leavers Dinner, held in our Gymnasium. This is a very special final celebration for all the Year 13 students who are leaving in 2019. RSVP's and payment was due on September 26th. Please contact the school office for enquiries or late requests.

Documents Day / Leaver's Jersey - We require Year 13 leavers and other leavers to attend briefly and complete a final sign-out process. This is the day to return blazers, textbooks, sports kit and other school property, donate uniform, collect your leaver's jersey, and say farewell to all your favourite teachers!

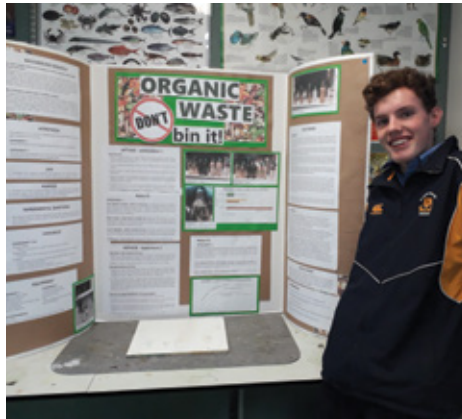
AMERICAN FOOTBALL PROSPECT

Nate Hallam was selected to the NZ U19's American Football team and competed in Australia to play in the Downunder Bowl. Playing in the wide receiver position, NZ made the play-off for 3rd/4th, losing 20-15 to American High Schools. Nate scored a touchdown in the match.

But even more exciting... Nate has been successful in securing a High School Exchange to America. He flew out at the end of July to attend Woodgrove High School in Purcellville, Virginia. He left us having already passed Level 2, and will return in June 2020. Best of luck Nate!



Caleb Leslie



Conall O'Toole



Reilly Benefield

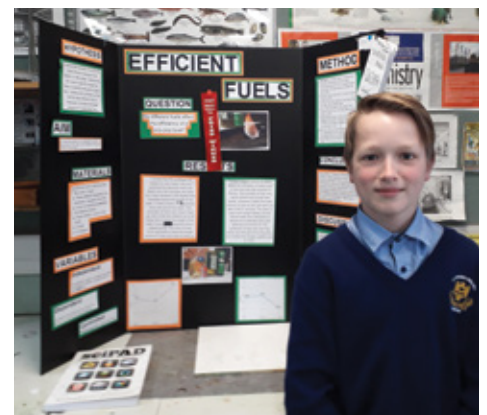
SCIENCE FAIR

The 2019 Science Fair saw 16 of our boys compete from Year 9. Given the shortness of the time we had to prepare our projects and the 350 competitors we had a 200% better result this year with the prize winners. This year's Prize winners are

Lets Make the River Great Again	Caleb Leslie	(Third Place)
Food Waste don't Bin it!	Conall O'Toole	(Highly Commended)
Dispersion and Absorption of Laser light in Water	Reilly Benefield	(Highly Commended)
Efficient Fuels	Harrison Holden	(Third Place)

Some of the boys are so keen that they have started next year's project now so we are looking for some real science next year.

- Mr Steve Wood, Head of Science



Harrison Holden

TE HUI AHUREA CULTURAL FESTIVAL

On Saturday 17th August, our Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups performed at the very first Te Hui Ahurea Cultural Festival for our Waikato Catholic Kāhui Ako. It was a fun day that saw our Catholic community come together to celebrate the cultures of our tamariki. The performers ranged from 5 years old to 17 years old. Our boys from St John's College did us proud and capped the performances off with our school haka.

We look forward to the next opportunity that our community can come together again and celebrate the diverse cultures we have.

- Matua Dwayne Hudson, TIC Māori



St John's Kapa Haka



St John's Pasifika



GUANTIAN CHEN Y12 VISUAL ART

Guantian's Acrylic painting called "Listen" was selected to be part of National Youth Art Award 2019 held at the Waikato Society of Arts. This Exhibition is in its tenth year and is the only award in New Zealand that is exclusive to talented young artists aged between 15-25years. Congratulations Guantian we are very proud of you and look forward to seeing and hearing of you in the future.

- Mrs Fiona Greenwood, TIC Art



"Listen", a painting by Guantian Chen Year 12

WINTEC CHAMPION OF THE CODES

Wintec ran its annual Champion of the Codes event in St Johns College recently. It involved students from Rugby, Basketball, Martial arts, Hockey, Football & Athletics competing in speed, change of direction, vertical jump, horizontal jump tests to see which sportsman and code came out on top.

Eric Leiataua (Rugby) won the event with some very impressive displays across all of the drills. Well done to all of the boys who competed and thanks to Wintec for the organization of the event and the healthy lunch afterwards!

- Mr Kurt McQuilkin, Director of Sport

GET 2 GO CHALLENGE

Get 2 Go 2019 was challenging - the weather was horrible, it was cold, rainy, wet, windy and sloppy. But our team of 8 worked together and came 3rd out of 25 teams in Waikato, just missing out on a place for Nationals at Great Barrier Island.

Our team consisted of 4 Sacred Heart girls, Georgia, Katie, Ruby and Tui and 4 boys from St John's, Jack P, Caleb, Jack E and myself and our travelling reserve, Zachary.

We had to do 4 different activities; SUP, orienteering, mountain biking and a team activity. We didn't know what activities we would do until we turned up at the activity. I'm definitely looking forward to doing it again next year.

- Charlie Squire, Year 9





COOPER WHITE – PUNCHING WELL ABOVE HIS WEIGHT

Year 9 student Cooper White has been boxing under Nabby's boxing gym (coach Dion McNabney) for now his 3rd season. Over the last few months Cooper boxed at the North Island Golden Gloves Championships going through to the finals and winning gold over Auckland Champ Omid Azizi. He then took on the South Island champ beating Azury Ormsby of Christchurch convincingly, applying a couple of standing 8 counts on him. Cooper is the official New Zealand Number 1 ranked boxer.

Cooper fought at the Australian Open Golden Glove Championships in Brisbane in August in two weight divisions. Gold medal for the U38kg, and runner-up on a split decision in the U42kg class. All this success has earned Cooper selection to represent New Zealand in Canberra, where he will box against the current Australian champions and attend a training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport. Next year, Cooper will travel to Houston, Texas, USA to compete in the World Championships in August.



Cooper White, Year 9, Boxing Champ

REGIONAL AND WAIKATO CHAMPIONS, NEXT STOP NATIONALS

Our Eagles Basketballers won the regional Schick Qualifier tournament in Rotorua over tournament week. It's a feat that hasn't been achieved in 10 years, and to beat their rivals Hamilton Boys so convincingly in the final was most satisfying for players and management alike.

They're now planning to carry this form into the Nationals event played in October, and hope to better their top 4 finish from last year. Coach Puke Lenden is quietly satisfied with this result but mindful of the task ahead of his team in a few week's time in Palmerston North.

With expectations high and the hype around the favoured teams at the Nationals heightened it will no doubt add extra pressure to an already tense time of the season for the St Johns College Eagles side. They'll also know that the side that wins the Nationals will be the team that embraces that pressure and turn it into a collective positive on the court.

With New Zealand Basketball representatives Finn Lally and Akiva McBirney-Griffen leading the way for this talented St Johns College squad, you wouldn't bet against them lifting the silverware in Palmerston North.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page first week of the holidays, and we'll keep you posted on their progress. Finals rounds are streamed live via Māori TV

Good Luck Men !!

KUDOS TO ST JOHN'S COLLEGE DEBATERS

The senior debating team have been deadly this year. St John's College 1 debating team made it through to the final of the Premier division, Waikato Senior Debating Competition. This pitted them against Waikato Diocesan's top team, Sparkly Black, for the third time in the competition, and the two teams frequently proved throughout the competition that they truly were the best of the best. The St John's team for the final consisted of Sebastian Manning as first speaker, Dominic Beaton as second, and Shermi Perera as third. Their opponents in Dio Sparkly Black entered the final with only one loss on record, which had come at the hands of our top senior team. The debating was fierce, spearheaded by team leader and frequent winner of Best Speaker acclaim Dominic, but ultimately the adjudicators ruled in favour of Dio, and St John's finished second in the competition.

Not to be disheartened, the team (with usual first speaker Sacha Choytooa in place of St John's College 2 captain Sebastian) then competed in Chanel Shield over the next two days, where they comfortably finished in first place. 2019 marks a very strong year for St John's College's debating teams, and these results are an excellent send off to four very talented Year 13 debaters.

- Mr Conor Maxwell, TIC, Debating



Debating Titans - Sebastian Manning, Dominic Beaton, Shermi Perera
Absent: Sacha Choytooa



Lewiton Village

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE SCUBA TRIP TO VANUATU

While temperatures were plummeting in July a group of 14 students and parents embarked on an adventure to Vanuatu. This bi-annual Scuba Dive trip is perfectly timed to enjoy a spot of warmer weather. Divers complete 10 dives in Segond Chanel, off Santos Island rated as one of the top dive sites in the world; the SS President Coolidge & Million Dollar Point. Other dives included the USS Tucker, an unidentified WWII spy-plane the Doubtless Bomber, the Submarine Nets and a few coral reefs.

We always include a visit to a Marist brother school, College de St Michel where we donated sporting equipment & stationary. Mr Miller met with the Principal, Augustin Garani, students toured the school and joined in with staff and students during their afternoon sports modules. The Javelins, Discus', tape measures, cones, reversible bibs and Vortex's (Mega Howler) that we'd donated were very gratefully received and it was a privilege to be able to share these with our Vanuatu brothers.

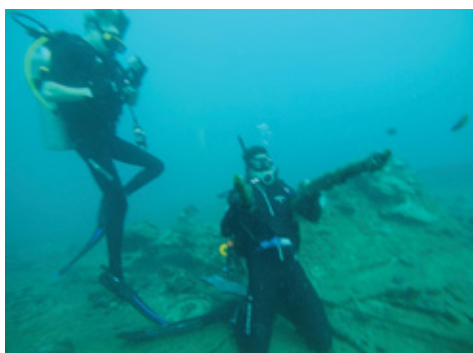
Throughout the week, the tour group visited some of the tourist locations such as canoeing down the Riri River, having a cultural experience at Leweton Village, completing the Millennium Cave tour, and spent a good portion of the second to last day at the famous Champagne Beach & Port Olry, where Mr Miller destroyed some boys ego's and confidence crushing them in 1 on 1 Beach Volleyball. It was a truly amazing trip with rich learning experiences for all and memories for life.

Next trip 2021 - start saving now young men!

- Mr Hayden Miller, TIC Scuba Camp



College de St Michel



Nye with rifles



Rory on shipwreck

VAN DEURSEN - INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER

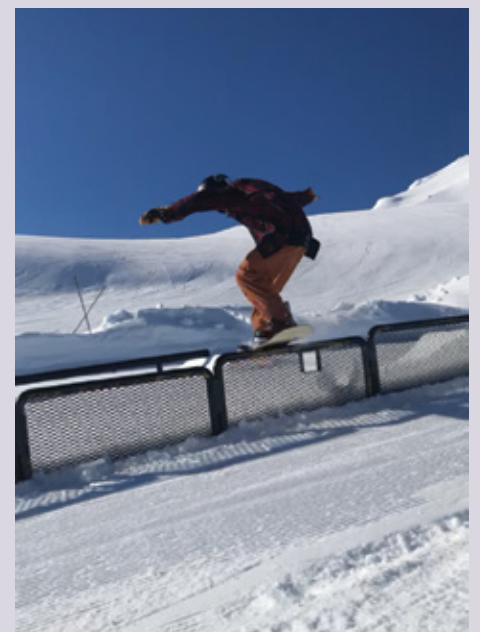
Over 300 teams, over 30 nations, over 1000 matches played - just some of the stats about the Gothia Cup International Youth Tournament that Antoneo van Deursen attended in August.

Sport opens the door to amazing travel opportunities for talented athletes, and Antoneo is the latest St John's student to head to China, this time on football duties. Antoneo headed off other promising footballers from around NZ to be selected in the 'Ricki Herbert Academy U14 Team' that travelled to Qingdao, China.

Before he left, Antoneo said he was really looking forward to playing against other nationalities, and seeing the little differences in the way they play football compared to the NZ style. Antoneo plays right wing for our champion Colts A Football team.

CARTER P SNOWBOARD SUCCESS

Carter Pointon here showing the kind of style that earned him 3rd in Slope Style (freestyle) and also 3rd in Banked Slalom (a timed race around gates through banked turns and rollers) at the Waikato Snowboard Champs in August.





2019 RUGBY ROUND UP

Overall the 2019 rugby season was a reasonably successful one for the St Johns Rugby program.

The First XV had another tough season in the CNI Cup recording just the one victory against Rathkeale College in Masterton. They definitely improved as the season progressed but unfortunately failed to secure any more victories during their 9 match campaign.

The Development XV finished in the top four of their competition. They played a good brand of rugby throughout the season and proved to be a tough team to beat and weren't too far off making the final.

The U15 squads played some eye catching rugby throughout their seasons. The U15 Blue side make the final against Hamilton Boys and were unlucky not to come away with the silverware in a tight tussle. The U15 Gold side proved to be a very competitive side throughout the season and ran a good few teams very close.

The U65kg Squad played some terrific rugby in 2019 and on the back of that form played Matamata College in the final of their competition. They came out the victors in a very physical encounter held at St Johns much to the excitement of their supporters.

The U14 Squads as with all of our teams this year, played a great style of rugby and were good to watch. The U14A's won their competition and amassed an amazing amount of points along the way through their free flowing style of rugby. Likewise the U14B's made huge strides throughout their respective season and always caught the eye with their gutsy displays against some quality sides.

The U55kg boys punched well above their weight all season. The U55kg A team deservedly took out their competition with a well structured and disciplined game plan which would have pleased their coaches no end. The U55kg B team were a competitive outfit who put it out on the park every Saturday, supported by a great team of coaches and supporters.

Congratulations to all of the players, coaches and supporters for a terrific 2019 rugby season - see you all in 2020!

- Mr Kurt McQuilkin, Director of Sport



ST JOHN'S 1ST XV RUGBY MAJOR SPONSORS



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1ST XI HOCKEY

Four new year 9's joined the 1st XI this season meaning almost half the team were juniors. The improvement in these players from start to end of season was pleasing to see.

We returned to the local Waikato Hockey B grade competition and by mid-season the grade was a 2 horse race between ourselves and Hamilton Christian School. We reached the final with an 11 win, 2 draws & 1 loss record; having a draw and a loss to Hamilton Christian School. In a tough final, we couldn't match their control of the ball and went down 2-0. Second place over all.

Winter tournament was in Rotorua competing for the Wollaston Trophy. A tough pool round left us in 9-16th playoffs where we managed a good win versus Kuranui, before meeting our camp mates, Freyberg High School. This was a really tight game, and for the second time at tournament we pulled our goalie to chase an equaliser. That was a success which sent the match into penalty shootouts. However, Freyberg proved too classy and took the win.

Our final game was a battle of the 'Johnnies'. In a niggly match we beat Saint John's College (Hastings) for a final placing of 11th. It was really pleasing to see Seniors and Juniors mix easily while we were away, and the boys were praised by our accommodation for their conduct through the week.

We are losing the talented core of our midfield this year and the team will need to step up in 2020 to cover their loss. Best wishes to Lucien de Groot, Kees Goodman, Leon Jobe, and Finay McGrath as they progress onto tertiary study. I will miss your passion and wit but not necessarily your memes.

A big congratulations to the following players who achieved representative honours this year: Kees Goodman (Thames Valley U18), Caleb Fernandes (Waikato U15 Development), Alex Middleton (Waikato U15 Development), Luka Srhoj (Waikato U15 Development), Brad Kingma (Waikato U15 7-a-side), Sid Sole (Waikato U15 7-a-side), Paul Walton (Waikato U15 7-a-side)

2ND XI HOCKEY

The 2nd XI had an injection of year 9s as well this year. With many new players we ended up doing a lot of defending throughout the season; with Jack Kane, Jake Clare, and Thomas Davy trying their best to construct chances from midfield. Our final placing of 8th was pretty reflective of our efforts during the year. Special mention to Sam Rili for his superb work in the goal throughout the season. The team loses one player only this year, so will grow and improve next season. The parental support for this team was incredible, with plenty of encouragement at every game. Best wishes for Thomas Davy as he moves onto tertiary study.

- Greg Middleton, Mervyn Fernandes, Coaches



WINTER TOURNAMENT WRAP UP

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. As you will see our boys were very competitive across the codes over the week's sport.

Congratulations must go to our Eagles Basketball team who won the regional title in Rotorua. A feat that hasn't been achieved in 10 years, well done to all involved and keep up that form through to the nationals.

Also congratulations go out to our U15 Rugby squad who won the CNI Tournament in Hastings at their first attempt, great effort lads. It's a reflection of the effort that has been put in both on and off the field during your season.

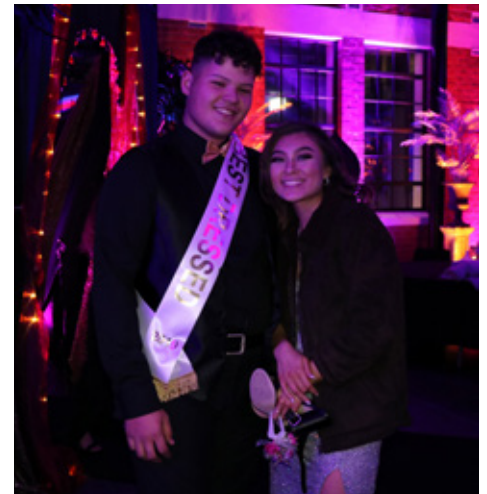
A big thanks to all of our staff members and coaches of the various codes who put in a lot of work behind the scenes to get these teams organised. Here's the wrap...

Winners	Basketball Senior A Eagles	Schick Premierships Nationals Qualifier, Rotorua
Winners	Rugby U15 CNI Tournament	CNI Cup Tournament, Hastings
2nd	Football 1st XI	Trident Cup, Wanganui
3rd	Basketball Junior A Falcons	Junior Sec Schools Premiership, Rotorua
4th	Basketball Junior B Hawks	Junior Sec Schools Premiership, Rotorua
5th	Basketball Senior B Ospreys	Schick Northern Cup, Auckland
5th	Football Colts A	Hillsdene Trophy, Tauranga
11th	Hockey 1st XI	Woolaston Trophy, Rotorua



ARABIAN NIGHTS

The annual St John's College ball was held at the Wintec Atrium and this year's theme was Arabian Nights. The ball committee decorated the atrium with all the glamour expected of a ballroom. Thanks to all those who contributed to making this a memorable night for everyone, including the year 11 waiters who worked tirelessly, Mrs Curran for catering a superb array of food and Mrs Petrin for all her organisation.





Colts A Footballers – Waikato and Div 1 Knockout Champs

COLTS A DOMINANT

Congratulations to the Colts A Football team who dominated the Waikato Secondary School Division 1 this year to win the competition. This team went through the season with only 1 loss and won the league with 3 games remaining. This has been a rebuild year after the majority of the team progressed into the senior teams at the College and it has been awesome to witness the hard work and effort by players and management alike.

A pre-season tournament involving Tauranga & Hamilton Boys' High School teams was a great reality check for the team and a good starting point for the coaches to work from. We certainly had our fair share of illnesses, injuries and unavailable players but the team has stuck to their task and worked hard for their results, playing a style of football that is 'very easy on the eye'.

A huge thank you to all the parents, supporters and sponsors - Woodview Construction, Prolife Foods & Heaphy Terrace Vege King for assisting the team this season and providing sponsorship to attend the Junior National Tournament in Tauranga for the Hillsdene Trophy. Your support is much appreciated.

- Mr. Brian Webb, Mr. Hayden Miller, Mrs. Mirjam Sole, Management Team

SPORTS NOTES

Finn Hamill
Won the U21 single sculls at Trans Tasman Regatta.

Finn Lally and Kael Robinson
Attended the sought after Steven Adams basketball camp.

Hausia Vaea
U18 Chiefs selection.

Connar Hotene-Wilson
Selected to NZ Kickboxing team.

Chase Hennessy
Representing NZ at World karate Champs Chile.

Jayden Cole, Cade Rowlingson, Cole Claxton
Selected for Waikato Gymsports team.

Te Taiwhanga Timoko-Tangaroa
Touch NZU16 rep to Australia.

Ethan Price
Selected for Waikato U19 Golf.



2ND HAND UNIFORM

As the year draws to an end, please remember to donate unwanted uniform back to the College. The PTFA sells this through an online ordering system (search 'uniform' on our website), and it can make such a difference to families who are struggling to meet all their bills - and ain't that all of us from time to time? Uniform should be dropped into Student Services please.



2ND HAND UNIFORM

SQUASH

2019 was judged a successful nationals campaign for our St John's College Squash Team. Competition in this event is incredibly strong and the aim was to maintain our 12th ranking and perform strongest of all the other Waikato schools.

Sam Kelly lead from the front, unbeaten though out the tournament playing at number 1 seed. The rest of the team were generally matched against higher graded players, but Luca Carter and Tom Roach went to 5 sets on 2 occasions (all these game points count even if the match is lost). Matt Roach beat a high graded player and giving us a sniff of an upset against Whangarei and Harry Pederson won the games he needed to win.

We finished up as the 11th ranked school nationally and were highest ranked Waikato school in the boys competition (outperforming St Pauls A & B, Matamata, Hamilton Boys High, Cambridge & Tokoroa).

The boys were just awesome, well behaved and a laugh to be with. As Mr Tong would say- they were real Marist men. Unfortunately, we lose Matt & Harry at the end of the year. Sam (B1), Luca (C2) & Tom (D1) will be back and most probably be higher graded than they are now. Sam Kelly will have a real possibility of being named in the NZSS national squad in 2020. This means 2 or 3 spots are available for keen players on the nationals team next year.

- B Roach and B Kelly, Managers



Sam Kelly; Harry Pederson; Matt Roach; Tom Roach; Luca Carter

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STAR ON THE RISE

This year, Whaea Cian who is our drama teacher has been awarded a prestigious Creative NZ prize. The details are under wraps until November, but it was amazing for us to hear as we always hear about the great achievements the boys make. However, we also have teachers achieving great success such as Whaea Cian. Whaea Cian is a bubbly teacher who is passionate about teaching drama and English to college students and this is reflected through the student's marks. Whaea always does her best to support the students so that they are ready for the upcoming assignments, passing with high marks and showing true Marist values.

- Daunte Tamaki, Year 13, Cultural Leader

Quite how Whaea Cian fits everything in as complete mystery to the rest of the staff here. As a first year teacher and Mum to a busy 2 year old, Whaea Gardner has also produced and starred in her own autobiographical one-woman show "Sorry For Your Loss" which headlined the Toi Wāhine Festival at the Meteor in September. This outstanding show has attracted funding so Whaea Cian can tour throughout NZ early 2020. She obviously has an exciting future ahead, and we really hope that she'll stay connected to us at St John's.

Tohaina ō painga ki te ao Cian - Share your skills with the world.

YOUTH ADP - YEARS 6-8

This popular Athlete Development programme is running again in Term 4. Lesley Sommerfeld and Rohan Kandoi, ADP Trainers at Sacred Heart and St Johns have teamed up to offer training sessions Monday and Thursday nights from 14th October. Open to girls and boys in Years 6-8, they'll introduce children to the FUNdamentals of training in a fun, safe and rewarding environment. Contact Rohan at adp@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz



SCHOOL LOCKDOWN

PARENTS - LOCKDOWN INFO

The Christchurch mosque tragedy, in which many schools found themselves in lockdown for a number of hours, caused us to review how we would manage that type of situation. Key points for all parents to understand:

- We will text, email, post to the St John's Facebook page and post on our website with information as soon as we can, and keep you updated as new information becomes available.
- Students are asked to LIMIT cellphone use to avoid misleading or inaccurate information being posted to public sites; the school reserves the right to collect cellphones to be held by teachers. Do not be alarmed, therefore, if your son does not respond to your messages.
- You will be advised when the lockdown is over, and arrangements for releasing students if necessary. Please do NOT come to the College before then - you may place yourself and others in danger by doing so.



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