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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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### DEAR PARENTS

Firstly thank you for your kind words in regards to my health issues over the past 12 months, it meant a lot to know that I was in your thoughts and prayers. Hopefully the worst is behind me and I am looking forward to an uninterrupted and reinvigorated 2021. The highlight of the year for me is undoubtedly the confirmation of 29 boys into the Catholic Faith. Schools have many masters so it is important that we are able to offer a concrete symbol of our commitment to our special Catholic character. Thank you Mr Bormans for this important work.

You will read within this newsletter about ‘three wise men’ who will be hanging up the boots for the last time in 2020. Any successful school is built around a few special people who are sentinels of culture and faith. We are eternally grateful for your service. It now falls to us to continue to be true to the vision of our Marist founders.

Young men deserve to be boys over the summer break and many will ‘off their own bat’ go to the beach, surf, fish, snorkel. Others will need to be ‘pushed’ into trying new things as they would rather sit at home and online game. These teenage years are more often than not the only time boys will have time and energy to try new things and often these become lifelong passions, whether that be tramping, camping, fixing motors or learning an instrument. Let boys be boys and let school be school when it comes around. It is, after all, all part of learning and ‘preparing young men for life’.

I think most of us are ready to hit the ‘reset button’ for 2020. The enforced time off work this year may well have had a silver lining for families. Rather than spending so much time apart families will have spent much time together. I hope this has been a bonding time for you and your son.

On my last Friday at school we had the year eight orientation day and some 200 nervous young men came along to learn about us and, as I put it to them, ‘begin their journey from boys into good men’. Thank you to our wider community who continue to show faith in us by enrolling their sons with us, and to those of our current community who when asked about Saint John’s obviously speak highly of us. You are not only our greatest supporters but our greatest advocates.

Although 2020 has been a trying time for all of us the energy, optimism and determination continue to grow with our school community at Saint John’s. I look forward to 2021 with real confidence - safe in the knowledge that we have all the ingredients moving forward to continually grow and improve in all that we do in ‘preparing young men for life’.

**- Mr Shane Tong, Principal**



## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

A calm finish to a hectic year. That is what it feels for me.

Many of us know that a series of wet and cold days helps us appreciate more the dry, warm days when they come. Our sense of gratitude and the pleasure we take from them is so much more tangible and meaningful. So it is with Term 4. It has been busy but it has been an ordinary busy and that feels good.

As the Y13's went to their last full school mass in the Cathedral, their last prize giving and their only Leavers Dinner, it was a nostalgic moment. Having walked with them for 5 years as they grew from boys to men, as they confronted their moments of "I don't think I can" to "I can", many thoughts of gratitude and joy course through the veins. The hope and belief is - I played a part in this fine young man that stands before me, a part that is made up of so many parts to create the whole. For a teacher, this is a moment of satisfaction, of pleasure, of appreciation that all the days of hard work have, like the warm, sunny day, borne fruit, and very good fruit at that.

I hope that our younger students take a moment to reflect on the Y13's last moments in the school and ask themselves "Where do I want to be as a person when my time comes? What do I want to have achieved after my 5 years?"

In many ways, while I loved my High School years I do regret not having done more, tried more things, been braver, thrown my hat into the ring more often. Perhaps others have a similar reflection. It is so important for us, as teachers, parents and caregivers, to encourage and support our children, our whānau, our students, to give as much as possible a go. Our students/whānau/children have such a short time at St John's College and the College gives them so many opportunities. Grasping as many of these as possible is going to build their personal satisfaction when their day comes as Y13's to walk into mass for the last time, attend prize giving for the last time and be present at their one and only Leavers Dinner (at least, until they attend it years later with their wife and Y13 son?). It reminds me of those TV shows where there is a large Perspex cube full of money, a strong fan and a person trying to grab as much of the cash as they can in a limited time. It isn't easy, it takes some strategy but great satisfaction is had when it comes time to count the dollars.

Perhaps I can be bold enough to say that we, as adults, need to reflect on this for our own lives, particularly those of us whose children are still at home. We know that there are many rainy days as we try our best to raise our children. We see failures but we also see successes, the warm, sunny days. While we have our children we need to grab as many opportunities as we can to do things with them (as much as they allow us to), and to take opportunities as they appear so that, when they leave us to walk their own path, we can look back on so many wonderful occasions, conversations, situations and feel satisfied that we have made the most of it.

Our Y13's have left, our Year 9's to 12's will return next year. 206 Year 8's will enter the gates of St John's College and each of them will receive the title, 'Year 9 High School Student'. I hope and pray that all our students will recognize the blessing they have in you, their families, in our College and the privilege it is for all of us to be here, and in their Catholic faith. I pray that all of us will do more with the opportunities we have so that, the day we breathe our last, we will be satisfied with what we have done, achieved, experienced and loved - that our memories will fade with the wet, cold days long forgotten, the warm, sunny days still perceptible and the glory of God before us.

I wish everyone a lovely Christmas. May the presence of God in our world through his son Jesus Christ, also be present in a very personal and particular way for you and your whānau.

May all your travels be safe and may God bless each of you abundantly.

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



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## KEY DATES 2020

The Office will open before the start of Term 1 on Friday 29 January.

The Secondhand Uniform Shop will be open from 11am – 2pm on Wednesday 20th January

## TERM 1 (WEEK 1-11)

Tue 2 February	Teacher Only Day
Wed 3 February	Start of Term 1, Y9 Orientation / Y13 Leadership Day
Thu 4 February	Y9 Orientation / All Y13 students in for P1 & 2
Fri 5 February	All Students, Normal Timetable
Mon 8 February	Holiday (Waitangi Day)
Fri 2 April	Good Friday
Mon 5 April	Easter Monday
Tue 6 April	Easter Tuesday
Fri 16 April	End of Term 1

## TERM 2 (WEEK 12-21)

Mon 3 May	Teacher Only Day
Tue 4 May	Start of Term 2
Mon 7 June	Holiday (Queen's Birthday)
Fri 9 July	End of Term 2

## TERM 3 (WEEK 22-31)

Mon 26 July	Start of Term 3
Fri 1 October	End of Term 3

## TERM 4 (WEEK 32-40)

Mon 18 October	Start of Term 4
Mon 25 October	Holiday (Labour Day)
Tue 14 December	End of School Year

## PM VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR DEVON MABER

Hard work has most certainly paid off for Yr 12 Devon Maber this year. With a clear goal to become a diesel mechanic, Devon used 2020 to make the most of his Gateway work placements, learn as much as he could and impress his work colleagues. He was always the first person arriving at work, actively looked for tasks to do, and wasn't afraid to apply his brain to contribute to his team's problem solving.



He also made sure he achieved all the useful credits offered through Gateway here at school – First Aid, Work Health & Safety, and a Fairview Motors Short Course all help to make him an attractive candidate to an employer. Being successful at work requires good communication too, and Devon has an easy friendly manner with everyone he comes across.

Having impressed our Gateway staff, teachers and employers so much this year, Devon was an obvious nominee for the Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award. He was selected as a winner, which earns him a \$2000 cash prize to be spent however he likes!

But the real prize for Devon has been securing a full time role with an agri contractor that will lead into a diesel mechanic apprenticeship. Congratulations Devon, it's been a pleasure to watch you grow in confidence and chase your goals, and your new employer is onto a winner!

- Mrs Ang Daysh, Gateway Coordinator

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Staff were sporting colour combos to die for during Mental Health Awareness Week last week of Term 3. With a different theme and focus for each day, our lads must surely have picked up on some of the tips and activities offered to highlight the importance of maintaining good mental health.

Gratitude walls, random acts of kindness, mindfulness activities, shared reading and a mirror installation all helped to promote some of the habits of good health. The week was topped off with the annual Staff vs Prefects Football match, bringing our whole community together for some laughs.

A big thanks to the team of staff who contributed to making this such a positive week for all of us!





## FINAL MASS

Full school Mass is such a special celebration and not to be missed. We really encourage our whānau to join us at our three Masses throughout the year. This year's Final Mass gave thanks for the year that's been and blessed those that are moving on. The Liturgy Music Group leads us beautifully, and the kapa haka and Pasifika hymns are just magic.



## 2021 STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to the men who have been selected as our Student Leaders for 2021.

Charlie Raj, Tiernan Sanders, Aiden Payne-Isaacs



Head Student	Tiernan Sanders
Deputy Head Students	Aiden Payne-Isaacs & Charlie Raj
Academic Leaders	Kent Willcock & Will Benefield
Special Character	Daniel Cruickshank & Daniel Nobilo
Arts	Gyan Lumo & Josh Leggett
Sports	Edward Prestidge-King & Jake Clare
Māori	Paneere Waitai & Tawera Marsh
Pasifika	Salesi Salesi & Takilesi Maka
Chanel House	Jonnee Harris & Jake Kane
Pompallier House	Phoenix Flack & Ethan Price
Marcellin House	Lachie Virtue & Daniel Miller
Roncalli House	Thomas Roach & Hayden Neil

*May the Lord Bless You  
and Keep You*

## JOHN BULL AND KEVIN FREWEN

We farewelled **John Bull** and **Kevin Frewen** with much aroha, a touch of sadness and a ton of laughs at year end. These 2 men have taught at St John's since 1981 and 1983 respectively - that's a combined service of 76 years!

We owe each of these wonderful Marist men a debt of gratitude for their unstinting commitment to their students, and also as exemplars of the College's special character and pillars. They are walking forwards into a new chapter called retirement and we wish them every blessing.

We also farewell these staff who are heading into new adventures:

- Matua Dwayne Hudson** - to Kawerau College;
- Miss Jenny Maguire** - to complete her teaching degree;
- Mrs Lee Baker** - to complete her Masters degree;
- Mr Leon Holden** - to the Marist Rugby Club;
- Mr Mike McGowan** - to the building industry;
- Mrs Katie Williams** - back to Rototuna High.



## HAERE MAI TO THE NEW BOYS!

We farewelled our Year 13's on Thursday evening, 12 November; bright and early the next morning, we welcomed our incoming class of over 200 boys who will be our Year 9's in 2021. They came from over 40 different primary schools for their first taste of St John's College at our annual Orientation Day.

The boys were looked after by 30 responsible and friendly Year 10 leaders. After the compulsory literacy and numeracy testing, they learned to sing 'He Honore' in preparation for the powhiri on their first day of school. They toured the school and were introduced to a number of landmarks around the college. Sport filled out the remainder of their busy day.

- Mrs Carolyn Morris, Guidance Counsellor



## Got five minutes?



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### STATIONERY ORDERS

You'll find the stationery lists at [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz). This is an Office Max service for online purchasing and free delivery for orders over \$46 incl GST, and the school gets a small reward for all purchases made. There is no longer a physical Office Max store for you to visit.

You don't have to buy from Myschool – you can download and print your stationery list and purchase items from wherever you choose.

### UNIFORM FAQs

**Where do I buy SCHOOL uniform?** NZ Uniform in Tristram Street is your one stop shop for ALL day to day school uniform, including PE uniform. They do online shopping, run a Uniform Club, have PARTPay options, and will do specialist fittings for really small or really large students.

**Where do I buy SPORTS uniform?** Kukri have a range of playing shorts and team socks in their retail and online store - rugby, football, hockey, touch and other codes that play in shorts will purchase these from Kukri. Cricket shirts, pants and caps are purchased direct from Kukri.

Unlike many schools, St John's supplies most of our playing uniforms - that makes sport cheaper for parents and also means our players look like a team on field. This approach works well for some codes, but not so well for others - depending on the particular uniform. As a rule of thumb, we'll supply playing shirts for most codes, while parents purchase shorts and socks.

Kukri will bring a mobile trailer to St John's before the busy winter sports season so that parents can buy on site. This will be advertised in Term 1.

**Where do I buy a lavalava?** Buy these from the College Office for \$50. A full range of sizes are held there.

**Can we buy 2nd Hand Uniform?** Yes, the PTFA runs a 2nd hand 'online' store throughout the year, and will open for drop-in buying from 11am – 2pm on 20 January 2020. Online purchases at [www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz/Second-Hand-Uniform](http://www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz/Second-Hand-Uniform). You can purchase online before the 20th and we'll do our best to fill your order first, for collection on the 20th.

**Where do we donate old uniform for 2nd hand?** Please drop items into the School office. We're not officially open for business, but the door's open and clothing can be left up to the 18th December, or again from 11 January.

Online purchases at [www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz/Second-Hand-Uniform](http://www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz/Second-Hand-Uniform)



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### MEL YOUNG MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Holidays, who needs them? Not the St John's College Eagles and our hard working basketball parents! When BBNZ cancelled the Secondary School Nationals, our top players were devastated to miss a crack at the title for which they'd been training and preparing for years.



In steps Mr Lally to invite the top North Island teams to compete for the Mel Young Memorial Trophy instead. Not quite the Nationals for sure, but this tournament was the biggest show in town for Secondary School basketball this year, and what a privilege to be hosting it here in our new Marcellin Gym and remembering the man who launched our outstanding basketball programme.

Live streaming across multiple platforms including Sky Sport and Māori TV offered our players a taste of the Big Time, and boy did they make us proud. Played over three days in the October break, the competition was fierce and the St John's College Eagles had a tough run to the final. A close first half against Scots College in the final left a packed crowd of spectators feeling uneasy, but the Eagles stepped up a gear in the second half to claim the Trophy with a comfortable win. This was an especially fitting win for a crop of Year 13s who were lucky enough to train under Mel as 11 year olds.

The College is super appreciative of all the parents, committee members and coaches who supported this tournament, and a special thank you to HBHS who hosted games in their gym.

And we bid a very fond haere rā to a special group of Year 13 ballers who have now finished their time with us. Over 5 years you've worn the St John's College singlet with pride, played for each other and for Mel, left nothing in the tank, and wowed us with some truly spectacular play. We wish you all the very best and hope to see you play again here at St John's College one day.

**Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me maunga teitei**

*Pursue that which is precious and do not be deterred by anything less than a lofty mountain*



### YEAR 9 RUGBY

A popular event on the College Calendar, the Yr9 Rugby tournaments pits form classes against each other over a series of lunchtime games. Senior Students from our Sports Science and Sports & Leisure classes stepped up to coach teams and ref games. Congratulations to winners 9TH who beat runners up 9SI in the final.



### LIFE LESSONS ON THE WATER

Early mornings, twice a day trainings, on the water and off the water. It's a parent's dream when it comes to keeping their boys out of trouble but it's hard work for the boys who are enduring such pain and discipline.

We have three amazing coaches this year, teacher Marty O'Leary, parent Sean Birdling and Old Boy Alex Anderson. They are working very closely with the rowers in the gym and on the Waikato river to prepare the boys to be the best they can be this coming season.

Recently we had a 2 day camp at Mangakino where, in the rain, these boys rowed three times a day, learned about water safety, practiced how to safely fall out of a boat (and, importantly, climb back in), did their fair share of hill sprints, ate more food than you could imagine, laughed, bonded and agonised over raw and stinging blisters. Sleep was kept to a minimum (we will blame that on the lumpy mattresses.) But they even managed to squeeze in some study for their exams!

Now for most people this sounds more like an awful nightmare than a fun weekend away. But these young men also learnt about focus, goal setting, being there for each other, discipline, mind sets, and the key to getting a six pack before Christmas! These lessons will carry the boys far beyond their rowing days, into life as young men and grown adult men. What Marty, Sean and Alex are feeding into these boys is simply priceless, and we are all very excited for the season ahead.

- A.M. aka 'Impressed Rowing Parent'





## Y10 GOURMET PIZZA



Edmund and I were tasked with making a pizza that met our stakeholders needs. We really wanted the final pizza to look and taste good with a great texture. Our stakeholder was Mr Jackways who said he loved spice.

First we made our trial pizza which we split into 2 halves. Half pepperoni, half chicken, brie and cranberry sauce. The "feed forward" we got was that he enjoyed the chicken pizza more. We decided to make our final pizza a chicken pizza. As I finished the dough I remembered a technique that I had learnt which was to brush the crust with olive oil. Once we had finished the pizza we started designing our pizza box which we thought looked fabulous.

Overall I believe we achieved our goal of making a gourmet Pizza for our chosen stakeholder. Mr Jackways was satisfied with our pizza and said he really enjoyed the taste. From our final Pizza the feedback we received was that we needed jalapenos which we could not get hold of at the time. Looking back at the experience I genuinely think we did well and the pizza looked really good. I have learnt many things in this experience, for example to not add too much sauce to the base or it will become soggy and unpleasant to eat. With everything that has happened in this journey I can confidently say I loved this experience.

- Quinn Wilson Y10 Pizza Master

## ALTRUSA SERVICE AWARD - DANIEL NOBILO

Daniel was presented with this award which recognises service to others in a recent College Assembly. Here's an extract of the nomination, explaining why he was so deserving of this award. Students take note - it's a blueprint for being a great Marist man

Daniel has proven himself, over and over, to be:

**dedicated** - responsible with showing up to meetings and the various jobs he is assigned;

**joyful** - always ready to look at the funny side of things and laugh with others;

**respectful** - always being mindful of his position and the example he has to give, not only in front of his teachers but also when alone with his peers;

**polite** - he allows others to speak before speaking and shows courtesy;

**has initiative** - when we are stuck with an issue he comes up with options and ideas that help lead to solutions;

**has leadership** - he is not afraid to promote ideas and actually lead the charge, issuing instructions to other students, even those who are his senior;

**caring** - he is mindful of how others are feeling or reacting to different situations and approaches students who appear to be in need;

**trustworthy** - Daniel can be given instructions and then left to fulfil them with competency.

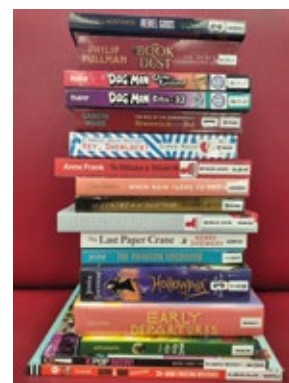


Daniel Nobilo with the Altrusa Award

## LIBRARY HAPS

The new books keep rolling in and we've seen a real surge in borrowing and reading among our boys in 2020. Reading for information and reading for enjoyment sets all of us up for greater success academically but also success in so many other facets of life - it's one of the few addictions we actively promote here at St John's!

Mrs Keightley keeps the Library vibrant and interesting with displays, competitions and games on frequent rotation so there's always a reason to check out what's happening in the Library. The latest comp was Book Baddies - matching villains to their books. She is supported by a fantastic team of student Librarians who were thanked with a morning tea shout.



## EMERGENCY RESUSCITATION EQUIPMENT - PTFA

The College was able to purchase Emergency Resuscitation Equipment thanks to the generous funding of our St John's College PTFA. The oxygen kit is designed to be used by appropriately trained first aid personnel and will allow our College first-aiders to administer oxygen during CPR while waiting for an ambulance to arrive. It can also be used to provide oxygen to conscious patients during a medical emergency.



### OED ROCK CLIMBING

Our Year 13 Outdoor Education class has spent the latter half the year completing a Unit Standard on rock climbing which had them regularly visiting Extreme Edge. Students learned about the grading systems and a variety of holds and climbing techniques. Early in term four students were then able to demonstrate these skills under the watchful eyes of the guides from Raglan Rock on the natural rock at Stoney Valley in Karamu. The boys really enjoyed the unique experience and came away with a strong feeling of accomplishment.

- Mr Jason Robinson, Head of PE and Health



### CRICKET SWINGS INTO PLAY

St John's College Cricket is all systems go in term 4 with some bold changes to our structures. St John's College Cricket merged with another senior men's club, Fraser Tech, to provide our players with a pathway to Premier Men's cricket. Players that constantly perform will get selected to represent this team.

The McQuarrie Developments 1st XI is playing in the Hamilton Senior A Men's grade and this team will be looking to build further on the last successful season. Our 2nd XI is a very young team because we decided to select some year 10 players for this team. However, the 2nd XI is currently leading the log in their respective grade.

Our junior teams consist of the Colts and the Colts Development teams and both are performing well with some good wins under the belt.

Great to see some junior players selected for respective rep teams: Hamilton - Jack Kneebone, Ewald Schreuder and Brooklynn Miller. For Waikato Valley - Reilly Benefield. Congratulations!

- Mr Joe Smal, Director of Cricket

### BENCH PRESS TITLE HOLDER

Today was the New Zealand Bench Press Nationals, where I bench pressed 105kg which placed me first in New Zealand's u66kg Sub Juniors Category. There are two National Events in New Zealand; the first event is a Powerlifting competition with three lifts that includes the Back Squat, the Bench Press & the Deadlift. Due to an injury, I was forced to be conservative at the first event and decided to focus on the second event, which was the Bench press Nationals. At this NZ National Bench Press event, I also broke the Waikato / BOP Regional Record. At these competitions, I was required to be both physically and mentally at my best, as I was competing against New Zealand's strongest people. Even though I narrowly missed the NZ record, I am still very happy with the results! After the results were released I have secured 2nd place in the u18 category for bench press in New Zealand 2020 against all weight classes.

- Josh McWilliam Y12



Champion Power Lifter Josh McWilliam with his coach

### YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

On the 14th of October the combined Business Studies classes of Mr Healy and Mr Lander held their annual Market Day. This event was held in the library and atrium, being the culmination of a lot of hard work that the young men had put in to research, produce and present an item to sell, of their choosing. There were a great variety of items sold from candles to chopping boards, cookie kits to diffusers. We had great support of parents and friends, the night was a great success.

The boys had to present their products in front of everyone, then sell their products at their stalls. Profits were varied but the men learnt a lot about business, their colleagues and themselves. The hard efforts of Term 3 led to some polished products and presentations.

- Mr Anthony Lander, Economics



Beeswax Wraps - just one of the products on sale at the Y10 Trade Fair



## OLD BOYS GOLF

Howie's Hackers are the winners of the St John's College Old Boys Golf Shield. Another great spring afternoon in early November saw 80+ Old Boys and St John's College friends catch up over a friendly round of ambrose. Congratulations John Paul McLean, Glen Kirsten, Blair Foote and Howie King.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Pat Coles is stepping down as a Parent Representative after 4 years of service to the College. Thanks Pat for bringing commitment, passion and humour to the Board and for being part of the journey of St John's College.

We thank all the students who put their names forward for election as the Student representative on the Board of Trustees. Congratulations to Daniel Miller, Year 12, who joined the Board for their October meeting. Thanks also go to Joshua Froggatt for his service to the Board of trustees over the past year.

## RYLEE SHEEHAN TAKES EQUESTRIAN GOLD

Rylee featured in the Eagle last year as a promising horseman moving up the age group ranks. Let's revise that to 'rocketing' up the ranks - 15 year old Rylee won a ESNZ Horse Grand Prix event at the Jumping Wairapa Labour Weekend event.

Rylee's riding 10 yr old Bandito NPZH (how cool is that name?) for only his second season, although Bandito is no stranger to Grand Prix jumping. Rylee was clearing higher jumps than he's ever cleared in previous comps but says he got into a good rhythm early and was surprised to stay clear the whole round.

An awesome win for Rylee, and for his family too - Bandito is owned by Rylee's granddad Don, so that makes the wins extra special.



## Y10 ADP

The Year 10 Athlete Development Programme had the opportunity to visit the Centre for Sports Science and Human Performance at WINTEC. The boys had a nutrition workshop, which included a smoothie making practical at the end, a VO2 max test on a rowing erg and a cycle RPM conditioning session in the heat chamber.

We also watched two of NZ's best young Rowers from the NZ U23 team complete a VO2 max test before the boys were put through their paces. It was a fantastic day and the students represented St John's College really well. A massive thanks to Rohan, Steve and the team and look forward to carrying on our working relationship with WINTEC next year.

- Mr. T Neil, Y10 ADP teacher

## LIVESTREAMING KIT

The new Atem Mini pro is a small device that helps change the input between camera's for many situations and can put up the school logo and green screen people in live and record it.

We can livestream to social media and to students locally and worldwide. We can promote and spread our school's influence further than we've ever been able to. We can use the Atem for interviewing in a set place right now but we are working and have the tools to be able to have more roaming cameras with wireless HDMI.

Who knows - maybe a daily St John's news in the morning playing at form time streaming to the classrooms and to the world through the school's social media.

- Mrs Sharron Gray, TIC Digital Technology



## GOLDEN GLOVES CHAMP

Kyran MacKenzie won the U54kg grade in the North Island Golden Gloves Boxing Championships in October. Kyran, Yr 9, trains up to 10 hours per week so there's nothing lucky about this win - it's the result of hard work, determination and courage to step into a ring, stay focused and stick to the game plan. Nice work Kyran!

Kyran MacKenzie



### JUNIOR SPEECH COMP

At the end of term three the annual Junior Speech Competition was held. Every year the top student from each of the core classes battles for oratory excellence. This year, there was a wide range of topics that made the audience laugh, contemplate and ponder. The Year 9 Top Speech was awarded to Callum McCabe. Representing 9BA, Callum added some class to his 'how to' speech topic and discussed how to be a gentleman. 2019's Year 9 winner, Alex Keogh, kept the momentum and took out the Year 10 Top Speech award for 2020. This year, Alex discussed the importance of not judging a book by its cover. Congratulations again to all those who participated and to our winners.

- Mr Paul Ardern, Head of Languages



Alex Keogh and Callum McCabe

### RUGBY 7S

This year the Senior (Under 18) and Junior (Under 15) Sevens' teams have been fortunate enough to be coached by Waikato legend, Dwayne Sweeney. His experience and knowledge of the game has really taken both teams to the next level in the fast paced world of sevens. The seniors were very unlucky to miss out on a place in the national competition in December. They were pipped at the post after the final hooter by a St Peter's team that were relentless with their pressure. Our junior team will be participating in the National Condor Sevens competition in December and look to improve on last year's respectable result. Best of luck to the boys and thanks again to Dwayne for all of his help.

- Mr Paul Ardern, 7s Manager



Dwayne Sweeney coaching our 7s men

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### TE WIKI O TE REO

Kai was a feature of te Wiki o Te Reo here at St John's and we're very grateful to these rangatahi for providing most of it! Staff were treated to a hangi prepared by our Māori Kaiako with help from the whānau class. Students didn't miss out either - so long as they asked nicely in Māori they received a hot sausage. Our kaiako (teachers) worked to include more reo in their korero, activities showcased traditional Māori games like Ti Raku, and we had a fantastic wiki!

We'll miss Matua Dwayne Hudson who is moving to Kawerau College next year, but Matua Milton Ross is stepping into the TIC Māori position so we're in good hands.



### STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

We're seeing all of our top sports teams booking regular Strength & Conditioning sessions with our Specialist trainer Rohan Kandoi. The Weights Room is booked solid from 6am before school and through to 5.30pm after school every day now. "While it makes for a busy and never ending season, the boys are learning fantastic training techniques which will help to reduce injuries as well as improve performance" says Leon Holden, Director of Sport. "We're lucky to have such an excellent facility and trainer, equal to any of the top schools in the region."



## GATEWAY THANK YOU!

For the Employer's that we have worked with at St John's College this year in our Gateway Programme, we want to say Thank you!

We all know, 2020 has been a huge challenge and we also know that times have been tough for some of our employers, so we want to say a huge thank you to the following businesses. For our Students, these work experience opportunities are just priceless and we really want to say a big Thank you for working alongside our Gateway department and our students this year! Also a big Thank you to our young men. You have made this year so successful also and we feel very privileged to have been able to have been a part of your vocational pathway. The majority of our students have been hugely successful in gaining fantastic work opportunities this year and a few have also gained entry to tertiary studies to continue on their journey of life-long learning.

### Thank you to the following businesses and their team's for supporting our boys

Feisst Electrical - Eastside Refrigeration  
Tangles Hair Salon  
Singleton & Hansen Plumbing, Te Awamutu  
Research Motors Limited  
C.F. Reece Plumbing Limited  
Andrew Construction Group Ltd  
Wight Aluminium Waikato  
FC Boats Limited  
Giles Homes Limited  
McGuire Plumbing Limited  
Waikato University Horticulture Team  
Collins Automotive Limited  
Power Chill NZ, Te Awamutu  
Rushbrooke Building Services, Morrinsville  
Harty Mechanical Ltd, Te Awamutu  
Norwood, Te Awamutu  
Moo Marine, Taupiri  
Klean Kut Barbers, 5X Roads & Te Rapa  
Richmond Barr Electrical Ltd  
Complete Plumbing, Te Awamutu  
Komatsu New Zealand  
St John's College - IT Department & Library  
Hartland Agriculture, Morrinsville  
Laser Plumbing, Cambridge  
Peter & Anne McFall, Tahuna Pastrol, Morrinsville  
Te Kowhai Automotive Ltd  
Jetts Fitness, The Base, Te Rapa  
Countdown SEEDS Programme Bridge Street & Chartwell Square

Wishing all our students, our employers and their families a very Merry Christmas and a well-deserved holiday period. All the very best for 2021.

- Mrs Angela Daysh, Gateway Coordinator

## STAFF VS PREFECTS FOOTBALL

This popular event on the School Calendar was played on the last day of Term 3, and raises money for the Cancer Society. Despite the teachers barely training for this in advance, not taking it seriously at all, they scraped a win and maintained their UNDEFEATED record. Hard luck Prefects, maybe the 2021 lot can break that infuriating run!



## FAIRVIEW MOTORS SHORT COURSE

Through our Gateway programme, we were fortunate to secure places for some of our students in the Fairview Motors Short Course Programme. Our students took part in the Brakes, Cooling Systems and Electrical courses this year and thoroughly enjoyed all of them. These opportunities are invaluable and provide a unique opportunity to get hands on experience and skills. It also allows our young men to explore their vocational pathways and enable them to make positive decisions about their futures in the automotive and heavy diesel trade.

## CREDITS WITH HEART

Our Y13 Materials Technology students designed and built play equipment for Pukeko Country Pre School in Tauwhare this year. Surely if their 'clients' were awarding grades it would be Excellences all round! Thanks lads, there's some very smart craftsmanship on show here and your work will bring smiles and joy to Pukeko's kids for years to come.



# CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS!

PEACE  
JOY  
LOVE  
HOPE



## LEAVER'S DINNER

The PTFA surpassed themselves again this year, hosting over 200 students and parents at our Year 13 Leavers Dinner. The gymnasium was transformed into a glamorous dinner venue with a delicious buffet provided by Great River Catering.

Steve Guthrie, a Paralympian gold medalist in wheelchair rugby reminded the boys that tough times will happen to every one of us - and it's how you react to that matters. He encouraged our boys to keep good company, be proactive about achieving what you want and to keep God in their lives always.

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!

## YEARBOOK 2020

I hope you've all enjoyed browsing the College Yearbook which is a visual celebration of the year that's been. History is captured in these pages, and we encourage students to keep these Yearbooks - they may not seem important to you now, but you will find yourself reaching for these over the years and reminiscing with friends over your shared memories of being a Johnnys Boy in 2020.

A HUGE thank you goes to our amazing Yearbook team of Y13 students, who have worked so hard all year to plan and create the Yearbook for the College. Working under the expert guidance of Mrs Gray, they've created visual concepts, captured content, checked in with the 'client'/College for feedback, nagged contributors proofread and finally sent the Yearbook to production. They've proven themselves capable of delivering a high quality publication, which is not something many 17/18 year olds can claim. Well done boys, you've created a taonga that the College will treasure.

We print one yearbook per family - if you haven't collected one yet please call into the College Office to pick one up.



## BIG FISH - BIG PRODUCTION

Auditions for Big Fish are in full swing. Well done to all those who auditioned, we can't wait to work with you next year. We were very excited to have a strong group of Year 8s blow us away with their auditions. Call backs for lead roles are in December, this involves auditioning with Sacred Heart to find the perfect pairings! Watch this space. We are looking forward to putting in the hard mahi and bringing you an awesome show in April.

## JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

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.

### YEAR 9 TOP OF CLASS AWARDS

Timothy Dobbs	Top of Class - 9AN
Lache Matafeo	Top of Class - 9BA
Raphael Ferdinands	Top of Class - 9JO
George Hall	Top of Class - 9LU
Bryan Pan	Top of Class - 9MA
Josh Lawrey	Top of Class - 9PE
William Greentree	Top of Class - 9SI
Jack Coleman	Top of Class - 9TH
William Greentree	Top Scholar - Year 9
Jonty Shirreffs	Year 9 - The Principal's Award

### YEAR 10 TOP OF CLASS AWARDS

Cole Claxton	Top of Class - 10AN
Xavier Mihaere	Top of Class - 10BA
Caleb Leslie	Top of Class - 10JO
Rico Thompson	Top of Class - 10LU
Jonathan Langley	Top of Class - 10MA
Charlie Squire	Top of Class - 10PE
Max Johnson	Top of Class - 10SI
Cayden McLean	Top of Class - 10TH
Charlie Squire	Top Scholar - Year 10
Alex Keogh	Year 10 - The Principal's Award

## WINTER TRADES ACADEMY

Our Wintec Trades Academy programme in 2020 has gone from strength to strength and this year. All 11 students who applied for the programme were accepted. Students attended one day per week to took part in the Manufacturing and Technology Level 2 course, as well as the Construction and Infrastructure Level 2 course. All of them thoroughly enjoyed the course and got to work on various projects and gain a wide variety of trade skills.



## MĀORI AND PASIFIKA AWARDS

<b>Te Haurora Tawhara</b>	<i>Te Pitomata o Tānerore taong</i> Award for Most Improved Performer in Kapa Haka
<b>Amilame Finau</b>	<i>Gugumatua ena ka ni vuli</i> Award for Most Improved Performer in the Pasifika Group
<b>Paneere Waitai</b>	<i>Nga Mahi a Tanerore, a Hinerehi</i> Award for the Most Outstanding Performer in Kapa Haka
<b>Temaka Tabokaai</b>	<i>Katoangaii foaki pale faiva fakamafana</i> Award for the Most Outstanding Performer in the Pasifika Group
<b>Salesi Salesi</b>	<i>Metera Li'ao</i> Award for Presence
<b>Antony Silich</b>	<i>He Kanohi Kitea</i> Award for Presence
<b>Tayne Elliott</b>	<i>Kaporangi</i> Award for Academic Commitment
<b>Tioti Tatireta</b>	<i>Aua Le Fiu</i> Award for Academic Commitment
<b>Matariki Hodges-MacDonald</b>	<i>Māhuri Tōtara</i> Award for Leadership
<b>Reupena Maka Tyrell</b>	<i>Tupua Tamasese</i> Award for Leadership
<b>Tawera Marsh</b>	<i>Te Wairua o Hato Hoani</i> Award for Spirit
<b>Reupena Maka Tyrell</b>	<i>Joe Tuvuki Memorial Award</i> Award for Spirit



Tawera Marsh



Reupena Maka Tyrell



## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

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

<b>Dyrel Lumiwes</b>	The University of Waikato Te Paewai o te Rangi: Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement Victoria University: Tāngiwhai
<b>Daniel Coles</b>	The University of Waikato Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship
<b>Tayne Elliott</b>	The University of Waikato Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship PWC Scholarship
<b>Joshua Froggatt</b>	The University of Waikato Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship
<b>Max McNamara</b>	The University of Waikato Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship
<b>Kian Bennett</b>	The University of Waikato David Johnstone Charitable Trust
<b>Guantian Chen</b>	University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship
<b>Mataraki Hodges-MacDonald</b>	University of Otago Tu Kahika
<b>Sam Kelly</b>	University of Otago University of Otago Performance Entrance Scholarship
<b>Josery Rereiti</b>	University of Otago POPO Foundation Scholarship
<b>Devon Maber</b>	Prime Ministers Vocational Excellence Award



Daniel Cruickshank



Thomas Srhoj

## ARTS AWARDS

<b>Senior A Theatre Sports Team</b>	<i>Performing Arts Group of the Year</i>
<b>Daniel Cruickshank</b>	<i>St John's College Award - Contribution to dramatic arts in the community</i>
<b>Regan Meads</b>	<i>St John's College Award - Contribution to behind the scenes</i>
<b>Thomas Srhoj</b>	<i>St John's College Award- Scriptwriting</i>
<b>Thomas Srhoj</b>	<i>The Travaglia Cup for Dramatic Characterisation</i>
<b>Toby Bassett</b>	<i>Drama Development Award</i>
<b>Thomas Srhoj</b>	<i>The Principal's Award Contribution to the Drama Programme</i>
<b>Samuel Hodgson Daniel Cruickshank Thomas Srhoj Justin Flintoff</b>	<b>Thomas Button Charlie Raj Benjamin Pritchard-Gunn</b> <i>Blues Awards 2020</i>



## SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

A highlight of our school Calendar is the Senior Prizegiving event. Mr Tong made the point in his speech that all these prizewinners earned their awards as the result of hard work through the year. Special congratulations to Guantien Chen, Proxime Accessit, and Andre Bouma, Dux for their achievements as our very top academic students in 2020. It has been a pleasure to teach these men and to watch their own talent and determination produce such outstanding results.

<b>Caleb Fernandes</b>	<i>The Principal's Award for Year 11</i>
<b>Alistair Sequeira</b>	<i>Year 11 Top Scholar</i>
<b>Tiernan Sanders</b>	<i>The Principal's Award for Year 12</i>
<b>Hayden Neale</b>	<i>Year 12 Top Scholar - John Fabling Cup</i>
<b>Brendan Boyd</b>	<i>Special Award: Brother Remegius Cup for Generosity and Service</i>
<b>Finn Lally</b>	<i>Colin Smith Memorial Cup for Leadership</i>
<b>Rainald Valondo</b>	<i>Special Award: David Williams Memorial Trophy for Exemplifying The Spirit of St John's</i>
<b>Christian Realpe Tez</b>	<i>Special Award: Jason Carroll Memorial Trophy for Success through Adversity</i>
<b>John Paca</b>	<i>Special Award: Marist Brothers' Award for Service to Liturgy in the Marist Spirit</i>
<b>Rainald Valondo</b>	<i>Special Award: Marist Brothers' Award for Service to Liturgy in the Marist Spirit</i>
<b>Tayne Elliott</b>	<i>Top Māori Scholar - Whaia te iti Kahurangi; The Māori Academic Excellence Award</i>
<b>Kian Bennett</b>	<i>St John's College Cup for Top Pacific Scholar</i>
<b>Manaia Jones</b>	<i>The College Māori Award - The Te Hiringa Award</i>
<b>Guantien Chen</b>	<i>Special Award: Proxime Accessit to the Dux; Proxime Accessit Cup</i>
<b>Dyrel Lumiwes</b>	<i>Special Award: The Principal's Award for Year 13 - The D'Souza Trophy</i>
<b>Andre Bouma</b>	<i>Special Award: College DUX for 2020 - The D'Souza Cup</i>



Andre Bouma, College Dux



Brendan Boyd, Brother Remegius Cup



Kian Bennett, Top Pacific Scholar



Finn Lally, Colin Smith Memorial Cup



Guantien Chen, Proxime Accessit



Rainald Valondo, Marist Brothers Award



Tayne Elliott, Top Māori Scholar



John Paca, Marist Brothers Award



Dyrel Lumiwes, D'Souza Trophy



## PREPARING YOUNG MEN FOR LIFE

