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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



"I am grateful to you, our community, as every one of the families will have asked one or more of you about us. At Saint John's we do not enrol boys, we enrol families."

DEAR PARENTS

Marcellin Champagnat died on the 6th June 1840 and all Marist schools celebrate his life and gift to us on this day. His teachings and example to us are the touchstone by which we take our direction and measure our culture. The 2019 version at Saint John's was an outstanding event and I thank all those involved who helped to make it so. Our 'MC' day is a living testament to our commitment to continuing the work of the Marist order and is evidence that it works.

There is a reason why Saint John's is a great place to belong to, a school where our boys excel, are happy and safe and make mates for life. That reason is a school culture based on the Catholic Marist values that are on display on MC Day. It was disappointing that a considerable number of boys chose to stay away from school on this day. From my point of view as an old boy and Principal of Saint John's College, being here is a 'package deal' from which we shouldn't only pick and choose the parts that we like. I strongly encourage families to discuss with their sons the importance of participating in all of the activities that are part of the Saint John's College culture.

Recently we held our annual open evening for prospective year 8 students and their parents. There was unprecedented attendance and, based on the survey sent out on the night, a very positive response from families who attended. They were impressed with the passion and knowledge from the staff and by how mature, friendly, and helpful the boys were who guided them around our College on the night. One clear measure of how well a school is doing is whether the child and parents wish to attend the school. I am grateful to you, our community, as every one of the families will have asked one or more of you about us. At Saint John's we do not enrol boys, we enrol families.

However, our increasing growth in size comes with some challenges in terms of retaining what all those who have come before us have worked hard for. Saint John's has always been a place of commitment to a genuine Catholic education, and that must not change. We are a school that prepares young men for life within a Marist tradition that has worked for decades, and that will not change. We offer a traditional values based boy's education that prepares our young men for life in a world that is becoming increasingly secular and less connected in an authentic way. It is up to me, it is up to you, it is up to us to ensure that as we grow toward our cap of 925 we retain our connectedness and culture which grows fine young 'jonnies' men. I have no doubt that we will achieve this as we always have.

Sadly we farewell my personal assistant Celia Jowsey this term, a PA is such a vital cog in the administration of the school and support of the Principal. Celia has worked at Saint John's for 26 years and has been tireless in her first rate administrative support. Enjoy your well-earned retirement Celia.

- Mr Shane Tong, Principal



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

A lot of good things have been happening this Term. We reached the end of the Easter season and are back into ordinary time liturgically. We ended Term 1 with each of the Y12 Religious Education classes having a turn at being on retreat at the Lady Goodfellow Chapel at the University. The boys made the most of their time and enjoyed the extra freedom that break times afforded them.

Retreats aren't just for the boys - staff began Term 2 with a ½ day retreat too. First, mass was celebrated by Fr. Richard Laurenson. Then Br Doug Dawick from Wellington led us on a couple of simple reflections on what it is to be a Marist educator and what that ought to look like.

Some of the RE classes are being introduced to weekly adoration in our prayer room. It is thanks to the financial help of Mrs Willcock and Mr Paul Honiss and the provision of a monstrance by St Matthew's Parish that St John's College can now fulfil further the mandate of our NZ Catholic Bishops when they say in the document "The Catholic Education of School-Age Children" page 5, "First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth."

On Wednesday 15 May a group of St John's College students accompanied Mr Bormans to the Cathedral where a contingent of about 300 De la Salle students from New Plymouth, Rotorua and Auckland gathered to celebrate mass and the 300th anniversary of the death of their founder. Mass was concelebrated by Cardinal John Dew, Bishop Steve Lowe and Bishop Patrick Dunn. The mass had a strong Polynesian flavour in the music which really brought the mass alive.

On Friday 31 May a mufti day was held for the Marist school, St Michel, in Vanuatu. In addition to the gold coin donation which will go to St Michel, students brought a non-perishable item of food for our school food bank. As we become aware of families among our school community in need, we take them a box of food in the hope that it will help ease their burden.

A fabulous response was also received from the community when the Young Vinnies made it known that their two BBQ's needed replacing. We are so grateful to the Mildon family, First Credit Union and the Rangihika family for donating BBQ's.

I wish everyone a blessed break. May your travels be safe and entertaining with the kids in the car. May the sun not forget to shine so that you can enjoy the outdoors. May your love for each other be nurtured and grow, and may your appreciation of God's creation draw you closer to Him.

God bless,

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



"I can never see a child without telling him how much God loves him."

- Marcellin Champagnat



KEY DATES 2019

TERM 3

Mon 22 July	Teacher Only Day
Tue 23 July	Start of Term 3
Wed 24 July	Junior Report Evening
Tue 13 August	Options Evening
Fri 16 - 17 August	Chanel Shield
Mon 26 - 30 Aug	Senior Assessment Week
Mon 2 - 6 Sept	Winter Tournament Week
Wed 11 September	Senior Report Evening
Fri 13 September	Winter Team Photos
Tue 17 - 20 Sept	Y13 Retreats
Wed 18 September	Arts Awards
Thu 19 September	Junior Speech Evening
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)
Tue 29 October	Final Mass, Senior Prizegiving
Wed 30 October	Leaver's Dinner
Thu 31 October	Junior Exams Begin
Thu 7 Nov - 3 Dec	NCEA Exams
Tue 12 - 20 Nov	Year 10 Retreats
Thu 28 November	Year 8 Parent Evening
Mon 2 - 5 Dec	Year 10 Camps, Year 9 Activities
Fri 6 December	Junior Prizegiving End of School Year

NEW TRUSTEES WELCOMED

If you haven't been up to the College recently, I urge you to come and view progress on our new gymnasium. Work is happening at pace now, which is both exciting and challenging to manage. This facility has been year's in the planning by earlier Boards, and to see it nearing completion is extremely satisfying for the College. Your sons will enjoy the benefits of this modern sporting and training arena and new PE/Health classrooms, and so will generations of students to come.

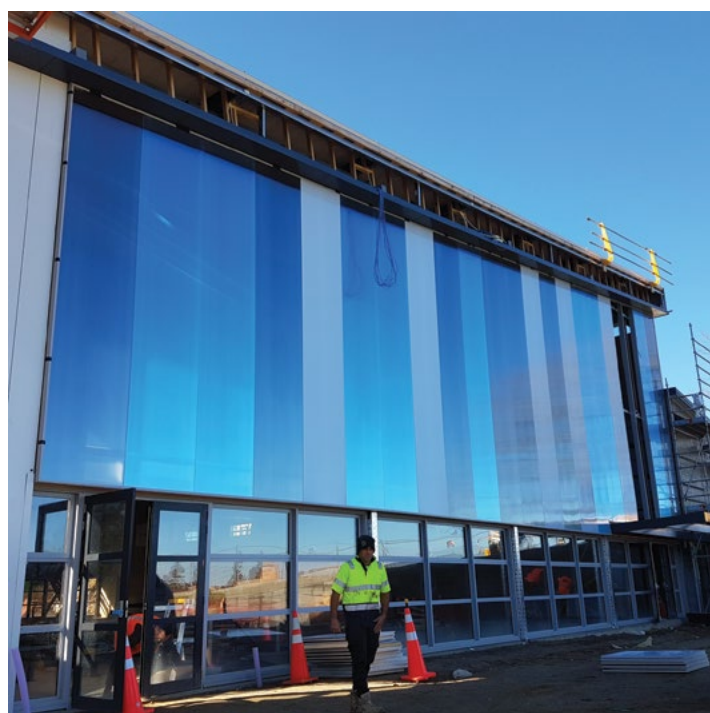
Board elections were held late in the Term and I thank all the parents who put their name forward to serve the College. I welcome in both new and returning parent representatives:

They join new and returning parent representatives: Pat Coles; Kathy Duff; Richard Spelman; Briar Virtue and Jenna Wetere. Monique Reymer, Angela McWilliam, Steve Chatwin and myself (Proprietor's or Diocese Representatives), alongside Shane Tong, George Downey (Student Rep) and newly elected Staff Rep Jude Bartram.

I have greatly appreciated the contributions made by retiring Board members. Julian Jaques, Andrew Whelan, and Erin Andersen all served two terms (six years) and must share credit alongside the Principal and staff for the strong position we're in. Each has brought their own brand of skills, experience, pragmatism and humour to our meetings and work, and I thank them for their commitment to the College's unique character and brand.

School Contributions / Donations - I have to talk about them. That's how you, our families, can play your part in ensuring St John's delivers the great and caring education environment your sons enjoy. Thank you to those who've paid, or have automatic payments in place to ensure these are made. Thank you to those who are paying what they can, and prioritizing these contributions over the many other expenses and wants we all have. We rely on donations income in our annual budget, and this 'extra' income provides Learning Assistants and smaller class sizes. There's a reason we're delivering strong NCEA results, and it's about the teaching quality and support happening in classes. If you haven't made a start yet on paying these contributions, please reconsider. Remember, all donations receive a 33% tax rebate from the IRD.

- Mr Brendan Lally, Board of Trustees Chair





BUILD THE FUTURE WITH US

Our new indoor sporting complex will transform the student experience here at St John's College. It is the first stage in an ambitious building programme that will modernise our campus and position the College to serve young Catholic men for many years to come.

We invite you to join with us in building that future.

By investing in this gymnasium, you're investing in the lives and future success of our young men. St John's College has been built on the generosity of our Marist community and our past pupils and families, and we invite you to continue that tradition.

The Buy a Brick campaign invites donations at three levels. A donor wall will be positioned in the foyer entrance, acknowledging all donors and funders. All donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%.



BUY A BRICK

Donations should be made to the St John's College Foundation.

To express your interest or commitment: Email foundation@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

Phone Vicki Fabling at the College on 07 856 7091 | Bank 12 3122 0308357 000 Ref: Brick Name



\$7,000 - SHAVE FOR A CURE

A ton of money was raised this year in the annual Shave for a Cure event. A highlight for students, they're either braving the clippers themselves, or laughing at their mates new look and weird shaped heads! Good on you students and staff, for driving over \$7,000 of donations to the Leukaemia and Blood Cancer Foundation. Thank you Mrs Petrin for organizing the barbers, and Joe Robwata for MC'ing the occasion.



ENGINEERING IN ACTION DAY

Y12 Materials Technology class attended the Wintec Engineering in Action Day.

A visit to Stafford Engineering, a local engineering company producing high end stainless steel products for the food and dairy industry was followed by a stop at Wintec's Avalon facility. Here, the boys looked at the courses and qualifications that Wintec offers, ranging from the trades through to Diploma and Degree qualifications in Mechanical, Electrical and Civil Engineering.

The third visit was to City Edge Alliance, the group of companies in charge of building the new Waikato Express Way. A selection of young Engineers spoke about the project and associated employment opportunities in the civil industry, ranging from Machine Operators to Surveyors to Civil Engineers. Days like this help to inform our students of the amazing opportunities out there, just waiting for motivated young men to have a go.

- Mr Steve Andrew, HoF Technology

EVOLOCITY KIT WINNERS

Congratulations to St John's College technology students who were the recipients of a free EVelocity electric kit which they won through a Facebook competition sponsored by Collins Automotive Technicians (worth \$500). Teams were invited to enter a creative photo using their electric vehicles. Their winning entry was of the lads towing a car in their electric vehicle.

EVelocity is the electric vehicle build competition delivered by Waikato Engineering Careers Association (WECA) in the Waikato. It is aimed at engaging and encouraging young people to consider engineering and technology careers. Students design and build an electric car or bike and compete in a regional final. St John's College have been involved in EVelocity since 2016 through Technology teacher Steve Andrew, who is an advocate for the programme.



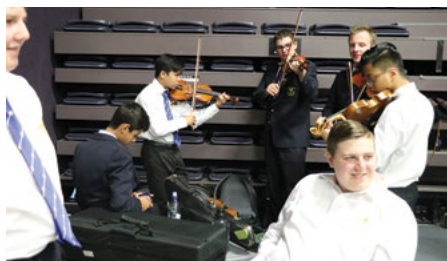
The future is towing the past



COMBINED ARTS SHOWCASE

This term St John's combined with Sacred Heart to present a musical evening called the Arts Showcase. This sell out event on the 28th of May was a real highlight and a number of our school groups performed. A massive congratulations to the St John's students who participated as part of Kapa Haka, Theatresports, Barbershop, Drum Corp, Senior Guitar Group, Jazz Band, Choir, Concert Band, Comedy Sketch and the Irish Ceilidh Group. The night was filled with energy and the Cabaret style seating, live artists, three stages complete with individual sound and lighting made for a spectacular evening. Thank you to all those who were able to attend. Thank you also to the amazing staff and tutors who helped make this event a reality. It was a memorable evening for all.

- Mrs Donna McHugh, Teacher in Charge of Music



COMBINED CONCERT BAND

We also team up with Sacred Heart to perform as a Concert Band, and we've had a really exciting and busy term. A first competition in the Matamata Festival earned them a Bronze award, and the following weekend they lifted to a Silver award in the Hawkes Bay Festival. Congratulations to Justin Flintoff for his impressive Solo performance at this festival.

The band were then proud to represent their schools at an International student event featuring the Mayor - Andrew King. A busy term was finished with a performance at the Arts Showcase. Their playing continues to develop and I am very impressed with how our students represent the school while at events. A special thank you to Mr Stanbridge for his direction of this group and to all the members of the Band for their dedication to the weekly rehearsals and performance events.

- Mrs Donna McHugh, Teacher in Charge of Music



MICHAEL ECHAGUE - RACE UNITY NATIONAL FINALIST

The Race Unity Speech Awards was an excellent opportunity to not only compete against some of the best young speakers in New Zealand but also discuss and learn more about how to improve race relations in the future.

I was fortunate enough to be selected from an amazing group in the semi-finals to compete in the national finals. However, the competition was not the main topic amongst the participants during the Race Unity Hui which was the day of the finals. Instead, we were welcomed with a beautiful Powhiri and treated to an insightful day full of discussions regarding race, speakers talking about their perspectives on racism and meeting wonderful personalities. The day was filled with a rainbow of culture with people from every part of New Zealand and every culture.

The night of the finals was when the lights were at its brightest and competition at its toughest. In the end, we all came away feeling a great sense of gratitude to meet each other and being able to express our versions of "Speaking for Justice and Working for Unity." If the people at the Race Unity Speech Awards end up as the future leaders of New Zealand, then I believe we all have something to look forward to in the coming years.

- Michael Echague, Year 10

View Michael's speech here - www.raceunity.co.nz/media

'THE ROAD THAT WASN'T THERE' - DRAMA

Two Year 9 drama classes were fortunate enough to visit the Meteor theatre and watch a drama production called 'The Road That Wasn't There'. Fifty students went down with our drama teacher - Whaea Cian, and the theatre sports coach - Mr Maxwell.

The tale is about a man who arrives home from a busy life in the city of London, to spend time with his mother who has been acting unusual recently. He finds her stealing maps from libraries across the region, and she explains why through the story of how she met his father. This is the one story his mother had never told him. It was an amazing production that cleverly combined acting and puppeteering, with parts from modern life and parts from fifty years ago. This performance was a really great experience because it demonstrated to us everything that we are learning in class.

- Christian Pearson, Year 9



REPRESENTING TONGA

Amilame Finau is one of our star athletes, regularly winning and even breaking school records in the sprint, hurdles and jumping disciplines. He's so good, he's been selected by Tonga to represent them at the Youth Oceania Games in Townsville in late June. This is a big deal, and for Ami will be his first visit to Australia. Fortunately, elder brother and Johnnies Old Boy Tevita is also competing and travelling with him. Amilame will contest the 100M Hurdles, triple jump and possibly the relays, and no matter what the final result we are enormously proud of him and Tevita.



Amilame Finau will represent Tonga at the Youth Oceania Games

SPORTS SUBS NOW DUE

Parents are reminded that sports subs should be paid by the time competition starts. Outstanding subs are now due immediately, and parents and students have received reminders. To avoid players from being stood down, please make payment promptly or contact the Finance Officer to discuss a payment arrangement.

NORTH ISLAND SWIMMING

Following our own Swimming Sports, 18 students qualified for the Waikato Secondary Schools comp. We achieved great results across the board and finished 3rd rank school for boys. Five students chose to push on to the North Island event.

The weekend of 11th May, St John's students travelled down to Palmerston North for North Island Secondary Schools Swimming. All five students performed well in their races ranging from sprints to long distance.

We had fantastic results across the board, with all five boys in the top ten for their age group. It was a pleasure being their manager, a special thanks to Mrs Miller for helping. Please congratulate them if you see them.

TOP PERFORMANCES - NORTH ISLAND CHAMPS

Brooklyn Miller 13 year old boys	3rd 200 Freestyle 3rd 400 Freestyle 6th 50 Butterfly
Sean Young 13 year old boys	1st 400 Freestyle 2nd 200 Butterfly 3rd 200 IM
David Bom 14 year old boys	2nd 100 Breaststroke 6th 50 Breaststroke 7th 50 Freestyle DQ 200 Breaststroke
Taniko Shane 14 year old boys	4th 50 Backstroke 4th 100 Backstroke 9th 50 Freestyle DQ 200 IM
Nye Linton 17 year old boys	1st 50 Butterfly 1st 50 Freestyle 2nd 50 Backstroke 2nd 50 Breaststroke



NZ JUNIOR ULTIMATE SQUAD - LUCAS WILLCOCK

Congratulations to Lucas Willcock on selection to the NZ Junior Ultimate Frisbee Squad! He'll now train in four camps between now and January, focusing on developing physical, technical, tactical and mental skills to be an Ultimate Champion. After those training camps, there's a final selection for a NZ team to travel to the World Junior Ultimate Champs in Sweden 2020. Would be great to see a ST John's lad there - go hard Lucas!

Lucas and his Dad are behind SJC's Ultimate teams, and Lucas is a driving force in making this exciting new sport accessible to our lads - so thanks to you both.





1ST XV RUGBY

The St John's College 1st XV have had a tough opening to their 2019 CNI Cup campaign, with three losses to St John's Hastings, Wanganui Collegiate and Fielding High School. With the CNI Cup getting more competitive every season, it's important to keep every result in perspective and take team performances into account too.

These team performances in the CNI Cup have been consistently improving which must be pleasing to Milton Ross and his management team. With that improvement in consistency it's only a matter of time before that all important "tick in the win column" comes for the boys. Focusing on the "here and now" will be a key ingredient for the team as they progress through the remainder of their CNI Cup season.

Much appreciation goes out to our sponsors of the 1st XV. Without your ongoing support it would be very difficult to run our 1st XV program. To our supporters, let's get behind our sponsors and show them our support wherever we can.



Congratulations to Hausia Vea, he's made the Chiefs U18 wider training squad from which a squad will be selected to travel to the South Island and play the Crusaders U18 squad. Hausia has played consistently well for the 1st XV this season and thoroughly deserves his place in this wider training squad.

At time of writing, we're focusing on hosting Hawkes Bay based Lindisfarne College. Both teams have yet to record a victory in this seasons competition, so it's a winner takes all scenario and a chance for one team to get a jump on the other and move up the CNI Cup ladder.



ST JOHN'S 1ST XV RUGBY MAJOR SPONSORS



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GLIMPSE OF THE BIG TIME

Check out the snapshot here of our own tall timber Finn Lally (6ft 6"/200cm) feeling kinda small next to this Chinese giant (7 ft 3"/221cm - at 16 years old has he stopped growing yet?).

Finn spent a week in Shenzhen, China at the Nike All Asia Camp. This prestigious Camp brought together 65 of the Asia-Pacific's most promising young basketballers from Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, China, NZ and Australia.

Highlights included playing on court with NBA Lakers star Kyle Kuzma and training with Timberwolves guard Josh Okogie. Coaches from the Washington Wizards, LA Clippers and Dallas Mavericks made sure these players were exposed to NBA style training and expectations, and developed their understanding of the skills sets required in these top leagues. The good news is that Finn impressed enough to make the Asia-Pac All Star finals team to play a China team at Camp end. And they won by 10 - not bad.

Next up for Finn is a trip to New Caledonia, representing NZ U17 at the Oceania Champs. A top 2 finish there, which is doable says Finn, will lead onto an Asia Champs opportunity in 2020.

All this top basketball is good for our SJC Eagles team - Finn's one of the big men helping us dominate in the Waikato Secondary Schools comp, and he's focused on winning at Regionals and hitting Nationals with confidence.



RUGBY UNDER 15 A'S

Our team has had a good hard start to the year. Pre-season hit-outs included an exciting opener against St Paul's U16 and a 77-0 win which put us in high hopes for the rest of the year. We enjoyed hosting a team from Perth, Australia, and learnt a lot from this game winning 58-7. Following that game we challenged Sacred Heart College in the first of what we hope will be an annual traditional game. Unfortunately we lost 34-12 but the score was not really a reflection of the two team's abilities. A final pre-season match against a strong Rotorua Boys team saw us perform strongly, holding them to a 3 point margin at the 63 minute mark. A controversial extra 10 minutes saw them extend their lead to 51-24 in the final phase, demonstrating their Super8 winning attitude and ability at the close.

After 3 Waikato U15 grading games we had 245 points for and 0 against. The decision was made to promote this talented team to a combined U16 and Open XV Waikato Schools team competition. In our first game of the competition we were down at half time but we rallied back to win 26-20 over Boys High U16 Red. We're looking forward to more tough matches to come, and setting these players up for the rigours of 1st XV rugby to come.

- Mr Kevin O'Brien, Management

NATIONAL HONOURS

Karate	Chase Hennessy (Australian Karate Champs - 1st in 16/17 Yrs, 2nd in U21)
Basketball	Finn Lally (NZ U19 Squad, Nike All-Asia Camp) Akiva McBirney-Griffin (NZ U17 Squad)
Ultimate Frisbee	Lucas Willcock (NZ U20 Squad)
Athletics	Amilame Finau (Tonga, Youth Oceania Champs)
Squash	Sam Kelly (

REGIONAL HONOURS

Athletics	Amilame Finau (3rd 100M Hurdles, North Island Champs) Callum Murray (2nd WaiBOP Cross Country Yr 9)
Golf	Ethan Price (Waikato U16) Jacob Clare (Waikato U16)



WAIHI GOLD MINE

Year 11 Geographers had a day trip to Waihi Gold Mine in May. As part of the Level 1 program we look at the sustainable use of an environment for one of our internal assessments, with our case study being mining in Waihi. Students were taken on a behind the scenes tour to see aspects of the mining process, including visiting the tailings ponds and seeing the area where the gold and silver is processed. Students came away from the trip with a better understanding of how mining works in Waihi and whether it is sustainable.

- Miss Annelise Newman,
Geography Teacher



LONG SERVICE HONOURS - FAREWELL

Mrs Celia Jowsey came to St John's College in 1993 to take on the role of Financial Officer. In 2000 Celia then took on the role of Personal Assistant (PA) to the Principal. At that time the Principal was Mr Peter Goddard. Since then Celia has served three more Principals, and four Acting Principals. Celia has been a vital cog in the wheel of St John's College and it is without a doubt that all those Principals have found her to be indispensable. Her skills at organisation, planning, keeping untold schedules, paper work, pay details and the list goes on, have ensured that the Principal of the time has been able to focus on their core business: the daily running of the college. Celia will be sorely missed for her knowledge, absolute discretion, sage advice, patience, calmness, preparedness to go the extra mile and her willingness to learn new things and develop new skills. We wish Celia all the best and God's blessings as she enters a new phase in her life to the benefit of her family and especially her grandchildren. Celia is replaced by our able and talented school receptionist, Mrs Kaye Tanner-Jones, so we are fortunately assured of a very smooth transition.

Patrick Tennant, teacher of Classical Studies and Religious Education, has been at St John's College as a part time teacher since 1997. His knowledge in his area of expertise has been unparalleled. He has been a great support in the Religious Education Department and we wish him all the best and God's blessings in his new endeavours. Patrick's classes have been taken over by the very capable Mr Ross Boyce until the end of the year.

Shirley Gardner has been at St John's College since 2007. She has been our SENCO leader, taking charge of all things that have to do with the academic studies of our Special Needs students and those students with particular learning needs. She has worked tirelessly, organising and guiding our Learning Assistants in order that those students in need receive the right support. Shirley has great patience, wisdom, organisational skills, always a ready smile and a solution to whatever problems come her way. She has great ability and sensitivity when working with parents and students, respectful of the wishes and desires of family but also offering considerable expertise about what is best for the student. Shirley leaves a gaping hole in our Student Services area. We wish her all the best and God's blessings.

BURGERLICIOUS

The Year 10 Food Technology students completed a Hamburger unit this term. The unit was introduced by Wintec tutors and the students were challenged to produce the most impressive beef burgers. After several trials to hone their winning recipe, the students battled it out in class to qualify for the inter-class competition and then ultimately to be crowned the Burger King.

First round judging was undertaken by a team of staff members and Wintec tutor, Chef Carl Hoeben. Congratulations to class winners:

MRS CURRAN'S CLASS:

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| 1st Human Fuel | Andrew Lamb,
Joshua Joseph |
| 2nd = Overtime Burger | Grace Mayemba,
Nicholas Hayward, Cody Swarbrick |
| 2nd = Fat Stack | Samuel Hodgson,
Samuel Rili |

MRS MYBURGH'S CLASS:

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| 1st Chili Blue Cheese Burger | Tomas Walters,
Rylee Sheehan |
| 2nd Small Mac | Sam Loten, Jacob Koolen |
| 3rd Brodagon | Andre Coote, Daniel Carson |

The final contest was judged by Mr McNamara and student teacher Mr Ting and the final winner was ...

Human Fuel - Andrew Lamb, Joshua Joseph

- Mrs Myburgh, Teacher in Charge,
Food Technology



"Human Fuel" Winning burger



"Chilli Blue Cheese Burger" Runner Up



BLUE & GOLD LUNCH – OVER \$70,000 RAISED

Another hugely successful lunch was hosted by the St John's Foundation and Old Boys Association at the end of last term. This event invites Old Boys, associates and current parents of St John's College to renew friendships and celebrate the connections we share.

A panel of sporting guests provided the entertainment, with Rick Herbert, Ken Rutherford and Old Boy Marty Holah all sharing stories and insights from their sporting careers. There's a fundraising element to the Lunch too, and the Foundation raised over \$30,000 on the day, along with 'Buy a Brick' commitments for the new gymnasium in excess of \$40,000.

The St John's College Foundation wish to thank the many people who sponsored, gave of their time and attended this event. The Foundation provides financial support to the College through grants for scholarships, student welfare, Catholic character and building developments.



SJC GOLF 20 OCTOBER 2019

Save the date and add your name to the invite list for the annual SJC Golf Tournament. A social, Sunday afternoon ambrose event attended by parents and Old Boys, this will be held at Ngauruawahia Golf Course on 20 October 2019.

Team entries of four are \$200, and we invite sponsors to sponsor a hole for \$200, or pick up catering or course fee sponsorship.

Please email foundation@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz or phone the College to register your interest.

WELCOME - NEW INTERNATIONAL DEAN

WELCOME Mr Rodney Cook is the new Dean of International Students. Mr. Cook is coming to St. John's after taking a small break from teaching to be the curator of science at the Waikato Museum – Te Whare Taonga O Waikato. Prior to that he was a Biology Teacher at Auckland Grammar School since 2003 and the Dean of International Students since 2017. Before Auckland Grammar Mr. Cook taught at Orewa College.

Mr. Cook's goal is to continue to grow and support the International Department at St. John's, providing students the opportunity to engage and experience the culture unique to Aotearoa New Zealand.



New International Dean Rodney Cook, with Homestay Coordinator Mrs Anita Sopers and Learning Assistant Mrs Li Lian Lim



ASTRONOMY AND FAITH

"There's an old saying," says Brother Guy, "'Knowledge is an island. The more you know, the bigger the island. But the bigger the island, the longer the coastline, which is the boundary between what you do know and what you don't know.' If you find someone who thinks they know everything, it's because their island is really tiny."

We were so privileged in May to be visited by Br Guy Consallegno, the Director of the Vatican Observatory, who spoke to 240 of our students and staff. His visit was sponsored by Catholic Discovery. Br Guy explained both the historical and modern day links between faith and science, his own reasons for having an interest in space, what the Vatican observatory actually does and then opened the floor to questions from the students.

He was absolutely fascinating, sharing his perspectives on life, faith, science and God in ways that we could all relate to. He explained that religion served a need for humanity to help them grapple with the "magic moments" in life. These were often milestones both good and bad like birth or death. "If there was no God there would be no one to turn to in the intense moments... The assumption that there is a God allows me to make sense of the world."

Student questions were of a very high calibre and were less about space and more about God and faith. Can you prove there's a God? Is there a contradiction between being a scientist and a Jesuit? Do aliens exist? "The bible doesn't mention New Zealand, but here we are" grins Consallegno, clearly leaving that possibility open.



GREAT WORK BY VINNIES

Sebastian Manning and Kevin O'Hara, senior members of our St John's College Young Vinnies group, present to Mike Rolton, General Manager of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, a cheque for \$1 000 raised from the fortnightly sausage sizzles run by the Young Vinnies members at the college.



CAVING

The Year 13 OED students have recently completed their "Single Rope Technique" standard through the context of caving. The Team at Raglan Rock came in and instructed our boys through the very technical standard before the boys had a chance to put it all into practice inside the Karamu Caves.

- Mr Kyle Jackways, Outdoor Education Teacher





CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

The cross country course changed this year to avoid the construction areas, but the competition for top placings was as fierce as ever.

Congratulations to these placegetters:

Senior

- 1st - Jorel Chapeau
- 2nd - Chase Hennessy
- 3rd - Toby Dowsett
- 4th - Jared Iti

Year 10

- 1st - Ruben Lovell
- 2nd - Flynn Beetham
- 3rd - Jakub Dowd
- 4th - Korbin Goodin

Year 9

- 1st - Callum Murray
- 2nd - Matthew Jordan
- 3rd - Riley Benifield
- 4th - Halen King



SHAKESPEARE LUNCH

"BE NOT AFRAID OF GREATNESS: SOME ARE BORN GREAT, SOME ACHIEVE GREATNESS, AND SOME HAVE GREATNESS THRUST UPON 'EM."

Well our Food Technology students certainly achieved greatness when they catered and served a Medieval Banquet for 120 peasants late last term. Staff and a large number of lucky students were treated to a veritable feast of roast meat, veggies and dessert to celebrate the English Faculty's Shakespeare week. Mrs Hutchinson ('who was born great') and her browbeaten team of wags transformed and decorated the long C Block corridor, brought in violinists, dressed up and then held court. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Lynda Myburgh, Mrs Petrina Curran, Mr Wayne McNamara and all the many Food Technology students for their hard work and absolutely delicious food. A fun afternoon!





HATO HOANI HAKA

House groups have been practicing the school haka this Term, preparing for the annual competition. On a sunny but brisk afternoon, the whole school gathered on the turf to present their very best efforts. Leaders summoned all the passion and energy they had and all our students threw everything into their performances. Roncalli were the winners, followed by Chanel House.



2ND HAND UNIFORM

Don't forget to please donate unwanted uniform items, including good shoes and PE gear, to our 2nd hand Uniform Shop. Stocks are very low right now, so please search out clothes that are too small and send them into Student Services.

The shop is online - send an order and we'll be in touch to let you know if we have stocks available.

Access the order form from the College's website - www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz/Second-Hand-Uniform

This is a PTFA initiative, and we're very grateful to their team who wash and present the uniforms.

MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT DAY

Students had a day off from the academic grind to honour and observe Marcellin Champagnat Day on June 6th. The morning sees all students bus to the Cathedral to celebrate Mass, and we are so privileged to have our Liturgy, Pasifika and Kapa haka groups lead us in hymns.

The afternoon is devoted to a bit of fun. No MC day is complete without the famous 'Family Feud' school quiz. Staff participation raises the stakes and interest level, and experienced quizmaster Mr Ardern delivered another challenging and fun event. Then our students step up to demonstrate their talents and bravely perform in front of their brothers.





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