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WE CELEBRATE THE YEAR'S SUCCESSES AT PRIZEGIVING

FAREWELL TO OUR LEAVERS 2015 AN OUTSTANDING YEAR





MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



“To the young men who leave us this year, thank you for choosing to be one of us and remember that you will always be one of the ‘Johnnies’.”

DEAR PARENTS

At the 2015 senior prizegiving it was a proud and emotional moment for us all when the entire Year 13 year group came on stage. Even more so when they performed our school haka to the parents, staff and other boys present as a sign of respect and farewell. What was so evident was that they had grown into fine young men and that they had collective pride in each other and belonging to St John's College. After four years as Principal of St John's College I can relate to the journey they have been on throughout their time with us. The longer you spend as a member of our College the more connected you are to the community. You come to appreciate that you belong, that you make a difference and that others care for you and have your back. These boys will no doubt proudly tell others for years to come of their time with us, as I will.

For those families of boys for whom this is their last year, I thank you for your support of the College and our young men. We also hope that you remain part of our community in some way, as this is the real strength of St John's College. To the young men who leave us this year, thank you for choosing to be one of us and remember that you will always be one of the 'Johnnies.' You are welcome back any time for a visit.

On another note, congratulations to Dr Theo van der Nest who successfully defended his doctoral thesis and has now met the requirements of the title Doctor of Philosophy (Religious Education). 'Wel gedaan', Theo. It is an honour to have someone so well qualified running the Religious Education department and his knowledge of the Catholic faith is a fantastic resource.

Have a blessed Christmas break and I genuinely look forward to working with you all in the new year.

- Shane Tong, Principal





Morgan Watt, Sam Jacques and Duran Whiu – Head Students



Akhil Babu, Jordan Schmidt and Josh Teng – Special Character Leaders



Isaiah Taylor and Taylor Hamlin holding Mel's photo – this was carried in with the candle of remembrance



Sam leading the procession into the Cathedral

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The final Mass for the year was the Thanksgiving Mass which was held at the Cathedral. It was a wonderful occasion to reflect on the lives of our Leavers and to thank God for their contribution towards St John's College.

The Head Boy, Sam Jaques led the Year 13 students into the Cathedral while the haka was performed as a tribute to these fine young men.

The Mass was a poignant celebration in recognition of staff and students who have been a part of the St John's family. We gave thanks for Mrs Lynn Jones' service to the College and we fondly remembered Mr Mel Young when we lit the Candle of Remembrance.

The Mass concluded with everyone heartily joining in to sing the school song, *Caritas Christi Urget Nos*.

THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS



What is it about the simple Nativity scene that grasps our attention, causes young children to gasp with joy and the elderly to become blurry eyed? Perhaps it is the sense of awe, the tender look on the faces of the dotting parents or the gentleness of the shepherds. The scene radiates a spirit of presence, the gift of a child and the importance of family.

Christmas is a season of great joy and celebration; a time of God showing His great love for us. When the Angel proclaimed, "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people," He meant that this celebration is for everyone, irrespective of who you are or what you have done. God created us in His image with the ability to enjoy a personal relationship with Him. Let us look beyond to a time when Jesus will come again, not as a vulnerable baby, but with authority, and live our lives faithful to The Good News. Let us take a moment to reflect on this past year and to thank God for His goodness and mercy. May your homes be filled with joy, love and peace this Christmas. Merry Christmas!

- Mrs Sonja Maree, Director of Religious Studies



SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 2015 PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs from our senior prizegiving are now available to purchase online. To purchase, go to <http://stjohns-hamilton.iphotostores.co.nz/album/senior-prizegiving-2015>

MRS LYNN JONES RETIRES



At the end of Term 3 we said goodbye to our receptionist, Mrs Lynn Jones. Mrs Jones, who had been in the role for 19 years, has taken a well-earned retirement and is looking forward to spending lots of time with her family, in particular her baby granddaughter. We wish Mrs Jones all the very best in her retirement.

SIX FINALISTS FOR WAIKATO SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS

We had six finalists in the Waikato Secondary School Sports Awards 2015. Well done Brooklin Toia (softball), Corban Hall (water polo), Luka Southcomb-Nguyen (archery), Maxwell Stubbs (swimming), Tevita Finau (athletics) and Jake O'Flaherty (nominated for student referee/umpire of the year).

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD BOY SAM JAQUES



Here is the speech Sam gave at our senior prizegiving;

Hello and welcome to all the parents, family and students here to celebrate the academic and cultural achievements that have occurred this year. This is also a time to celebrate the Year 13 students as we leave for bigger and better things.

For the Year 13s especially it's a time to reflect on our five years here at school. We all came to St John's as small and excitable Year 9s entering a big school and having no real idea what was to come. I remember being taught the school song and haka by our Year 12 Tuakana, and being taken aback by their passion and pride. But now I understand it. The pride and love that those boys showed was not only for the song and haka, but for the school. I can see the same pride in the boys today as we all come together for competitions, greetings and farewells. It's the shared experience of all of the events, work, sports, fundraising, socials, balls, and all the mucking around and banter in between that creates this camaraderie.

My favourite event this year was a great example of this, the Teacher vs Prefects soccer match. The teachers set the tone early by calling out several students at assembly, but there was plenty of retaliation from the boys regarding the number of hamstrings about to be pulled. The game was rigged from the start, the sheer brightness of Mr Healy's legs blinded most of the boys. We noticed that the Marist values our teachers spoke about in class were not so evident on the field. There was complete disregard for student safety, or rules (with the teachers playing with 16 on the field) and we were pretty sure that school funds were used to pay off the ref. The teachers narrowly won this match, but we all know that we students gained the moral victory.

We've had a really successful year. Our first XV became Waikato champions, winning the Ian Foster Shield for the first time ever, as well as finishing the season with the Tricolor Trophy. Our first XI cricketers also won their competition taking out the Dave Hoskin trophy. And the first XI football squad won the Malcolm Cowie Cup at tournament week. We also had the privilege of hosting the Chanel Shield competition, taking out two categories and placing second overall. I know that those boys as well as many others worked really hard for their wins and achievements this year. And to semiquote the great Sir Richie McCaw describing how he felt yesterday, he said "Winning is deeply satisfying because of the hard work and preparation put in. It's a different feeling from if we were just hoping and got lucky." Which is a pretty good lesson for life and probably a good lesson for all of us prepping for exams.

We have all come here as young boys, and now we leave as young men. Starting here as a 12 year old I expected a tough and macho environment. I have learnt that this community is not about separating yourself from others; it's about supporting your fellow students in whatever they set out to achieve. This culture transforms this community into a family. We

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GREAT RESULTS FOR OUR SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS



The school ski and snowboard teams competed in the Waikato Secondary Schools Ski and Board, the North Island Secondary Schools Snowboard and North Island Secondary Schools Ski competitions on Turoa Ski Field.

We had some great results with Coran Playle finishing 8th in the Boys Giant Slalom Ski race, Joshua Wallis 6th and Louie Vanner 10th in the Boys Giant Slalom Snowboard race. Despite a fall in one of his runs, Henry Ryan shows promise for the future as his other run would have had him sitting in the top 5.

Coran Playle finished 2nd overall in the junior boys North Island Ski event. Louie Vanner and Judge Gregory were standouts as they both made it through to the quarter final round of the Boarder-X competition.

- **Mr Kyle Jackways, Teacher in Charge of Snow Sports**

are no longer classmates; we are brothers and Johnnies boys. I can feel this bond every day and enjoy the sense of belonging with all of the boys. We will always be part of a strong and caring community that has helped us grow to be the men we are today.

To the Year 13 students – although we are all going in separate directions to do new and exciting things, remember where you come from. It doesn't matter what you do or where you go, you will always be a Johnnies boy and one of the brothers. To me the sense of brotherhood between our year group is awe inspiring. The yarns, the laughs, the games and the friends are something that I am never going to forget. The family that we have become will stay with all of us for life.

This year we were all saddened by the loss of one of the most dedicated men to ever be involved with St John's College. Mel Young epitomised the brotherhood of St John's. Not only did he teach here for 43 years but his values, hard work, love of the faith, and dedication to the boys will live on for many more. He lived the Marist charism through his teaching, coaching and managing at the school. He was the driving force behind St John's College's many basketball successes and is known both nationally and internationally for his role in coaching, managing and developing the game. The school haka performed before his funeral was incredibly powerful and left me immensely proud to be part of this school community. His passing this year is a massive loss for St John's, and it has taught us all the value of a life lived well following the Marist way.

I have to thank some of the people that have made this year great. Thank you Morgan and Duran along with the entire leadership team for the help and support you have given me. It has been a privilege and an honour to be the Head Boy this year. Although there was a lot of work to be done, when boys were needed you guys were always there to help out. Thank you to Mr Tong, Mr Tester, Mr Kay and Mrs Maree for all the leadership and help you have given not only me but all of the Year 13s. But most of all, thank you to all of the staff. It's your enthusiasm, encouragement and dedication that allows us to strive for success and to reach our potential. Lastly, to all of the boys that are coming back next year, take all of the opportunities you can. You will only get out of the school what you put in. Work hard, have a crack at some new things ... and don't let the teachers get away with such blatant cheating next year! Stay safe. Thank you for the good times and God Bless.

STAFF PROFILE: MR GLEN PARR



Born and raised in Adelaide, South Australia, our Head of Music Mr Glen Parr comes to St John's College with a quarter of a century's experience in military music. He is now more than a decade into teaching high school music in New Zealand.

A highlight of his career was attending and being selected as dux on the internationally renowned 18 month Band Officer Course in Melbourne, 1989, where he was mentored by Professor Robert Rosen, previously the Music Director/Conductor of the Royal Ballet. Glen resigned his Queen's commission in the Australian Regular Army in 1996 after serving in appointments of Senior Instructor and Training Development Officer at the Defence Force School of Music, and Bandmaster Army Reserve Bands while Second in Command/Administration Officer of Regular Army Bands in Melbourne and Perth.

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TAYNE SPRINGER MAKES NEW ZEALAND INDOOR NETBALL TEAM



Congratulations to Tayne Springer who played in the New Zealand U18 Mixed team at the Indoor Netball World Series in Brisbane. The team won gold in the sixes and silver in the sevens. We are very proud to see you wearing the silver fern and representing your country at an elite level, Tayne.

LIAM FELLOWES SELECTED FOR ELITE TRIP

Liam Fellowes, who recently attended the West Ham United Oceania Academy National Camp for football, has been selected to participate in the 2016 West Ham United North American Academy Elite Player Trip. Well done Liam.

He crossed the ditch to assume the appointment of Director of Music to the Royal New Zealand Navy where he received his second Queen's commission. Glen retired from the Navy at the end of his contract in mid-1999.

After his military career Glen returned to school as a mature aged student at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch to pursue further education in music. With his studies unfinished, Glen relocated to Hamilton and graduated with a Diploma of Teaching, Secondary (Music) from the University of Waikato in 2003. Since then his decade of teaching has seen him in the music classroom for five years at Hamilton Girls' High School followed by seven years here at St John's College. While at St John's College, Glen has toured with the Music Department to Sydney and Canberra in 2010, New York in 2012, and last year to Samoa. He is preparing for a 2016 school music trip to France where the troupe will visit and stay at places of Marist significance including Notre Dame de l'Hermitage near Lyon, where Saint Marcellin Champagnat established the Marist Order.

During his military career and later in his civilian life, Glen performed on percussion and single reed woodwind instruments while honing his music writing skills for various ensemble combinations. He wrote music for, and performed in, amateur and professional bands and orchestras. Calling upon his extensive training and experience as a music director, music trainer, music writer and instrumentalist, Glen has adjudicated and participated in music festivals across Australia, from Perth to Melbourne, and more recently in New Zealand from Auckland to Christchurch.

Glen's ambition for the school music programme is to educationally and musically 'extend' all music students in his charge while 'hooking' as many of the College's gifted and at-risk boys as possible into their schooling through inclusion and accomplishment, using music as the vehicle. There are a number of strategies in place. Two of the more noticeable approaches are firstly to have an extraordinarily active co-curricular and extracurricular music programme that offers boys a multitude of individual, group and leadership development opportunities. Secondly, to combine music programmes with our sister school, Sacred Heart Girls' College, to increase the pool of talent that we can draw upon to form music groups. With larger and more groups, the variety of music will be greater, the standard of performance higher and the opportunity for inclusion more appealing.

JOSHUA TENG WINS MURAL COMPETITION



Many of you will be aware of the wonderful artwork displayed on Chorus cabinets around Hamilton and other New Zealand cities. One of these cabinets is placed outside the College and we are lucky to have had a submission accepted from one of our students, Joshua Teng in Year 13. In his submission, Joshua described the design as follows:

The design is synonymous with the cabinet location being right outside St John's College. The school is the context for the design. The building silhouette is that of the school with the cross representing us as a catholic school. The mountain in the background is Pirongia, one of the fantastic views from this location, one of the highest points in Hamilton – linking into

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2016 SCHOOL MUSIC TRIP TO FRANCE

The combined schools music trip to France is taking place from Sunday, 18 September to Sunday, 2 October 2016 (the last week of term 3 to the end of the first week of the school holidays).

This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for the more than 50 students participating. The group will perform concerts to local Catholic schools, take pilgrimages to Notre Dame de l'Hermitage (Marist) and Notre Dame de Fourviere Basilica in Lyon (Mission Sisters) and see the local sights.

Students do not need to be musical but will contribute nonetheless such as through stage-managing our performances. Music groups involved include our orchestra, choir, barbershop, drum corps, Irish Ceilidh group, and guitar group. Families are invited and encouraged to participate also.

The cost of the trip is \$7,000 per person, inclusive of flights, accommodation, meals, local transport and activities. A bond of \$1,000 is payable.

Please contact Mr Glen Parr to express your interest. Text or email before the New Year if possible on mobile 021 115 9228 or music@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz.

Hillcrest which makes it such a great vantage point. The eagle is significant as it is part of the College's motif, it is also referenced in our school song. It symbolises courage, strength and is considered 'King of The Skies' and a messenger of the highest gods. A symbol of power and strength, which is what a good education brings to you.

Joshua has been busy starting the work, as pictured. It will be fantastic to have this work, which fully embraces the College, taking pride of place in our community.

NORMAN GOMEZ WINS ALTRUSA AWARD



Norman Gomez (pictured with Mrs Sonja Maree and Mrs Hinemutu Lewis) was recently presented with an Altrusa Youth Award by the Mayor of Hamilton, Julie Hardaker. Here is the resume submitted with Norman's nomination for the award:

Norman has been a student at St John's College for the past four years. His contribution to the College has been outstanding at every level. He is a young man of integrity who lives out the mantra of Servant Leadership. Norman is naturally empathetic and able to relate to people of a different race, culture and age. Norman has the respect of staff and students because he is a genuine and principled young man.

Sporting Achievements: Norman competed in the 2013 and 2014 Maddi Cup Competition, participating in the U/15 Novice 8, U/16 Coxed 4, Double and U/18 Light Weight Four categories. Norman inspired his team mates, continually encouraging and motivating them to stay positive and focused. He leads by example, delegates where necessary and treats others with consideration and respect. Norman's strong, calm, yet gentle presence makes him a valued team player.

Academic: Norman is a hardworking student who always works to the best of his ability. Norman's diligence and determination have enabled him to cope with his sporting and cultural responsibilities whilst maintaining a very good academic standard.

Community and School Involvement: Norman was nominated as a Tuakana Leader and has been most successful in mentoring and assisting Year 9 students as they transition and settle into College life. He volunteered as a member of the backstage crew during a recent combined school production of Bugsy Malone. Norman has been an active member of the Colombian Community, being involved in assisting at various shows and events. Norman was selected to participate in the 30 Under 30 Profiling Project run by the Hamilton City Council.



GATEWAY WORK PLACEMENTS

As part of the Gateway Programme, we are required to find work placements for our students. This would normally be for one day a week over ten weeks (one term) or two full weeks during holiday time. Each student will have an individual plan. We are expecting to have a larger Gateway group in 2016. If you might be able to offer work experience to a student and would be willing to assist them with their unit standard work, could you please contact Mrs Jillian Stone, Gateway Co-ordinator on 07 856 7091 ext 2748 or jstone@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz.

OLD BOYS RETURNING TO TEACH

We are very fortunate to be welcoming two former students back to the fold as teachers at the College in 2016.

Malcolm Barr attended St John's College as a student from 1993 until 1997 and was Dux of '97. Mr Barr will be joining the Mathematics department. "I'm looking forward to being part of a school that I'm proud to be an old boy of and that I know has an excellent culture and staff," says Mr Barr.

Timothy Sadumiano was a student with us from 2001 until 2005. He will be teaching Mathematics and Religious Studies. Coming to us from Nga Taiatea Wharekura, Mr Sadumiano says, "I'm looking forward to teaching the young men of St John's College and working alongside teachers that taught me in my high school days. While at Nga Taiatea Wharekura, I learned about the concept of 'tautuutu' which is about reciprocity and giving back to those who have helped you get to where you are today. So, when a job opened up at St John's College, I felt that was an opportunity to give back to the College that played a strong role in the man I am today."

'GOD & WAR' SOCIAL SCIENCES TRIP TO EUROPE



Over the September/October holidays, a group of 34 intrepid travellers embarked on the trip of a lifetime. Stopping over and exploring seven countries in 15 days always meant that our trip was going to be action-packed – and it certainly was! The main countries we travelled to were France, Belgium, Italy and Turkey, where we visited a variety of battle sites, cemeteries, memorials and churches, as well as the 'touristy' places, such as the Eiffel Tower in Paris, the Colosseum in Rome and the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul. Experiencing the different cultures, as well as seeing where so many New Zealanders lost their lives during World War I, was an experience we will never forget. Our thanks must go to Student Horizons (our travel group who did an amazing job), those who came along to our fundraising events, and most of all, our families, without whom we would not have been able to make this trip happen. Your support throughout everything was very much appreciated!

- Miss Sarah Quinnell, Head of Faculty Careers, Gateway & STAR



DARRIAN DEMPSEY IN THE SPOTLIGHT FOR SURFBOARD DESIGN



You may have seen Darrian Dempsey in the media recently in relation to the eco-friendly cardboard surfboard he has produced.

Using groundbreaking technology involving laminated cardboard, fabric, basalt and bio-resin, Darrian spent all year making the surfboard in Mr Steve Andrew's Technology class.

The Waikato Times covered the story and produced a video on Stuff.co.nz which received thousands of views nationally and across the world. Congratulations, Darrian!

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOUR TO CALIFORNIA



Over the years, Mel Young was very passionate about developing St John's basketball. He recognised the benefits that the sport can have on our boys and that the world can be open to them as a sportsperson.

Mel was very successful at organising tours to the States due to the close friendships that he maintained with coaches and facilitators. After many months of planning and fundraising, the much anticipated St John's College Basketball Tour 2015 departs on 2 December for California. Twenty four boys will be participating in three prestigious tournaments during the two weeks they are away.

The aim of the tour is to experience a high level of competition in basketball, to make a Catholic connection and to experience a cultural exchange with another part of the world. This time of the year is high school tournament season in California and we are extremely fortunate to have Jim Rear arrange our participation in these tournaments.

As well as participating in the tournaments the group will be visiting and playing Robert Louis Stevenson High School in Pebble Beach and Anzar High School in Gilroy. In fifteen days there will be seventeen games of basketball with teams such as Costa Rica who are set to compete in the Salinas tournament. A number of the boys are staying an extra few days and visiting Disneyland, Universal Studios and Knott's Berry Farm.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE FIRST XI CHAMPIONS AGAIN



The St John's College First XI has completed a very successful 2015 by taking out the Waikato Secondary Schools Division 1 title in a tense final against Hillcrest High School.

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THANK YOU TO HOST FAMILIES



A special thank you to all the families who hosted the 25 boys from Ritsumeikan Keisho Junior High School, Japan.

Your fantastic support helped make their stay with us a very successful and memorable experience. Also, the Kiwi buddies in our junior classes were exemplary in the way they welcomed these boys into their classes. Once again this highlighted to me the great support we get from our community, and for this we are very thankful. Best wishes to you all.

- Mr Donald Stark, Dean of International Students

After play was abandoned on Saturday without a ball being bowled the players arrived on Sunday morning ready to do battle. St John's captain Alex Clare won the toss and invited Hillcrest to bat on a slightly damp artificial wicket. Nick Farrell and Liam Coombes-Fabing started well with the new ball and it was clear that St John's had started the game in the ascendancy. Farrell picked up three wickets in his opening spell including both dangerous openers and consistently looked threatening. Despite the Hillcrest middle order digging in and frustrating the St John's attack, regular wickets were picked up including three fantastic run outs. Coombes-Fabing then returned to clear up the tail – Hillcrest were all out for 110 and St John's had one hand on the title.

The Hillcrest opening bowlers started in a similar vein to those of St John's and wickets begun to fall at reasonably regular intervals. At 50 for 4 and with Clare, Farrell, Connor O'Neill and Matthew Cooper back in the pavilion, St John's knew they were up against it. Marcel Koning showed some fantastic patience and application in compiling 28 runs to lift St John's out of trouble and towards victory. When Koning departed it was left to Coombes-Fabing and Nick Fitzgerald to see the boys home. 27 not out (including a huge six over mid-wicket) from Coombes-Fabing got St John's over the line with three wickets, and nearly ten overs, in hand. 111 for 7 and heading home with the Term 4 trophy.

Congratulations go to all of the boys involved in 2015 and especially to Shaun O'Neill, Chris Farrell, Steve Fitzgerald and all of the other parents for their support of the boys this year.

- Mr Andrew Sykes, 1st XI Cricket Coach

FROM THE COUNSELLORS - BULLYING

Where there is consistent and intentional, physical, mental, or emotional harm done to another person, either face-to-face or through any form of social media - it's labelled as bullying. Bullying usually involves an imbalance of power, whether that's perceived or otherwise. The counsellors have recently been invited into the Year 10 Social Studies classes to speak to students as part of their Social Justice topic. The Human Rights Act ensures social justice for all New Zealanders, and when bullying occurs, it takes away a person's right to safety.

I know a student from several years ago who, as a Year 9, got bullied. It was small things: other students not allowing him to sit in his usual seat in class, kicking his bag, stealing his pen, whispering mean things to him on the bus. This once outgoing and high achieving young man got quieter, found it harder to concentrate in class, and as a consequence, didn't achieve as well as expected by the time school reports came out. Luckily for him, his mum noticed these small things and asked questions. The student was brave enough to finally speak about what had been happening, and it was quickly able to be sorted out.

These situations are what all parents pray to avoid for their children. Bullying can have devastating effects which go well beyond this story. Loneliness, depression, low self-esteem, and lack of confidence for many years into the future are all common effects of bullying.

What can parents do? Listen carefully as your boys report on the events of their day. Sometimes it's following up on the incidental conversations you may have with them and asking careful questions. Reassure your sons that when they do ask for help from a trusted Tuakana, form teacher, classroom teacher, counsellor, or dean, that they will be listened to, and that they will be the drivers of how the situation gets handled. Students often feel a great sense of vulnerability that "no one can do anything..." This is not true.

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ST JOHN'S COLLEGE ACOUSTIC GUITARS



The Acoustic Guitars is the latest school ensemble to start up. Under the guidance of Mr Chris Nation, our violin tutor, the group started from scratch earlier this year and has already featured at a number of performances including the regional Itinerant Music Festival, the school Senior Arts Awards and a concert at St Paul's College in Ponsonby. The ensemble was also the feature music group at this year's graduation ceremony for our graduating Year 13 students.

- Mr Glen Parr, Teacher in Charge of Music

EXCELLENT RESULT FOR JUNIOR WATER POLO



Our Junior Water Polo boys came 3rd in the North Island Secondary Schools Competition held recently, earning them each a bronze medal. Well done boys.

Other students can be warned and instructed that their behaviour is not appropriate. Consequences can be given. Teachers can be alerted to keep a close watch. Sometimes having a conference between the boys involved can be quite effective: the boys learn how to appropriately stand up for themselves, voice feelings assertively, and nut out how behaviours need to change. Social cues can be taught and empathy for the other person is gained.

Cyber-bullying is common through texts, Facebook, Snapchat and other forms of social media. As much as possible, keep an eye on what your son is doing on-line. He should only "friend" those people who he actually knows. If trouble occurs, coach him to not respond, to delete anything offensive immediately, and if it continues, to report it. www.netsafe.org.nz is a very good website with lots of information regarding cyber safety.

- Mrs Carolyn Morris and Mr Brian Sparrow, Counsellors

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRIZE WINNERS

The prizes awarded at senior prizegiving 2015 are as follows:

YEAR 11 AWARDS

Caleb Breen	A General Excellence
Keith Macdonald	A General Excellence The College Award for Accounting The Geenty Family Cup
Nicholas Fitzgerald	The College Award for Art
Veli Ozkoc	A General Excellence The College Award for Building & Construction
Mitchell Quinlan	A General Excellence The College Award for Design & Visual Communication The SJC Cup for Design & Visual Communication
Bradley Richardson	A General Excellence The College Award for Digital Technologies
Christian Tong	The College Award for Drama
Dominic Keehan	The College Award for Economics
Travis Glassie	A General Excellence The College Award for English
Sam Pou	A General Excellence The College Award for Food Tech The SJC Cup for Food Technology
Aidan Rowlingson	The College Award for Horticulture The College Award for Geography
Jacob Flanagan	A General Excellence The College Award for History
Eidnar Dimaano	The McGill Cup for the JC Class
Brodie Toia	The Te Wairere Award for Year 11 Te Reo Māori
Jordan Cooper	A General Excellence The College Award for Music
Mitchell Whelan	The College Award for Physical Education
Alec Sopers	A General Excellence The College Award for Religious Education The Alan Parker Memorial Award
Nathan Carrasco	The College Award for Religious Education The Alan Parker Memorial Award
Brendan Sanders	A General Excellence

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TEACHERS VS STUDENTS SHIELD INTRODUCED

With the success of this year's 'Teachers vs Prefects' football match, next year the College will be introducing the 'St John's College Marist Brothers Shield'. One event will be held every term and the group with the most points will win the shield. With the excitement and joy the football match brought to the school, we are certain all four events will create even more school spirit and excitement.

STREET LUGE COMPETITION 2015



Our luge race day was held on 16 October. Once again it was a hit with our Year 11 students. Forty luges were constructed this year which gave us a very competitive race day. A wide range of innovative designs were presented. The fastest luger of the day was Keith McDonald. Aidan Johnson was awarded the Industrial Tube Manufacturing award for the best designed and constructed luge. We look forward to running this project again in 2016 with our Year 11 students.

- Mr Steve Andrew, Head of Faculty, Technology

Zubair Ali	The College Award for Science
Marc Paca	The College Award for Technology
	A General Excellence
	The College Award for Technology
Timothy Manning	The Principal's Award
	A General Excellence
	The College Award for Mathematics
Nicholas Farrell	A General Excellence
	Year 11 Top Scholar

YEAR 12 AWARDS

Michael Lamb	A General Excellence
Luis Boyd	A General Excellence
Jared Vincent	A General Excellence
Liam McGall	A General Excellence
Mathew Davy	The College Award for Accounting
	The College Award for Biology
	The College Award for Economics
	A General Excellence
Marshall Hallen	Bankier-Perry Cup for Year 12 Art
	The College Award for Mathematics
Campbell Joyes	Huttons Mitre 10 Cup - Excellence in Construction
	The College Award for Building & Construction
Troy Van Tiel	The College Award for Chemistry
Callum Fraser	The College Award for Chemistry
Nathan Young	The College Award for Classical Studies
	Taylor Trophy for Classical Studies
Tim Brodrick	The College Award for Design & Visual Communication
	The SJC Cup (Marshall Family) for Design & Visual Communication
Nathan Hancock	SJC Award for Year 12 Drama
	The College Award for Drama
Blair Voorend	The College Award for Geography
Luke Hoskin	The College Award for History
	A General Excellence
Ca'lem Campen-Nairn	Digger Award for Horticulture
Jamez McIlroy	SJC Cup for Year 12 Food & Hospitality
	The College Award for Year 12 Gateway
Aldrich Cecilio	The College Award for Music
Brooklin Toia	The College Award for Music
Jarrold Gellert	The College Award for Materials Technology
	The Stafford Engineering Trophy for Excellence in Construction
	The College Award for Outdoor Ed
	The SJC Cup for Outdoor Education
	A General Excellence
Jared Howells	The College Award for Physical Ed
	A General Excellence
Troy Gouk-Macdonald	The College Award for English
	The College Award for Physics
Carlos Bergonia	The College Award for Religious Ed
	The St John's College Holy Trinity Award

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1ST XI FOOTBALL WIN AT MALCOLM COWIE CUP



During Tournament Week the 1st XI Football team won the Malcolm Cowie Cup held in Papakura beating St Peter's College Auckland 2-1 in the final. St Peter's scored first from a shot outside the box that bemused Jacob Daly in goal and beat him at the near post. 1-nil down at half-time, after battling the elements, was comforting.

Midway through the second half Darrian Dempsey was pushed forward, where he scored both goals to see us home. The final seven minutes were an anxious time for the management, spectators and substitutes. Liam Fellowes' no-nonsense approach had him send everything long for St Peter's to play from deep within their half and this helped ensure the win. Congratulations, 1st XI Football.

- Mr Hayden Miller, Teacher in Charge of Football

Keegan Fernandes

Marcel Koning
Liam Gilheany-Black

Luke Mansell

The College Award for English
A General Excellence
The College Award for Religious Ed
The St John's College Holy Trinity Award
A General Excellence
The College Award for Science
The Principal's Award
A General Excellence
A General Excellence
The College Award for Year 12 Digital Technology
Year 12 Top Scholar

YEAR 13 AWARDS

Richard Sadipiralla
Morgan Watt
Xiong Teng Wen
Jordan Schmidt
Kin Hang Wong

Wayde La Roche

Aisake Veatupu
Matthew Cooper
Isaiah Taylor

Bailey Lonergan
Shaun Naufahu

Xavier Worthington
Daryl Tapper

Matthew Quinlan

Marc Glenister
Sam Warwick
Nicholas Johnson

Te Kopere Simmons
Taylor Hamlin

Jaan Anderson

A General Excellence
BOT Plaque for Deputy Head Student
BOT Plaque for Special Character
BOT Plaque for Special Character
BOT Plaque for International Student Leader
The International Excellence Award
BOT Plaque for Student Representative of the Board
BOT Plaque for Pasifika Leader
BOT Plaque for Sports Leader
BOT Plaque for Academic Leader
A General Excellence
The College Award for Year 13 Gateway
The College Award for Senior Art
The Chris Mills Award for Senior Art
The College Award for Music
Hamilton Music Centre Cup for Excellence in Music
The College Award for Painting
The College Award for Painting
The College Award for Design & Visual Communication
The O'Connor Cup for Senior Graphics
NZ Institute of Physics Prize
The College Award for Digital Tech
A General Excellence
The College Award for Environmental Science
The College Award for Horticulture
BOT Plaque for Cultural Leader
The College Award for History
Hamilton East Interact Cup for History (Humanities)
The College Award for Māori – Te Toku Reo Toku Oho Oho
Wakefield Cup for Senior Mathematics
The College Award for Mathematics with Statistics
The College Award for Mathematics with Calculus
The College Award for Accounting
SJC Pigou Cup for Accounting
A General Excellence
The College Award for Outdoor Ed
The SJC Cup for Outdoor Education

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JOSHUA STEVENS SELECTED FOR WAIKATO GOLF TEAM



Congratulations to Joshua Stevens (front, second from left), who has been selected for the Waikato Under 17 Golf team.

Joshua's team won the 2015 Junior Boy's Development Triangular held at the Omokoroa Golf Club in Tauranga in April. He has now been further selected to play interprovincials. Well done Joshua.

PB4L UPDATE

St John's College launched the PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) initiative in Term 2 this year. This initiative enhances our Marist charisms and the high standards we already promote at the College. Our students are particularly enjoying and responding well to the introduction of our MORE (Motivated, Organized, Respectful, Excellence) Marist reward card system. Recently the Ministry of Education evaluated our progress as a PB4L school and were very impressed with the advances we have made.

Akhil Babu	BOT Plaque for Special Character The College Award for Physics Madgwick Trophy for Senior Physics
Jayden Vandy Darrian Dempsey	The College Award for Product & Design BOT Plaque for Sports Leader Clarkin Trophy for Best Technology Student going to University
Samuel Saki	SJC Cup for Top Pacific Scholar The Waikato Polytechnic Cup for Senior Physical Education The College Award for Religious Ed St John the Apostle Award for Religious Education A General Excellence
Dominic Flanagan	The College Award for Year 13 Drama BOT Plaque for Cultural Leader The College Award for English The Daley Cup for English A General Excellence
Cameron Lafferty	BOT Plaque for Academic Leader St John's College Science Cup Top Senior Student taking all Three Sciences The College Award for Economics Lauren Trophy for Economics The College Award for Biology Consedine Cup for Excellence in Biology The College Award for Chemistry SJC Cup for Excellence in Chemistry (Yeung Family) A General Excellence
Duran Whiu	BOT Plaque for Deputy Head Student Whaia te iti kahurangi For Academic Excellence The College Award for English The Daley Cup for English A General Excellence
Toakahu Pere	The College Award for History Hamilton East Interact Cup for History (Humanities) BOT Plaque for Māori Student Leader The Te Hiringa Trophy for Senior Māori The College Award for Media Studies A General Excellence
Akhil Babu	David Williams Memorial Trophy for Exemplifying the Spirit of St John's
Dominic Flanagan Toakahu Pere Henry Mackay Samuel Jaques	Marist Brothers' Award for Service to Liturgy in the Marist Spirit Jason Carroll Memorial Trophy for Success through Adversity Brother Remegius Cup for Generosity and Service Colin Smith Memorial Cup for Leadership BOT Plaque for the Head Student The Principal's Award D'Souza Trophy for The Principal's Award A General Excellence
Cameron Lafferty Taylor Hamlin	Proxime Accessit to the Dux 2015 Dux



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- Mrs Lyn Bell, Librarian

YEAR 9S ENJOY ACTIVITIES WEEK



Activities Week 2015 was a success once again with the Year 9 boys all having fun and challenging themselves. The activities were a mixed bag including sports, swimming, orienteering, abseiling, caving, flying fox, IT, cooking with a chef and a retreat. Here are some pictures of the boys involved in some of the activities. It was nice to see all the big smiles!

- Ms Sandie Gordon, Teacher in Charge of Year 9 Activities Week

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Thu 28th January	College Office open
Fri 29th January	College Office open, Year 12 Tuakana training
Mon 1st February	Holiday (Anniversary Day)
Tues 2nd February	Start of Term 1, Year 9 Orientation / Year 13 Leadership Day
Wed 3rd February	Year 9 Orientation, Year 11 Careers Day, Year 13 Leadership Day, Picnic/BBQ Evening for new families
Thurs 4th February	Normal timetable for all students
Mon 8th February	Holiday (Waitangi Day)
Fri 25th March	Holiday (Good Friday)
Mon 28th March	Holiday (Easter Monday)
Tues 29th March	Holiday (Easter Tuesday)
Fri 15th April	End of Term 1



PREPARING YOUNG MEN FOR LIFE

