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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



“We look after the least, the last and the lost here at St John's, and no boy misses out due to genuine hardship.”

DEAR PARENTS

None of us quite knew what to expect post lockdown when school reopened. The good news is that things have quickly returned to normal, we have very good attendance and all staff were back on board from day one. There have certainly been some real gains in terms of staff and student use of technology as a tool and we must ensure that we take the best of these moving forward.

Time and time again studies have shown that the relationships between the teacher and student are key to engagement and academic outcomes in schools. The past few months have reinforced the importance of this. Relationships that show love and respect are best when established and maintained in a 'face to face' environment. In speaking to the boys about their experiences many have said that the first three or four weeks on line were okay but after that they really began to struggle and needed their teacher. Going forward it is about learning from what we have achieved online and 'blending' the best of these approaches within the context of the classroom. I am proud of the way the staff and students of Saint John's have operated and worked during this difficult time.

Brian Sparrow has resigned as at the end of term two this year. Mr Sparrow has given 33 years' service to Saint John's College as Head of Guidance and as an important flag bearer of the Marist way. Over the last few years Mr Sparrow has moved to become more part time and so our younger boys may not know him well, however generations of old boys will remember him fondly, some of whom will recall him as the person who was there for them in a time of need. Mrs Morris has been appointed as Head Counsellor, Mrs. Morris has been with us for 13 years and is well respected by all.

These are pivotal roles in the school. Over the years, I have become increasingly aware that we do not necessarily know what it is like to walk in the shoes of the young men at Saint John's. Kiwi men (both young and old) have a tendency to present a version of themselves publicly (I suppose the modern word is avatar). We like to appear as if all is okay and that we are not suffering or vulnerable, otherwise we worry that we will open ourselves to being derided, mocked or embarrassed or that we will appear weak. This is part of our New Zealand macho culture that, quite frankly, we need to get over. I am beginning to see change - our young men at school are far more caring, understanding and tolerant than we were at their age however the New Zealand statistics around teenage boys' mental health and suicide rates do not lie. Often it is only to a school counsellor that boys will share what they may not be willing to say to even to their family or closest friends, and through the counselling team that they are able to get the help they need. Thank you for your service Mr Sparrow and I know that Mrs Morris will continue the great work. You will probably never know the true impact of what you do on the lives of our young men.

Two hundred years ago our founder Marcellin Champagnat (a Marist Father) saw firsthand the impact the French Revolution had on children and their education, and in particular their complete lack of understanding of Christ. It is this which drove Marcellin to start the Marist Brothers teaching order. They set up schools to cater for the uneducated and underprivileged of the day and this is still the foundation on which Marist schools operate. Here at Saint John's we often refer to the 'last the lost and the least' of our boys who need us most.

Many of you in the community will have suffered financial hardship over these past few months of lock down and may well continue to for some time. My message is that no boy will miss out at Saint John's College due to genuine hardship. If you find yourself in a position as a parent where you are unable to meet your financial obligations to the school for any reason I encourage you to let us know and ask for help, that is what we are here for. Dianne Murphy our Finance Officer is a great person to start with, or you could contact a dean or a form teacher, or come direct to me. We do not want your school bill to be a terrible pressure, and we can help with uniform, stationery and other things if we know. We also have a 'Johnnies Angels' meals service where other parents donate full meals to the school for us to distribute to families in need. Marcel Bormans is the contact here.

I have truly missed the staff and students and I know that they have missed each other. I am also glad that I am once again able to shake the hands of our young men rather than do an awkward elbow bump.

At this time may we feel the loving and guiding hand of God surround us and our loved ones keeping us all safe.

- Mr Shane Tong, Principal



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

What an amazing moment of history we have all participated in recently. There is no doubt in my mind that being confined to our own homes has been both a challenge (a cross) and a blessing. Pre and post lockdown in RE, we have been teaching the Y11's about Mark's Gospel and the situation of the early Christians being persecuted by the Romans. Though there are clear differences between the situations, there are also similarities with what we have just been experiencing.

The early Roman converts were scared, scared of being identified as followers of this radical man Jesus from across the Mediterranean Sea. The early Christians were aware that identification as his follower would lead to imprisonment which, in turn, would lead to the Colosseum and certain death. These Christians were able to use the writings of Mark to encourage and strengthen them in their faith in Jesus with the hope of the promise of not only Salvation but eternity in Heaven. We too, to a greater or lesser degree, have lived with some fear, anxiety or perhaps nervousness as we kept ourselves hidden away from an invisible enemy that could take both our own lives as well as the lives of our families and friends.

During lockdown, going out in public brought a certain amount of trepidation and a list of do's and don'ts that we never had to consider before. But, as the early Christians stuck together as a community and prayed with greater effort and faith, so, I think, many of us did as well. And this is beautiful. Everything that we are about at St John's - being a faith community, a faith family, present to each other in prayer, had the opportunity to become stronger in our lives as we lived in-house 24/7. I know that it wasn't all plain sailing for everyone, just as it wasn't for the early Christians, but those of us who persevered in faith and hope have come out stronger. I'm sure we all had our pitfalls and that there are things that we would do differently if we had the time again (not that we want a repeat), but it was a period of growth, of dying to ourselves and rising with Christ. Hopefully we all learnt to appreciate what we have and, God willing, we have come to recognize that time is the greatest asset we have, time with ourselves, time with our families and time with God.

So I encourage us all to thank God for our recent experiences, for holding us together as a faith community, led by Bishop Steve who, every day (along with all of his priests each in their own bubble), celebrated the mystery of the Eucharistic sacrifice for us, the people he shepherds. Nourished spiritually by this prayer par excellence, let us reach out and help those that we know have experienced financial strife or are experiencing other issues, if we can. Let us also pray that our efforts to rid our country of Covid-19 will not be undone in any way and that we will prosper as individuals, as families, as a school community, as a faith community, as a region and as a country.

Our future children and grandchildren will approach us in decades to come and ask us questions for their Social Studies project on the great lockdown of 2020. I wonder how we will remember it, the pains, the sorrows but also the great personal and community growth that took place.

Take care everyone, and God bless,

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



“The lockdown helped us appreciate that time is our greatest asset - time with ourselves, time with our whānau and time with God.”



KEY DATES 2020

TERM 3

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|-------------|------------------------|
| 20 Jul | Teacher Only Day |
| 21 Jul | Start of Term 3 |
| 22 Jul | Junior Report Evening |
| 28 Jul | Senior Report Evening |
| 8 Aug | College Ball |
| 13 Aug | MC Day & Mass |
| 11 Aug | Options Evening |
| 24 - 28 Aug | Senior Assessment Week |
| 15 Sept | Yr 13 Retreat |
| 25 Sept | End of Term 3 |

TERM 4

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| 12 Oct | Teacher Only Day |
| 13 Oct | Start of Term 4 |
| 26 Oct | Holiday (Labour Day) |
| 12 Nov | Final Mass, Senior Prizegiving |
| 13 Nov | Leaver's Dinner |
| 13 Nov | Junior Study Leave / Yr 8 Orientation |
| 16-19 Nov | Junior Exams |
| 16 Nov-9 Dec | NCEA Exams |
| 25 Nov | Teacher Only Day |
| 4 Dec | Documents Day (Yr 13 and Leavers) |
| 7-10 Dec | Y9 Activities / Y10 Camps |
| 11 Dec | Junior Prizegiving, End of School Year |

KUKRI SPORTS UNIFORM

If you still need to buy shorts or socks for our winter sports, go to Kukri online at kukrisports.co.nz/teamshop/ and search under Colleges, or visit Kukri at Unit 2, 45 The Boulevard, Te Rapa Park, Hamilton.

SUPPORTING NCEA

To our senior students, we all recognise that this year didn't bring the best start to your NCEA studies. Hopefully one thing that you will learn through life is that you should only stress about things that you have some control over, not the things that you haven't. So, with that in mind - don't worry about what did, or didn't happen during lockdown, it's done. Instead, focus on the task in hand and what needs to happen in Term 3.

We know that NZQA is recognising the difficulties that students have experienced and are offsetting this with learner recognition credits (up to 10 for L1 and 8 for L2/3). But don't see this as a reason to cruise along and not work hard. Working hard will open up more opportunities for you to gain endorsements this year as the threshold for qualification endorsements has gone from 50 to 46 credits and down to 12 from 14 credits for subject endorsements.

The harsh reality is that 2020 will soon be forgotten as the 'COVID-19 year' and your performance in NCEA will be seen in just the same light as anyone else's. It's for this reason that you need to work hard. All we can ask is that you do your very best, that's all that anyone can really ask of you. But the real question that you should be asking yourself is this - am I REALLY giving my studies my best shot? Am I in control of what I am doing or am I letting other things get in the way?

Traditionally Term 3 has always been the term where the real hard mahi is done and this year will be no exception. Here are some tips for you:

- Get organised - stay organised, plan for work and work to a plan.
- Give yourself enough time to complete internals so that they represent your best effort - you don't want to spend time on re-sub. Don't get into the habit of completing the work the night before it is due!
- Got externals at the end of the year? Plan early and chip away at revision.
- Improve your self-awareness - have clear goals, know what you need to do to achieve them and work at it.
- Know how many credits you have - use the Kamar app every couple of weeks to keep things in check.
- Keep your eye on the prize - aim for those important endorsements.
- Don't suffer in silence, your teachers are there to help. Problems shared are problems halved.

- Mr Dominic Tester, Deputy Principal

MORE MARIST

To be MORE Marist at St John's College is to be part of the wonderful culture of being a Johnnie's Boy. Each student is encouraged and recognized for being Motivated, Organized, Respectful and aiming for Excellence.

Our boys earn Marist Merit Cards for demonstrating the culture of St Johns and these cards can be handed to student services to earn rewards - 25 cards earns a chocolate bar and 50 earns a pizza lunch on a Friday.

The MORE Marist initiative supports the already existing values we instil in our young men. Staff are encouraged to catch our boys "doing the right thing", which is exhibiting behaviours that show our five Pillars: Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work, and In the Way of Mary, in action during the school day.

- Mr Dominic Kay, Deputy Principal





GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

Big ups to our Young Vinnies who presented Mike Rolton, General Manager of the Frankton Society of St Vincent de Paul with a cheque for \$2,000 this term! Most of this money has been raised by our YV members through their fortnightly sausage sizzles. These young men tear themselves away from their classes during Period 4 on a Friday to set up and cooking sausages, onions and hash browns for the rest of our students. Mrs Nicola Gelston, our New Teacher in Charge of the Young Vinnies organizes them into efficient production line workers.



Rainald Valondo and Rahul Baby Joseph present a cheque to St Vincent de Paul

The Young Vinnies are always open to new members –younger students are especially welcome. If you're keen to join a really fun group doing God's work, see Mrs Gelston.

St Vincent de Paul is a hugely effective Catholic service organisation helping Hamiltonians in need. They do an incredible amount of good work in our community, and in particular we are very grateful to them for providing lunches for some of our boys who would otherwise go hungry. If you have time to help or donate, they're a phenomenal organisation to support!

IN AN EMERGENCY...

Gateway Students were put through their paces and attended a First Aid Course prior to Level 4 lockdown. Our lads were well engaged, and thoroughly enjoyed working on the artificial prosthetics and use of fake blood to mimic real life scenarios. This is a two day course that provides young men with a vitally important life skill, a First Aid Certificate, and NCEA Credits to boot. The qualification looks good on a CV and sees them well prepared to help if confronted with an emergency. Congratulations to you all on this achievement.



Gateway students learned First Aid skills

KIA KAAKAMA ME HOMAI HE KAI

Whaea Tia and her supporters receive food items donated by a variety of businesses and make grocery boxes out of these. We received 9 boxes and were able to deliver them to a number of our families. Thank you Whaea Tia. As an important aside, it was a member of Whaea Tia's immediate family that carved our school tomokanga 'Te Waharoa'.



STAY UP TO DATE

We keep in touch with parents and our wider community through a range of channels. Make sure you're connected so you don't miss out on important updates, information and news.

The Kamar Portal is a fantastic window into lots of important day to day info – make sure you have a login and remember to update your contact details here if they change, so that emails and texts still get through.

Kamar Portal: <https://portal.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz/>

For parents and students – View notices, timetables and assessment info, check and pay financial charges, and update your contact details here.



<http://www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz/>



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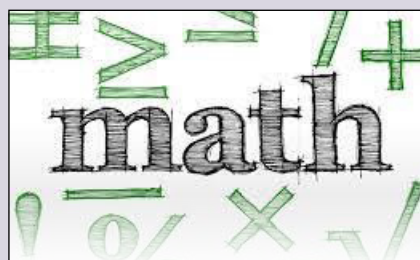
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YouTube

our Media team post their work here





MATHS TUTORIALS

No notice required, drop in any of these times, and stay for as long as you want. It's better if you come organised with what areas you need help.

LUNCHTIMES
Wednesdays
Mr Gray R08

AFTER SCHOOL
Tuesdays
Mrs Watton R03
Mr Plant R07

Wednesdays
Mr Sadumiano Computer Rooms
Mr Plant R07

Thursdays
Mr Sadumiano Computer Rooms
Mr Plant R07



THANK YOU, FAREWELL AND GOD BLESS TO ...

Mr. Brian Sparrow, Guidance Counsellor at St John's College for 33 years, is retiring at the end of Term 2.

Brian first came to the College as a vocational guidance officer, talking with our young men about their career pathways on a rotational basis with other schools. He loved the spirit of the college, and decided this was where he wanted to work permanently. He later attended Waikato University's teachers' college, and then secured a position here teaching social studies, economics and RE for two years. He then started the St John's College Guidance Department. He also ran the Outdoor Club for many years, giving many students a unique opportunity to test themselves in nature and to grow their connections with other students.

Brian has helped countless boys and their families through tough times while always maintaining his absolute commitment to the Marist way. Director of Catholic Character Marcel Bormans said of Brian: "He lives and breathes the Marist Spirit. His vision is for all of us to capture that flame of compassion and to carry it on into the future. Our mission as Marists is to look after 'the least, the lost and the last' and Brian embodies that in what he does every day."

We wish Brian all the very best in his retirement.

- Mrs Carolyn Morris, (New) Head of Guidance

YR11 FIELD TRIP TO MT MAUNGANUI

Level 1 Geography went to Mount Maunganui on the Thursday before lockdown to conduct their fieldwork for their research internal. Their focus was to determine whether inner harbours collect more rubbish than open ocean beaches. 'Twas a sunny day where we climbed Mount Maunganui and spent the day collecting rubbish from our research areas. We were also super lucky to be the last field trip before lockdown!

- Miss Annelise Newman, Geography





LOOKING BACK ON LOCKDOWN

It was a real privilege to be given the opportunity to lead the college during Mr Tong's absence and I am very proud of what we have all accomplished collectively during COVID-19.

I would like to acknowledge all of our staff for the tremendous work that they undertook during lockdown. It has been just as testing a time on teachers as it has been our students. Times like these give you the opportunity to reflect on what is important and we certainly recognise and appreciate the deep commitment that our staff have to supporting students with their learning. Teachers worked exceptionally hard to move their teaching and learning online, a new delivery medium for many. The speed at which they were able to respond and transition to the changing learning needs was fantastic. Out of every crisis comes opportunity and it has been wonderful to see teachers continue with their own professional learning to enhance learning for their students.

Our support staff also deserve a special mention, they worked exceptionally hard behind the scenes supporting families and students by undertaking lots of additional administrative work to support MoE initiatives, packaging and delivering devices and a whole lot more. So too, our Deans and counselling staff have been working to help transition boys back into school.

Finally and importantly, thank you to all of our parents and caregivers for the support that they have given the college during these unprecedented times. Many of you have worked hard to support your sons with their learning and I know that this hasn't always been easy.

- **Dominic Tester, Deputy Principal**

SANITISER SUPERHERO

You won't believe how much sanitiser and disinfectant cleaning product we needed to provide here at school before we reopened. It's fair to say one of us had a bead of sweat on worrying about whether we could get enough product in time, and whether we could afford to keep up this level of supply for the year!

Until Mrs Ramsay casually said "Oh I could make that for you if you want". Margaret Ramsay is our Science Technician, and works to supply our Science Faculty with all the chemicals and equipment they need to teach. A hugely well qualified laboratory technician, whipping up sanitiser (yes we followed the WHO recipe) and cleaning spray was a technical doddle but quite a logistical and time consuming challenge.

We are hugely appreciative of her hard work and 'nothing's a bother' attitude. Bruce Brown, Property Manager has filled and carted hundreds of litres of spray bottles, delivering to classrooms and work spaces prior to the student's return in Level 2. During Level 2, students were sanitising in class, and helping to wipe down desks regularly each day to keep the virus at bay. After all this hard work by Mrs Ramsay and Mr Brown, we really hope our young men have been washing their hands too - it's a team effort after all!



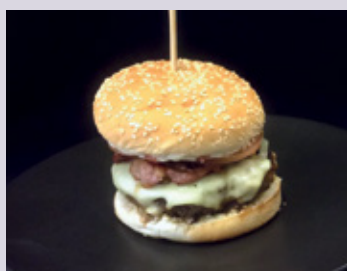
ANZAC DAY HONOURED

It seems an age ago that some of us stood at our driveway early on the 25th April to honour our fallen soldiers. Traditionally St John's leaders lay a wreath at a packed ANZAC Day Service in Memorial Park, but this year they did it differently. A sombre and moving video was posted on our Facebook page in which our young men read letters sent by Kiwi troops from the Gallipoli battlefield - from young men not much older than themselves. If you didn't see it, go to our YouTube channel.

A poster with a dark blue background. At the top is a yellow clothes hanger icon. Below it, the text '2ND HAND UNIFORM' is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Underneath that, in smaller white capital letters, is 'SHOP ON OUR WEBSITE'. Below that, in yellow capital letters, are 'ORDER ONLINE' and 'MAKE PAYMENT'. At the bottom of the main text area, in white capital letters, is 'WE'LL DELIVER TO YOUR SON'. At the very bottom, in small white text, is 'Please donate unwanted uniform to the College. Proceeds support students in hardship. 2nd Hand Uniform Sales supported by St John's College PTFA'. On the right side of the bottom section is a small yellow eagle logo.

HAMBURGER WINNERS

Quite apart from the outstanding food projects completed at home, here are the three winning hamburgers produced for each Yr 10 class on their return to College.



'Bacon & Cheeseburger' by Jasper Bom and Cooper White



'Le Burger' by Cooper Blackwell



Christopher Nu'u and Livai Tamoaieta



CREATIVITY FLOURISHED DURING LOCKDOWN

Some subjects lend themselves to practical work at home better than others and teachers were impressed by the efforts of many of our young men who got stuck in, tied on an apron, hitched on a tool belt or picked up a paintbrush. Lockdown presented us all with a variety of experiences and challenges, but we hope that most of our young men will look back and remember some of the cool work they did or the fun they had online in their Google Classrooms. We had so many examples to share with you, but can only show you a sample.

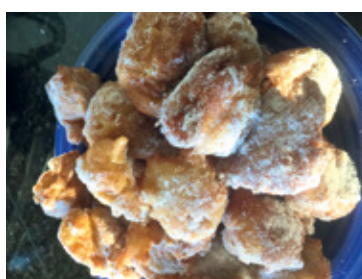
Here's one parent's feedback: "... really enjoyed being home over lock down. Learning how to use petrol to light a fire!! Baking and getting out on the farm were highlights. He was asked to pull down an old barn which was a satisfying experience. I have attached a photo of his bedroom which we painted together..."

And from our Spanish teacher, Mrs Su Derecourt ...

Lockdown presented a unique challenge to language learning at St. John's College. The boys were set online videos to watch and tasks to perform every week. They learned topics such as learning to say where they come from, to tackling deeper issues such as the impact of Coronavirus in Spain.

Of particular note was the food challenge. The boys were to look up a Spanish or Latin American dish of their choice, find a recipe for it that they liked, and then cook it and post a photo to the Spanish Food padlet. Eating was optional, but encouraged!

The boys relished this opportunity to do something a little different, and produced a banquet of food between them. These dishes may get put into a "St John's College Spanish Recipe Book" at a later date. At the very least, they helped give the boys' bubble a break and no doubt tasted delicious!



PHYSICS ONLINE

The Lockdown experience provided a boost for our online learning in Physics. To begin with we struggled to discuss some physics concepts via Google Meet, especially the one with formulas and diagrams. Fortunately, we found Windows OneNote that allows me to write equations and draw lines on the screen. We started to have our own "Khan Academy" style lessons based on our own curriculum rather than the American one.

Using OneNote in Physics is the new normal. Students get a synchronised note on their own computers at home after each lesson. They can review the lesson but also modify and organise it in their own way to help their learning.

Junior science was mainly taught through SciPad Online, a website containing a huge range of multimedia resources and games. During Google Meet time, we used an online quiz website, Quizizz, to review our knowledge in a social way.

While learning online is quite good, nothing can replace the hands on practical experiences, especially for science experiments. As a physics teacher, I am pleased to have all the boys back at school where they can learn the concept of Ten Joules of energy by lifting a one kilogram weight up by one metre height. Because then they can figure out how many dumb bell reps they need to earn that chocolate bar!

- Mr Sam Tsai, Physics

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Different context, \Rightarrow same concept!

Banked Corners

The corners of most racetracks are constructed on an angle, with the outside of the corner higher than the inside. These corners are known as **banked corners** - they help increase the centripetal force to allow the vehicle to safely travel around the corner at high speed.

If the banked corner was **frictionless**, to prevent gravity sliding the vehicle down the bank, or excessive speed sliding the car up the bank, the **centripetal force** ($F_c = mv^2/r$) must **equal the horizontal component of the reaction force**. The speed at which this occurs is called the **critical speed**.

N: normal support

② Find the hypotenuse (F_N)
The road provides a support force at an angle normal (N) to the degree of banking.

$$F_N = F_g / \cos \theta$$

③ Find the horizontal force
The horizontal force component acts to move the car down the banking.

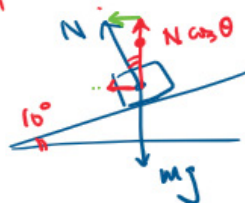
$$F_H = F_N \sin \theta = F_c$$

The vertical vector component is equal and opposite to the weight vector.

The angle that the support force makes with the vertical is always equal to the degree of banking.

The car's mass provides a vertical downwards force.

$$F = mg$$



Physics online works, but can't fully replace practical hands on learning

IT DEVICE DELIVERIES

The speed of heading into L4 lockdown placed the whole education sector under pressure. The Ministry of Education had promised to deliver laptops to our students without devices, so that they could continue learning from home too. We waited for a bit, then we followed up, then we were told that these laptops were still being shipped from offshore, and all this time our students were missing out.



So the Support Staff team swung into action. All families on that list were phoned to double check about internet connections and device availability at home. Silas Burton, our ICT Manager, prepared over 70 Chromebooks ready for couriers to deliver to students. But couriers were swamped meaning more delays. Up step Mrs Petrin and Mrs Daysh who, let's be honest, were looking for any excuse to get out of the house! These troopers covered over 300kms delivering Chromebooks to our young men so that they could keep up with their learning.

We're lucky to have such a dedicated group of staff who go well above and beyond in so many ways to support our boys. We're lucky that, through the generosity of families paying the Learning donations, we have Chromebooks in our school to support digital learning in school and that can be deployed to homes when needed. And we're grateful to have all these Chromebooks back in school so quickly (with thanks again to Mrs P for her follow up work!)



LIFT YOUR GAME!

SJC WEIGHTS MEMBERSHIP

Beginner Sessions | Regular Members

Membership \$50/Term - 2 Sessions/week

BEGINNERS - FREE TERM1, MONDAY 7:00 - 8:00 AM
MEMBERS - TUES & THURS 7:00 - 8:30 AM AND 3:30 - 4:30 PM

[Facebook.com/groups/sjcstrengthandconditioning](https://www.facebook.com/groups/sjcstrengthandconditioning)

WEIGHTS ROOM

The ADP lads and after hours athletes are enjoying new kit and weights rigs in the Weights Room next to the gym arena. We owe yet another round of thanks to the Grassroots Trust, who donated funds to supplement the kit we already had, and replace some older gear with new. Thanks also to ADP Trainer Rohan Kandoi who has spent many hours organising the facility so it serves our users.

Weights membership is open to ALL students. For \$50/term, students can train twice per week under the qualified supervision of Rohan, and with a personalised programme to follow. The College is not making money from charging a membership, but like all extra-curricular activity we need to cover the costs of supervision so that our young men can train safely and effectively.



FINALLY LEARNING THE ROPES

The Year 13 Outdoor Education class has been busy making up for lost time since the return from lockdown, learning how to light fires using a firesteel. They have also been preparing for a caving trip at the end of the term by learning a variety of single rope techniques with help from the guides at Raglan Rock. Looks like the potential for a tangle nightmare, but all boys stayed in their lane and completed the course without mishap!



13OED mastering rope technique and warming up in the outdoors





RUGBY READY TO GO

This year sees St John's fielding 10 rugby teams - one more than the 9 last season. We are now the 2nd largest rugby playing college in the Waikato which is testament to the Rugby Programme run by TIC Milton Ross, dedicated efforts of the rugby committee and volunteer coaches and managers.

The 1st XV are playing again in the prestigious CNI competition and the other 9 teams are in the Waikato wide competitions. These teams are a 2nd XV, 3rd XV, U65kg, U15A, U15B, U14A, U14B, U55kg Blue and U55kg Gold.

Our 1st XV are sponsored this year by Ray White Hamilton, Smiths Sport Shoes (Cambridge), Fluid Power Distributors and FBR Building. Please support these businesses who support us. The CNI Competition season has been split into North and South conferences due to the Covid19 situation and cross over finals will be held at the end of the season.

You'll notice some fantastic improvements when you get down to watch our teams this winter. The field has been relocated closer to "the Hill" and closer to the University end. Brand new goal posts

which are 50% higher than the old set show we mean business, and new goal post pads and field signage sponsored by Ray White Hamilton complete the professional look.

Our boys are itching to get into the competition in Term 3, and we're looking forward to seeing our families, grandparents and friends down here in support. Bring it on!



RayWhite

Sell your home through Ray White & we will donate \$1000 back to the School - Supporting St Johns College

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1ST XV CNI COMPETITION DRAW

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|--------|------------------------|----------|
| 25 Jul | v St Paul's Collegiate | AWAY |
| 1 Aug | v Wesley College | HOME |
| 8 Aug | v St Peter's Cambridge | HOME |
| 15 Aug | v Francis Douglas | AWAY |
| 22 Aug | | BYE |
| 29 Aug | | PLAYOFFS |
| 5 Sep | | FINALS |

ST JOHN'S 1ST XV RUGBY MAJOR SPONSORS



WORK TO BE PROUD OF

Congratulations to the Yr 11 and Yr 12 Building and Construction students who have shown excellent craftsmanship and attention to detail in completing their projects. Here's just a sample of how good their work is.



Reuben O'Keefe's outdoor chair packs neatly together for easy travel



Tonga Vailea's potato box will last a lifetime

ESPORT LEADING THE WAY

In these difficult times where traditional sports have been on hold, the St John's College Esports athletes were the first in the College to compete in a national tournament. Here is the progress so far.

St John's College Eagles (1-2)

In a difficult start of the season the boys had to rely on their home internet for pre-season training and to stay fit over lock down. Lex 'the monster' Sinclair - "I'm laggi..... hello?"

The first two games were against Wellington sides, Newland College and Wellington College. On paper they were much better teams than us and we did our best to compete despite the difference in skill levels. The youngest player in the team Edmund 'Madlife' Shum was the MVP in both games for an outstanding performance as the support.



Teamwork and strategy are key to success in eSport

The boys were excited to face the next opponents from Tauranga, and despite the weather turning south, the boys trained continuously with only one goal in mind. The W. When game day finally came our opposition were unable to attend the fixture, and just like that the Eagles team had gained their first win of the season. Julius 'Captain' De Groot - "Free win! Lessh goo"

St John's College Pillars (0-3)

The Pillars team is composed of students who are new to the game. The boys are finding new ways to play the game and discovering many lifelong skills such as teamwork, communication and sitting in a chair for long periods of time. Boys have shown tremendous amounts of improvement in the last couple weeks and are determined to make sure they win a game this season. Nathan 'therapist' Ilustrisimo - "It is what it is".

- Mr Chan Park, TIC ESports

MUFTI DAY FOR ST MICHEL

Thank you students and parents who contributed cash and tinned food on our St Michel Mufti Day. Just over \$1,000 was raised for our brother school St Michel in Vanuatu. Mr Miller is a regular visitor there through his school dive trips, and received photos showing the devastation to their school from Cyclone Harold in April.

And thank you too for all the food donations. We do use these to care for families who need a hand from time to time, and they are so very grateful for your support.





ST JOHN'S COLLEGE COLTS YR10 CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

The Colts Development cricket team took great pride in winning the Waikato wide Yr 10 competition and lifting the Grant Bradburn Shield. Despite the season being cut short from Covid-19 after only five rounds, our St John's College team remained on top of the leaderboard from the first round, winning four games and having one weekend rained out.

Co-captained by Alex Keogh and Matthew Jordan, we had a good mix of experienced Y10's and a handful of talented Yr 9 newcomers. Highlights included solid wins over two HBHS teams, the Hamilton Combined Girls team, and the demolition of a strong Morrinsville team within 9 overs.



Centurions Alex Keogh and Ashton Carter



Batsmen to shine this term with high scores were Alex Keogh (111 not out), Ashton Carter (102 not out) and Matthew Jordan (68). Best bowling figures went to Jack Duff (4wkts for 5 off 2 overs), Josh Weerasinghe (3wkts for 6 off 4ov) and Jack Edger (3wkts for 20 off 3ov). Most wickets also going to these three bowlers (7, 6 & 5wkts respectively) from the 4 games.

Other players to show good all round ability were Zach Almond-Bryant, Cameron Gordon, Kyle Chawandrasera, Tony Sinclair, Will Conlon, Jayden Fenwick and Hamish Durran-Wolff. Hamish showing some skills also with the keeping gloves along with Alex. A great St John's team spirit and culture was shown by these boys. Coaches Paul Keogh and Dan Fenwick enjoyed helping them improve their skills and techniques. A big thank you also to a superb crew of parents who helped to support and make this team succeed.

- Mr Paul Keogh, Coach

EAGLES SETTLING IN TO NEW HOME

What a fantastic crowd we had to enjoy the Eagles' first match in our fancy new Marcellin Gym. To watch the St John's senior team take the court for the first time was magic, and those boys should remember that as a unique experience for themselves.

And they started so well, with a good margin going into Q2 but Rotorua Boys, to their credit, gutsed their way back into the match, chipping away at the lead and eventually won. Spectators, while disappointed at the result, said the gym experience and atmosphere was outstanding.

Competition for all our basketball teams starts Term 3, and we're hosting competition games in the gym on Tues and Friday nights.



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AKIVA MAKES NBL TEAM

Tune into SkySport to watch our Sports Leader, Akiva McBirney-Griffin, playing in the NZ National Basketball League.

What an awesome achievement for a young man who we've watched develop and grow (literally, he just keeps on getting taller!) into an outstanding basketball player and a fine, humble Marist man. We sat down for a quick Q & A with him before he left...

How do you feel about signing with the Otago Nuggets?

Very excited, and a little nervous too. But I keep feeling that, because I'm so young, I've got nothing to lose.

How did it come about, talk us through the process?

Well my age group coaches encouraged me to put my name in the draft. Then I reached out to Brent (Nuggets Head Coach) who'd coached me already and he was real supportive too. I also was asked to try for Taranaki, but it worked out well that I'm joining the Nuggets with Brent.



What do you want to achieve for the Nuggets this season and for also yourself personally?

Winning is the big goal of course. For me, I just want to soak up the experience of working with all the players. There are two veterans in the team, ex Tall Blacks and Breakers players, so I can learn a lot from them. I just want to get better.

What are your goals after school – where to next?

To the US for College Basketball. I'm in touch with a few Colleges in California and Florida already who are interested in having me play for them, but nothing definite yet. The exposure I'll get in the NBL will help to move those offers along. I'll be studying Psychology and Sociology for my academic programme over there.

What's your best St John's College basketball memory/experience?

Winning the Yr 10 Northern Championship back in 2017, which was beating all the big Auckland schools.

Anything else you want to share with the St John's College whānau?

A big thank you to all the people who've helped me along the way so far. My coaches and managers, my team mates, and I've had other support too from the school and the St John's College Foundation to different tournaments over the years.

This NBL stint is for 6 weeks where Akiva lives and trains out of Sky City Auckland. Then we'll welcome Akiva back to school so he can catch up on his work and rejoin his Eagles teammates - with a few new tricks learned off the big boys.





NET (NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM)

NET (National Evangelization Team) has been present in our school 3 days a week since Lockdown ended. What a wonderful initiative by Bishop Steve and the Youth Ministry team of the Diocese along with the DRS' of the Catholic Colleges of the Diocese. There's a phrase: "Your youthfulness is a real asset but you'll get over it soon enough". This is true, our youthfulness and exuberance does finally fade as we grow, mature and take on the responsibility of partners, children, mortgages and rents etc, however, it is clear and evident in watching the interactions of the NET members with our students, that their youthfulness continues to enrich their interactions with our young men and is a real asset in that important work.

The closeness in age and the modelling of a vibrant faith that speaks first and foremost through the conscious decision of the 5 NET members to become missionaries in NZ and specifically in the Waikato, is no doubt having an effect on members of our student body. The NET members have been approached by individuals and questions around what they do, how they become NET'ers, what preparation would they need to start the ball rolling, indicate an interest among some of our students in serving the Church in Catholic schools in both NZ, Australia, South Africa, Canada, America and Ireland.

What do the NET team get up to when in school? Tammy, JP, Diana, Fiona and John spend time in classes and help students as they work. They also assist the Young Vinnies with their fortnightly BBQ. They help with the preparation of our weekly House Masses, mix and mingle with the students during Break times, have led a Tuesday morning reflection for staff and have run our school retreats for the Y12's. They will also be helping with the Y13 retreat later in the year.

NET assist at the Cathedral's 6pm Sunday mass and help with the Life Night afterwards, the youth group that meets in the Cathedral hall immediately after the 6pm mass.

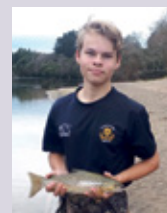
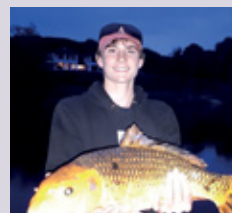
I would like to thank Bishop Steve who is funding the presence of NET in our school for this first year of their ministry in our Diocese. They are making a big difference in so many ways. Thank you also to the NET members. You are an awesome group of young adults.

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



FLY FISHING NEWS

As the Waikato mists creep along the paddocks and devour the remnants of autumn, we savour the 'last of the summer wine' days of fishing with the fish starting to become more active as they fatten up for the winter. It's hard to believe that the St John's Fly Fishing Club is almost halfway through its fourth year of service to a group of like-minded young men who have one thing in common, their love of fishing. We say goodbye to Hunter Wilson who graduated from St John's at the end of 2019 and wish him tight lines for the future.



More recently, Liam Friis and Rory McGregor came away with some wonderful catches from a 'river not too far away from here', as can be evidenced from the photographs. With winter on its way we shall soon be meeting around fly-tying vices, buoyed by hot mugs of coffee and milo, waxing philosophically about the elusive ones that got away as well as the promise of the denizens - and possibly even that mermaid - we are yet to catch next season. As always there are free spaces for those who would like to share in the fun. Scholars have long known that fishing eventually turns young men into philosophers. This is my wish - for the grasshoppers to become the masters and for the chance once again to cleanse our souls with the pure hidden waters of the Waikato.

- Mr Mark Anderson, TIC of Fly Fishing



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