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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



“Let your son come to school with an open mind and heart to the possibility of Christ entering his life.”

DEAR PARENTS

Every three or four years the Hamilton Catholic Diocese conducts a 'Special Character Review' of its schools. This involves a group of independent people looking at the how successfully we operate in this space, and coming to some conclusions and recommendations. In sitting down as a team in preparation for this event it was heartening to see just how much resource we put into our Catholic character.

Our special Catholic Character is the cornerstone on which our College is built, it is the beginning the middle and the end; the reason for our existence. Without the Catholic Church, through the Marist Brothers, St John's would not exist. Whilst the Marist Brothers have not lived or taught on our site for more than 30 years, we 'lay Marists' take our role as 'keepers of the faith' very seriously. We remain in touch with the Marist order as a way of ensuring we are still carrying out Marcellin's work as he would have wanted it.

This is why it is so important that we continue to work together in any way we can to maintain and enhance our Catholic character. As a Church we are well aware of the drop in the number of New Zealanders who identify with a faith - for the first time it is now less than 50% nationally. But at the same time faith based schools are becoming increasingly popular and the 600 people at our Year 8 open evening is testament to that. I understand from parents that it is the values they want, however values alone do not make us who we are; any school can have values. Our faith is the reason we have values; it is the river from which our Christian values flow.

I ask you as Parents to support us in this journey. Please let your son come to school with an open mind and heart to the possibility of Christ entering his life. Please do not allow him to stay home when whole school Masses are on, this undoes the good work we do. Your son enjoys the fruits of the school but he must take part in the whole life of the school. Being a member of St John's is a package deal, not a buffet from which to pick and choose. This will be the same in any work place that he enters when he leaves.

Whilst we face some adversity going forward we can only control so much. We will continue to do what we have always done with energy, courage and love and with our community's support make Saint John's a truly Catholic school, which for us is a labour of love. Finally I am reminded of a quote from Brother Marcel, a Marist Brother.

“If a river denies its source, it will soon go out of existence”

God bless you and your families,

- Mr Shane Tong, Principal



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

To all our St John's College community, greetings.

In Bishop Steve's 5 year plan "Together on the Journey - living no longer for ourselves but for Christ" Bishop shares his vision of us, as a Diocese, being together in unity in accord with the words of Jesus. "Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you... With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me (cf Jn 17:23).

This call to unity is very much what we aim for here at St John's College. We express this through the pillars of Family Spirit, Simplicity and Presence.

Family Spirit because we are a family drawn together by a common faith, our Christian and Catholic faith. We are a mix of people of different backgrounds, nationalities, languages, abilities and positions in our personal faith journeys yet we share common values and goals.

Simplicity because we learn to accept each other without complication, accepting that difference is what makes us strong, unique, better able to integrate ourselves with the world of today, welcoming and nurturing.

Presence because we are there for each other, aware of and trying to meet the needs of our neighbours, our brothers and our sisters in Christ.

Then we have the terms "Johnnies Boys" and "Brothers". These may come across as cliché to a new student when they first come to our College. But it soon becomes apparent, particularly to those who, in simplicity, open themselves to the reality and possibilities of these terms, that they are part of a family where they have a multitude of brothers who look out for each other, who have a foundation of shared faith that encourages them to be the Johnnies Boy and Marist men that we, as staff, constantly try to promote amongst our student body.

Then the unity that Christ speaks of, of being one as He and the Father are one, is represented in the words of St Marcellin uttered as he approached the end of his time on this earth, "I also urge you, my very dear brothers, with all the affection of my soul and for which you profess me, to behave in such a way that charity always reigns among you. Love one another as Christ has loved you. Let there be among you but one heart and one mind. I hope that we can say of the Little Brothers of Mary what was said of the first Christians: See how they love one another... This is the most vivid desire of my heart in these last moments of my life. Yes, my dear brothers, listen to the last words of your Father, which are those of our beloved Saviour: Love one another."

So unity as Christians, as Catholics, as Marist men and women, as Johnnies boys and as Brothers and Sisters - in which we are called to imitate, in great simplicity, the unity of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, founded in love and acceptance, in forgiveness and assistance, companioning each other, as Bishop Steve states, in our shared life journeys - this is our calling and we can do this in our parish, in our school, in our families, in our working and our social relationships.

As we move into the second half of the year may the love and unity of Christ with the Father and the Holy Spirit become our source of unity and love in our own lives.

God Bless,

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



"Love one another as Christ has loved you. Let there be among you but one heart and one mind."



KEY DATES 2021

TERM 3

26 July	Start of Term 3
27 July	Junior Report Evening
29 July	Careers Expo
30 July	Chanel Shield
11 August	Options Evening
12 August	Teacher Only Day*
23 - 27 August	Senior Assessment Week
4 September	Senior Ball
8 September	Senior Report Evening
28 September	Yr 13 Retreat
30 September	Sports Awards
1 October	End of Term 3

TERM 4

18 October	Start of Term 4
25 October	Holiday (Labour Day)
26 October	Closing Mass & Senior Prizegiving
27 October	Yr 13 Leavers Dinner
1 - 5 November	Junior Exams
8 November	NCEA Exams begin
12 November	Yr 8 Orientation Day
23 November	Teacher Only Day*
7 - 10 December	Yr 9 Activities & Yr 10 Camps
14 December	Junior Prizegiving & End of School Year

**There are 3 additional Teacher Only Days this year, as dictated by the Ministry of Education. These will support the implementation of changes to NCEA and strengthening of curriculum, progress and achievement practices.*

CENTENARY ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, TE AWAMUTU

22 and 23 October

Register online at www.stpatta.co.nz or phone the school office (07) 871 4669

CHANEL BLOCK REDEVELOPMENT

Late this year, work will begin on a major redevelopment of the Chanel Block. With the addition of external walkways to access classrooms, we can create 5 extra teaching spaces without extending the building footprint. Lifting our street appeal and modernizing the courtyard, a busy recreational space for the boys, are also important goals. The pics shown are concepts, but a good indicator of where we're headed.



KILIKITI TOURNAMENT WIN

Kilikiti, you know, Samoan cricket. This is the first time St John's has entered the Secondary Schools Kilikiti tournament with a team of Yr 9 and 10s - read on to see how Isaleli Pati remembered his day, and to check their results.

"As a Yr 9 going to Kilikiti it was nerve-racking and exciting. The experience with the others was so different! The moment we stepped out on the pitch we were representing St John's. Hyping each other, chanting as loud as we could and having a fun and amazing time."

For most boys it was their first time, but when we were on the pitch it felt like this was home. But on behalf of all the boys, the one thing we loved the most was the girls - just kidding! We kept up the same energy the whole day and beat Fraser in the finals 79 - 49. And also ended up winning the dance competition!

- Isaleli Pati, Year 9





21 SACRAMENTAL STUDENTS

On 9 June the College celebrated the feast of St Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers, with a whole school mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Hamilton East. Bishop Steve was our celebrant and he baptised, confirmed and gave first Eucharist to 21 of our students.



These 21 young men began their preparation for the reception of the sacraments in March. Over this period of time they participated in sacramental lessons given by our Chaplains, priests and the Cathedral Pastoral team. In June, 14 of them made their First Reconciliation with Fr. Matthew. These students, along with their families and sponsors have put in a lot of personal time and energy to be ready for receiving these 3 sacraments and be welcomed into the Catholic Church.

It is very special and fitting that this could occur with our whole school community at Marcellin Champagnat Day Mass. Music is a universal language and for teenagers, good liturgical music that inspires singing and participation in the mass, is very important. The college is so blessed to have the expertise and talents of Malcolm Barr to orchestrate everything in this area with the assistance of our Music teacher, Bridgette Dewar. They, with our college liturgical music group, choir and accompanying teachers, drew us into a spirit of worship and praise of God throughout the Eucharistic celebration.

Bishop Steve, so friendly, cordial, relatable and joyful, explained each moment of the Mass so that the students and guests were aware of what was happening, what it signified and the purpose and history of the actions. Our 21 students let go of any nerves they may have had as they recognized in Bishop Steve a caring and easy going shepherd of the flock who was companioning them through the reception of each of the sacraments. At the end of the Mass Bishop Steve also gifted to each of the 21 students a bible that I hope they will keep and cherish as a reminder of their sacramental celebration.

I would also like to recognize the school body itself. The discipline, reverence and involvement in the Mass by our students made us proud as a school and, I hope, gave hope to all of us present as a faith community. To see teenage boys so able in their conduct in what was a longer mass than normal is a wonderful sight to behold and witness. Thanks also go to Mrs Linda Myburgh and her band of senior helpers who arranged the refreshments for families and visitors after the Mass.

As a College we look forward to walking this journey once more next year, companioning the next group of students who sense a call to a closer and more intimate relationship with Jesus.

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



CNI WIN FOR 1ST XI

Over the weekend 17th & 18th April, the 1st XI Football team started the season positively with a CNI Tournament win. Hosted by Lindisfarne College in Hastings this pre-season tournament worked out really well, having a 5 team round robin format where every team played each other once, and the Overall winner is the team with most points.

The 1st XI won their first 3 games convincingly winning 3 nil over Wanganui Collegiate, 4 nil over Francis Douglas Memorial College and 5 nil over St John's College - Hastings. However local hosts Lindisfarne College brought a very physical game and disrupted St John's College from playing their best football. Lindisfarne spoilt the unbeaten run snatching a 1 nil victory. But in a round robin event Lindisfarne's earlier loss to Francis Douglas meant that St John's College won the tournament with a superior goal difference.

In the local Waikato SS comp, the 1st XI started the season strongly, picking up wins against HBHS 1st XI, HBHS 2nd XI, Cambridge, Rototuna & Hillcrest High Schools. The only blemish to date was a 2-1 loss to St Peters' School. These winning performances have earned qualification for the prestigious Lotto Premier National Tournament where all the top schools in the country will compete.

This success has been achieved from the hard work from the players, the coaches dedication & commitment to the team and the extra training the boys have put in, including Club Football and Strength & Conditioning sessions over the past 5 years. Well done boys, I know you will do us proud at tournament.

- Mr Hayden Miller, TIC Football





BRAINS EXPLAINED

Having time together to reflect and think about how we teach, how we build learning relationships with our students, and how we can be more effective is a necessary professional activity in any school. Our Teacher Only days always involve staff here on site, working collaboratively together to improve our practice. On the first day of Term2, we listened to renowned neuroscientist Nathan Wallis.

Nathan explained how our brains work, with examples that we could all recognise in our own behaviour, our students and our own children. Nathan is expert in applying what scientists know about brain function to the education and NZ setting. Why do students struggle to pay attention? What's happening in a young man's brain during adolescence*? What can we do at school to maximise the chances that our students are ready and willing to learn? All staff attended, and conversations continue amongst staff and in Faculties based on the examples and insights that we heard.

We thank the Board of Trustees for allocating special funding to book such a high quality expert. If you get a chance as parents to hear Nathan Wallis, he comes highly recommended by us.

**Well, it's tough to hear but here it is - During adolescence, part of the teenage brain "shuts for renovations". This is the part of the brain responsible for controlling mood, for understanding consequences and for thinking about others. Of course, that doesn't mean young folk can't take responsibility for those things, but it does seem to get a little harder as a teen and they may need a bit more help. The good news is that, once that brain reopens, they're well on their way to exercising a more adult approach.*

BOARD CHANGES

FAREWELL TO MR LALLY

We accepted the resignation of Mr Brendan Lally, Board of Trustees Chair, at a recent meeting. Brendan joined the Board as a Proprietor's representative over 10 years ago and we acknowledge the tremendous service he has offered to St John's College. A man of considerable action and purpose, Brendan was a driving force to finish the Marcellin Gymnasium to such a high standard. He has a huge heart for the young men of St John's College and for the traditions and pillars that set us apart. Thank you Brendan, from the staff, students and parents for your leadership, your unwavering support of the College and your friendship.

WE ALSO WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

And so we welcome and thank **Richard Spelman**, our newly elected Chair. Richard has two sons here at the College, with a third having left already. General Manager at LIC, and a keen and successful adventure racer.

Andrew Webby – a proud alumni student of St Johns (1998 – 2002), I also currently have a son in year 10. I am a director of multiple businesses with a staff of over 40 people and am now in a position to devote time to the school board and the St John's College community. I am enjoying sponsoring the school's 1st XV Rugby as well as the annual Y13 leavers dinner. I believe my experience of many years in business can be a real benefit to the board and the school. I welcome the opportunity to join you in leading the school through the coming years.

Tony Fraser-Jones – Married to Bronwyn, I have a lovely family of 3 boys and a little girl. My eldest son is at St John's in Yr 11. I grew up on a farm in Te Aroha, and most of my working life has been in management consultancy and business coaching, along with running a Burger Fuel restaurant for a time. Profitable Tradie is my current business, working with tradespeople to make their business successful, and we have clients across NZ, Australia, Canada and the US.

Our family are long time parishioners of the Cathedral parish and our Catholic faith is an important part of our lives. I am passionate about values-based education for young men in a world which isn't always easy for them, and I feel that I have skills and experience that would be of service to the school.

Bevan Bayne – My son is in Year 10 and both my children have attended Catholic primary schools. I have heard really good things from parents, senior students, and the community about St John's College over the years and it was an easy decision to have my son attend. My drive to contribute is to bring what I can to continue and to build on the good work that the Principal, staff and BOT have done previously to bring the College to have such a good reputation, and to help turn our boys into great Marist men. My background originally was in education as a primary teacher, and subsequently in middle, and senior, and executive management in Commercial, Government, and Not for Profit sectors, and I also served a term on the St Peter Chanel school Board.

Rick Cartmill – I attended St Johns from 1982 – 1986 and was in the same class and rugby team as Shane Tong all those years ago. I have two boys currently at the school in Year 9 and 11. I'm studying Te Reo Māori at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and am in my third year of the Te Reo journey. I'm of Tainui descent and Ngāti Te Ikaunahi and Ngāti Hounuku Hapu. I have worked in the insurance industry since leaving St Johns and currently manage a Broker branch here in Hamilton.

We count ourselves blessed to have such capable and energetic parents volunteering their time to support our Board and College.



YOUNG LEADERS

This term a group of us was selected to go to the I-Sport Young Leaders day in Rotorua. There were students from all the schools in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty.

The Youth Leadership day was a great opportunity for aspiring students to come and meet some of their heroes growing up. We heard from the likes of Honey Hireme-Smiler, Lesley Elder, Willy Apiata (pictured), Dan Carter and Richie McCaw, who told us about their upbringings, challenges and failures in life, and what led them to become leaders. They also talked about how through their hard work they were able to become as successful as they have done in their careers.

The things that I learnt most from these presentations were to keep on working harder and smarter all the time in life no matter how difficult the challenges or goals that I've set for myself might be. They all talked about the importance of looking to my family for support with these challenges and goals when I need it. They talked about what young people can do if they don't have any family to look up to just like Honey Hireme-Smiler. She said that this did not stop her from finding someone to look to for help and that all of us could seek help from a friend, teacher or other leader in my school.

Hearing from these capable NZers encouraged me to believe that the way I am going to succeed is to be courageous enough to sign myself up for leadership courses when they come along and to strive harder than the rest to get the leadership role that I would like in order to serve my school.

And finally, the most important thing that I had learned from them can be summed up in this quote. *"Despite what negative and positive background or upbringing I have, despite my successes and failures in life, I can always make a name for myself and do the things I want to do if I try hard enough."*

After all of the speeches we headed out to the eating area where they had snacks for all of the schools. We also went into this huge gym area where we socialised and played card games and Māori stick games with students from Rotorua schools and to wrap up the day every single student got a free ball to take with them home which was a super cool thing for them to do. Burger King on the way home was a bonus, and so was watching Mr Kay and Mr Ardern fix a flat tyre ... eventually, once they worked it all out.

The highlight for me was Honey Hireme-Smiler. Honey explained to us how her rough upbringing led to her becoming a bully to other people and eventually ending up at the Putaruru police station. This was a wake up call to Honey to get her life together, and with the help of her school, she was signed up for many leadership programmes and activities to help out her community. Eventually her hard work paid off and she became the head girl of Putaruru College and is currently the Captain for the NZ women's rugby league team.

- Taniko Shane, Yr 12



BUILDING AWARD FOR MARCELLIN CENTRE

We know we have an outstanding sporting complex, and now we have the proof.

The Marcellin Centre was awarded Silver in the NZ Commercial Projects Awards. This competition celebrates the very best of commercial building in the country, and we congratulate Waikato Construction Management Ltd (trading as Coresteel) for recognition of their superb work in completing the Marcellin Centre to such a high standard.

We've been using the Marcellin Centre for nearly 18 months now, and couldn't feel prouder about the quality of our sporting complex. We owe a huge debt of thanks to many people who supported the College in 'reaching for the stars' on this build.

To Bishop Steve and his Diocese team, who contracted and managed the build with WCML, thank you for supporting our aspirations. To Board members of the past five-ten years, thank you for your unwavering commitment and drive to lift the bar. Thank you to the major donors who stepped in to pay for major features like the bleachers and hoop systems - the Foundation donors and our Old Boys community, who collectively contributed over \$80,000; the Grassroots Trust, a major donor; the Lion Foundation and Trust Waikato.

And thank you very much to the parents past and present who contributed to the Building Donation during your son's time with us. The Building Fund allows us to build bigger and better, and we could not have achieved the Marcellin Centre without the support of our whole community.



LEARNING ASSISTANCE

'Having a learning assistant in any one of your classes makes a big difference. You just put your hand up, then ask a question you are struggling with and it's like having a teacher all to yourself.' (Year 9 student)

'The learning assistant helps me to understand my work.' (Year 10 student)

'Helps me understand step by step.' (Year 9 student)

'It is ok to ask for help and when I ask she knows how to explain it easily.' (Year 10 student)

'Helps me and the teacher in class.' (Year 9 student)

Thanks to the generous and consistent support of the Principal and Board of the school, we have seven culturally diverse and well-qualified Learning Assistants who work across a range of classes with the main focus being on Year 9 and 10 but also some senior classes.

They primarily focus on classes with high literacy and/or numeracy demands and work hard to make positive relationships with students so that optimum learning support is possible.

As can be seen from the student voice captured in the quotes above, the learning support team are respected and appreciated by the students.

- Mrs Helen Kato, Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO)



COMBINED JAZZ BAND AND CONCERT BAND

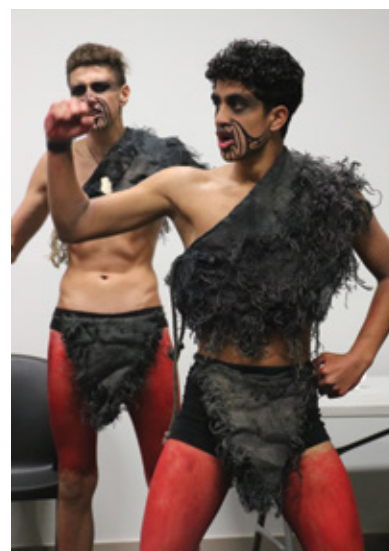
Talented musicians from St John's and Sacred Heart have teamed up to form both the Jazz Band and the Concert Band. These bands had the opportunity to compete in a Jazz Festival held in Napier in May. We had some amazing results, with the Jazz Band winning a Bronze award and the Concert Band winning a Silver award! The prestige of our musicians continues to grow with the help of Mr Stanbridge, who dedicates his time to leading both of these groups to victory. Thank you to Mr Stanbridge, to all the supportive parents and teachers, and to all the members of these bands for your dedication and ability to represent our schools at a high standard!

- Mrs Bridgette Dewar, TIC Music



PASIFIKA BY NATURE

So great to have this celebratory event back after missing it last year, but so sad to know it's the last one and won't be repeated. Held at Claudelands Arena in May, both our Kapa Haka and Pasifika ropu performed and made St John's look awesome. PBN is a huge celebration of our Pacific cultures. A huge thanks goes to Mrs Diane Lyons and Mr Puka Malo for their hard work in helping our young men prepare.

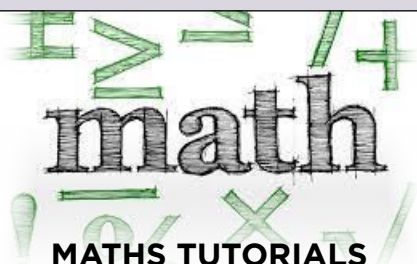




YEAR 9 ART

Some promising talent on display here by Year 9 art students, who were asked to complete a self-portrait and a caricature of themselves.





MATHS TUTORIALS

Any student at any year level can attend, without booking. The tutorial can be for 10 minutes or for as long as you need.

AFTER SCHOOL

These start at 3:20. If you turn up late the teacher may have left, but wait a bit as they often have something to do first.

TUESDAY

R07 Mr Plant

Student Services Ms Watton

WEDNESDAY

Library 3.25 - 4.25

THURSDAY

R07 Mr Plant

R08 Mr Barr

LUNCHTIME

These are intended largely for juniors, but seniors may attend, especially if assessments are coming up.

MONDAY

R08 Mr Gray

Other days by request to Mr Gray

WEED IT AND REAP

In showery and dull conditions, after the sporting traffic had departed, a bevy of gardeners descended on the top carpark to transform our traffic islands. A huge thank you to the PTFA and the energetic Katarina Dale who rallied a group of 30 volunteer parents and teachers to hack out overgrown shrubs, dig and refresh the soil, replant and mulch. It's a treat to have a neat and well groomed entrance again, to match the new pillar gardens which were overhauled during term as well. It's acts of service like this, along with all that fantastic parent support at after school and sporting events, that remind us what a lovely community we enjoy here.



THE BIG SING COMPETITION

On Thursday 17th of June our choir called "Wingmen" travelled to the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Tauranga to perform in front of 22 other choirs from the Waikato region. We performed three songs including the 1999 Backstreet Boys hit "I want it that way" which was highly entertaining. The day ended with a Gala concert where each choir performed their best song. We gained a Commended award for our performance and had a great day out.

- Mrs Bridgette Dewar, TIC Music





SWIMMING RESULTS

A strong team of 13 students competed at the Waikato Secondary Schools Swimming Sports, and the College was ranked an impressive 3rd Boys overall. Kemp Williams was our top performer, setting 3 new Waikato records on the day, while many of our boys achieved podium finishes in their events.

Our four top junior swimmers went on to the North Island Champs, held in Wellington in June. All boys swam well and all achieved top 16 placings in their event - many of those finishes were 5th - 7th placings. Kemp Williams proved again what a promising talent he is, with 1st placings in the 50 and 100 freestyle events, and 2nd in the 50 Butterfly. Our team came 6th overall - well done young men, an outstanding performance. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Tebbutt for managing the team.

- Mrs Sarndra Petrin, TIC Swimming

WAIKATO SECONDARY SCHOOL PODIUM PLACINGS	
JUNIOR	
Kemp Williams	1st 100 Butterfly - Waikato Record 1:02:63 1st 100 Freestyle - Waikato Record 56:86 1st 200 Freestyle - Waikato Record 2:05:02
Andrew Fairweather	1st 25 Backstroke Para 1st 25 Breaststroke Para 1st 25 Freestyle Para
Nathan Tebbutt	1st 50 Butterfly 1st 50 Freestyle 3rd 100 Butterfly
Zion Heke	2nd 100 Backstroke 2nd 50 Butterfly 2nd 50 Backstroke
Jonty Shirreffs	3rd 50 Butterfly 3rd 50 Freestyle
Junior Relay	2nd Medley and Freestyle
INTERMEDIATE	
Taniko Shane	1st 100 Backstroke 2nd 50 Backstroke 2nd 200 Medley
Ryan Roche	2nd 100 Butterfly 3rd 200 Freestyle 3rd 100 Medley
Boston Haddon	2nd 100 Freestyle



ENGLISH TUTORIALS

EVERY WEDNESDAY

🕒 3.25PM - 4.25PM

📍 LIBRARY

FOOD, FRIENDS & FUN

HEY, THAT'S ALLITERATION



12SPS BATTLE SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE

Yr 12 Sports Science got interesting this term, when Mr Miller announced there'd be a Battle of The Sexes Challenge against Sacred Heart's 12AKO Sports Class. Competition has been fierce and close with results as follows. At time of writing, there was no clear winner - those of you who follow our Facebook page will have got the update.

The purpose of having these challenges was to improve the relationship between the two Colleges, to allow our boys to mingle with young women and gain confidence around them, and improve their chances of getting a ball date! Over the past month our young men have learned to communicate openly, show fair play, and resolve disputes that have arisen - all valuable skills for their future.

Touch Rugby; Multi-Sport; Sports Quiz - SJC

Netball; Flat Mat - SHGC

(In the lead up to this Challenge the boys just wanted to compete in sports and didn't really rate themselves with their sporting knowledge. Meanwhile the girls were confident. They had been studying and threw a bit of banter via social media. Very pleasing then for S John's College to win the Quiz 42-34.)

- Mr Hayden Miller, TIC 12 Sport Science



STUDENT TRUSTEE FOR BOARD

ELECTIONS WILL BE TERM 3

visit trustee-election.co.nz



PASSING THE BATON

200m Sprint Star Amilame Finau broke a longstanding school record this year, and Bruce Parker was one of the first to congratulate him.

The 200m record held by Bruce Parker of 23.00 seconds was set way back in 1975. That record was equalled in 2005 by M. Faria, but it has now fallen to Amilame Finau who ran a blistering 22.63 seconds at this year's School Athletics Champs.

Bruce noticed the new record on our Facebook page and was quick to acknowledge Amilame's fantastic run. While Parker resides in Australia, he made a trip home recently, popped in to watch the 1st XV and congratulated Amilame in person. He recounted that he was the first St John's College student to compete at the National Secondary Schools Athletics Champs, and won the National 200m title that year. Parker continues to hold the 110m hurdles record at St John's College.

As you can imagine, sprint stars have a wee bit in common - namely that rugby coaches love having them on their team. Amilame is scoring tries from the wing for our 1st XV this year, and he'd do well to follow in Parker's footsteps in that code. Bruce played many seasons for Hamilton Marist and wing for Waikato, before moving to Auckland and continuing with senior rugby at Auckland Marist.

We love seeing our Old Boys come back to visit, and it was great to see these two athletes connect over their shared talent.



CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS

School cross country was great conditions - mild temperature with just the right mix of mud and slip to challenge the boys!

The Central Zones Cross Country was held at Tauhara Park and our St John's boys performed extremely well. 1st place in the Year 9 category went to Noah Gibson, with Blake Pitchford coming in 5th. Shawn Halford placed 1st in the Under16 Intermediate race, and Jayden Fenwick 4th. In the Senior u20 division, Matthew Jordan placed 3rd.

Congratulations men - it takes a big heart to do well at cross country!



MASTERS OF E-SPORTS

The E-sports scene at St Johns College is better than ever. As we go to press, the premier team is unbeaten and tops the Waikato-Tainui division. What other St John's College athletes are broadcast on a worldwide platform? This has given our athletes some cool experiences, with around 100 people watching the game, including staff and Old Boys.

The boys have qualified for the Regional Finals in Rotorua and if, no, when we win it, we'll be in an online playoff to make the grand final in Auckland. Commendations to Finn 'The Reaper' Litton, Julius 'Captain' De Groot, Min ki 'Hyper Carry' Hong, Marco 'The Reliable' Villegas and Finn 'Instant Replay' Leong. Follow our progress on Facebook!

- Mr Chan Park, TIC E-Sports



ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY COMPETITION

The "A" Team of Will Benefield, Jack Dillion, Joshua Legget and Thomas Patten, all Year 13 Chemistry students, assembled at E1.12 the Chemistry Laboratories at Waikato University at 9.30 am, ready for their date with Destiny. There were 21 teams from the Central North Island schools including teams as far away as Pukekohe and Rotorua. The competition consisted of a Gravimetric and Volumetric analysis to determine the moles of water in two separate samples of Nickel Sulfate, more commonly called the Waters of Crystallization. The intensity of the competition was raised incredibly when Josh Legget managed to spill the entire test solution in Gravimetric section putting the team back by an hour. A herculean effort by the skilled hands of everyone managed an astounding recovery. Thomas Pattern whose magic finger on the calculator managed to get a number on the paper was sort of close to the answer by 5 moles off - which turned out to be one of the better results of the day. The teams placed 6th equal, a very credible result since no one had ever done this before. Highlights of the day were the awesome toys to play with in Chemistry labs, the fantastic lunch, and meeting other students fired up to go to University.

- Mr Steve Wood, Head of Science



L to R; Jack Dillion, Will Benefield, Thomas Patten, Joshua Legget



MC DAY CONCERT

Following Mass, we celebrate our Family Spirit with a couple of fun whole school events. First up, Mr Paul Ardern hosted a rowdy game of Family Feud, pitting students and staff against each other. Then our own students entertained us with a concert that shared their musical talents and gifts.

It's a brave student who can stand in front of their peers to sing and perform, but we had no shortage of willing and very impressive musos putting their hand up. MC Day's about enjoying being part of the Hato Hoani whānau, through honouring our founder and sharing some laughs with the brothers.





BIO EXPLORERS

Term 2 has been a busy one for Biology with field trips out for 12 and 13 Biology.

Whale Bay, Raglan was the focus of a community study for 12 Biology. Students observed and sampled organisms in the rugged environment and thankfully the weather cooperated for us.

Y13 Biology spent a day at Auckland Zoo as an introduction to Human Evolution and to observe Animal Behaviour. Unfortunately, the new Primate Enclosure wasn't yet opened, so we didn't get a chance to observe the orangutans, however many other biological delights were seen. Thanks to Mrs Fairweather for accompanying us to the Zoo and Mr Masom for his outstanding knowledge of organisms of the Rocky Shore.

- Mrs Nicola Gelston, TIC Biology



CHUR BROTHERS!

These young men received the most amazing shout out of thanks for their services to St Paul's Ngaruawahia earlier this term. When St Paul's asked for some helpers for a primary school's soccer and hockey tournament, our men responded in true Marist fashion. Honestly, the letter of thanks was 3 pages long, with glowing praise and gratitude for their work on the day. Here's some examples:

Punctual, polite and prepared

An asset in so many ways

Stood up and led by example

Created positive relationships with all of us the teams adored them

Leaders who were genuine, multi tasking, grateful and proud of the school they attend

Thank you for your service men, you helped turn a challenging day for St Paul's into a massive success, and we're proud of you!

Michael Cane
Michael Chatwin
Jacob Clare
Jack Kane

Edward Prestidge-King

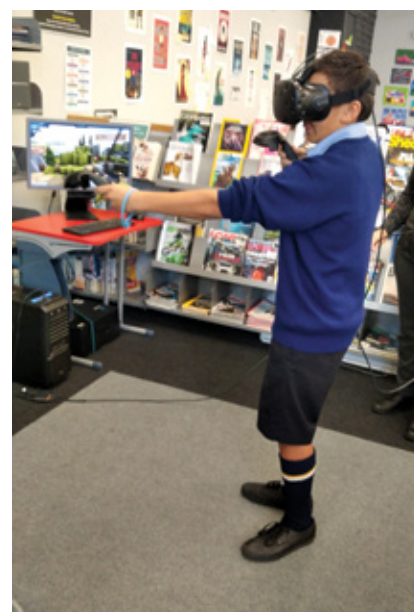
Ethan Price
Thomas Roach
Samuel Slone
Liam Walton
Toby Dowsett



LIBRARY HAPS

Our Library is not like the old days that parents might remember - there's so much going on it's hard to keep up. Check out these pics - we had a Virtual Reality set-up that all students could have a crack at; we hosted the NZ Blood Service and 59 staff and students donated to this fantastic life-saving cause; NZ Music Month was celebrated with a resident piano and the talent shown by our musicians was magic! Pop Up Library appeared on a fine day out in the courtyard, bringing the book message to a bigger group of lads.

Oh, and there was reading too, lots of it. Library issues are tracking strongly, and all our junior English classes start with 10 minutes of silent reading.





RUGBY ROUNDUP

It has been a great start to the season for St John's College Rugby. This year we have 10 teams that wear the eagle on their chest with pride. At time of writing, the 1st XV are placed in the top four of the Central North Island competition, which is tracking to be our best performance since we joined the CNI comp. This year they have had impressive wins over Wesley College and Lindisfarne College.

Our 2nd and 3rd XV teams are in hard fought battles week in and week out and these grades continue to demand strong rugby from our senior boys at the school. We've added an U16 team this year who have played extremely well and have not lost a game yet. Our Under 15 Gold team have exceeded all expectations. This predominantly Year 10 team have played several 1st XV teams from across the Waikato and have had some outstanding victories. The Under 15 Blue team continue to build and are showing progress and promise. The Under 14 teams have both been performing well and both are well placed for playoff matches. Finally, the under 55kg boys continue to battle in what is becoming a very competitive grade. The teams faced each other this season with a close 10 - 0 victory to the U55 Kg Gold team. This is a true testament to the under 55 kg programme at St John's College.

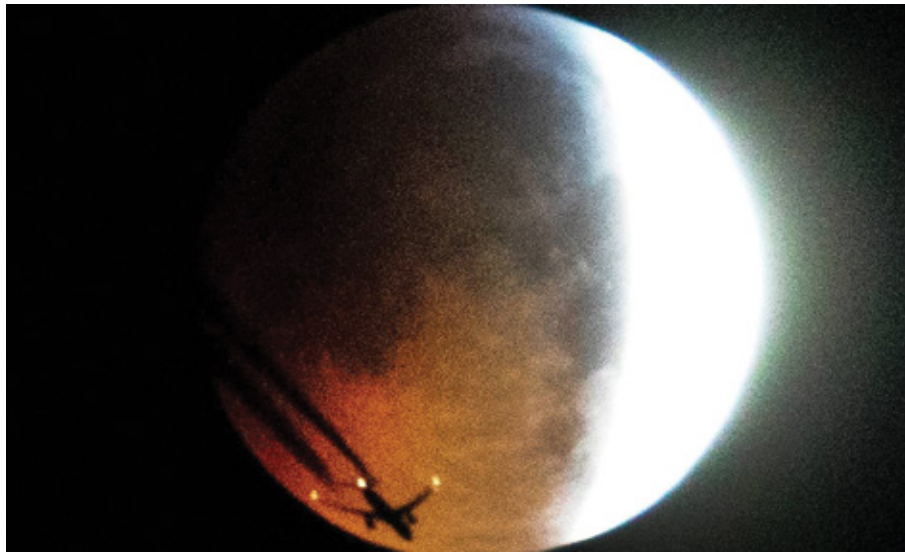
- Mr Paul Ardern, Avid Rugby Supporter

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Can you believe the image of that super blood moon on the back page of this Eagle was taken by one of our students, Josh Leggett? Check it out, it's an impressive piece of photography!



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