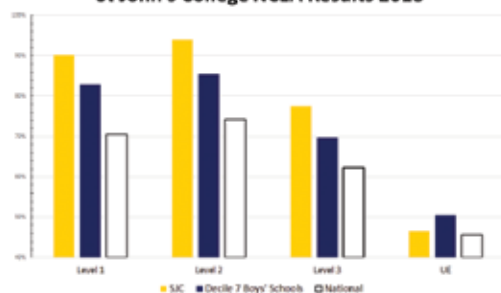




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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



"At Saint John's College we want you to feel welcome and become involved in our community."

DEAR PARENTS

Firstly, to our year nine parents welcome to our Saint John's College community and thank you for entrusting your sons to us. I trust that your son has found his place here, however it can take some time. Some boys feel at home from day one while for others it can take a few months. Saint John's has a large number of schools that contribute to us and it is not unusual for a boy to know very few others before starting but they form friendships quickly and find their place here.

For parents, as a child enters College, there is often degree of distancing from the school that is in contrast to the parents' involvement at Primary school. This can be a difficult and stressful time. While it is true that, to a degree, parents need to step back to allow their son to find himself as he journeys the adolescent years, we must also be there to help him when he stumbles.

At Saint John's College we certainly want you to feel welcome and become involved in our community, whether that be through the PTFA or simply by being present on the sideline of your son's sports games or cultural events. Just because your son might no longer want you to give him a hug in the school carpark does not mean that you cannot be involved in a less conspicuous way!

Perhaps the best lesson for me as Principal of Saint John's College was having my own son here a few years back. I experienced first-hand the same apprehensions of you as parents with my son entering high school and having to let go. And, yes, I have to confess that I did find myself seeking him out during the breaks in those first few weeks to see that he was okay, but only from a distance. It was, at the end of the day, a privilege to have him here with me at Saint John's and he thrived.

This year is our largest ever year nine intake at just over two hundred boys and a total school roll of around 800. Receiving an increase in our capped roll was a real Godsend as otherwise we would have had to turn dozens of preference boys away. We are able to grow to 925 over time which is a number we are confident and determined will not detract from the special character of Saint John's College.

I wish to acknowledge the passing of Peter Hutchinson earlier this month. Peter (Pete) taught at Saint John's for 20 years in the Technology area and was Head of Faculty for much of that time. Pete was a member of the St Pius community and will be remembered as a humble man with a positive and humorous outlook on life and a personal friend. Pete's daughter Renee is Head of our English department.

In the wake of the mass shooting of Muslim people at prayer in Christchurch I leave you with this letter from the combined New Zealand Bishops to NZ's Muslim community.

We hold you in prayer as we hear the terrible news of violence against Muslims at mosques in Christchurch. We are profoundly aware of the positive relationships we have with Islamic people in this land, and we are particularly horrified that this has happened at a place and time of prayer. We are deeply saddened that people have been killed and injured, and our hearts go out to them, their families and wider community. We wish you to be aware of our solidarity with you in the face of such violence.

Peace, Salaam,

United in prayer and sorrow

- Mr Shane Tong, Principal



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

We are now in the season of Lent, celebrated here at St John's College with 3 simultaneous Ash Wednesday liturgies run by the teachers and students. In all three liturgies the students were exemplary in their respect for the solemnity of the occasion and are a credit to the school. We are all encouraged to focus, during this Lenten period, on a conversion of heart through prayer, penance and fasting – and for God, it is never too late to start. This attitude very much reflects our pillar focus for the year – Simplicity. This calls us to be genuine, truthful and honest in our relationships with both God and others.

We have an excellent Special Character Team, ably led by Kevin O'Hara and Dwayne Carvalho. The other members of the team are Jed Looker, Connor Wilson, Carlos Wijnekus, Rainald Valondo, Lucas Willcock (also our College Sacristan), Anthony Perera, Sebastian Manning and Dyrel Lumiwes. We also have a group of 13 students training as Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. These 13 will assist the 10 we already have at our weekly House Masses and School Masses. These students attend and support other Masses in the Diocese, and are faithful representatives of St John's College.

The Young Vinnies group made up of some 30 students under the guidance of Mrs Anita Sopers and myself, are already assisting at the Cathedral's Feed the Hungry on Tuesdays, and fundraising for the Society of St Vincent de Paul with Friday sausage sizzles. Young Vinnies offers our students a practical way of living out the Church's social teachings. Lock in Saturday 14 September now for the annual Young Vinnies Quiz Night Fundraiser!

Year 12 retreats were held early April at the Lady Goodfellow Chapel. St John's College hosts the annual Chanel Shield this year - a cultural celebration of our Catholic Character for the five Colleges in the Diocese. This will be held on August 16 and 17 and we will need to host about 60 students for 1 night and 1 breakfast, so I will be asking for assistance with this nearer the time.

As we approach Easter I wish all our staff, students, family and friends a blessed preparation for the greatest feast in the Church's calendar. May the life and light of Christ fill each of you so that, buoyed by the presence of God you will be able to minister to your own families and communities with the love and peace that has its source in the Resurrection.

God bless,

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



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KEY DATES 2019

TERM 2

Mon 29 April	Teacher Only Day
Tue 30 April	Start of Term 2
Tue 7 May	Summer Sports Photos
Fri 10 May	Wintec Open Day
Tue 14 May	Information Evening for Year 8 Students/ Parents
Fri 17 May	University of Waikato Open Day
Mon 3 June	Holiday (Queen's Birthday)
Thu 6 June	Marcellin Champagnat Day and Mass
Mon 10 June	Yr 11 Careers Expo
Tue 11 June	Poetry in Action
Fri 14 June	Teacher Only Day (Fieldays Friday)
Mon 17 - 21 June	Shakespeare Week
Mon 24 June	Real Talk Presentations (Juniors)
Mon 1 - 4 July	Year 11 Retreats
Fri 5 July	End of Term 2

TERM 3

Mon 22 July	Teacher Only Day
Tue 23 July	Start of Term 3
Wed 24 July	Junior Report Evening
Wed 14 August	Options Evening
Fri 16 - 17 August	Chanel Shield
Mon 26 - 30 Aug	Senior Assessment Week
Mon 2 - 6 Sept	Winter Tournament Week
Sat 14 September	Young Vinnies Quiz
Tue 17 - 20 Sept	Y13 Retreats
Fri 27 September	End of Term 3

TERM 4

Mon 14 October	Start of Term 4
Thu 17 October	Sports Awards (Seniors)
Mon 28 October	Holiday (Labour Day)
October	Final Mass, Senior Prizegiving
October	Leaver's Dinner
Fri 8 Nov - 3 Dec	NCEA Exams
Fri 6 December	Junior Prizegiving End of School Year



YEAR 9 PŌWHIRI - HAERE MAI!

We welcomed Year 9 students, their families, and new staff to the College with a pōwhiri on the first day of term. This was followed in week 2 with a family BBQ by the oak tree, and a haka welcome at the Opening Mass. Year 9's have had many opportunities and experiences to help them learn our St John's culture and begin to establish a sense of belonging here. Family spirit is one of our core pillars, and this year we will also focus on the pillar of Simplicity - being genuine and honest with people.

Later in March, Year 9's attended a one day marae visit, led by our own whānau class. Students learned about marae protocol, and had opportunities to try Kio-a-rahi, wield a taiaha, practice the Hato Hoani haka and get to know each other a little better.

The Year 9 Dean is Mrs Donna McHugh - if you have any questions or concerns, please make contact.





ADP BEDDING IN

Parents of our older students will know we started the Athlete Development Programme three years ago as a pilot programme. In that time our Director of ADP, Mr Andrew Pichardo, has tested training techniques and performance metric outcomes with our young men as part of his doctorate study, and under the guidance of AUT's world class Sport Science Department.

Results are positive, with ADP students showing improvements in base performance skills beyond the rate of improvement in a control group of students who weren't doing ADP - that is, their speed and jump/leap ability improved better with the ADP training than students who didn't use those training techniques. The College is very grateful for the support of Winger Hamilton, who have provided a car for the ADP Director's use in this period.

So here's how ADP looks in 2019

Core ADP Yrs 9 & 10

72 students who train 4 or 5 times fortnightly during normal school hours - these boys work on fundamental movement skills in game-based environments, and Term 1 has seen initial fitness testing completed

After Hours ADP

Around 50 young men attend before and after school sessions with Mr Pichardo, making a voluntary commitment to improve their own strength and condition their bodies for sport and exercise.

St Columba's ADP

St Columba's has committed to supporting 35 Yr 6-8 students to help them prepare for the AIMS Games. Mr Pichardo trains three times a week, at St Columba's before school.

Youth ADP for Yr 6-8 Girls and Boys

ADP offers more benefit to young athletes who learn good movement and training skills as they grow. It helps to prepare young, growing bodies for performance sport and exercise, and reduces injury risk as a result. Youth ADP runs in the Sacred Heart Gym, Mondays and Wednesdays 5.30 - 6.30pm

Want to know more? Contact Mr Andrew Pichardo at apichardo@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

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



YEAR 8 INFORMATION EVENING

Prospective Year 8 students and their parents are invited to our Information Evening on 14th May. This will begin at 6pm in the Gymnasium, followed by a tour of the College and its Faculties. This is a great opportunity for new families, or those with younger sons, to get to know the College and understand the enrolment process. Please pass this invitation on to friends and family who are considering St John's College for 2020.

Online enrolments open 29 April.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS 2019

Being a School Trustee is an important role and we need people with a range of skills and experiences who believe in making a positive difference. Parent representatives are elected for a three year period. We will call for nominations of parent representatives in May, closing 24th May, with elections scheduled to close on 7 June.

If you would like to find out more about the election process please visit the NZ School Trustees Association election website at www.trustee-election.co.nz

MATHS TUTORIALS

TUESDAYS — THURSDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

The Maths Department runs after-school tutorials for boys in any class at any level.

They start at 3.20pm in the rooms listed below, although boys should wait if no teacher is present as they may be delayed elsewhere. Tutorials can be from as little as 10 minutes, to over an hour, depending on the student's needs. Junior boys often find it is best to bring a friend.

TUESDAYS:
Mr Plant in R08

WEDNESDAYS:
Mr Plant in R08
Mr Sadumiano in R01 or R02

THURSDAYS:
Mr Plant in R08
Mr Sadumiano in R01 or R02



WELCOME NEW STAFF

We welcomed 8 new staff to our team this year. We are lucky that St John's attracts high quality applicants for positions - the strong family spirit and our engaged and supportive parent community are a real factor in our reputation as being a great place to teach.

Miss Annelise Newman, Social Sciences
Miss Cian Gardner, Drama and English
Mrs Stephanie Langdon, Mathematics
Mrs Andrea Bossenger, Geography
Mr Joseph Murray, Technology
Mrs Angela Daysh, Gateway
Mr Kurt McQuilkin, Director of Sport
Mr Joe Smal, Sport Coordinator

INTRODUCING DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Hello, my name is Kurt McQuilkin, I recently joined the St John's College team as the Director of Sport.

I was born and bred in Te Kuiti and, like a lot of young men, enjoyed sport and the idea of travelling and trying to combine the two if possible.

Rugby was my passion and I was fortunate enough to play for King Country and North Auckland (or Northland as they are called today) at senior provincial level in New Zealand before departing for the shores of Ireland in the early 90s.

In all, I spent 17 years in Ireland. I played for and captained Leinster and also got 5 international caps for Ireland. On the coaching side I've been involved with the Leinster and Ireland U19s, U20s, Dev XV and Sevens. I had five seasons as the Leinster Senior defence coach winning Leinster's first ever Heineken Cup in 2009.

I married my Irish wife Barbara in 1999 and we have two daughters - Ella 17 & Lily 14.

I enjoy all sports and I look forward to watching our young men here at St John's College striving to reach their individual and collective sporting potential.

- **Mr Kurt McQuilkin, Director of Sport**

NCEA REPORT CARD

Once again we are very pleased with our NCEA results for 2018. 90.3% of students gained their NCEA Level 1 qualification, 94.1% Level 2 and 77.6% Level 3. Our pass rates continue to be significantly higher than the averages for both national and decile 7 boys' school results.

We are particularly proud of our NCEA Level 2 results, as they are the highest pass rate of any school in Hamilton and wider Waikato, including the private schools. Pass rates for our Māori and Pasifika students are also well above national results:

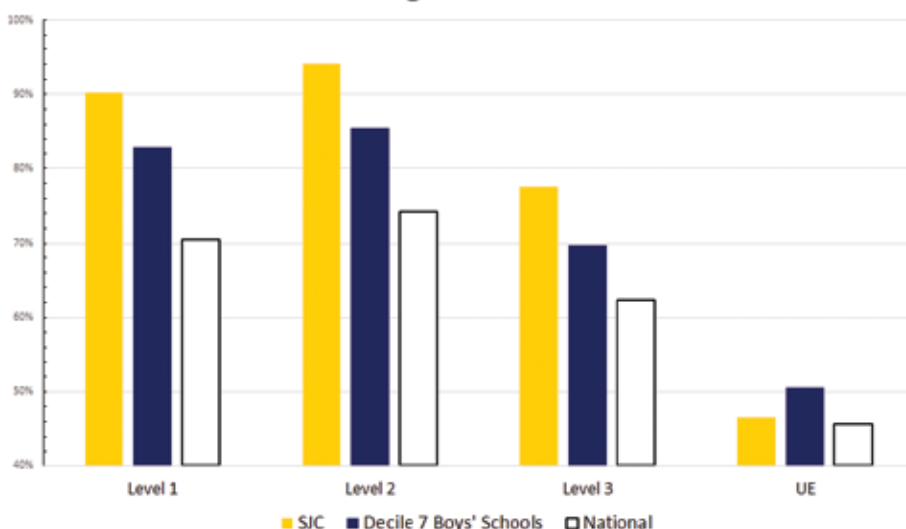
Māori: Level 1 - 75%, Level 2 - 89.3%, Level 3 - 75%, UE - 29.2%

Pasifika: Level 1 - 78.6%, Level 2 - 92.9%, Level 3 - 50%, UE - 50%

Endorsements (gaining a Merit or Excellence) are a real focus for us. At NCEA Level 1, 48.6% of students gained an endorsement, with 13.6% at an Excellence level - nearly double the level seen in 2016. At Level 2, we saw 35.4% of students gain an endorsement and 31.1% of students at Level 3. We still have some work to do on ensuring that boys reach their potential and secure their certificate endorsement. There were a significant number of boys who failed to meet their NCEA target, often through falling short with examinations.

A big thank you to all the parents for their support over the past year and to all of our staff who have done an absolutely fantastic job in supporting our fine young men. This year we ran many more tutorial workshops in the lead up to exams, with many being run just prior to the exam itself. Many more students were identified and targeted to attend specific workshops which we believe has impacted positively on external results for a number of students. Performance in the external examinations remains a focus for us this year.

St John's College NCEA Results 2018



LOOKING AHEAD TO THIS YEAR

2019 will see us focusing on students working to their potential and gaining both certificate and subject endorsements where appropriate. We recognise that we have an academically strong cohort of boys in Year 13 so we have high expectations on their ability to secure University Entrance (UE) too.

Senior students have been set targets for 2019 and parents can view these by logging onto the Parent Portal (KAMAR) - click on the results link, select current year results, select the year level. Thank you to all those students and parents who took the opportunity of working with us to set these targets. This year students will also have subject targets set in all subjects which are based on Achievement Standards.

It is really important that students track their own progress during the course of the year against these targets and are proactive about making change when needed. Year 13 students also need to focus on gaining 14 credits in each of their UE approved subjects so that are in a strong position to gain UE at the end of the year. The key to success is hard work, effort, perseverance and consistency. Boys need to live up to the slogan Year 13 leaders have created this year - try a little harder to be a little better!

- **Mr Dominic Tester, Deputy Principal**



Congratulations to these Students

NCEA SCHOLARSHIPS 2018

Dominic Beaton (Year 12) - English
 Reece Cately (Year 13) - Physics
 Ilija Jankovic (Year 13) - Calculus
 Thomas Watene (Year 13) - English & Economics
 Andrew Walker (Year 13) - English
 Sacha Choytooa (Year 13) - Calculus

Special congratulations go to five Year 13 students from 2018 who worked consistently over the past 3 years to gain a clean sweep of Excellence endorsements at NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3. Hats off to William Burton, Lachlan Fleck, Joshua Sturgeon, Joseph Wallbank and Thomas Watene.

NCEA ENDORSEMENTS

LEVEL 1 MERIT

Oliver Atkinson	Manaia Jones
Ethan Baird	Daniel Kilbride
Taylor Barry	Jesse Laird
Mitchell Baucke	Finn Lally
Nathaniel Bormans	Tayne Matheson
Billy Burgess	Akiva McBirney-Griffin
Logan Burgess	Leo McDonald
Jayden Cantwell	Rory McGregor
Fergus Casey	William McVicar
Jorel Chapeau	Keegan Morth
Daniel Coles	Reuben Ngapo
Anton Coote	Quintin Norbruus
Jacob Croft	Michael O'Brien
Rohan Dolan	Kobe Olsen-Matara
Andrew Duff	Carter Pointon
Michael Echague	Josery Rereiti
Tayne Elliott	Devyn Sheehan
Max Field	Antony Silich
Josiah Fleming	Rex Ryence Sitchon
Joshua Froggatt	Adam Staincliffe
Jose Gatmaitan	Michael Stobie
Roan Gilheany-Black	Cameron Stokes
Munro Guthrie	Ben Sturgeon
Nate Hallam	Yingjian Bill Wang
Vinnie Hermann	Dylan White
Ericho Hizon	Hunter Wilson
Matariki Hodges-MacDonald	Connor Zampese

LEVEL 1 EXCELLENCE

Kian Bennett	Dyrel Lumiwes
Alfie Bird	Max McNamara
Andre Bouma	Nyasha Mugabe
Brendan Boyd	Torin O'Sullivan
Jacob Burns	John Paca
Guantian Chen	Maxwell Pearce
Tama Clapham	Deon Stevenson
Ross Cockburn	Conor Tierney
Thomas Edger	Daniel Ward
Gabriel Jhang	Richard Young
Sam Kelly	

LEVEL 2 MERIT

Callum Adams	Kevin O'Hara
Alex Andersen	Damien Peers
Sebastian Arnaiz	Alvin Rajan
Andrew Burns	Riley Richards
Mitchell Evans	Marcus Ridgway
Connor Fleming	Matthew Roach
James Greentree	Caleb Robinson
Harrison Hodges	Samuel Schroeder
Thomas Illott	Jack Shearman
Leon Jobe	Isaac Sherburn
Jeongmin Kim	Tai Steedman
Brandon Kintu	Daunte Tamaki
Eric Leiataua	Nathan Trigg
Jed Looker	Sebastian Tuisamoa
Cole McKnight	Lucas Willcock
Luca Mecchia	Connor Wilson

LEVEL 2 EXCELLENCE

Dominic Beaton	Sebastian Manning
Harry Bird	Kees Mortleman
Dwayne Carvalho	Jackson Neale
Sacha Choytooa	Anthony Perera
Lucien De Groot	Nathan Pook
George Downey	Michael Robin
Joshua Frires-Carroll	Keenan Sanders
Chase Hennessey	Gurpreet Singh
Nate Hopkins	Lachlan Spelman
Harry Jones	Seshan Weeraratne
Austin Knipe	Da David Wen
Jiaming Li	Carlos Wijnekus
Wencong Liang	

LEVEL 3 MERIT

Troy Brown	Caleb Laurent
Samuel Cron	Seungjun Lee
Matt Foster	Jack Levett
Corban Fray	Elan McInerney
Mason Gallien	Sachitra Sirimanne
Corban Hall	Esira Tulagi
Joel Jaques	Brandyn Were
Joshua Jeremiah	Ben Wilson
Alexander Kun	

LEVEL 3 EXCELLENCE

William Burton	Thomas O'Connor
Reece Cateley	Joshua Sturgeon
Michael D'Souza	Andrew Walker
Lachlan Fleck	Joseph Wallbank
Ilija Jankovic	Thomas Watene
Riley Kay	Niklas Wessling
Brad Manning	



ROTARY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FORUM 2019

To explain what the Rotary Science forum is in a few words is like trying to sum up Jesus' life in a single sentence. The simplest description is 'science summer camp' but the forum is so much more than that.

I have always loved science and technology from an early age and marvelled at how it vastly improves people's quality of life. But I had always thought science was just about chemistry, biology and physics. The Rotary Science forum opened my eyes to the true depth and width of the scientific field. The forum showed me how much there is left undiscovered, only waiting for the brave and daring to uncover it. For example in the field of BioMedical Engineering there are new limbs and veins being printed off a 3D printer and old ideas are constantly being improved upon.

At the forum every day we went out and did modules on one of the many fields of S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) meeting lots of interesting, talented and dedicated people. Another aspect of the forum I really enjoyed was the people there, I got to meet 167 other year 13 students who shared my love of science and maths. With these friends I dissected a sheep heart for the first time, dabbled with robots and played volleyball.

The Rotary Science forum was an unmissable experience that I will never forget, and if it wasn't for Mr Wood and my Rotary forum I would have missed an opportunity of a lifetime.

- **Sebastian Manning, Y13**

IE-LAVALAVA UNIFORM

It is fantastic to see some of our Pasifika students wearing our College ie-lavalava with pride. The ie-lavalava is in the same navy drill as the school shorts, with a gold crest at the bottom. It gives students and families an option which acknowledges their identity and heritage as well as embracing them within St John's College.

The ie-lavalava can be purchased through the College office only (not at the NZ Uniform store) and costs \$50.

LITURGY BAND

The St John's College Liturgy band is a group of students and teachers who perform the music for school Masses. They have performed at community Masses and special occasions such as funerals. The band allows those present at Mass to have more of a spiritual and emotional connection and it encourages the other boys to participate in the singing. The group is full of fun and very social. We practice once a week in preparation for the weekly Mass and any other occasions that may come up such as MC Day Mass in Term 2.

It is really fun to be a member of this group, I have been singing in the group since I was Year 9 and it has been awesome to see different students participate by singing, guitar, and instruments such as the violin, trumpet or saxophone.

- **Daunte Tamaki, Y13**



This Liturgy Group are an amazing bunch of young men who give up their time to make our spiritual, happy and sad events more meaningful and special. They are a great example of the Marist spirit, and of sharing their talents for others. We also acknowledge the outstanding support of Mrs Donna McHugh and Mr Malcolm Barr who support these students.

TRY A LITTLE HARDER...

Our three Student Leaders have started the year with real purpose and have already represented the school at a number of occasions, including most recently at the Hamilton's Jamia Masjid Mosque to express our sorrow and solidarity with the Muslim community.

Head Boy Kees Mortleman, and Deputy Head Boys Eric Leiataua and George Downey explain their focus for the year. "This year we really want to make a difference. All three of us have made it our goal not to just have the role but live by the role. As leaders of the school we want to encourage all boys to strive in everything they do, which comes down to a simple motto. "Try a little harder, to be a little better."





11 SPORT SCIENCE - KARANGAHAKE GORGE WALK

How to demonstrate safe behaviour in an outdoor context? Join the Year 11 Sport Science class who visited the Karangahake Gorge as part of their NCEA Internal Assessment. The boys tramped from the Gorge through to Dicky's flat where they completed a river crossing and then cooked themselves a tasty lunch on Trangier style camp cookers. A swim in a local swimming hole, the 'windows walk' and several tunnels later, they had completed the full Karangahake loop. The trip was a fantastic success and enjoyed by everyone.

- Mr Jason Robinson, Head of PE



GATEWAY TO WORK AND STUDY

Our Gateway classes have gotten off to a cracking start this Term. We have 46 Year 12 Students exploring career options and looking for their pathway onwards. A key component is a 10 week work placement for one day/week where students gain new skills, learn about the working relationship and start to get themselves "work ready". We have students working in an engineering firm, a hair salon, an automotive workshop, with an arborist, builder and in the sport industry. These employers are incredible! The opportunities and experience offered to our students is just priceless and we really want to say a big Thank you to those businesses. If anyone within our St John's Family wants to know more, please don't hesitate to contact us.

As well as this work experience, students also undertake other work preparation courses and here's just a sample of the activities so far:

- First Aid and Health Certificates
- Wintec Construction & Infrastructure course (1 day/week)
- Agriculture Primary ITO training
- Service IQ programmes with Countdown and The Warehouse

- Mrs Angela Daysh, Gateway Coordinator

GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS

We have welcomed all 205 of our Year 9 students to St John's this term throughout the induction activities in the first few days of school. This has been followed by visits to each of the Year 9 core classes to introduce ourselves and to talk about the service we offer to students here at school. We emphasise that they can talk with us confidentially about any issue that is of concern to them. We offer respect, trust, and a safe place to plan how things might get better. This is available to every student at St John's.

If parents have concerns, you may also contact us to discuss what's happening for your son. Phone the College or email us directly.

Carolyn Morris cmorris@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz
Brian Sparrow bsparrow@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE PARENT PORTAL

Use the Kamar Parent Portal to stay on top of school matters. This is a website and custom app for iOS/Android that allows you to look at key data we hold on our student management system. Including:

- Student notices
- Timetable
- Attendance
- Assessment results/NCEA Progress (for students in Y11-13)
- Reports
- Fees - viewing and paying online

Save this link to your bookmarks or find it on the Quick Links at the bottom of our Home page

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

Username and passwords to access the portal were sent at the start of term 1.

If you need a reminder, please email Mrs Tanner-Jones at reception@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

You can check out our parent portal guide for more info

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



PHYSIOTHERAPIST ON SITE

Craig Leong of Eastside Physio practices in the school on Mondays and Thursdays from 11.30am - 1.30pm

Typically he treats students with ACC related injuries.

Students can book a physio appointment in Student Services.



SCHOOL CHARGES

We've separated our charges from our Contributions Requests into two separate invoices for the first month so that parents can clearly see the difference between these two types of cost. These will be merged into one account for the rest of the year.

1. Contributions Requests, used to be labelled Donations. We ask parents to contribute so we can provide the quality education that you've chosen for your son. There are two Requests: the voluntary Learning Contribution supports extra Teaching/Learning staff which enables us to manage lower class sizes than many comparable schools. The voluntary Building Contribution is collected on behalf of the Diocese and supports capital building developments like the impressive new gymnasium currently in construction.

Payment of the Contributions qualifies as a donation, and you can claim a 33% tax rebate from the Inland Revenue Dept. If you cannot meet your contribution request all at once, we recommend you establish an Automatic Payment so that this is cleared by October 31. Clearly reference Student ID or Name, Contribution in your bank payment.

2. School Charges - these must be paid please. These charges are not voluntary and include sports and activity subscriptions along with take-home items used in class. We ask that charges are paid promptly please, or that you establish an Automatic Payment sufficient to clear all charges before October 31 each year. Remember that there will be new costs added to your account as your son enters new activities throughout the year. Clearly reference Student ID or Name, Activity or Charges in your bank payment.

The Kamar Parent Portal is the best way to stay on top of your school account. You can view outstanding charges, make payment directly online and check all money paid to the school from here. Once you log in, choose the Financial menu.

Please make contact if you have any questions, or if you are concerned about making payment. Ask for Mrs Dianne Murphy, our Finance Administrator at the College Office.

- Mrs Vicki Fabling, Business Manager

NEW SKYLINE

We're excited about the new skyline on display when we enter the College, and if you haven't checked out the building site lately we urge you to do so. The full scale of our new gymnasium is becoming evident, and we just can't wait for 2020 when we'll be using it.

The gym arena is vast, and offers our PE Department two separate indoor spaces for teaching, alongside the three new classrooms that form part of the complex. Indoors sports like basketball, futsal, badminton and volleyball will have more room to train and we'll be able to host competition games here with pride.

The boys will enjoy the fresh new changing rooms and a larger ADP/ weights training Centre. Best of all, we'll be able to get the full school in here for assemblies and events, so important to building our family spirit here.

Look out for the Buy a Brick campaign launching shortly, inviting you to play a part in this exciting new facility. The College has been built on the generosity of its families over the past fifty years - why not leave our own family legacy in a building which will be the heart of our community for many years to come?



TOUCH RUGBY

Our touch rugby programme has really taken off this year under the leadership of parent and Waikato Rep Touch Coach, Peter Maulder. Trial numbers blew our expectations with over 30 junior students competing for a spot in two junior teams. We also re-introduced a senior touch rugby team after a two season hiatus, which is a sign of continued growth in the sport.

Coach Peter has been tirelessly working with all three teams who have been quite competitive so far. Our senior team train twice weekly, showing immense improvement which is translating to a more competitive outcome during games Monday night. Juniors train once a week at lunchtime, prior to a game Monday evening. We have some very young and exciting talent in the Year 9 & Year 10 groups that should do well in the years to come.

The vision of the Touch programme is to qualify to enter a competitive team in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Touch Nationals from 2019. Thank you to the parents for their support thus far in 2019 it is much appreciated.

- Mr Tim Sadumiano, TIC Touch Rugby





CENTRAL ZONE ATHLETICS 2019

We fielded a large team of 60 athletes at the Central Zone competition following our own Athletics Day. All our young men performed well across their events, and half qualified for the Waikato / BOP Athletics meeting held on Saturday the 23rd of March at Porritt Stadium.

We've listed the stand out performers here, but the absolute highlight of the day was our victory in the Intermediate Boys 4 x 100 mtr relay - hats off to Charles Selesi, Amilame Finau, Jonte Rikiriki & Regan Peters who took out this glamour event for St Johns.

CENTRAL ZONE ATHLETICS TOP PERFORMERS

Kyan Rangitutia	1st Junior 300m 3rd Junior 200m
Hudson Bidois	1st Junior Long Jump 2nd Junior 100m Relay Team
Conall O'Toole	1st Junior Discus
Mathew Dale	2nd Junior Javelin
Matua Holmes	2nd Junior Shotput
Levarhn Maniapoto Laws	2nd Junior Long Jump
Callum Murray	3rd Junior 1500m 3rd Junior 800m
Grace Mayemba	3rd Junior High Jump
Wesley Carulala	3rd Junior Triple Jump
Hudson Bidois, Levarhn Maniapoto Laws, Joe Davidson & Kyan Rangitutia	2nd Junior Relay 4 x 100m
Kolo Vea	1st Intermediate Shotput
Regan Peters	1st Intermediate Discus
Jonte Rikiriki	1st Intermediate Long Jump
Amilame Finau, Jonte Rikiriki, Charles Selesi, Regan Peters	1st Intermediate 4 x 100m Relay
Charles Selesi	2nd Intermediate 400m
Amilame Finau	2nd Intermediate 200m 2nd Intermediate 100m Hurdles 2nd Intermediate Discus 3rd Intermediate 100m
Aiden Payne-Isaacs	3rd Intermediate Discus
Nyasha Mugabe	3rd Intermediate Triple Jump
Callum Adams	2nd Senior High Jump
Tyson Peterson	2nd Senior Javelin
Sione Finau	3rd Senior 110m Hurdles
Finlay Hamill	3rd Senior 800m
Hausia Vea, Tyson Peterson, Jorel Chapeau, Jack Shearman	2nd Senior 4 x 100m Relay

SWIMMING RECORDS SWAMPED

St John's had their swimming sports Wednesday 20th March, with full school attending. The community spirit was in full swing with non-competitive at one end of the pool and competitive at the other. Mr Miller ran the non-competitive with some fun and interesting games, like tube racing and the mass house relay. Mrs Petrin and Mr Kelly ran the competitive side. As always, there were some outstanding swims and records broken on the day. A selection of students progress now to the Waikato Secondary Schools, then onto North Islands in Palmerston North in May and NZ Secondary's in Hamilton in September.

- Mrs Sarndra Petrin, TIC Swimming



NEW RECORDS	OLD	NEW
Boston Haddon 50 Butterfly	30.34	30.19
Ryan Roche 100 Butterfly	1.11.00	1.08.97
Nye Linton 200 Indiv. Medley	2.32.44	2.26.47
Taniko Shane 50 Backstroke	32.44	31.96
Taniko Shane 50 Freestyle	27.44	27.35
Roncalli Junior 4x25 Medley Relay	1.16.63	59.35
Pompallier Snr Medley relay	1.00.56	59.60





POMPALLIER TAKES EARLY LEAD

So far, in term one we have had the Yr 9 singing competition won by Roncalli, and the flagship house event Athletics Day. House points were on offer for individual achievement and also for participation, with Roncalli's junior students showing outstanding enthusiasm in that area. While Roncalli beat Pompallier in the field events, Pompallier were very dominant in track events, winning most events by large margins, and taking first place. Roncalli came in second followed by Marcellin and Chanel.

The Student House Leaders are doing a fine job of organising and motivating the students in their houses. The Student House leaders for 2019 are Callum Adams, Nye Linton (Chanel), Joe Robwata, Harry Jones (Marcellin), Leon Jobe, Kees Goodman (Pompallier) and Ethan Bradbury, Jackson Neale (Roncalli).

House points are kept up to date on the School website.
<http://www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz>

- Mr Cullen-Wright (Chanel)

WOOL PRESSING / SHEARING

Over the summer break I was lucky enough to work as a wool presser at Mackintosh Shearing; a shearing gang in Taumarunui and Taihape. This was thanks to school connections with the company allowing for a very easy application. It was hard but rewarding work. Particularly rewarding if you are willing and able to put in the effort and make a few friends. I would recommend it to anyone who doesn't know where to go for their first holiday job because even if you don't return again it will look very good on your CV (as well as make you big and strong).

- Dominic Beaton, Y13

ROWING

St John's College rowing has proved yet again to be a top competitor during the 2018-2019 regattas.

After early success in The Waikato Head Race Term 4, December was another successful month making five A finals and four B finals at the Christmas Regatta held at Lake Karapiro. After these results, the rowers stayed at the lake for a five-day camp where we trained up to three times daily.

After the start of the new year, the squad continued training hard and with two big championships in sight - the North Islands Secondary Schools and NZ Secondary Schools (Aon Maadi Cup) - our training has put us into a good position coming into March.

Credit to months of our hard work, Finn Hamill and Sebastian Fulton took gold in the U17 double and Finn took silver in the U17 single. With the vast majority of the squad also making finals in other classes, St John's College rowing is proving yet again to be competitive across the North Island. We hope this can lead to proving our worth across the country!

As a result of to the hard work of our coaches and team, we're in an extremely good position moving into Nationals late March. A big thank you as well to our parents, supporters and sponsors: Caroline Eve, Two Birds Eatery, Turfreys, Kiwi Chocolate Company, Richard Fulton Carpet and Vinyl Laying, Speedy Signs, Hamilton Easy Storage, and Chow: Hill Architects. Also, thank you to Winger Te Rapa as a sponsor for Athlete Development at St John's.

- Alex Andersen, Y13 and Rowing Team Captain



CRICKET

It was a season of mixed fortunes for the cricket teams at St John's. We entered six (3 junior and 3 senior) competitive teams into their respective leagues.

We have a very strong junior base with two Colts teams and a year 9/10 team competing in the year 10 grade. The Colts A was unfortunate not to qualify for the national tournament when they lost their last qualifying game. However, there is a lot of depth in the junior set-up, especially with the new intake of year 9 cricketers.

The senior squad, consisting of the 1st XI and the Development XI is going from strength to strength. The main objective of the Development XI is to develop and grow cricket players to represent St John's at the highest level. Highlights from the 1st XI season includes qualifying for the Secondary Schools T20 final for the very first time as well as qualifying for the Northern Districts Gillette Cup tournament to be held in Rotorua.

We are very excited about where cricket at St John's is heading and we have taken massive strides in improving the quality of cricket over the last 6 months. There is still lots of work ahead, but the future looks bright!

- Joe Smal, Director of Cricket





BASKETBALL

Basketball trials have been completed in a very efficient and quick manner in 2019 with all Premier teams (Junior & Senior) being finalised and named by February 15.

Puke Lenden is back coaching both Junior A and Senior A teams with Brandyn Were (an old boy, class of 2018) also back to coach both the Junior B and Senior B teams.



DEBATING SUCCESS

Earlier this term, the annual Waikato Regional Debating Competition took place, in which roughly fourteen schools from around the Waikato took part. The St Johns College team consisted of Dominic Beaton, Sacha Choytooa, and myself (Anthony Perera). We were extremely determined to improve on last year's performance (or at the very least, beat Hamilton Boys High). We had a great start, winning the first debate against Hillcrest High School, on what was a fairly awkward topic: 'Imposing sanctions on developing countries that are large scale polluters'. Two debates later, we were on a roll, as we were one of only two teams sitting on three consecutive wins. We had secured a place in the semi-finals, but the question was, would we manage to proceed to the finals? Hamilton Boys High stood in our way, and we debated on 'Whether state funded health care should be determined upon one's lifestyle choices.'

After what seemed like an eternity after the debate had finished, we were all called into a room for the adjudicators to announce the finalists... To our surprise, we had beaten Boys High, in what was a unanimous decision amongst three adjudicators!

On to debating Waikato Dio in the finals, in which the topic was 'This house prefers a world where you can tell no lies'. After a fairly tough debate, we were informed that Dio had beaten us, but we were pleased with our runners-up title, and the wins we'd achieved on the day. Congratulations especially to Dominic Beaton who was selected for the Waikato Regional Debating team for a record breaking third year, and also scored 'Best Overall Speaker,' during the competition.

- Anthony Perera, Y13

INVESTMENT IN SPORT

Sport is an important dimension of our St John's College culture. We punch above our weight in a number of codes, and we boast participation rates that are the envy of many schools. We're committed to delivering a consistently high level of performance and opportunity for our young men, and we've invested in more hours for our Sports administration team. We now have Mr Kurt McQuilkin as a full time Director of Sport, and Mr Joe Smal has a half time role as Sports Coordinator. Both these men are passionate about supporting our young men to be their very best, and we're lucky to have them. Parents, we know that sport doesn't happen without your support too, so please introduce yourselves to our Sports team as you meet them through the year.

Hamilton Orthodontics are proud to be sponsoring selected St John's College Basketball teams with custom made mouthguards in 2019. These particular mouthguards are more comfortable to wear, double layered for extra protection, tend not to fall out while playing team sports, and come in the school's chosen colour. Based on previous feedback, parents and students have been extremely satisfied with the results.

We will also be offering a discounted rate for custom made mouth guards to other St John's College students who are playing sports during the 2019 winter season.

Contact Hamilton Orthodontics on 07 839 5870 anytime for advice on mouthguards or any other specialist orthodontic treatment, or hygienist services. Alternatively check out their website at hamiltonorthodontics.co.nz, or visit the Practice at 17 Pembroke Street, Hamilton

RYLEE SHEEHAN - HORSEMAN

NZ has a strong sporting record in equestrian events, and Yr 10 Rylee Sheehan of Te Aroha is tracking nicely to be a part of that tradition one day. Rylee competed in the showjumping event at the NZ Horse of the Year held in Napier in March, which acts as the Nationals for equestrian. Riding 'Tony' (the pony), he placed 7th in the 1.25 championship and 11th in Pony of the Year. Rylee gold medalled in an U14 FEI Classic event in Gisborne in January - effectively making him the top 13 year old rider in the country at that time.

"It's the unpredictability and competitiveness of riding that I love" explains Rylee. "One day you're top, and the next event you fall" as he recalls a broken arm suffered earlier in his 4 year riding career. His season runs from September to March, with events held most weekends, and Rylee rides every day for training. Tony is stabled at his Grandad's place, along with a young hack that Rylee's developing and training for when he steps up a level.





KUDOS

We love it when we hear good things about our students, and bus behaviour seems to be on point right now - thank you boys!

Good morning! I would like to commend some of your Saint Johns boys especially on the Te Aroha bus because without being asked when the bus is too full they always stand up and give the girls their seats. This is a really lovely thing for them to just naturally do and just wanted to give them some praise! Nga mihi.

I am writing to you to congratulate you on the calibre of the students you are guiding at St John's. This afternoon my four year old daughter was very excited to be catching the double decker bus on Knighton road with me. We approached the bus stop behind a large group of St John's students as it was just after school had finished around 3.30pm. I was nervous I was going to have to disappoint my daughter and inform her we would have to get the next bus as the group was quite large. However as we joined the queue the group of boys who I believe would have been about year 9 & 10 moved out of the way allowing us to go ahead of them!

I thanked the group but just thought you would like to acknowledge their actions in some way too. Manners go a long way and I was very impressed.

CAMBRIDGE STUD SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

We are blessed to have the generous support of Cambridge Stud here at the College. Brendan and Jo Lindsay, owners of Cambridge Stud, have established two full scholarships in response to a specific College request for their support. These scholarships, valued at \$2,500 per year each, have been awarded to two Year 8 students to alleviate the financial impact of attending St John's. The scholarships have been committed for a period of five years, to cover each student's full education here.

Cambridge Stud have been generous sponsors of the College over many years, under the previous owner Sir Patrick Hogan, and the College is delighted that the Lindsay's have chosen to continue that support. So, if by chance you're wondering where to send your thoroughbred broodmare in 2019, you know where we recommend!



placed 4th in the mixed teams division. The event was a great day off school and a very exciting build up to the 6 hour event. From running and biking to word puzzles, and Toby struggling to carry a cup of water, the event was a blast and I look forward to further events like this. Well done to everyone and good luck for any future events!

If you are interested in these sorts of events, We are always looking for more people to compete with, as different events require different skill sets so talk to me or Mr McQuilkin and hopefully the numbers for this sport can grow.

- Danny Squire, Y11

12 BIOLOGY ROCKY SHORE TRIP

Tuesday February 26th saw another stunning Waikato day at Whale Bay in Raglan. The 12 Biology students were sampling the rocky shore to collect data on the distribution and density of organisms there. This is similar to the Y9 trip, but students are extending their observation of organisms into sampling them too. It was a picture perfect day, with the surf pumping. Our students represented themselves excellently around the members of the public and achieved all they needed to on this day. Year 9 students will get to experience this beautiful environment during term 4.

- Mrs Nicola Gelston, Biology



FAREWELL TO DONALD

Our International Dean, Mr Donald Stark, has made an enormous contribution to St John's College in his 8 years here. An incredibly skilled linguist, Donald speaks 8 languages fluently and can manage basic conversation in many more. He is also an award winning writer of teaching resources that are used to support students new to New Zealand. He has consistently promoted our school to attract students from a variety of Asian countries, and he has welcomed students from Colombia and other Spanish speaking countries into his International group.

His role has been to attract, support and care for around 30 international students each year, ensuring these young men are welcomed and enjoy their experience at St John's and in Hamilton. They are of course here to learn, and Donald has tirelessly supported them in their studies and worked alongside their teachers, Deans and homestay families to help them to be successful. Donald has also been an integral part of the fabric of our Marist culture and is a valued colleague and friend to many. We thank you Donald for your service, we will miss you, and we wish you a relaxed retirement with more time for learning new languages and writing new books!

- Mr Shane Tong, Principal





OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Term 1 offers the best weather for our Outdoor Education practicals and we've had classes out around the region learning how to not only survive but also enjoy NZ's great outdoors.

13OED Survival Camp saw them turfed out of a boat with very limited resources, a short swim's distance from a remote Coromandel beach. Students had to fend for themselves by making their own shelter and fire and gather food for two nights. The pics here suggest some of them are well suited to the wild life. This class also tramped the Tongariro Crossing, an iconic Great Walk of NZ, and a decent one day challenge in a stunning alpine environment.

12OED climbed Mt Pirongia and camped on the mountain for two nights. Pirongia is a steep and gnarly climb, and with full packs and a spot of rain this served up some challenging moments.



PASIFIKA POWER UP FLEXI 2019

Pasifika Power Up Flexi program aims to:

- Support Pasifika parents, families and communities to champion their children's learning
- Provide academic support for secondary and primary students
- It is teacher led with help from mentors with specialised areas of studies

Date: Monday 4th March 2019

Time: 6pm—7:30pm

Location: WINTEC, Block A, Level 1

Pasifika Power Up Flexi will have Registered Teachers working with four groups of participants:

1. Early Childhood Education
2. Primary
3. Intermediate
4. Secondary

Light Refreshment provided!



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



RIP Pete



It was with great sadness that we mourned the loss of Peter Hutchinson, a long time staff member who, even though retired, continued to help us as a reliever up until his diagnosis with cancer at the end of Term 3 last year. Pete is the father of our HoF of English, Renee Hutchinson. A large number of staff supported by a good number of students, attended Pete's funeral at St Pius X Church in Melville, leading the music under the capable leadership of Malcolm Barr. To Renee and her family we offer our condolences and prayers.



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