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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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DEAR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY OF SAINT JOHN'S COLLEGE

Dear Parents

You will see an announcement from our Board in this newsletter regarding a new indoor sports facility, with construction starting early in 2018. As you can imagine there are many staff and community members who are thrilled that this new facility will enable Saint John's to take our sports and Physical Education programme to the next level. Please read more about this further in the Eagle.

While I am likewise thrilled that we will have this outstanding resource for our young men to extend their physical capabilities, what I am most looking forward is to having a space where we can all come together as a united community. Currently we have to hold split level junior/senior assemblies on alternate weeks as that is all we can safely fit in our current gym.

The importance of having all our young men together at once should not be underestimated. Currently it is difficult to convey a sense of unity and create a degree of synergy when we are not able to come together as a School. While we do come together three times a year in the Cathedral to celebrate Mass we would like to be able to meet together more often. Boys need to know that they belong to something bigger than themselves, that they are part of a team, that they matter and that they can make a valuable contribution to the whole. They need to hear the leaders of the school (staff and students) speak on meaningful topics that resonate with them and their world view. They need a common and consistent message that reinforces the Catholic Marist character of Saint John's College.

I recently addressed the boys about the power of the spoken word, and that in an age of electronic communication and social media there is less face to face contact which, although convenient, diminishes meaningful communication and allows people to write things that they would never say in person. It is through the spoken word that we are able to reinforce our common Catholic culture and forge connections to a shared vision of the future. To have our entire community together to hear the same message on a regular basis will be of real benefit to the school. We should not forget that it was Christ's words and presence that changed the course of world history (not snapchats, texts, emojis and emails) and we still live by his words today, 2000 years later.

As we come toward the end of our time with our school leavers in 2017 I want to encourage our Johnnies boys and you, the families, to stay connected to us. Last week I had three boys who had left during the year to take up work come and visit the school and they asked to see me. I spent a good half hour talking with them about their experiences and plans. Although they didn't say it, I think part of the reason for their visit was that they wanted to reconnect and see that what they had left behind was still there for them, that they still belonged and still mattered and that we still cared. Our old boys are welcome back anytime, they will always belong, and we will always care. I would like to think that these three left thinking that all was right with the world.

God Bless.

- Shane Tong, Principal



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Bishop Steve launched 'With Hearts Burning' on the 17th September at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He wrote: It is a spiritual reflection that focuses on understanding the Emmaus mystery (Luke 24:13-25) to interpret our present reality. Each one of us is on a spiritual journey, the road of discipleship. Both knowledge and experience are fundamental elements to the spiritual life and the formation of disciples.

Our Yr 13 students will be embarking on the final leg of their journey at St John's College. To this end, they have attended a final Retreat to acknowledge the past and to look to the present. We pray that our young men will continue to be great disciples and to be the face of Jesus to those whom they may encounter on their journey. They have been a tremendous blessing and their presence will be missed, however as Johnnie's Boys they will be forever a part of St John's College.

WITH BURNING HEARTS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Risen Christ, You are with me on the road of my life journey.

You are with me now.

Draw me deeper into Your presence, for You are my God who walks with me.

Open my lips so that I may offer You my cares and concerns, all the struggles and hopes of my heart.

Open the ear of my heart to hear Your voice as You call me to the fullness of Your life.

Lead me deeper into the mystery of Your presence with all people.

Enrich me with Your Word and Your Eucharist.

Set my heart and all hearts on fire with the warmth of Your radiant Holy Spirit so that we might share Your Good News with all those we meet.

Lead us safely to Your Father's home where You live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.



- Mrs Sonja Maree, Director of Religious Studies

JOHNNIES ANGELS - PASTORAL CARE SUPPORT

Johnnies Angels are a special group of people who are here to support our St John's community in times of need by providing meals/food on a rostered basis for a short period of time. If you are aware of any St John's families that would benefit from their support please do not hesitate to contact our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator - pwilliams@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz. For privacy reasons the coordinator and the family providing the meal will only be provided with minimal details of the family eg 2 adults, 1 teenage boy, 1 primary school aged child, no allergies etc. If you'd like to help the Johnnies Angels group, please also contact - pwilliams@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz



VOLUNTEER OR DONATE TODAY!

Would you like to help people in need?

Vinnies kids shop in Frankton are in need of more volunteers for their op shop, it is a good way to help out the wider community and also gain yourself some experience to put in your cv!!!

Enquire today and do a good deed.

Society of St Vincent de Paul
222-224 Commerce Street
Hamilton 3204

Contact:
Shop: 07 847 4044





NEW INDOOR SPORTS COMPLEX

2017 TERM 4 - KEY DATES

19 October	Maori and Pasifika Awards
31 October	Final Mass / Senior Prizegiving
1 November	Leavers Dinner
2–7 November	Junior Exams
9 Nov–1 Dec	NCEA Exams
14–24 November	Year 10 Retreats
17 November	Year 8 Orientation Day
1 December	Documents Day
1 December	Year 10 Work Experience
5–8 December	Year 9 Activities / Year 10 Camps
11 December	Year 10 Olympics / Year 9 Careers Day
12 December	Junior Prizegiving / Final Day

2018 TERM 1 - KEY DATES

30 January	Start of Term 1, Y9 Orientation / Y13 Leadership Day
31 January	Y9 Orientation / Y13 Leadership Day / Y11 Careers Day
1 February	All Students, Normal Timetable
6 February	Waitangi Day, Holiday
30 March	Good Friday, Holiday
2 April	Easter Monday, Holiday
3 April	Easter Tuesday, Holiday
4 April	Teacher Only Day
13 April	End of Term 1

The Board of Trustees is excited to announce that construction on a new indoor sports complex will begin in Term One 2018. The drawings shown here detail a new gymnasium facility that is twice the size of our current gym with an international scale basketball court and bleacher seating. The complex includes classrooms, weights room, offices and storage space for our PE, Sports and Athlete Development faculties, making this a spacious and modern sports hub for our students and community. This complex will also enable our full school to gather together for assembly, for Mass and for celebrations – consistent with our pillars of being present to one another, and living in a family spirit.

This indoor sports complex is the first stage in an ambitious development and expansion of the St John's College campus. Bishop Steve Lowe as the Proprietor of our school has committed to investing significant funds to extend, modernize and redevelop our existing facilities so that St John's College can continue to provide a first class education for young Catholic men into the future. We'll let you know more about these further developments as decisions are made.

Your Board of Trustees has worked very hard over a number of years to supplement the Proprietor's funding for these exciting development plans. Our sincere thanks go to those families over many years who have contributed to the building fund through payment of your building donation – this would not be possible without your support and I urge all families to try their very best to continue to pay their building donation.

Our young men deserve the very best facilities we can offer. Our new sports complex and subsequent developments will position St John's College as a premier boys school within both the Waikato and within the Marist family of schools across New Zealand. There is much work ahead of us and there will be challenges along the way, but we are delighted to be on this journey. St John's College has an outstanding reputation for preparing young men for all walks of life – and the Board is committed to ensuring that they provide the Principal, staff and students with an environment that facilitates excellence.

We'll continue to communicate with you as the construction schedules firm up and further developments are finalized. Exciting times!

- Brendan Lally, Board Chairman





JUNIOR BASKETBALL SUCCESS

St John's College Hamilton made Junior Boys Basketball history at the recent Zone 1 & 2 Junior Basketball Premierships in Papakura during Winter Tournament week.

St John's College Hamilton Junior Premier AND A Grade teams claimed victory in their competitions for the first time in junior basketball history. In an intense final, the Premier side were victorious against Mount Albert Grammar 75-63, while the St John's College Junior A team competed against Massey High School and won 74-69 to claim the A Grade title.

Head Coach Puke Lenden, who trains both the Junior and Senior Premier sides, attributes the success to the enthusiasm and work effort of the lads, combined with the physical benefits key players have made from strength and conditioning in the Athlete Development Programme taught by AUT PhD student, Andrew Pichardo. "The gains some of these guys have made through their training has taken them to a new level and the future of this programme looks bright" said Lenden.

St John's College has a proud tradition of Basketball, having won the Junior Premiership title in 2012. The strength of our programme was built by the late Mel Young, a much loved teacher at St John's College for forty three years and a legendary NZ basketball identity. We're proud to be honouring Mel's memory with this success.



The College's Senior side has also qualified for the Schick National Championships for the 29th time in the 30 years of the basketball tournament's existence. That event will be held in Palmerston North in the October holidays—we wish the best of luck to our senior lads.

St John's College Hamilton currently field 7 Junior and 5 Senior teams in local competitions at varying levels, the most of any school in Hamilton.

SENIOR EXAMS

Preparation for NCEA Externals

External NCEA examinations are now only a matter of weeks away and as we draw closer towards the final exams it is important that the boys get themselves into the right mindset. Many of our students will have already passed their NCEA and some will already have gained their NCEA endorsement before the exams even start. Unfortunately, many of these boys will see their job as done and not put the required time into preparing for the exams. We see this all too often - they need to look at the bigger picture. You cannot get away from the fact that exams are important. Without good grades, students cannot access subject endorsements. For those students going off to university the exams are there for a reason, to demonstrate their potential for tertiary study.

Students in Year 12 need to be reminded of the importance of their Level 2 result - it will be these results that universities use to offer interviews and subsequent course places based on what will hopefully be very positive Level 3 results. Don't forget that many universities offer undergraduate admission scholarships which take into account the quality (endorsements) at Level 2 and Level 3 results to determine the financial value of the scholarship.

Students need to be reflective on what needs to be studied, honest with themselves and put together a preparation programme that they are able to deliver on. There are lots of resources to help support the students through their preparation for the externals on the Study Support page found on the college website. Students need to mix revision up - a combination of subjects on anyone day, multiple short revision sessions (30-40 mins) in any one day and eat/drink/sleep well.

This year we asked a question about study leave to parents as part of our Term 3 Senior Parent Survey. The results confirmed our own

thinking - 65% of parents agreed that study leave should be for all students, but students identified as needing specific support in some areas must come back to get additional support through attending relevant revision tutorials. We will be formalising a revision programme that will see structured sessions running in school during the NCEA exam period. There will be a number of students that will be instructed to attend sessions. We look to all our parents/caregivers to support us in ensuring that students attend when expected.

We wish all of our senior students the very best in their preparation for the externals. The journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step!

It is worth reminding all our Junior students that they don't escape from exams; their Junior exams run from 2-7 November.

Senior Report Evening

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers that attended our Senior Parents evening on 12 September. This year we held the interviews after Senior Assessment Week which has been well received by both teachers and parents as it has enabled us to put greater emphasis on what students need to focus on to prepare for the exams in Term 4.

Senior End of Year Reports

95% of senior parents who responded to our Term 3 Parent Survey stated that the final end of year report should include the acknowledgement of awards from Senior Prizegiving. We agree and as a result reports will be sent home electronically after Senior Prizegiving.

- **Dominic Tester, Deputy Principal**



STAFF VS PREFECTS FOOTBALL

The annual Staff vs Prefects Football match was hotly contested again this year. While the result was a 1-1 draw, this allows staff to retain their 'Undefeated' claim. The match was held on Daffodil Day and over \$2000 of donations were raised.



VANUATU DIVE TRIP

In the Term Two break, 12 people from the St John's College Scuba Club flew out for the warmer waters of Vanuatu. This is a bi-annual trip where the group completes 10 dives around Santos Island. These included dives on the SS President Coolidge into the Cargo Holds 1 & 2, and a night dive to see the famous Flashlight fish. Other dives included Cindy's Reef, a drift dive on Aore Wall, diving the USS Tucker, Million Dollar Point, No Name Reef & an unidentified WWII spy-plane the Doubtless Bomber.

A highlight for our group was the visit to a Marist school, College de St Michel, where we met the Deputy Principal, Pierre Noel Bebe and various teaching staff. We were given a tour of the school before handing over various sports equipment, stationery, Netball uniforms and a large donation from the Mufti Day. The items were gratefully received and left the staff and students overwhelmed.

There was plenty of time for other tourist activities such as canoeing down Riri River then popping a few manu's in the Matevalu Blue Hole. We had a cultural village experience at Leweton where the Ni-Vanuatu (Banks Group) people were traditionally dressed, and greeted us with an attack through the bushes with spears and bow & arrows. They showed us traditional fire making, food preparation and we were served kava, coconut, banana and breadfruit. We were even invited up to join in their traditional dances followed by their famous water music made by clapping and slapping the water with water. Truly amazing.

- Hayden Miller, PE Teacher





HIGH ROPES OED

On a cold wet winter's day forty year 12 Outdoor Education students went down to Rock'n'Ropes in Taupo. This was part of the Adventure Based Learning Assessment and included Low Ropes and High Ropes. Although the weather conditions were challenging, the students all managed to get through the Low Ropes course before the wind and rain arrived. After a quick lunch break, where we retreated to the warm fire place at Huka Honey next door to dry out, the vast majority of the boys then completed at least three High Ropes courses. Some even managed to jump out to the giant trapeze, which was a great and courageous feat considering the rain and wind by this stage.

The boys did themselves and the school proud and after a quick food stop in Tokoroa they were feeling happier than pigs in mud!



GET2GO CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 15th August eight junior students competed in the annual Hillary Get2Go Challenge in Cambridge. Teams undertake four challenges and must complete these in the allotted time. Each challenge requires teams to work together, using communication, problem solving, planning and decision making skills. This is the first time that St John's had entered a team in the event.

With over 20 teams at Get2Go, the boys were up for the challenge, had a great time and represented the school with pride. They competed in mountain biking, kayaking, orienteering and a challenge based activity. This was a great experience for the team, and they will look to qualify for the national competition next year.

- **Tymon Neil, PE Teacher**



BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

The annual Biology Olympiad Test 1 was sat by 7 keen and enthusiastic Y11 and Y12 students on Wednesday August 23rd. This is the first step in a process to get potential selection for the 2018 NZ team that will be competing in Tehran, Iran in all things Biology including quizzes, practical skills and laboratory/field work. Historically, St John's College has had some success with students going through to the second round. Hopefully, this year, some will make it to the third round. Dominic Beaton Y11 and Michael D'Souza Y12 have made it through to the next round of the Biology Olympiad Competition - congratulations to these 2 students.

- **Nicola Gelston, Science Teacher**

POWER LIFTING / ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

Term 3 saw the success of several strength sportsmen at St John's College. Year 12 Michael D'Souza competed in the 2017 New Zealand National Classic Powerlifting Championships in Dunedin on August 16th. He came first in the sub-junior (under 18) 66 kg class with a squat of 117.5 kg, 67.5 kg bench and 155 kg deadlift, earning a gold medal in his first national level competition.

Another year 12, Caton Dooner, competed in the North Island portion of National Secondary School Championships for Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand in Whangarei on August 26th. He lifted 82 kg in the snatch and 107 in the clean and jerk for a total of 189 kg. This total was good enough for 1st in the North Island and 2nd overall in New Zealand.

These boys have been putting in the work both at St John's with Mr Pichardo and outside of school on their own. Strength and conditioning sessions run before school Monday through Friday at 7:00 am for anyone who is interested. We're looking forward to watching what the boys can accomplish within the next year.





ITINERANT MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017

On Friday the 18th of August six music groups from St John's performed at the annual Itinerant Music festival. The festival is held at the Waikato University and is a great day for students to perform to an audience. The festival included 22 schools from the Waikato and Bay of Plenty so it was a great opportunity to listen to a wide variety of music.

Congratulations to our groups that performed:

Senior Guitar Group, Gat Attack led by Nathan Aish
Gold Award

Concert Band led by Stewart Stanbridge
Silver Award

Acoustic Guitar Group led by Chris Nation
Silver Award

Drum Corps led by Adrian Hayward
Silver Award

Irish Ceilidh Group led by Ross Boyce
Bronze Award

Jazz Band
Participation Award

Thank you to the itinerant teachers who work so hard to develop these groups each week and well done to the over 30 students that took part in the day. We look forward to participating in the festival again next year.

"A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ME" - THE 2017 ARTS SHOWCASE

Held at the school gym on Friday the 8th of September, this evening was a huge amount of fun and featured drama, dance and musical acts that told a story. Written by Alan Parr, Christian Tong and with input from the entire cast, A Day in the Life of Me was about the first day back at school after summer holidays.

Connor Zampese - the Science teacher, complete with Wig and lab coat, performed 'I put a Spell on you' and later performed 'Father and Son' with Daunte Tamaki. Thomas O'Connor sang an original song 'Therapy' with guitar and loop pedal which entertained. Christian Tong sang 'Stars' with emotion. He also performed a dance sequence with Ben Wilson and Kelli Petrin. A variety of drama scenes were performed by the cast: Alex Spendergast, Phoenix Flack, Damien Peers, Nik Wessling, Thomas O'Connor, Andrew Burns, Daniel Cruickshank, Daunte Tamaki, Matthew Donderwinkel, Ben Wilson, Tyrell Tamaki, and Christian Tong.

All of our musical groups entertained. The Choir performed 'Amazing Grace' and 'Silent Night' (Choir Director Jayne Tankersley and accompanied by Malcolm Barr), the Drum Corps (led by Adrian Hayward) played two pieces, our Irish Ceilidh Group played a variety of Irish tunes lead by Ross Boyce and the Senior Guitar Group, Gat Attack, showed the impressive skills of the guitar students and accompanied Tyrell Tamaki on vocals.

It was a great evening and well supported by family, friends and staff. Thank you again to all those who made the evening a success and a special thank you to Isaac Sherburn on lighting, Shane Tong on sound, Malcolm Barr the Stage Manager, and Sarndra Petrin who assisted during rehearsals and backstage.

- Donna McHugh, Music Teacher





FROM THE COUNSELLORS

ANXIETY

As exams approach, students often feel nervous. That's pretty normal. Effective study and some positive self-talk usually is enough to keep those feelings in control. Healthy anxiety can sometimes be a good thing, as it motivates us to do our best.

Sometimes, anxiety can feel overwhelming. The feelings can be intense, and can last for weeks or months. Anxiety can leave a person feeling confused, panicky, even terrified. The physical symptoms can include a racing heart, nausea, shortness of breath, or dizziness. Anxiety can impact on how a student performs at school, and on relationships with friends and family. It can be quite distressing and can significantly decrease a person's enjoyment of life.

The good news is that anxiety can be managed and overcome. Talking with a counsellor can help by learning new thought patterns and recognising negative reactions in certain situations. Techniques like mindfulness and relaxation can help too.

THE CHALLENGES OF TERMS 3 AND 4

The pressures on our young people today are unequalled. School achievement in terms of academic progress, acceptance by friends and negotiating the treacherous world of the social media with its damaging values and modelling of what a young person should be like.

On the other hand wise commentators talk about reduced job opportunities, automation and the lure of jobs and occupations not yet invented. At the same time, there is not a corresponding level of support, affirmation, reassurance and appreciation of how we best cope with uncertainty.

On top of this, the media in the last few months has had a lot to say as some of the self-harm statistics are released. As a nation, we clearly have some major issues in the care of our young.

Marcellin Champagnat's response was to become involved in the lives of young people draw them near and love them. Therefore, as Marist Educators we take on the shared responsibility of building relationships with our young men that can assist when things go wrong difficulties or when priorities and goals need adjustment.

The excellence measure for us at St John's College is seizing the opportunity to support care and guide our students.

As a total Marist Community, there are times we must hold our young people close, being willing to stop and listen even when it is inconvenient. Today's few words may be the critical entrée to life giving change.

Our listening allows the emerging worries and fears to be given context - a context that enables us all to discern the gift of clarification of the choices and options that DO exist. We appreciate there always are options and choices we can make.

The disguised opportunity of a setback can provide the stimulus for building close communication with our young people that is important to ALL our futures.

We offer you our blessings and look forward to our continued work as we prepare our young St John's men for the future our God has called them to.

- Brian Sparrow and Carolyn Morris, Counsellors

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES WEEK

14-18 August was International Languages Week at St John's College. Chanel block was bedecked in the flags of 25 world countries, from Argentina to Tonga, providing a splash of colour for the week.

Every day, the boys were asked to solve a clue relating to the language of a foreign country. At the end of the week, the boys had to use the first letter(s) of each country and unscramble them, to decipher the clue to locate the "ILW Winner's Scroll". This was cunningly hidden by a secret ninja under our chapel.

Four intrepid Year 9's – Tawere Marsh, Jonnee Harris, Charlie Raj and Richard Tubilla – successfully located the scroll and brought it to the staffroom to claim their winning piñata, Tulio el Toro (pictured). They were last seen annihilating Tulio with a large stick in the Spanish classroom.

Students were also invited to take part in the "International Tongue Twister Competition" midweek, where their attempts were rewarded with a bar of chocolate for saying an English tongue twister, and two for saying a foreign one. Needless to say, foreign tongue twisters were much more popular!

Even the staff got involved, and competed daily to find which language was being used for random expressions. Mr Malcolm Barr successfully answered every question correctly and was the fastest to do so, earning himself bragging rights and a large box of Belgian chocolates.





EVOLOCITY CHALLENGE

Our Year13 technology students entered two electric carts and two electric bikes in this engineering competition. Held at the Ohaupo Kartsport track, contestants competed in drag races, deceleration challenges, fuel efficiency tests and street circuit/agility courses. Our sixteen students had built these vehicles over the full year and were up against tech students from other Waikato and Bay of Plenty schools.

Our top placing was first in the 100m drag race for karts which had to be the glamour event of the day. Steve Andrew, our HOF Technology, commended all the boys for the innovative work and detailed execution of their designs, commenting that "Nick van Baar, in particular, deserves credit for his outstanding input in the design of an innovative rear wheel steer vehicle."

This is the first year that students have entered the e-bike category, and the quality of these is such that both bikes are street legal and could be ridden to school. So if you're thinking that cyclist is making impressive time on his way to school, you may well be watching one of our e-bikes in action!



WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK ROUND UP

SENIOR BASKETBALL - PREMIER AND OSPREYS

Our Senior Premier A Basketball team (SJC Eagles) won a close battle against Tauranga Boys winning 77 - 75 to secure 1 of 5 qualifying spots for the Schick National Championships, to be held in Palmerston North at the beginning of October. The Senior Premier B Basketball team (Ospreys) won 4 out of 6 games with wins against Omiston Senior, Sancta Maria, Waiuku and Papatoetoe and losses to Rosehill and Manurewa, closing out the Northern Cup in 7th. This is the first time we have entered a team into the Northern Cup and it is a very respectable performance for our team considering they played against other College's Premier A teams'.

HOCKEY - 1ST XI

The 1st XI Hockey team competed at the Woolaston National Secondary Schools hockey tournament at Stratford. For a number of the boys it was their first taste of tournament play, where all 15 schools competing have been building throughout the year towards trying to win the tournament. This leads to highly competitive games with school pride on the line.

The team started the tournament extremely well going through pool play undefeated with wins against Freyberg and Opunake High schools and a good draw against St Peter's Auckland.

In the quarter final we played Cornerstone Christian School and it was a tight affair that finished 1-1 at the end of normal time. We headed into a period of golden goal extra time with both teams reduced to 9 players and Cornerstone scored a goal through a cruel deflection in the first period of extra time.

That placed us up against 3 other teams vying for 5 - 8 places in the tournament. We produced a disappointing performance going down to Tauhara College, before bouncing back to beat our Marist brothers from St John's College Hastings.

We were placed 7th overall for the tournament. Kees Goodman was named tournament MVP, because of very strong performances and he led the team in goal scoring with 7 goals.

FOOTBALL - COLTS A FOOTBALL AT HILLSDENE TROPHY

During tournament week our Colts A Football team were invited to attend the prestigious Hillsdene Trophy tournament. This is held every year in Tauranga and is a prestigious invitational tournament for schools Colts teams (Year 9 & 10) within the North Island.

The team played 3 pool games on Day One. They had a 3 - nil win against both Aquinas College & St Peter's Cambridge and went down 1 - nil against Napier Boys High School, which qualified them for the Top 8 Pool. In post section play they lost 2 - nil to both HBHS 10A and New Plymouth Boys High, and faced Westlake Boys High School in a quarter-final. This ended in a 1 - nil loss.

The Colts A bounced back with a 3 - 2 win over Napier Boys High School and a 1 - nil win against Hastings Boys High School to finish 5th overall. Well done Brian Webb (Coach), players and a huge thank you to all the parents who helped out during the week.



FOOTBALL -1ST XI FOOTBALL AT LOTTO PREMIER TOURNAMENT

The 1st XI Football team qualified for the 2nd year running to attend the Lotto Premier Football Tournament competing against the top 32 schools in the country. This year the tournament was held in Napier at Park Island. It was a very tough week for the 1st XI boys, being placed in a 'pool of death' with Auckland Grammar, Nelson Boys College and Palmerston North Boys High. After going down to all 3 schools, they faced New Plymouth Boys, Marlborough Boys and St Peter's of Auckland in post section play. Here they were very competitive but weren't quite good enough and lost those too. This was a tough way for the core group of Year 13's to end their final season of College football. A huge thank you to Geraint Walters (Coach), and the parents who looked after the boys during the week.

GOLF

The team finished 5th in the Lunden Links Putter Competition with Josh Stevens and Owen Neale finishing 1st and 2nd, respectively, in the Individual Gross Competition.

SQUASH

Squash is a sport on the move at St John's College. With an exciting group of players and a motivated Committee, the College fielded a team at the NZ Secondary Schools Tournament for the first time. This was held in Palmerston North during August.

The team consisted of Sam Kelly, Dylan Carter, Liam Jamieson, Luca Carter, Harrison Pedersen and Matthew Roach. The first round saw a very close tie against St Peter's College Auckland which we narrowly lost. This placed the team in the plate round, and the boys won their remaining four matches to win the Ross Norman Plate.

Congratulations goes to Sam Kelly who was selected for the NZ Secondary Schools Junior Boys Team after the tournament.



JACK O'LEARY MAKING HIS MARK IN THE STATES

At the end of July Jack O'Leary left St John's College and moved to Murray State College in Tishomingo Oklahoma, USA. He is studying Sports Science and has settled in well. He has to maintain a Grade Point Average so study features a lot in Jack's life. If you're not making the GPA you are not allowed to play.

The results from the football have been varied but Jack is getting excellent game time and has grabbed himself a few goals and plenty of assists. The style of football is a little different and he's getting his head around this now. New Zealand football is quite physical which has held him in good stead in the States.



THE ICAS AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE COMPETITION 2017

Fourteen students across Years 9 to 13 competed in this prestigious science competition, and the results proved that science is alive and well at the College. Congratulations must go to all participants. There were 3 participation awards, 2 Merit awards and then 4 Credit awards (top 35% of students in Australasia). Of particular note:

Distinction Award for top 1% of students in Australasia to Sebastian Manning, Year 13.

Distinction Awards for top 10% of students in Australasia: Hamish Pook Yr 9, Dominic Beaton Yr 11, Nathan Pook Yr 11 and Timothy Manning Yr 13.

- Steve Wood, Head of Science Faculty



NZ SCHOOLS BARBARIANS REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Siave Seti on his selection to the NZ Schools Barbarians team. This team plays three matches against Tonga Schools and the NZ Maori U18s team.

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS WATERPOLO TRIALIST

Corban Hall has been selected to trial for the NZ Secondary Schools Waterpolo team. If selected, Corban will play against Australia in a Trans-Tasman series in December. Best of luck to you Corban.

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS JUNIOR SQUASH REPRESENTATIVE

Sam Kelly, Year 10, was one of only five junior squash players selected to represent NZ Secondary Schools in a Trans-Tasman event facing New South Wales and Queensland, and then Australia, in August. Sam is ranked eighth in NZ in his age group and performed strongly at the NZ Secondary Schools Championships. Congratulations Sam, this event provided invaluable international experience and your future looks bright.

SAM CRON SURF LIFE SAVING AWARD

Sam Cron, a Year 12 student has been named as one of the best lifeguards of his age.

Sam has been a surf lifeguard for three years, starting out as a Little Nipper around age 13.

His stomping ground is Raglan Beach, and he was recently named the Under-19 Lifeguard of the Year for the Northern Region. This region covers 17 beaches and the awards celebrate and highlight the very best life savers.

During his tenure, Sam's helped to rescue kite surfers, jet-skiers and swimmers, and he has had experience at Orewa, Piha and Kariotahi Beach.

Sam will be out at Raglan over the summer, doing paid work during the week and volunteering over the weekends. With the warmer weather coming up, Sam reminds everyone the golden rule of beachgoing: swim between the flags.

Well done Sam, we're very proud of you.

HATO HOANI - INTERHOUSE HAKA COMPETITION

The Interhouse Haka competition is an annual and rousing event on the school calendar, made more challenging this year because we've learned a new haka.

We now have our very own College haka, Hato Hoani, composed by our TIC Maori, Matua Dwayne Hudson. Students have been learning the haka throughout the year, under the guidance of our Whanau boys who have been teaching the haka in form classes.

The interhouse challenge was a very successful event, with all houses performing with mana and passion. Roncalli House were judged winners on the day, with the results of the Facebook poll still unknown as the newsletter went to press. You can see each House's haka on our Facebook page.





JACK LANTING, ELEPHANT WHISPERER

Jack Lanting is a Year 12 student with an incredible story. The 16 year old is the founder, inspiration and driving force behind Kwan Jai Foundation, an elephant conservation project that is about to be launched and will be based in Thailand.

Jack is an only child who has been raised with the belief that he can do anything. He adores animals and has always had a gifted way with them, but it was his first encounter with an elephant named Lily at the age of eight at Elephant Nature Park in Thailand, that had a monumental effect on him.

Although Jack was quiet and shy, he began speaking at schools and community groups, and gave interviews to print media, TV and radio in an effort to raise awareness for the plight of elephants in tourism. He became sought after internationally for interviews and several of his social media posts went viral.

With a phenomenal passion, Jack fund raised every spare moment and returned to Thailand at the age of nine with \$20,000 to rescue his first elephant. He named her Kwan Jai which means beloved.

For 18 weeks, Jack was Kwan-Jai's mahout. From day break till night fall he tended to her every need, played with her, administered medical treatments and built a trust the likes nobody had ever seen. Jack went undercover throughout Thailand and identified two further elephants that needed urgent vet care, convincing the Lampang Elephant Hospital in Northern Thailand to administer health care.

During the years since Kwan-Jai's rescue, Jack has continued to advocate for elephant welfare and has fund raised a further \$18,000 which has helped to rescue four more elephants.

Six years ago Jack began planning every detail of an elephant sanctuary he dreamed of building, talking about it as a fait accompli. He has developed an incredible project that aims to take action, be positive and practical, with high hopes that in time he will be able to change the face of elephant 'sanctuaries' in Thailand. It will provide a natural habitat without human interaction as a safe home for captive elephants in need, and protect and reforest the habitat of wild elephants in Thailand.

Jack finishes his schooling at St John's College at the end of this year to pursue his dream. With the help of a dedicated, knowledgeable, expert and influential team he has gathered around him, as well as friends, family and the 1000's of supporters he already has following him, he plans to open Kwan-Jai Elephant Project in November 2018.

Watch out for media coverage of this amazing young man and his extraordinary project. He is truly inspirational and we wish him every success in achieving his dream. We'll post on Facebook once he launches officially.



MARIST 200 CELEBRATION

The evening of Saturday 9 September saw the St John's College family celebrate the establishment of Marist education 200 years ago. From humble beginnings in La Valla, France, the Marist Brothers have created a legacy in Hamilton through the establishment of our college in 1961. Therefore, it was with a spirit of admiration and gratitude that we celebrated the Marist bicentenary.

Under the guidance of Marcel Bormans (teacher of Religious Education) and with the support of the St John's College Old Boys Foundation (whose chairperson is Dave Kilbride), a wonderful evening was planned and presented. Thanks to the hard and dedicated work of Andrea Hall and Shayne Stephens, the school gym was given an interior transformation. Scott Sound and Lighting created the mood, Riverside Catering supplied a superb supper while Chris Grace of New World supplied refreshments.

Thanks also go to a number of dedicated staff and students who assisted in creating a venue that did not resemble a gymnasium at all. There was a variety of school history around the walls that reminded us not only of our humble beginnings but also gave us a vision for the future.

Principal Shane Tong (from the class of 86) addressed those gathered along with Br Colin Devane (who taught at the school) and Fr Frank Eggleton (a past pupil and a former chaplain and Marist Brother himself).

There were a number of raffles on offer and the evening came alive with the auction of 10 items energetically presented to those gathered by the auctioneer, Jacob O'Flaherty, a current Y13 student.

Many stories were told and some past experiences were raised to the level of legend probably due to the loss of fact somewhere in the retelling. It was a lovely time of reuniting as a family and building our Family Spirit, one of the 5 pillars of the Marist Charism.

If you are not yet on our Old Boys list you can do so by going to the SJC website and clicking on Old Boys Registration at the bottom of the page.



FAREWELL ...

Mr Reg Brooks, Property Manager

Reg has been our versatile and friendly Property Manager for over thirteen years and has taken great care of our facilities and grounds in that time. He's always willing to drive a van and transport our students when required, and will stay involved with St John's College by helping out at the Yr10 Mountain Biking Camp later this year. Thank you Reg for your years of service to our College, you will be sorely missed.

Ms Donna Nicholson, Gateway Coordinator

Donna developed an awesome rapport with Gateway students and worked tirelessly to arrange work placements and vocational courses through the year. This role is critical to help students consider and test their career interests, and build pathways so that they can successfully apply for work or training.

... AND WELCOME

Mrs Margaret Ramsay, Science Lab Technician

Margaret has many years of laboratory experience in both the Medical Laboratory and Animal Health areas. Margaret grew up in the sunny Waikato and attended Waikato University where she specialized in Biochemistry. She is delighted to be back in a general science laboratory where the field is so wide and not dominated by ultra-specialized instrumentation.

ART AWARDS

DRAMA:

Outstanding Achievement In Theatre

Sports

Ben Wilson

Matthew Donderwinkel

Tyrell Tamaki

Christian Tong

Contribution to Dramatic Arts

Christian Tong

Travaglia Cup: Dramatic Characterisation

Thomas O'Connor

MUSIC:

SJC Cup Excellence and Leadership

Tyrell Tamaki

Liturgical Music

Andrew Walker

Nooyen Cup Most Outstanding Musician

Tyrell Tamaki

Singh Cup Official College Accompanist

Andrew Walker

The Boyce Cup Commitment to a Music Ensemble

Tyrell Tamaki

SJC Cup Singing

Christian Tong

The Principal's Award Contribution to the Music Program

Tyrell Tamaki



Christian Tong, Contribution to Dramatic Arts



Tyrell Tamaki, Nooyen Cup for Most Outstanding Musician, SJC Cup Excellence and Leadership, Principal's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music Programme



SPORTS AWARDS

The Crawford Cup for Senior Athletics
Tevita Finau

SJC Cup Intermediate Athletics
Joseph Sinclair

The Calder Cup for Cross Country
William Sinclair

The Cole Cup for Senior Swimming
William Sinclair

SJC Intermediate Swimming Cup
Matt Foster & Nye Linton

Alumni Award for Basketball
Te Kopere Simmons

SJC Cup for Cricket
Nicholas Farrell

Tim Purcell Memorial Trophy for Cricket and Rugby Combined
Zachary Stephens

The Parry Cup for Extreme Sports
Mitchell Gleeson

Barnsdall Trophy for Football
Prince Mabounda

Paul Barnett Property Services Cup for Hockey
Andrew Haigh

SJC Rowing Oar
Benjamin Burgess & Dylan McLeod

Marty Holah Trophy for Rugby
Sam Pou

Sklenars Whanau Shield for Softball
Damien Sklenars

Simmons Whanau Waka Ama Paddle
Te Kopere Simmons

SJC Cup for Water Polo
Corban Hall

Paul Honiss All Round Contribution to Tennis Trophy
Carter Harris

Lynn Dromgool Cup for Student Service to Sport
Jakob O'Flaherty

SJC Cup for Official of the Year
Caleb Laurent, Hockey

SJC Cup for Manager of the Year
Tony Hall

SJC Cup for Coach of the Year
Sean McVerry, Director of Rowing

SJC Cup for Administrator of the Year
Mark Plant

SJC Cup for Team of the Year
Rowing Lightweight Double - Benjamin Burgess and Dylan McLeod

Peter Eliadis Memorial Trophy for Dedication to Sport
Brendan Sanders

SJC Cup for Best All Round Year 12 Athlete
Corban Hall

Simeon Cup for Best All Round Year 11 Athlete
Alex Andersen

Brother Gregory Trophy for Best All Round Year 13 Athlete
Hayden Mulgrew

Mel Young Memorial Trophy for SPORTSMAN of the YEAR
Benjamin Burgess



Alex Andersen, Best All Round Athlete, Year 11



Zachary Stevens, Tim Purcell Trophy for Cricket and Rugby



Sam Pou, Marty Holah Trophy for Rugby



Dylan McLeod and Benjamin Burgess, Team of the Year



Corban Hall, Best All Round Athlete, Year 12



Hayden Mulgrew, Best All Round Athlete, Year 13



Benjamin Burgess, Mel Young Trophy for Sportsman of the Year



PREPARING YOUNG MEN FOR LIFE

