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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



“Our culture and reputation goes from strength to strength and that is down to all of us, the school, your sons, and you the families working and growing together.”

DEAR PARENTS

A warm welcome to all new families to the Saint John's College community, I look forward to working together with you over the next few years and then in staying connected well into the future. The hallmark of Saint John's is the special bond that our boys and families form with each other, and the way in which they stay in touch in the years after school. In my fifth year as Principal I am more committed than ever to the mission of Saint John's, the Marist Charism and the forming of boys into fine young men. Our culture and reputation goes from strength to strength and that is down to all of us, the school, your sons, and you the families working and growing together. We know what we want of our College and for our young men and there is a shared vision in the community of what that looks like. In the ever changing educational and social landscape in which we operate it is important that we don't lose sight of what really matters. These other dynamics or fads come and go but what works for educating and developing boys on their journey to manhood does not.

2015 saw many success for the College not the least of which was the best pass rates at NCEA in the history of the school for three years running and for me the highlight of being able to enrol only preference boys, rather than relying on non-preference, into the school and still having a full roll and a waiting list. We are here to serve our Catholic community and having Catholic families recognise us as the natural and best choice for their sons is humbling and a reflection that we must be 'getting it right' at Saint John's. You, our parents, are our greatest advocates and I thank you for that.

I look forward to the year ahead safe in the knowledge that our Marist Catholic culture is strong, and only growing stronger, and that our staff students and families have a united vision of what we can achieve for the benefit of your sons.

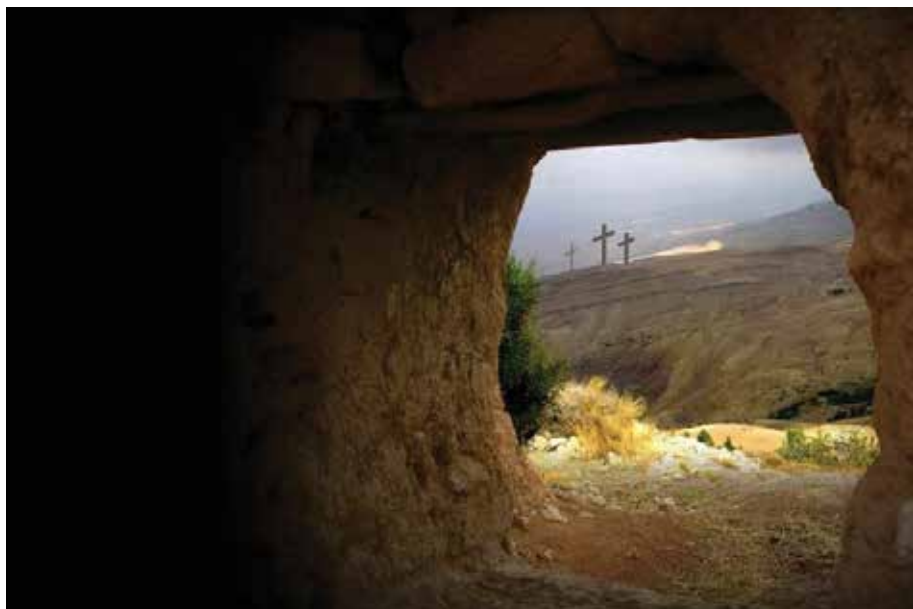
In 'walking the school' I continue to find our young men to be unfailingly polite, confident and humorous. I am privileged and proud to be associated with such a fine school.

In the spirit of Saint John

- Shane Tong, Principal



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES



The College message board recently announced that "Lent is a time of new beginnings". It is a time to reflect, to make amends and to grow closer to our Lord and Saviour. Not only are we called to look within and to take stock of our lives and to repent for our sins, but we are to reach out in order to assist and care for those who are less fortunate and vulnerable.

Easter, the greatest Catholic feast, is the fulfilment of our faith as Christians. Through His death, Christ destroyed our burden to sin and through His Resurrection, He brought us the promise of new life. I came across a prayer written by Dorothy Day, a wonderful woman of God who campaigned for better working and living conditions.

"We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever-widening circle will reach around the world. We repeat, there is nothing that we can do but love and, dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbour, to love our enemy as well as our friend."

- Mrs Sonja Maree, Director of Religious Studies

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CONNOR HEWETSON



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Connor struggled with Leukaemia and a variety of other complications for over a year. We will always remember him as an energetic, sporty young man with a passion for rugby. He fought bravely right until the end. May he rest in peace until we meet again. Our hearts reach out to his parents, his sister and brother Jonte.

"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14



Cultural Leader Aldrich Cecilio - Easter Liturgy



Head Boy Liam Gilheany-Black Opening Mass 2016



Head Boy Liam Gilheany-Black lighting the 2016 Candle for the Year 9 cohort - Opening Mass 2016



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT



The St John's College Foundation held their annual golf tournament on Sunday 4th April. A great day was had by all with a mixture of old boys, parents and supporters of St John's College participating. The winners on the day were Craig Endres, Rick Cartmill, Mike Fromont and Paul Kennett.

The Foundation would like to thank all of the hole and prize sponsors and look forward to hosting another tournament in 2017.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE HASTINGS - 75TH JUBILEE

On 1st - 3rd July 2016, St. John's College, Hastings is celebrating their 75th Jubilee. This will include a Social Evening at school on Friday night, premier sport and the Jubilee Dinner on Saturday, followed by Mass with Bishop Charles Drennan at 10am on Sunday morning. Old Boys are asked to register by phoning Kath Clews after 30th March at (06) 878 6853.

NATIONAL REPS

Congratulations to the following young men on their selection to represent New Zealand in upcoming competitions.

Ezra Simmons – Waka Ama Sprint team
Te Kopere Simmons – Waka Ama Sprint team
Max Stubbs – Swimming
Brooklin Toia – NZ u19 Softball
Damien Sklenars – NZ u17 Softball

2016 LEADERSHIP RETREAT



Year 13 Leaders following the opening mass



Helping out with the Year 9 Welcome BBQ

During the first few weeks of the new school year the annual Leadership Retreat was held at Waikato University. The camp was held over two days and is designed to introduce Year 13 students to leadership skills. This was achieved by students participating in a personality quiz which determined varying strengths, attributes and personality types. The students were then grouped by their personality type derived from the quiz and presented how each unique trait would contribute to each individual becoming a great leader within the school.

As part of the Yr13's first taste of leadership, catering was organised for another house for lunch as well as deciding on what games would be played for the sports challenge day. Also a BBQ to welcome Year 9's was arranged to allow the new pupils to mix and mingle with Mr Tong, get to know the teachers and familiarise with fellow senior students.

The following day was a day of relaxing and enjoying each other's company and chilling out with a social BBQ, games of ultimate frisbee and a SJC favourite – moonball! To wrap up the retreat, the boys then cast their vote to elect the 2016 Year 13 Leaders which was announced formally at a full school assembly where Mr Tong congratulated each recipient.

- Kyle McDowell, Academic Leader

LEADERSHIP DINNER

For the first time in Saint John's College history, we had a celebration dinner for our student leaders and their families. This dinner was to celebrate the leadership roles that were appointed to students. The dinner started off with an introduction from Mrs Maree the Year 13 Dean who introduced Mr Tong who spoke about Servant Leadership and celebrating the success of the boys. Then the Head Students and Special Character Leaders presented a PowerPoint about school values and its history.

Many of the parents found this helpful as they now understood the values that went with being part of the St John's community. Dinner was a wonderful selection of meats and salads, and a social event. The night ended with the performance of the school Haka from the boys lead by our Head Boy, Liam Gilheany-Black.

- Luke Mansell, Academic Leader



STUDENT LEADERS 2016

We congratulate the following young men on their appointment to school leadership roles.



Liam Gilheany-Black
Head Boy



Carlos Bergonia
Deputy Head Boy



Liam Coombes-Fabling
Deputy Head Boy



Alec Warren
Special Character
Leaders



Michael Lamb
Special Character
Leaders



Jerram Sheehan-Colban
Special Character
Team



Caleb Hilton
Special Character
Team



Keegan Fernandes
Special Character
Team



Daniel Pereira
Special Character
Team



Luke Mansell
Academic Leaders



Kyle McDowell
Academic Leaders



Joshua Burgess
Sports Leaders



Maxwell Stubbs
Sports Leaders



Luis Boyd
Cultural Leaders



Aldrich Cecilio
Cultural Leaders



Yan Shek Wong (Isaac)
International Leader



Brooklin Toia
Maori Leader



Solomona Malaki
Pasifika Leader



Bradley Van Rooyen
BOT Rep



Nathan Hancock
Learning Support

ST JOHN'S OPEN DAY

Our Open Day for students starting in Year 9 in 2017 will be held Thursday 19 May 2016 starting at 6.30pm in the school gymnasium. Parents and prospective students are encouraged to attend. There will also be an opportunity to view the school facilities and meet with the Principal and Staff.

ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2017

We are now accepting enrolments for 2017. Enrolment documents may be downloaded from our website stjohns-hamilton.school.nz or by contacting the College Office on secretary@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz. Applications for enrolment are due in by the end of Term 2, 8 July 2016.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION

St John's College Foundation recently held its AGM and appointed David Kilbride as its new Chairman. If you are an Old Boy of St John's we would love to keep in contact with you. We would like to send regular updates to our Old Boy's about activities happening within the school community as well as any Old Boy events that may be planned. If you are an Old Boy and would like to be on our database please email secretary@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz with your contact details.

PACIFIKA/WHĀNAU ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Every Wednesday afternoon an after school study support session is available for Pasifika and Whānau students. Students are able to get help with their school work, which may include starting any homework they may have. Staff from key subject areas and senior students will be available to support the students. Sessions start at 3.15 and run until 4.15. Following the sessions, senior students may run games for those who wish to remain longer. These sessions are a good way to bring our boys together.



INTERNATIONAL

Mr Donald Stark, Dean of International Students has just returned from a marketing trip to Japan and Malaysia. After nine years as International Dean, he has many links with agents and schools in various countries in Asia. The focus of this trip was to make contact with some new agents in Osaka and Nagoya. In Malaysia Mr Stark attended four education fairs in and around the capital of Kuala Lumpur. If direct contact isn't made with the agents in their own countries, then St John's becomes one of hundreds of schools around the world who want international students. By supporting the agent who organises the fairs, St John's College should be first in line for students. It is all about making and maintaining our presence in this market with existing and new agents. St John's College also welcomes visiting agents to our school on a regular basis. This term we have had visits from agents from China and Japan as well as international parents who want to view our school before enrolling their sons.

All international students have an English programme which is designed specifically for them. It has been known as ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) but now, in line with a Ministry change, it will be called EL (English Language).

HIGH COMMISSIONER

Old Boy Daniel Mellsop has been named New Zealand's High Commissioner to Canada. He will be based in Ottawa and started in the role late February 2016. Although he has lived in many countries around the world, he hasn't forgotten his Waikato links. Mellsop is an old boy of St John's College. He got the idea of diplomacy as a career during an AFS exchange to Russia, when he had dinner with the delegation of a visiting NZ trade minister in St Petersburg. Mellsop then went on to study Korean language and economics at the University of Waikato.

HOUSE LEADERS



Lachlan Bulman
Chanel



Norman Gomez
Chanel



Joseph Mar Vuanivono
Marcellin



Ignacio Navarro Maldonado
Marcellin



Cairo Togia
Pompallier



Luke Hoskin
Pompallier



Liam McGall
Roncalli



Marcel Koning
Roncalli

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

There are few schools that have a university as their immediate neighbour, so the University of Waikato and St John's College are in an ideal position to work together more closely to ensure St John's students are well-prepared to start university and successfully complete their chosen degrees. To be successful in university study requires a high level of focus and maturity given the freedom and autonomy that undergraduate students enjoy. It is also important to be prepared: if you know what degree you wish to take, or what job you aspire to, then there may be subjects you need to study at school to ensure entry into your chosen university course and thus to ensure that you can complete your degree in the minimum time (and at minimum cost).

So, perhaps as early as year 9, it is important that you start to think about the subjects that you wish to take, and connect those with your anticipated degree and career pathways. It is also important to provide for some flexibility, consistent with the fact that many students ultimately complete degrees or take courses other than those that they planned to take. Most information about university courses is online, but often face-to-face contact with university staff makes it easier to find out what you need to know. Throughout the year there are opportunities for high school students and their whānau to come on campus, on Open Day and Applicant Day and for different Faculty events that highlight study possibilities ("Law Student for a Day" is an example).

What we want, and no doubt you want too, is to make the transition to university as seamless as possible. We have a great team of Future Student Advisers and Student Ambassadors based on campus who can give campus tours, introduce you to academics, and answer any questions you may have about university study in general, degree options, student loans, and all the different sports, clubs and social events available to students. Please do not be frightened to ask any of our team for advice: your engagement with us gives us a better understanding of your expectations, what you want from university study and how we might refine our processes to make the crossover from school to university a smooth one. You are on our doorstep; it's the perfect situation for us to work together as good neighbours should.

- Professor Neil Quigley, Vice-Chancellor, University of Waikato



NCEA

2015 has once again been an excellent year of NCEA results for us, being the best on record for the College for a third year in a row at all three levels. This is testament to the curriculum pathways that students are offered and the fantastic teachers who are not only experts in their subject, but bring the curriculum alive to create lessons that are both inspiring and engaging. Of course, we cannot forget the hard work on the part of our students, and that is the bottom line – it is all about hard work. Students need to understand that the world of work and tertiary study is a competitive marketplace and they need to secure the best grades they can to help secure their chosen career pathway.

	SJC 2015	NATIONAL DECILE 7 BOYS' SCHOOLS
Level 1	96.2%	81.2%
Level 2	93.5%	82.7%
Level 3 Pass rate	71.6%	68.7%
University Entrance	53.4%	58%

With us now at the end of the first term, it is an important time for students to reflect on what they have achieved, but more importantly, on what they still need to achieve and how to get there.

Senior students need to be setting themselves aspirational targets for the year, these need to be SMART – Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Timely. They should consider setting an overarching NCEA target in addition to subject targets, especially if focusing on endorsements. Students need to reflect on the progress that they are making towards their targets frequently – at least a couple of times a term and should use the Kamar app on their device or log on to the Kamar portal to check their credits.

Students need to be mindful that many tertiary providers (universities and providers like Wintec) do look at the quality of their NCEA pass at Level 2 and Level 3 when offering places and additional bursaries. Did you know that the University of Waikato has an Academic Merit School Leaver Scholarship (\$3,000) and an Academic Excellence School Leaver Scholarship (\$5,000), both of which recognise academic success at NCEA Level 3 and for most candidates there is no formal application process!

The message is clear – be in control of your destiny by working hard, set appropriate targets, reflect on your progress and make changes when you need to. Work with your teachers, ask for support and make the most of the year ahead!

New Zealand Scholarship examinations enable candidates to be assessed against challenging standards and are demanding for the most able candidates in each subject. Scholarship candidates are expected to demonstrate high-level critical thinking, abstraction and generalisation, and to integrate, synthesise and apply knowledge, skills, understanding and ideas to complex situations. This year we congratulate 3 of our students who gained scholarships in 2015:

Toakahu Pere – English
Taylor Hamlin – Accounting and Economics
Duran Whiu - English

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED NCEA EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENTS IN 2015

YEAR 11 NCEA LEVEL 1 EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT

Caleb Breen	Keith Macdonald
Nathan Carrasco	Timothy Manning
Jordan Cooper	Mark Paca
Nicholas Farrell	Samuel Pou
Nicholas Fitzgerald	Bradley Richardson
Travis Glassie	Aidan Rowlingson
Lucas Gleeson	Brendan Sanders
Dominic Keegan	Mitchell Whelan

YEAR 12 NCEA LEVEL 2 EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT

Carlos Bergonia	Liam Gilheany-Black
Luis Boyd	Troy Gouk-Macdonald
Timothy Brodrick	Marshall Hallen
Joshua Burgess	Luke Hoskin
Alexander Clare	Jared Howells
Liam Coombes-Fabing	Gem James
Mathew Davy	Luke Mansell
Keegan Fernandes	Troy Van Tiel
Callum Fraser	Alec Warren

YEAR 13 NCEA LEVEL 3 EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT

Daniel Evetts	Richard Sadipiralla
Taylor Hamlin	Isaiah Taylor
Samuel Jaques	Morgan Watt
Cameron Lafferty	Xavier Worthington
Toakahu Pere	



ATTENDANCE AND SUCCESS

The majority of our parents and caregivers recognise how well St John's College prepares our young men to be successful once they leave. Focusing on attendance, as well as monitoring standards and improving teaching and learning will ensure greater success for all students. Whilst students should not need any additional motivation to attend school, we do run a termly attendance draw for each year group. The draw takes place at the end of the term. Students who meet our attendance expectations and have zero lates are entered into the draw for a prize. There is a larger prize draw at the end of Term 4 for those students with 100% attendance and zero lates for the year.

LUNCHTIME SPORTS AT SJC

Following the successful application to the Kiwisport Initiative to fund lunch time sports Term 1 saw between 12 to 20 young men playing table tennis, and six year 13's playing tennis each week. The objective of these activities is to encourage students who presently do not participate in sport to have a go. Each activity runs for five weeks of the term. Any student may participate but current sportsmen must bring along a non-sportsman and encourage them to continue to play.

Plans for Term 2 include 3x3 basketball and 6 a-side hockey. Squash will also be an option for our students to participate in and arrangements are currently being made with the Hamilton East Hub to enable us to run this activity.

Students are advised to keep an eye on the Gym noticeboard and notices for start dates for these activities.

HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS CONGRATULATED

At the first Senior Assembly for 2016, Māori students who achieved well, with both Excellence and Merit Endorsements, were congratulated and presented as excellent role models for all students present at the Assembly.

Corey Miles and Toakahu Pere, both SJC Old Boys gave speeches showing that diligence and reliable hard work, will be rewarded with outstanding tertiary careers at University. After the Assembly, the boys were invited for a 'hakari' at lunch time which was attended by the Principal, Mr Shane Tong. This is a practice which we hope will continue in the years to come.



Top: Joshua Burgess, Liam Gilheany-Black, Ben Stephens and Marcel Koning with Mr Shane Tong
Bottom left: SJC Old Boys Corey Miles and Toakahu Pere with Mrs Hinemutu Lewis
Bottom right: Joshua Burgess and Liam Gilheany-Black



BASKETBALL USA TOUR DECEMBER 2015



Top: St John's College and Costa Rica Teams after their games
Bottom: The Junior Eagles with their host families

A St John's basketball tour party of 25 players and 14 adults left New Zealand for America in early December to compete in a number of prestigious tournaments and high school games.

During their stay, the tour party were hosted by families, some of which were Old Boys of St John's College. These connections were due to the number of school exchanges that used to take place and our strong relationships and ties that were developed thanks to Mr Mel Young.

Both the junior and senior teams had great results. The Senior Eagles placed 4th in the Alisal International Tournament losing to Alisal High School in a very tight semi-final. The Junior Eagles beat Pacific Grove High School to win the Salinas Junior Varsity tournament. The teams also played a number of California State High Schools including the prestigious Stevenson High School in Pebble Beach, the Nevada Union High School and Anzar High School in the Gilroy region.

Although all of the games were fiercely contested on the court, great relationships were developed and many friends made off the court.

SPORTS FEES

All College sports are user pays. Each sport is responsible for setting and collecting the costs associated with that sport which may include entry fees, equipment, apparel, transport, venue hire, Coaches expenses, cleaning costs, or other associated costs.

Some teams have regional or National tournaments where they represent the College. Each of these activities will have associated costs which also must be paid prior to the start of that activity.

College policy is that all fees must be paid prior to the start date of each activity. Payment by direct credit in instalments is encouraged and arrangements can be made through the school office.

All students are encouraged to participate in sports, and if the cost of sport causes hardship please contact the College office early rather than later for a solution.

PAUL RETTER RETIRES

At the end of Term 1 we said goodbye to our Groundsman, Mr Paul Retter. Mr Retter, who is also an old boy of St Johns, has been in the role for 16 years and is taking a well-deserved retirement. We thank Mr Retter for his contribution to our school community and wish him all the very best in his retirement.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations for Parent representatives for the St John's College Board of Trustees will open from 6th May to 20th May, with the election date being 3rd June 2016. Parent representatives are elected for three years. Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences who believe in making a positive difference. If you would like to find out more information about the election process please visit the Trustee Election website www.trustee-election.co.nz



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- One Search – search for your topic. The results are those resources that are in our catalogue. Then click on One Search. Lock on the online resource on the left hand side. You will be taken directly to that site. There is no need to search Google, EPIC, Worldbook etc. with a separate search. Return to this page if you want to search from the other online sites.
- Quick Lists – general interest and NCEA reading lists
- eBooks
- Reserve books
- Free phone app – search the library catalogue via a smartphone

Need help with research? Contact Mrs Bell in the Library or email on; LBell@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

EVOLOCITY LAUNCH



Left: Evoloccity Launch



Right: Building an electric bike in an hour at the launch evening

Three teams from the Year 13 Materials Technology class competed against other secondary schools at the Wintec hosted Evoloccity launch in March to build an electric bike. Evoloccity is a charity dedicated to educating kiwis on the environmental and economic benefits of electric vehicles and growing youth interest in engineering and technology. The St John's teams have been working with Waikato University Engineering Department and have received coaching and mentoring from Old Boys of St John's who now work for Stafford Engineering.

If you have any spare bike parts or old bikes that you would like to donate to the Evoloccity Team, please contact Mr Steve Andrew at sandrew@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

THE CEILIDH GROUP



St John's College and Sacred Heart Students at St Patrick's Day celebrations

The Ceilidh Group plays Irish folk music and is historically significant to St John's College, being the longest running school ensemble and directly associated to Irish Catholic folklore, synonymous with our very own special Marist character. On St Patrick's Day just past, the Ceilidh Group played at Biddy Mulligan's on Victoria Street, Hamilton. They played Irish folk music during the traditional Irish breakfast served each year at Biddy's. The group represented St John's College proudly as they musically accompanied patrons, who were spilling out onto the footpath outside the pub in the early hours of Thursday 17th March. Under the watchful eye and leadership of Mr Ross Boyce, previously SJC Head of Music for 25 years to 2009, nine boys played the Gaelic music, melodies on violin and guitars strumming away. Their performance set the scene for a wonderful start to a most celebrated day. Unsolicited feedback from patrons and passer-by's was unanimous in its praise for our boys and Mr Boyce has passed his congratulations to all of them for such a 'professional' job especially considering it was under the pressure of public performance. Well done to the SJC Ceilidh Group!



“ALL THE WORLD’S A STAGE...”

ST JOHN’S COLLEGE DRAMA DEPARTMENT TRIP TO POP-UP GLOBE IN AUCKLAND



St John's Drama students had a most thespian start to the year with such a unique once in a lifetime opportunity. On the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare, theatre historians have researched and built the Pop-up Globe, an exact dimensions replication of the second Globe theatre, which was built on the ruins of the first Globe (in London) in 1614.

“This round three-storey building is designed to create a remarkable theatre experience. Wherever in the theatre you sit or stand, you'll be within 15m of the action on stage and surrounded on all sides by people sharing the same space and experience. The result: an incredibly intimate shared experience, people all around you laughing, booing, clapping. Shakespeare today, alive, like a party.” Miles Gregory Artistic Director, Pop-up Globe

And what a party it was! The Drama boys got to see the hilarious gender-swap comedy Twelfth Night. Staying faithful to the source material all the performers are men. If a man playing a woman sounds challenging for an actor, imagine a man playing a woman who is playing a man, caught between a man playing a woman who falls for the man playing the woman playing a man and a man who doesn't understand why he is falling for a man, who is actually a woman...who is played by a man.

Both the venue and performance were world class and provided everyone with an experience we'll never forget.

CONGRATULATIONS



Dr Theo van der Nest with the Hon John Fahey AC Chancellor of the Australian Catholic University

Dr Theo van der Nest attended his graduation for his Doctorate of Philosophy from the Australian Catholic University on 18 March 2016. Appointed initially as a Calculus and Mathematics teacher, at one time being the Assistant HOF of Mathematics and Dean, he started teaching religious education after being approached by the former principal, Ray Scott and former DRS, Mary Curran. Since then he has completed his Diploma in Religious Education through the Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand (formerly Wellington Catholic Education Centre) and Masters in Religious Education and PhD from the Australian Catholic University. He has published in international and local journals on the importance of special character and Catholic identity of Catholic secondary schools.

Proverbs 18:15 “An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.”

UNIFORM

Our students have been looking smart in the summer uniform but with Term 1 drawing to a close it is a timely reminder that students change into our winter uniform for the new term. The winter uniform consists of the following:

YEARS 9 TO 12

- College shirt
- College trousers or shorts
- College jersey and/or College jacket
- Black leather nuggetable lace up shoes with
- College socks or plain black or brown sandals with heel strap worn correctly.
- If wearing college trousers then plain black socks.

YEAR 13

- College trousers
- College white shirt
- College tie
- While Year 13 students are encouraged to wear the College blazer, the College jersey or College jacket is acceptable.
- Black leather nuggetable lace up shoes with plain black socks

Please remember that any other old style or non-uniform items are not permitted to be worn at school.



ST JOHN'S BOYS RIGHT ON TARGET



Year 10 Student Connor Wilson

Come rain or shine, St John's archers are braving the elements to hone their skills with the bow and arrow. So far, Year 10's Connor Wilson and Lucas Willcock have made an impressive start to the year in the Inter-Schools competition and are making good progress. Both boys only began archery last year, yet ended 2015 leading the way, with the best scores overall for all SJC archers. One more week of shooting remains for this term, before the team gears up for Term 2. The SJC Archery team comprises 13 members, with Year 13 International Student Wenzhi Du a recent addition. We are all looking forward to seeing their results over the coming year and wish them all the best.

GOLF EXCHANGE



Photo: Golf Exchange Teeing off

Golfers from St John's College recently played Wentworth College Auckland for the hotly contested 'Cuzzie Cup' at Gulf Harbour. The team comprising of Brandon Kumitau, Joshua Stevens, Owen Neale and Liam McGall were victorious on the day winning 3-2 with Mr Ross Tong securing the win after a dominant performance over his older brother. The day was a great experience for the students and a privilege to play on a high calibre golf course and compete against rising golf stars.

NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ROWING CHAMPS



Left: Damon Lovell



Right: Ben Burgess, Alex Andersen and Coach Mr Drew Tierney receiving their silver medal

St John's had a very successful regatta at the recent North Island Secondary Schools Championships held at Karapiro. Of the 13 rowers, 12 made A finals.

The Boys U18 Novice Double of Ben Burgess and Alex Anderson, coached by Mr Drew Tierney, won a silver medal to come 2nd out of 32 entries. They just couldn't chase down St Peter's Cambridge in the last little bit – running out of real estate (or water) so to speak and lost to them by 1.01 seconds.

Other results for the regatta were:

- The Boys U15 double of Henry Ryan and George Downey won their C final to finish 17th of 40 entries. A great performance to row through Wellington College at the end.
- The Boys U18 Lightweight four of Norman Gomez, Dylan McLeod, Daniel Honiss, Nick Corkery and Harrison King (cox) made the A final and came 8th of 14 entries.
- The Boys U18 single of Oscar van Duin finished 6th in his heat.
- The Boys U15 quad of George Downey, Martin Tamoaieta, Alex Andersen, Henry Ryan and Luke Southcombe-Nguyen (cox) finished 5th of 37 entries. Great race and just nipped Westlake at the line.
- The Boys U18 Lightweight double of Dylan McLeod and Nick Corkery came 5th in their B final to finish 13th overall of 31 entries.
- The Boys U18 Novice Four of George Downey, Alex Andersen, Martin Tamoaieta, Ben Burgess and Luka Southcombe-Nguyen (cox) finished 4th of 32 entries. They were chasing down Wanganui Collegiate but ran out of room and they beat us by 1.3 seconds for the bronze.
- The Boys U16 single (BU 16 1x) of Damon Lovell finished 6th of 46. A great effort!



TUAKANA



Some of the 2016 Tuakana

The Māori word for “older brother” is Tuakana and it’s a title that holds respect here at St. John’s College. Thirty-nine Year 12 students were chosen from a pool of about sixty boys at the end of 2015. Students needed to fill in an application about what strengths they would bring to the role of Tuakana if they were selected.

The training day took place in our school library in the week prior to school starting back in January. The focus of the training was “everyday leadership.” Students were encouraged to acknowledge that the traits they possess naturally, their God-given talents, are all that they need, as long as they have the willingness to step up and make connections with others. It’s about servant leadership and Presence, in this case, with the Year 9 boys, their teina (younger brothers.) The Tuakana are a wonderful, hard-working group of young men who did indeed step up during the Year 9 Induction and helped make the transition of the younger students to college life an easier path.

A BIG THANKS TO OUR 2016 TUAKANA:

Thomas Andersen	Lucas Gleeson	Dylan Ryan
Raea Bainbridge	Drew Gordon	Brendan Sanders
Joshua Barnes	Kurt Grayson	Sean Sevilla
Jamie Bradburn	Timothy Manning	Zane Sheeran
Caleb Breen	Rhyan McLeod	Laughan Shelford
Benjamin Burgess	Matthew Meyrick	Ethan Smith
Nathan Carrasco	Hayden Mulgrew	Joshua Stevens
Aidan Collett	Joshua Muller	Tyrell Tamaki
Matthew Donderwinkel	Jakob O’Flaherty	Xavier Tapp
Joseph Downey	Jack O’Halloran	Christian Tong
Nicholas Fitzgerald	Mark Paca	Nick Van Baar
Jacob Flanagan	James Ranapiri	Matthew Wheatley
Travis Glassie	Aidan Rowlingson	Mitchell Whelan

MUSIC TRIP FUNDRAISER

Join us for a Mother’s Day High Tea on Sunday 8th May, 11.30am, Marist Clubrooms. Tickets only \$20 per person. Fundraiser for St John’s College and Sacred Heart Girls College Music trip to France.

For tickets contact Mrs Sarndra Petrin spetrin@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz or the school office.

SCHOOL MUSIC TRIP TO FRANCE



Pictured is Tyrell Tamaki. Tyrell is in all groups and will play guitar, cello, trumpet, snare drum and sing.

The St John’s and Sacred Heart College combined school music trip to France is fast approaching blast-off. Plans are coming together and the finer details steadily sorted in preparation towards the trip of a lifetime for 42 of our community. The group will be away for two weeks from 18 September – 2 October, being the last week of term three and the first week of the school holidays.

While in rural France, the group will be performing to Catholic schools and exchanging with them, our experiences in NZ, their lives in France, as students of Catholic schools, and breaking bread with them (sharing lunch) during the interchange of cultures.

Students will perform in a number of groups while in France with opportunities for feature solo performances. The morale is high and everyone involved in the trip are keen to make this the best trip possible. Weekend rehearsals are scheduled in the final weeks up to departure with a farewell concert being planned for Sunday 11th September.

There are still places available on the trip, if you are interested please contact Mr Glen Parr fairly urgently at music@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz or by mobile 021 115 9228 (text is fine).



ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY

This year's event took place on Tuesday 16th February at Porritt Stadium in fantastic conditions. Athletics Sports Day is the first major House event of the year. One of the highlights of this year's event was the high level of participation and enthusiasm shown by the boys. This was perhaps best illustrated by the fact that we ran 16 Heats for 100m for Junior Boys. The boys came dressed to impress and exhibited impressive House Spirit throughout the day. The competition judges were kept busy with six records broken on the day, which in itself may well be a record. Three of those records; Senior Triple Jump, High Jump and Long Jump, (which was set in 1973) where all broken by one student-Tevita Finau. Tevita also performed well in the 100m and 200m even though he picked up a hamstring injury during the course of the day. Tevita also holds two Intermediate records. William Sinclair broke the Intermediate 800m record and Zachary Bellamy the Junior 800m record which was set in 1973. Sione Hungalu broke the Intermediate Javelin record. Congratulations to all the competitors for making the day so memorable and successful.

SWIMMING SPORTS DAY

For the first time in eighteen years St John's held a full school Swimming Sports which took place at Waterworld Te Rapa on Wednesday 9th March. The non-competitive event included snorkel relays, inner tube relays, mass House relays and individual events such as 25m Freestyle and 25m Backstroke. The bombing competition was hotly contested and although Mr Jackways 'Shooting Star Bomb' was outstanding it was Nakoa Marcroft who took top honours. Due to the great levels of participation and house spirit evident on the day the Senior Management team has decided the new full school format will be kept for 2017! The competitive side of the pool was dominated by Maxwell Stubbs who broke the Senior 100m Backstroke (1:02:12), Senior 100IM (1:02:53), Senior 100m Butterfly (1:01:75), and Senior 50m Backstroke (28:82). Max, one of our Senior Sports Leaders now holds an incredible 16 School Swimming records. This was Max's last school swimming sports, marking the end of an era. He has left an indelible mark on swimming at the College which will be remembered fondly for many years to come.



13OE SURVIVAL CAMP



Top: The best judged bivouac

Bottom left: Liam Garner and Lachlan Bulman with some of their bounty from the sea

Bottom right: Lachlan Bulman taste testing his damper

In March both Year 13 Outdoor Education classes (40 students) set off up the Coromandel Peninsula to Papa Aroha for their Survival Camp. The students were grouped into threes and allocated a 60L barrel that contained basic essentials for the next 48 hours, including a group survival kit.

Making their way down the coast to a secluded area, Ngohitanu Bay, the students then had to swim from the boat to shore with their barrel and set up their camp for the next two nights. Building bivouacs, lighting fires without matches and making snares and traps were all part of the fun. In the lead up to the camp the students had spent some weeks planning for this experience. Those that took a serious approach to planning were well equipped while others, well, struggled.

In Survivor type contests, points were allocated to teams which earned them 'luxury rewards'. Working together as a team was pivotal to successfully earning points, the reward stakes were high with fishing gear, extra food and snorkels and fins up for grabs.

It was pleasing that learning took place during the Survival Camp as the third bivouacs were constructed so much better than the first two especially with design and location. Some groups teamed up and worked together by sharing resources and food making the most of what they had.

On the final morning the majority of students (and staff) were relieved and couldn't wait to get to Thames for takeaways. Overall, an awesome trip had by all and it could not have happened without the presence of Mr K Jackways, Mr A Stubbs and Mr H Miller.

STAR



Twenty Year 11 Students attended a Health and Safety Course offering two units. US 497 Demonstrate Knowledge of Workplace Health and Safety Requirements (L1, Cr3) and US 17593 Apply Safe Work Practices in the Workplace (L2, Cr 4). The course is delivered on school grounds and is provided by Safety in Action.

GATEWAY



Fourteen students from the Gateway options recently completed a course in Emergency Response Training. The practical and interactive session saw students using fire extinguishers, hose reels and being part of a workplace emergency. Other students have commenced their work placements in the areas of Engineering (CNC Machining and Fabrication), Retail, Pool Lifeguard, Hospitality and Plumbing.

We have a large number of students wanting Gateway Work Experience this year. If you are able to offer a student work experience of one day a week for approximately ten weeks, could you please contact our Gateway Co-ordinator Jillian Stone on 07 856 7091 Ext 2748 to discuss or email jstone@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz.



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