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TOP ECONOMICS SCHOLAR RECEIVES AWARD FROM PRIME MINISTER

Huon Fraser (main photo above, back row, red tie) with Prime Minister John Key and Education Minister Hekia Parata at the NZQA Top Scholar Awards ceremony held at Parliament

HILLARY SCHOLARSHIP FOR BASKETBALL FOR HAMISH SHERIDAN

Congratulations to Hamish Sheridan, awarded a Sir Edmund Hillary scholarship for basketball by the University of Waikato



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



**"2014 WAS A GREAT
YEAR FOR THE COLLEGE
AND 2015 IS SHAPING UP
TO BE EVEN BETTER..."**

DEAR PARENTS

As I write this, I am in Wellington having just attended the Top Subject Scholar Awards for 2014 at the Beehive. You are possibly aware that Huon Fraser (Year 13, 2014) gained the top Scholarship mark in New Zealand for Economics and as such was recognised at a formal event attended by the Prime Minister and Minister of Education. To put Huon's achievements in perspective, about 3% of Year 13 students gain scholarship and Huon scored top in the country of these. St John's College was the only Waikato school represented in the Top of Subject results. Remarkably this is the second year in a row that a St John's College student has achieved this award. For the uninitiated, Scholarship is a one-off exam at Year 13 that only the most able students enrol for. This from NZQA best sums up what the exam is about:

'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 explanation is an excellent description of the types of skills that our young men will require for a successful future. Knowledge on its own is becoming increasingly accessible to all and it is the ability to 'apply knowledge' as above that will matter most in the workforce. I left St John's College 30 years ago. What will the skilled industries require of their workforce in another 30 years? I read this morning on Stuff that a new paint has been developed that repels all dirt and dust! No repainting or cleaning ever required. What next? Welcome to the next industrial revolution.

The key for us as a school and community is not to see this as an obstacle for education, but as an exciting prospect for our sons. We must not fill them with dread and fear of the future. The future is full of promise for them – they will have opportunities that we cannot imagine. It is up to us all to ensure that they not only achieve in school but have a skill set that is relevant to the world they live in. We are 'Preparing Young Men For Life'.

A warm welcome to our new Deputy Principal, Mr Dominic Kay, who took up the post at the beginning of the term, coming to us from Cambridge High School where he was Assistant Principal. Congratulations also to Mr Tymon Neil who has gained a permanent position with us in the Physical Education department. Farewell and our best wishes to Ms Fiona Wolff who is leaving us at the end of this term to take up a new role as a Kaitiaki in Science, Maths, Chemistry and Physics at Tai Wānanga Ruakura.

Term Three will be a busy one for many as assessments begin to pile up and extra-curricular activities get into full swing. I look forward to catching up with you as parents on the sidelines or perhaps in the audience of the drama production in conjunction with Sacred Heart Girls' College.

God Bless

- Shane Tong, Principal



WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MR DOMINIC KAY

We are pleased to welcome our new Deputy Principal Mr Dominic Kay. Mr Kay's teaching background is in Physical Education. He spent 13 years at Cambridge High School weaving his way through the ranks from teacher, to Dean, to Head of Physical Education, and finally to Assistant Principal.

Mr Kay hails from the Deep South and attended St Kevin's College in Oamaru. He is married to Jane and they have three children, Lachlan (10), Madison (8) and Tayla (5).

Mr Kay will be our Deputy Principal in charge of Pastoral Care. He is enthusiastic about working at St John's College and getting involved across a number of aspects of our community.

MESSAGE FROM MRS SONJA MAREE, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES



During the Easter Season we celebrated the death of our Lord Jesus, His Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost. This Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. It also celebrates the birth of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands on that day who believed in the Gospel and the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

We are all called to be sons and daughters of Christ, and to exhibit the fruits of the Holy Spirit in the way that we live our lives. As a Marist community, we are held accountable for the way in which we interact with others. Serving one another, assisting the less fortunate in our community, comforting those who have lost a loved one and supporting those who are ill, are ways in which we can share God's Spirit. We were recently reminded on Trinity Sunday, that we have been commissioned to show what real love is all about, as we are filled with the presence of God's forgiving, restoring, compelling love. All we can reply is: "Here I am. Send me."

This year the College held a commemorative ceremony for Anzac Day. We remembered the service and sacrifice of men and woman in all conflicts, their contribution to freedom and the importance of peace. The drum corps played a soulful piece, which followed a Bible reading and the saying of the Lord's Prayer. Thirty white crosses of fallen Waikato soldiers were placed behind the pillars which served as a stark reminder of lives lost during the War.



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

On Marcellin Champagnat Day we began the celebration of our founder's day with a meaningful Homily delivered by Fr Philip during the Mass at the Cathedral. The Inter-house Quiz saw contestants vigorously competing with one another amid huge excitement to be the first to press their buzzer. The annual concert was a showcase of exceptional talent which included the Ceilidh Group, guitarist, bands, singers, drama and a great performance by the staff band. The day was a resounding success and a true reflection of "Family Spirit," the pillar of the Marist Charism that we are focusing on for 2015.

- Mrs Sonja Maree, Director of Religious Studies



MEET THE MEDIA TEAM



Fergus Goodwin, Zachary Ong, Nick Van Baar, Felix Minhinnick, Corban Fray, Jakob O'Flaherty

In the Media Team we are focused on creating, editing and publishing media for the College, for example Athletics Sports, Shave for a Cure and other events. We also take pictures for the school and create other media. If you see pictures of an event at school on Facebook, it most likely came from us.

We created the school's Facebook page and are also involved with editing it. Our goal as a media team is to increase media content at the College. Over the last year our media content has become more extensive and has been received very positively. We are keen to connect our school community and past pupils with what's going on in our school, in an interesting and engaging way.

The College Facebook page can be viewed even if you're not on Facebook.

Just go to

[http://www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsCollegeHamilton)

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- Zachary Ong and Jake O'Flaherty,
Leaders of the St John's College Media Team.



GALLIPOLI 1915 - 2015 LEST WE FORGET

Thank you to war veterans Mr Barrie Chivers of Morrinsville and Mr Neville Corson of Tauranga who brought a deep sense of New Zealand's history to St John's College this ANZAC Day. Mr Chivers and Mr Corson invited our drum corps to support the military Sunset and Retreat ceremony at Morrinsville Cenotaph during the Gallipoli centenary commemorations. Through this performance the drum corps experienced first-hand what it was to be part of a military parade.

The combined drum corps of St John's College and Sacred Heart Girls' College comprises Luis Boyd, Aldrich Cecilio, Dominic Flanagan, Gerus Haika, Teagan King, Felix Minhinnick, Jacob Moorhouse, Kellie Petrin, Daunte Tamaki and Tyrell Tamaki. The drum corps currently has some positions to be filled – bass drum, cymbals and snare drum. Those interested should contact Mr Glen Parr.

- Mr Glen Parr, Head of Music

MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT DAY 2015

On 3 June, St John's College celebrated our annual Marcellin Champagnat Day. The day started off with a visit to the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary for an extended Mass in remembrance of our Marist founder, Marcellin Champagnat. We then gathered in the school gym for a quiz, led by Mr Bormans dressed in a banana suit while the Bananas in Pyjamas theme played in the background.



Our Head Boy, Samuel Jaques, and Special Character Leader, Jordan Schmidt, led the students into the Cathedral for Mass

The afternoon was filled with concerts including a staff band that included Mr Tong rocking out on the bass guitar, a Shakespearean Star Wars performance and many other musical performances. We ended the day with a full school haka for Ms Wolff who is sadly leaving us at the end of this term.

All three of us thought this was an awesome day for the school, and we are proud to be part of this brotherhood that is St John's College.

- Jacob Syder, Caleb Laurent and Niklas Wessling, Year 10



STUDENT LEADERS ATTEND LEADERSHIP GATHERING



Our Student Leaders, Samuel Jaques, Morgan Watt, Duran Whiu, Josh Teng and Jordan Schmidt attended the annual Student Leaders gathering which was held recently at Hato Petera College. The camp, themed 'Servant Leadership,' was enjoyed by all.

BEN TAYLOR PLACES 4TH AT WORLD WATER SKI RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ben Taylor in Year 12 competed at the World Water Ski Racing Championships in Wellington during April. Ben competed in the Junior Boys Under 17 category in 4 races. In his third race Ben placed 3rd, getting him a place on the podium. His average points placed him 4th in the world and the 1st overall in his category in New Zealand. An outstanding achievement; well done Ben.



ST JOHN'S FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

The inaugural St John's Foundation golf tournament was held on Sunday 19 April at St Andrew's Golf Course in Hamilton. After torrential rain all day Saturday, the day dawned fine for 88 players to compete in an Ambrose tournament, with 70+ of those players being old boys of the school.

The students going on the Social Studies God & War trip to Europe provided a sausage sizzle and refreshments.

The winners on the day were Phil Karam, Mick Karam and Andrew Roche, with a net score of 55.3 closely followed by the student team of Nick Farrell, Alex Clare, Devan Cowper and Sam Jaques with a net score of 56.9.

At the prizegiving our Board of Trustees Chair, Geoff Burgess, spoke of the importance of trying to reconnect with fellow St John's College old boys and how the Foundation would like to run 1-2 functions annually. The Foundation Trust Chair, Paul Dickey, and the Principal, Shane Tong, also spoke briefly on the aims of the Foundation and how the school is currently performing.

The Foundation thanks all of our hole and prize sponsors, together with our major sponsor Waikato Security Services, and Nick Evetts and Mike Honiss for their organisation.

A great day was had by all participating and we look forward to expanding the tournament next year to parents and other supporters of the school.



Principal Shane Tong, together with older brother Simon Tong (left) and cousin John Aubin (far right) formed a team with Board of Trustees Chair Geoff Burgess



Sam Jaques, Nick Farrell and Alex Clare



Foundation Trust Chair Paul Dickey with the winners, Phil Karam, Andrew Roche and Mick Karam



HAMISH SHERIDAN WINS HILLARY SCHOLARSHIP



Former student Hamish Sheridan has been awarded a Hillary Scholarship for basketball. These scholarships are offered by the University of Waikato to recognise excellence in sporting and artistic activities by students who are academically qualified to enter the University. In 2015 he will play for Waikato U23 and the Waikato Pistons Development Team. Hamish has enrolled in a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours).

JAYDEN BEZZANT OFF TO TEXAS



Former student Jayden Bezzant has accepted a four year scholarship at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, a Division 1 Basketball college. Jayden will start summer classes in June and will spend a long time with his team on the road during the basketball season.

Currently in the Tauranga City Men's team, Jayden's achievements include New Zealand U18, the Junior Tall Blacks, and Waikato Secondary Schools Sportsman of the Year 2013.

HELP JACK BEAT CANCER



Your teenage years should be the best years of your life. But our former student Jack Auld, 17, has been challenged with a diagnosis of cancer. Jack is an incredibly brave and courageous young man who is fighting for his life. Jack is undergoing intensive daily treatments that leave him exhausted. He has lost most of his hair, yet his huge smile is ever present.

A friend, Barb Ryan, has set up a Givealittle page to raise money for Jack. "I just want to help Jack out. He is the most positive teenager I have ever met and never complains but he is currently having radiotherapy treatment daily and staying in the cancer unit in Hamilton five days a week," says Barb.

"He's the youngest there and it's hard going for him and his Mum, Christine. Please help ease some of the burden by donating to this cause. All funds raised will be used towards, medical bills, transportation costs to appointments and general living expenses for Jack and his mum. Jack is a family friend and I just really want to help him out. He lost his Dad to a car accident when he was 2 years old, so his Mum has worked tirelessly to provide for Jack and he is a real credit to her, a genuinely good guy."

Please keep Jack in your prayers. If you would like to support the fundraising for Jack, please go to <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help4jackauld>

LIAM KEATING TO ATTEND SPACE SCHOOL

In July Liam Keating in Year 13 will be attending the FISE United Space School in Houston, Texas for two weeks. This is an annual camp established by The Foundation for International Space Education. Attended by 50 young people from around the world, the camp offers an introduction and orientation to the aerospace industry. The school promotes studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet, work and collaborate with other likeminded individuals from around the world.

Students participate in a range of space-related activities at the Johnson Space Centre, the University of Houston Clear Lake, and the George Observatory. Speakers are from different sectors of the space industry and include experienced astronauts. Liam's hosts are retired NASA scientists who have worked on the Apollo programmes and space shuttles.

Liam has always had a great interest in space and a passion for learning more about it. He hopes to pursue a career within the engineering field.



FUNDS RAISED FOR SHAVE FOR A CURE



Mr Bormans receives a very short hair cut from Mrs Petrin for Shave for a Cure

As a Marist school, St John's College strives to contribute fully to the community. In April approximately 25 students and staff volunteered to shave their heads for Shave for a Cure, raising \$600. These funds will help Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand support the 10,000 Kiwis living with a blood cancer or related condition.

SUCCESS AT WAKA AMA REGIONALS AND NATIONALS

Congratulations to our team who won the U19 Boys 250m, U19 Boys 500m sprint and together with the Sacred Heart Girls' College girls, the 250m Mixed Team sprint at the Waka Ama Regionals at Ngaroto Lake in Rukuhia.

TAYNE SPRINGER MAKES WORLD INDOOR NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM

Tayne Springer in Year 13 has been selected for the Indoor Netball World Championships team to travel to Brisbane in September this year. The mixed New Zealand U18 team will be competing against Australia, England and South Africa. We wish Tayne all the best.

MR DREW TIERNEY TO UMPIRE AT WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr Drew Tierney has been selected to umpire at the World Rowing Championships in Aiguebelette, France. The competition, which takes place 29 August – 6 September 2015, is the primary Olympic qualification regatta, where over 75% of the boats that will compete at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro will be qualified.



Mr Tierney has been a rowing umpire for 20 years and gained his international licence in 1999. Rowing umpires are responsible for safety and fairness. This includes drug testing, checking of compliance regarding the boats for safety and minimum weight standards, weighing of lightweights and coxswains, starting races, judging the finish of races and monitoring crews as they race down the course.

Mr Tierney coaches rowing here at St John's College and enjoys being involved with young athletes in the sport whether they are just embarking on their careers or whether they are representing their country.

1st XI CRICKET DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the 1st XI, winners of the Division 1 Cricket Championship. The team was unbeaten throughout the regular season. This included some big victories over St Paul's Collegiate and Matamata College and an important historic away victory over St Peter's Cambridge where they secured the Dave Hoskin Challenge Trophy.

In the semi-final the team beat St Paul's Collegiate, setting up a final against arch-rivals Hillcrest High School. The final had all the tension that you would expect with the added complication of dark clouds in the distance. St John's were only able to score 165 runs. We were however able to win the game due to rain calculation, after the game was abandoned during the Hillcrest High School innings. Good early bowling from Liam Coombes-Fabing and Nick Farrell and a strong fielding effort allowed St John's to sneak in. The school is now able to write its name on the Division 1 trophy as well as the Dave Hoskin Memorial trophy. There were many standout performances during the term, with Alex Clare and Matthew Cooper completing centuries against St Paul's.

There were some very good statistics for the season with Matthew Cooper hitting 405 runs for an incredible average of 81, while Nick Farrell hit 230 for an average of 46. In bowling Liam Coombes-Fabing took 11 wickets for an average of 13, while Nick Farrell took 9 wickets for an average of 14.56.

Overall it was a fantastic term of cricket for what is still a very young 1st XI. The team would like to thank Mr O'Neil for all his efforts as coach. Mr O'Neil is standing down in Term 4 and will be sorely missed.

- Mr Shaun Healy, Teacher in Charge, Cricket

STEFAN THOMSON INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING



Stefan Thomson in Year 9 has been climbing competitively for over two years. In 2014 he placed 1st in the Waikato Regional event. This year he attended his first national competition held in the South Island where he was placed 6th in New Zealand. Stefan also won the Rotorua Regional Finals in May. Stefan is keen to place in the top 3 at next year's Nationals. Good luck Stefan.

OUR BOYS MAKE NATIONAL WATER POLO SQUAD

This year we have had two of our students selected in the New Zealand Born-2000 Boys training squad. Matthew Wheatley and Corban Hall have trained very hard towards gaining positions for the travelling team. Unfortunately Matthew didn't make the travelling squad this time; however he still remains in the national squad. Corban did make the travelling squad, and is travelling to Australia in the holidays with the New Zealand Born-2000 Team. Our congratulations to both boys.

1ST XV TRIP TO PALMERSTON NORTH SPORT AND RUGBY INSTITUTE



Photos

Top: 1st XV with the Coaching and Management Team, Middle left: Pre-match haka, Middle right: Josh Young feeds Nakoa Marcroft on the burst, Bottom left: Shammah Solomona unloads to his tight forward support, Bottom right: Warm up

The 1st XV travelled to the Sport and Rugby Institute located at Massey University in Palmerston North in May and stayed for 2 nights. The boys participated in fitness testing, specialised coaching, pool recovery sessions, goal setting, nutrition sessions, and game and statistical analysis.

On the Sunday the boys played the Palmerston North Boys' High 2nd XV and put in an outstanding display in comprehensively beating them 55-5, with much of the weekend's activities being put into practice during the game. Although only a 2nd XV, Palmerston North Boys' High are a Super 8 school and the opposition were better than the score suggests.

The weekend was a huge success and the boys are looking forward to the Waikato competition starting, and to being able to support and assist the other rugby teams that St John's College will field this season.



YEAR 12 RIVER TRIP

Our Year 12PED class recently went on a journey (Te Haerenga) as brothers down the Waikato River and to Hinterland Adventures. We completed a series of Adventure Based Learning (ABL) activities throughout the trip. We all started the day with great attitudes, eager to challenge ourselves.

Our first challenge was being tied together in teams and running to the river. Once we reached the river we boarded two waka and paddled towards Ngaruawahia. On the way we stopped at Horotiu boat ramp and completed some more ABL activities – Team Walk Race and Toxic Waste.

We finished the day with an intense game of paintball; a few of the boys had some nice welts to show for their efforts. We all enjoyed our challenging day, in particular learning about the past and the significance of the Waikato river.

- Evan Teao, Year 12PED Student



National Rotary Forum Candidates: Isaiah Taylor and Richard Sadipiralla

MAXWELL STUBBS MAKING WAVES

Maxwell Stubbs holds all of St John's College's Intermediate swimming records and most of the senior ones. Max recently competed in the Waikato Secondary School Swimming Championships winning all three of the individual events he entered, two of these in record times (100m Butterfly in 59.31 seconds and the 200m Individual Medley 2:13:93 seconds).

At the North Island Secondary Schools Max achieved 2nd in the Boys 15 and over 100m Butterfly, 2nd in the 200m Butterfly, 2nd in the 400m Freestyle, and 2nd in the 200m Individual Medley. Max also competed as a 16 year old in the New Zealand Open held in Auckland where he swam against Olympians and placed 9th in the 400m Individual Medley, 11th in the 200 Individual Medley and 13th in the 200m Butterfly.

NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING

St John's College had seven young men qualifying for the North Island Secondary Schools Championships this year in Palmerston North. This is the most we have ever had qualify. All seven students performed outstandingly and came home with some great results, mostly in the top 10. With these great results, we will have a great team looking towards the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships later in the year.

Boys 14 and Under

50m Breaststroke.....	Matt Foster 6th and Alex Andersen 7th
100m Breaststroke.....	Alex Andersen 6th
200m Breaststroke	Thomas Coombes 6th
50m Freestyle	Matt Foster 10th
200m Freestyle	Nye Linton 7th and Thomas Coombes 9th
400m Freestyle open.....	Nye Linton 17th
200m Individual Medley	Thomas Coombes 10th
100m Butterfly	Thomas Coombes 6th

Boys 15 and Over

200m Individual Medley	Maxwell Stubbs 2nd, Fjord Tadulan 6th and William Sinclair 4th
200m Backstroke	William Sinclair 4th
50m Backstroke	William Sinclair 5th
50m Butterfly	Fjord Tadulan 13th
100m Butterfly	Maxwell Stubbs 2nd
200m Butterfly	Maxwell Stubbs 2nd
100m Breaststroke	Fjord Tadulan 10th
50m Freestyle	Fjord Tadulan 10th
400m Freestyle	Maxwell Stubbs 2nd

NATIONAL ROTARY FORUM CANDIDATES

Isaiah Taylor and Richard Sadipiralla recently attended the National Rotary Science and Technology Forum 2015. This was a chance to be exposed to the different fields of science and technology and also to interact with likeminded individuals. The daily modules and lectures included Biological Sciences, Biological Engineering, Electronic/Robotics, Psychology, Geological Sciences and Astronomy.

Richard and Isaiah would like to acknowledge Rotary and the Forum organisers, and are keen to be involved with future Forum activities.

- Richard Sadipiralla, 2015 Science and Technology Forum Student

TEVITA FINAU IMPRESSES IN TONGA

Our Intermediate Athletics Champion, Tevita Finau, travelled to Tonga at the end of April to compete in the Tongan National Athletics Championship. He competed in the U18 age group even though he is only 16, and gained a gold medal in the Triple Jump. Tevita also won four silver medals in the 110m hurdles, 4 x 100m relay, high jump and long jump.

Earlier in the year Tevita represented the College at the North Island Secondary School Athletics Championships and came 1st in the 100m Hurdles and 3rd in the triple and high jump respectively.

Tevita is looking forward to enjoying an off season break where he can concentrate on his academic studies before representing the College again at the New Zealand Secondary School National Athletics Championships in December.

GREAT KARATE RESULTS FOR CHASE HENNESSEY IN SYDNEY

Chase Hennessey in Year 9 attended the Australian Schools and University Karate Championships representing St John's College during the Easter holidays in Sydney. Chase came 3rd in the 14-15 year old division. Chase also won the 12-13 year old division at the New Zealand Open in Christchurch. Well done Chase.

SUCCESS IN CROSS COUNTRY MOUNTAIN BIKE RACING



Hunter Morgan competing in mountain biking

In April Louie Vanner, Hunter Morgan, Lars Hansen and Connor Fleming competed in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Championships in Te Miro, Cambridge.

The U17 Men's class saw Connor suffer a broken chain ending his race. Lars did very well as a Year 9 student, finishing 11th, but the standout was Louie Vanner who outclassed the field, winning the race by a significant distance to become the Under 17 Waikato/Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Champ for 2015. Well done, Louie.

This achievement was only possible, however, due to some very good sportsmanship from Hunter. Louie was having bike trouble prior to his race, so Hunter offered his bike for Louie to ride. Great to see, Hunter.

- Mr Kyle Jackways, Teacher in Charge, Mountain Biking



Keith McDonald competing in motocross

TEAM COMPETES AT MOTOCROSS COMPETITION

In March the St John's College Motocross team competed in the Moto-X in The Maize Competition in Huntly. The team was able to finish in 9th place in the overall All Schools Competition. This is a good result given that this is a very young team. For many this was their first time racing in competitive motocross. The team looks forward to getting back out on the track in future events. The team comprises Keith MacDonald, Thomas Simmonds, Jayden Wells-Daly, Jayden Vandy, Tavyn Booth-Charlesworth, Courteney Stopforth, Fergus Goodwin, Leon Jobe and Ben Smith.



WAIKATO SECONDARY SCHOOLS OUTDOOR BOWLS TEAM FOR 2015

Congratulations to Jacob Patterson, Year 12 who has been selected for the Waikato Secondary Schools Bowls Boys team. Jacob also made the team last year. Well done Jacob.

BUGSY MALONE PRODUCTION ALL GO

Auditions are complete and rehearsals are now underway for the upcoming school musical, Buggy Malone, a combined schools production with Sacred Heart Girls' College. This will be an impressive show, complete with a live pit orchestra and bespoke sets and costumes.

The performance dates are Wednesday 1st to Friday 3rd July and the venue will be the Creative Arts Centre, Sacred Heart Girls' College.

We will be asking for help in various areas of the production including set construction and painting, prop collection, costume preparation, hair and makeup. There will also be other jobs during production week such as supervision and front of house (tickets etc.) for which we would appreciate support.

If you are interested in assisting in any of these areas, please email the Sacred Heart Girls' College Teacher in Charge of Drama Mrs Jacqui Graham jgraham@shgcham.school.nz with your contact details and area of interest.



LINKS WITH JAPAN



Ren, Shogo and Kouki from Musashino High School with their ESOL tutor, Mrs Hockey

St John's College now has strong links with several high schools in Japan. In Term 1 we welcomed two boys from Sapporo Otani High School, which is located in the northern island of Hokkaido, and three boys from Musashino High School near Tokyo. The students come to us during their holidays in order to improve their English. It looks likely that we will welcome more students from these two schools in years to come.

"I am especially pleased we have forged these links with Japan, as generally more girls than boys in Japan want to study English overseas," said Mr Donald Stark, Dean of International Students. These students fitted in very well to our Year 10 classes and it was sad to see them leave. They had two periods of ESOL every day in addition to being part of our regular Year 10 classes. Very special thanks also goes to the homestay families who looked after them so well. St John's College is very grateful for the support it receives from its school community. If you are interested in hosting an international student, either short-term or long-term, please contact the school Office.

SCUBA CLUB ADVENTURES GO INTERNATIONAL



Matthew Donderwinkel (giving the international Scuba sign for OK) and Joshua Muller

St John's College has operated a scuba camp at Year 10 for a number of years. Over the last year, Ms Fiona Wolff and Mr Hayden Miller have been working hard to increase the profile of the Scuba Club at school. Through the organisation of regular charters with reputable firms, and welcoming parents and friends on these trips, the community continues to grow in a safe and affordable way.

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SCIENCE DEPARTMENT ACQUIRES FOSSIL



St John's College Science Department has recently acquired a Lower Cretaceous 112 million year old Procheloniceras Ammonite Fossil from a coastal Sahara desert site in Morocco. Procheloniceras is found in many localities worldwide (such as Texas, Hungary and France) and is a useful strata marker for geologists, from this period of the time of the dinosaurs. Our specimen only weighs 8kg however some of the bigger ones are three times that size. This is an exciting resource for the Science Department.

- Mr Steve Wood, HOF Science

YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Recently the Year 9 students have been working industriously towards achieving an understanding of the Technology process. Their technological product for this rotation was a biscuit suitable for a teenager's lunchbox. After weeks of trialling different recipes and adapting them, the students had a final bake-off. The following students attained outstanding results for their final products.

Merit: Nicholas Bunnik, Austin Knipe, Tide Pickering, Matthew Roach, Ryan Davy, Henry Ryan, Lucas Wilcock, Leo Gregan, Connor Hewetson, Ajay Lal, Joe Robwata, Chase Hennessey, Zac Horne, Bradley Lunch, Andre Norris, Marcus Ridgeway, Morgan Robertson, Caleb Robinson, Scott Vercoe. **Excellence:** Ryan Wallace, Sebastian Tuisamoa, Luka Southcombe-Nguyen, Isaac Sherburn, Ben Harvie, Dominic Beaton, Andrew Burns, Jakeb Harris, Harrison Hodges, Alvin Rajan. Congratulations to these boys for going the extra mile with their designs.

- Mrs Linda Myburgh

In July 2015, a group of 17 people will travel to Vanuatu for the College's first overseas Scuba Club trip. Based in Santo, the group will experience diving on some of the tropical reefs in the area. There will also be some wreck diving on the SS President Coolidge and at Million Dollar Point. While in Vanuatu, it is hoped that the school will be able to make contact with the local Marist order in Port Vila and offer a monetary donation from our school community to help with the devastation suffered from Cyclone Pam.

If your son is keen to find out more about Scuba diving, please approach Mr Miller. While students generally gain their Open Water licence on the Year 10 Scuba camp, certification in the senior years is an option. NCEA unit standard credits are often accessible for the students.

WORK CONTINUES ON THE GULLY NATIVE FOREST RESTORATION PROJECT



PTFA members hard at work at a Gully working bee

The PTFA organises working bees to support the Gully Native Forest Restoration Project, which was inaugurated in 2004 by the School Science Department as part of the Senior Agriculture and Horticulture course offered at the College. Only a few parents will know that its objective is to restore a sustainable native forest plant community stocked with native birds in the Gully between the College and the University so it is both an amenity for the community and an ecological area for the school.

Parent help is urgently needed to maintain the new areas of planting until an established canopy can prevent the smothering effects of invasive weeds. A working bee is held every term. Tea and biscuits are a definite highlight at the end of our weed pulling!

- Mr Steve Wood, HOF Science

BLOOD DONATIONS

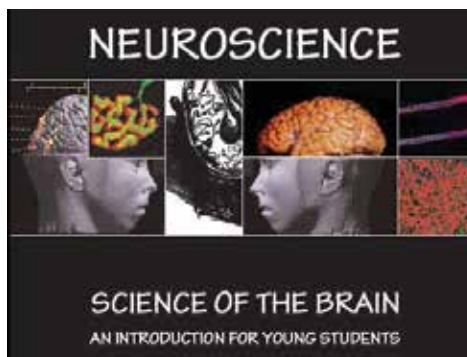


On Tuesday 19 May a significant number of our senior students rose to the challenge and gave blood to support those most in need. Over 70 of our fine young men gave blood and showed true Family Spirit. NZ Blood managed to collect just under 60 units of blood which is a fantastic effort. Every week 3000 units of blood are used across the country.

The blood is used for much more than we all think. We automatically think about the emergency transfusions needed for accidents but a larger proportion of blood is actually used in planned theatre operations and other patient treatments.

NZ Blood is reliant on school collections to support the need for blood across the country. For many of our boys this was the first time giving blood. We hope that this becomes a regular event, so that such a worthy cause is supported.

BRAIN BEE CHALLENGE 2015



This year, our Brain Bee team comprising Tim Manning, Aidan Rowlingson, Nathan Carrasco and Dominic Keehan gained qualification into the North Island final. The team will soon be travelling to the Auckland University of Technology for the neuroscience competition. These young men have committed their own time to study for and participate in this competition during a very busy NCEA year. Many hours of study will be devoted

to improving their knowledge and skills in this area to compete with other high schools from across the North Island. An informative and competitive day is expected, based on previous competitions. The day will be made more interesting with a tour of the medical facilities and research departments, and meeting competitors from other schools. The team is looking forward to this fantastic experience, with the potential to represent New Zealand internationally. This competition is a great opportunity to learn more about the anatomy of the brain, its function and diseases which affect it. The Team this year should all be proud of their achievement in reaching this stage of the competition. We all wish them good luck for the final.

- Mrs Samantha Fairweather

IRISH CEILIDH GROUP



The longest-running music group at St John's College is our Irish Ceilidh Group. The group plays Irish folk music, mainly instrumental, joined by Celtic dancers on occasion. Rehearsal takes place on Fridays after school from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. It is primarily a guitar and violin group with added instruments for colour such as bass guitar, bodhran (hand drum), and tin whistle. The group performs at St Patrick's Day celebrations, local music festivals, and school music festivals where it has received gold awards on numerous occasions.

Mr Ross Boyce started the Irish Ceilidh Group in the early 1990s during his 25 years as Head of Music. The group combined with Sacred Heart Girls' College after 2009, when Mr Boyce retired and invited the girls into the group.

The Irish Ceilidh group travelled to New York in 2012 and Samoa in 2014 with the combined music departments of St John's College and Sacred Heart Girls' College. The group is touring France in 2016.



2015 LAST YEAR FOR OLD UNIFORM ITEMS

This year 2015 is the last year in which students are able to wear any of our old uniform items.

The new uniform items must be worn by all students as from the start of Term 1 in 2016. Uniform requirements are detailed in our Parent and Student Handbook. If you need further information regarding uniform, see our website under Enrolment or contact NZ Uniforms.

ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2016

We are now accepting Enrolments for 2016. Enrolment documents may be downloaded from our website. You may also contact the College Office on secretary@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz for an Enrolment Pack which contains our Parent and Student Handbook. Applications are due in by the end of Term 2, 3 July 2015.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 3rd Jul.....End of Term 2
Mon 20th JulTeacher Only Day
Tue 21st JulStart of Term 3
Tue 28th JulSenior Report Evening
Wed 5th AugJunior Report Evening
Fri 25th SepEnd of Term 3
Mon 12th OctStart of Term 4
Mon 26th OctLabour Day
Mon 7th Dec.....End of Term 4

2016 MUSIC TRIP TO FRANCE

An invitation to the France Trip is extended to all members of the St John's College community together with Sacred Heart Girls' College. Students and their families are participating from both schools. There are limited places available. It is preferred students are members of a school music group, although exceptions may be made. The cost is \$7,000 per person.

The trip, taking place 18th September to 2nd October 2016, will provide rich learning experiences including:

- Performance opportunities to live audiences
- Performances of various ensembles to create a variety concert
- Meeting like minded music students and learning a foreign culture in Marist establishments
- Experiencing international Catholic worship
- Exploring the origins of our Colleges' special character – St John's College Marist and Sacred Heart Girls' College Mission Sisters (Lyon region)

Those interested and others already committed to the trip should contact Mr Glen Parr.

OLD BOY BECOMES YOUNGEST LAW GRAD IN SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE



Congratulations to our former student Jozef Borja-Erece, who has graduated with a law degree at just 18 years old. This makes him the youngest law graduate in the Southern Hemisphere. Jozef attended St John's College from 2009 until 2011. After receiving University Entrance at Year 11, Jozef left school and moved to Australia where he studied at the University of Southern Queensland, graduating with a Bachelor of Laws.



30 UNDER 30

Congratulations to Toakahu Pere and Norman Gomez who have been named in the 30 Under 30 by Hamilton City Council. Toakahu and Norman have both overcome significant adversity to become leading students at St John's College.

30 Under 30 is a collaboration between Council and the Youth Council Advisory Panel to profile 30 of Hamilton's successful and high-achieving young people. You'll see profiles of the 30 young Hamiltonians on the Council website, in the monthly City News publication, and through various social media channels.

Many thanks to Mrs Hinemutu Lewis who put a great deal of time into nominating Norman and Toakahu as worthy candidates of this honour.



Top: Norman receiving his award from Mayor Julie Hardaker. Bottom: Toakahu with a proud Mrs Lewis

FROM THE COUNSELLORS: PERSEVERANCE

Parents struggle with teenagers. It's an age-old dilemma as teens mature and develop their own identities, belief systems, and behaviours. We parents want to guide, and keep control; teens want privacy and to be in control of their own decisions. All people, but especially young people need four basic things: Attention, Affection, Acceptance, and Affirmation.

Attention: Your sons need you to pay attention to them. Part of the struggle is that they'll often push you away. Quietly, and with great perseverance, keep trying. Find a way to be a part of their daily lives, whether that be eating a meal together, catching up on the day while doing dishes, or watching their game on Saturday.

Affection: If your son is a Year 9, you might be lucky enough to still get hugs. Treasure it, for it often doesn't last! However, boys still need to find appropriate outlets for their need for affection. It's often the friendly banter with Mum, a quick wrestle with Dad, maybe a text that just says, "I love you."

Acceptance: As parents, we can reject behaviour, but be cautious about rejecting the spirit of who your son is. If sport is highly valued in the family, and a son is more musically inclined, sometimes that base acceptance of who he is, and what's important to him can be subtly undermined. When there's a discrepancy in values, this real acceptance can turn to tension.

Affirmation: We need to find our son's strengths, talents, and passions—and tell him clearly that we acknowledge and like what we see. Affirmation can come in the form of direct compliments, observing and commenting on improved behaviour or performance, spending time together or a simple hug.

Boys need to feel the security of boundaries, but more than ever they need to know that no matter what they do, that unconditional love is present. It's tempting to retract these basics from our boys when we're angry and upset with them: this is probably the most important time of all to show our unconditional Presence to them through the actions of Attention, Affection, Acceptance, and Affirmation.

– Mrs Carolyn Morris and Mr Brian Sparrow, Counsellors

NZQA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR NCEA FEES

Financial assistance is available from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) to assist with the payment of entry fees for National Secondary Schools qualifications (NCEA). To be eligible to apply you must be the fee-payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be currently receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit, or have a current Community Services Card (benefit-based applications)
- Are not currently receiving a benefit, or do not have a current Community Services Card, but do have a joint family income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card (income-based applications)
- Have two or more children who are candidates, irrespective of family income, and the total fees you would have to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum (multiple candidate applications).

Application forms are available online at www.nzqa.govt.nz or from the school Office. Complete one application form for all members of your family for whom you are seeking financial assistance.



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