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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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DEAR PARENTS

It is so good to be back at school. During lockdown I missed the contact with the boys, the rhythm of daily routines and the feeling of belonging and making a difference that being part of the St John's College community gives you. It is interesting that attendance on day one was at least as good as the average. It appears that our boys are a little less nervous this time on their return from lockdown, they just want to get back to the normality of life at St John's College. The boys were keen to get back to school, talk to their friends and have face to face classes. Unfortunately, one knock on effect of the lockdown is the condensing of deadlines for our staff and students. We appreciate the NCEA exams being moved, however there are a tremendous number of other events that have been impacted or cancelled, many of which place extra stress on staff, students, and at times, you our parents.

I have been reflecting on the importance of resilience. Resilience is one of the most important qualities we can foster in our young men, the ability to bounce back from adversity and 'pick yourself up, dust yourself off and start all over again'. Resilience is not something that can be taught, but it can be caught. That can be through any number of activities: acting on stage, playing sport, sitting assessments or connecting with our faith through prayer. We can help our boys through advice, training and support, but ultimately we must allow them to succeed or fail on their own. In my view both success and failure are equally important in growing fine young men prepared for life - success breeds confidence, while failure teaches us humility. Both promote the growth of resilience. It also takes resilience to bounce back from lockdown, with the knowledge that we could be back in it at any time. However all we can do is get back to normality as quickly as possible and be prepared to be flexible whatever happens.

We recently received our tri-annual special character review. It is pleasing that an independent team see what we see, which is a strongly Catholic school where boys feel connected and that they belong in our space. More of that later in the Eagle. One of the highpoints for the reviewers was our baptism and confirmation programme (called RCIC). This year 21 boys were baptised and confirmed in the Catholic Church and we are proud of each of them. These young men can now fully take part in the wider life of our College and receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at Mass. This programme is run every year and I encourage you to speak to your son about becoming a confirmed Catholic.

Ngaa Mihi,

God Bless you and your family,

- Mr Shane Tong, Principal



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Tena koutou katoa

I would like to make a reflection using the first reading from mass for Tuesday 14 September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The reading came from Numbers 21:4-9 and it read as follows:

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The Jewish people had faltered in their relationship of trust towards God. Despite all the wonderful things they had seen: the 10 plagues; the pillar of smoke and fire; the parting of the Red Sea; mana and the quail in the desert; the water gushing from the rock; the reception by Moses of the Ten Commandments; so many things that would blow our minds. Yet their faith grew weak and their trust in God faltered.

In this situation and as an act of love, God gave them a metaphorical shake of the shoulders to awaken them from their self-centredness and lethargy. It worked. The Jewish people trusted again, renewed their relationship with God and continued in their journey to the Promised Land.

Perhaps Covid could be a similar experience for us. How easy it is to get comfortable in life. We live in a beautiful country that has an abundance of clean water, food, a reasonable climate, peace, stable government, health care and education, jobs and prosperity for many of us. How easy it is to become independent from the Divine, lethargic in our faith, lacking in our trust of God. Like the frog in the warming water, we may not even realise what is happening to our faith and trust in God. Perhaps this is a good time to be honest with ourselves, to assess our dependence on and trust in God, and to renew His presence into every aspect of our lives.

God is love. God loves us so much that he offered His own son for our salvation. If we have faltered in any of these areas, God will forgive us - if we ask. Over and over He will forgive us. Perhaps Covid is a chance to reorient our relationship with God and if he has been pushed to the side or to the back, now is the time to bring him to the front and centre.

May the grace of God be with us as we continue through these challenging times and may the maternal care and love of Mary draw us ever closer to her son Jesus.

God bless

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



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KEY DATES 2021

Parents should please note changes caused by the Term 3 lockdown

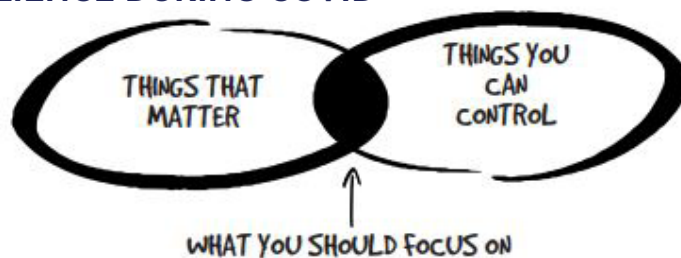
TERM 4

18 October	Start of Term 4
21 October	Y10 Vision Testing
21 October	Senior Sports Awards
22 October	Mufti Day - for Caritas
25 October	Labour Day Holiday
3 November	Arts Awards
8 November	Junior Exams
12 November	Yr 8 Orientation Day
16 November	Closing Mass & Senior Prizegiving
17 November	Y13 Leaver's Dinner
22 November	NCEA Exams begin
23 November	Teacher Only (ACCORD) Day
29 Nov - 3 Dec	Yr 10 Retreats
7 - 10 December	Yr 9 Activities & Yr10 Camps
14 December	Junior Prizegiving & End of School Year

2022 TERM 1

1 February	Teacher Only Day
2 February	Y9 Pōwhiri & Orientation / Y13 Leadership Day
3 February	Y9 Orientation / ALL Y13 for P1 & P2 minimum
4 February	All Students, Normal Timetable

RESILIENCE DURING COVID



Challenging times are a test of our resilience and place our minds and bodies under increased stress. Our Counselling team (Mrs Carolyn Morris and Mr Rob McDonald) worked very hard during the lockdown period to stay connected with students who indicated they were starting to struggle.

They've also been busy meeting with students to help them adjust back to school routines, and also prepare and cope with practice exam pressure. Seriously, there's an awful lot going on in a young man's world just from a school perspective! Add in parents having to cope with added job or financial pressures, managing relationships, loss of arts or sport activities, less time with mates, busy or strained households for some and of course a teenage brain is going to feel a little fragile from time to time.

Encourage your son to reach out for help when he starts feeling low. We have loads of tips and links on the Counsellors page on our website (under Student Life), and we're always here if he needs us.

MOVING ON - LEAVER'S NEWS

It's that time of the year when we prepare to farewell our Yr 13s and other senior students who will be moving on to new adventures. Here's the events that students and parents should lock into their Calendars now:

Final Mass	16 November 1:00pm at the Cathedral
Senior Prizegiving	16 November 6:30pm at the Cathedral
Leavers Dinner	17 November 6:00pm at the Old Gym

Year 13 students and their parents will be invited to the Leavers Dinner, held in our Gymnasium. This is a very special final celebration for all the Year 13 students who've clocked up the full 5 years with us!

RIP MRS SHIRLEY GARDNER

Our hearts were heavy to learn that our dear friend Shirley Gardner passed away on the 24th August. Shirley had bravely battled illness for decades but it was always Shirley's way that she was bright and cheery when with us at school for the 12 years she worked with us. Shirley spent her last days in hospital and it was fortunate that her husband Noel was at her side as she peacefully passed away. As our special needs coordinator (SENCO) Shirley worked with the last, the lost and the least, and these are the very children for whom our founder Marcelin Champagnat created the Marist Brothers and school's.



Shirley will be fondly remembered by a generation of Jonnies boys who helped them though when things at school became difficult. We thank you for your service.

Shirley was cremated and a service will be held at a later date so that people can attend.

May God Bless and keep you my friend.

- Mr Shane Tong, Principal



ARGUABLY SOME OF THE BEST DEBATERS IN HAMILTON

Look out, Hamilton; we have a strong team of debaters coming straight for you! The St John's College Junior Gold debating team consisting of Raphael Ferdinands, Jaxon Wiggins, Arden Morunga, and Aidan Butler put St John's debating back on the map with an outstanding string of debates in 2021. In 2020, Raphael was awarded Best Speaker in the junior competition, but he met his match against upcoming Year 9 students Arden and Aidan, who frequently impressed adjudicators with their mature level of thinking, and superior speaking abilities.



L-R: Aidan Butler, Arden Morunga, Raphael Ferdinands, Jaxon Wiggins

Despite having a team half-populated by first-time debaters, the St John's College Junior Gold team entered the competition in the Year 10 division and reached the final undefeated, with particularly noteworthy victories over Hamilton Boys High School's top two junior teams, preventing either from qualifying for the semi-finals. The final took place early in Term 3, where the team unfortunately came up short against Fraser High School. However, with half of our top junior team moving on to Year 10 in 2022, I know for a fact that we will see them come back with a vengeance in next year's competition.

- Mr Conor Maxwell, TIC Debating

CAREERS & LIFE SKILLS EXPO



The very first St John's College Careers & Life Skills Evening, held in the school Library late July, was huge success. We have wanted to hold an event such as this one for a while now, so it was wonderful to see it actually happen! The evening was a fantastic opportunity for our students and their whānau to explore the different career and training options out there in the big, wide world. Covering a wide variety of job and industry areas, there was something for everyone. Due to its success, we are looking at having this as an annual event, and we look forward to seeing as many students as possible attending next year's evening.

Thank you so much to those ākonga who attended, making the event so successful.

Our thanks must also go to the wonderful providers who provided their time, advice and expertise:

Agoge & coHired
ETCO
Massey University
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Wintec
AUT
Fairviews Educational Services

The New Zealand Defence Force
Primary ITO
Vision College
The Department of Corrections
KPMG
NZMA
The University of Waikato
Waikato Aviation

- Miss Sarah Quinnell, Careers Advisor

ACTING UP - ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP!

Another year, another tale of success and laughter from the junior and senior Theatresports teams. The regional theatresports competition is drawing to a close for 2021, and it has been a very successful year for St John's College so far. The points have been calculated, and St John's will be represented in the final in both senior and junior divisions, continuing their record of high achievement from last year. In the senior team, Benjamin Pritchard-Gunn, Charlie Raj, and Sam Hodgson had audiences in fits of laughter week after week, and earned their place at the top of the competition.

This is Charlie's third time representing St John's in the senior finals, and he will surely make this final year an evening to remember! They will be joined by Alex Prendergast, another veteran competitor, to truly make sure they take on the competition with all guns blazing. In the junior division, Big Fish stars Josef Bavastro and Raphael Ferdinands took the competition by storm, joined by dark horses Monty Carter and Taite Lentfer. This team of four has yet to lose a match, so they are well prepared for their final match of the year.

The final will be held at the Meteor Theatre on Tuesday the 19th of October (Term Four, Week One), and will feature our young men taking on other talented performers from Cambridge High, Hillcrest High, Waikato Diocesan School for Girls, and Berkeley Intermediate. Break a leg, men!

- Mr Conor Maxwell, TIC Theatresports



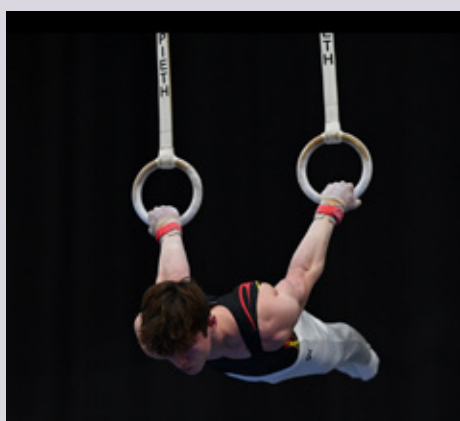
L-R: Raphael Ferdinands, Monty Carter, Taite Lentfer, Josef Bavastro



SILVER FOR CADE ROWLINGSON

Who watched the Olympics and thought "How do they do that? That's incredible!" Well, take a look at this pic of Cade Rowlingson, one of our very own.

At the NZ National Gymnastics Championships in July, Cade competed against NZ's best Level 8 male gymnasts. He came away with the silver medal overall, as well as a silver medal in vault and bronze in high bar.



KINGSTON RYDER U14 REP

Kingston Ryder represented Waikato Māori at the National Age Group Rugby League Champs in Rotorua over the July break. He stood out, and was selected for the 14s NZ Māori Rugby League Tournament team to play in the Pasifika Cup in October.

CHIEFS U18 CAMP

Off the back of a successful 1st XV season, we congratulate Tiernan Sanders, Amilame Finau and Adrian Wharawhara who were selected to attend an U18 camp of top players in the Chiefs region.

WAIKATO U16 HOCKEY REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Caleb Fernandes (Waikato), Caleb McIntyre (Waikato), George Hall (Waikato), and Ashton Carter (Thames Valley) all competed at the U16 representative tournament. David Fernandes umpired at the Tournament.

HOCKEY ROUNDUP



The year started positively with a bumper crop of year 9 players, meaning three teams selected for the first time in a decade. 1st XI sponsorship from Peter Carter (J T Carter Plumbers) meant the team were kitted in new tracksuits for the season. Unfortunately COVID wrecked the final parts of the season, with cancellation of the 1st XI tournament and the other teams missing games.

JT CARTER PLUMBERS - 1ST XI SJC HOCKEY

The team played in A grade and while struggling against the top teams had even matches against the other teams. Midlands Intercity Competition was able to be played this year and provided the opportunity to play games against teams from Tauranga and Rotorua. The travelling experience was great, the boys enjoyed their trips and competed well. Unfortunately the



competition could not be completed; we were due to play a semi-final in MISSC Div 2 which we had a good chance of winning when COVID lockdown hit. Thank you to Greg Middleton - Coach, Connor Garner - Asst Coach, Mervyn Fernandes - Manager.

2ND XI - SJC HOCKEY

The team moved up a grade to challenge themselves this season playing in B grade. For a very young team it was a tough ask but the boys tried their best and improved throughout the season. Plenty of potential within this team with the opportunity for them to develop together. Thank you to Craig Ward - Coach, Kathy Duff - Manager.

6-A-SIDE - SJC HOCKEY

This was a new grade for 2021 and it was a battle for the boys playing against much more experienced players who should have been playing in higher competitions. Changes to format made it a bit more competitive and the boys stuck at it and definitely improved. A fun bunch of guys that will all fit into higher teams next year. Thank you to Coach - Alex Middleton, Manager - Greg Middleton.





FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

FRS RICHARD LAURENSEN AND MATTHEW GIBSON

We are very grateful for the service of Fr Richard who was our College Chaplain for many years. He celebrated mass weekly, helped with the Sacramental Programme and spoke in classes. As an old boy he understood our students and the meaning of our charism and Marist flavour. Fr Matthew has also been available to speak in classes and offer the sacrament of Reconciliation every Friday from 9:30 - 11 am in our very small chapel. We thank Fr. Matthew for his youthful joy and faith shared with our student/staff community. Again, being an Old Boy of the College, he understood the boys in a unique way.

Both these wonderful priests have moved to minister at All Saints by-the sea, Papamoa Coast. We remember them in our prayers and ask God to bless their priestly ministry and service of the Church.

We also embrace with thanks the return of Fr Frank Eggleton as our Chaplain. He too, is an Old Boy of St John's as well as a past Chaplain here. We are blessed to have another Marist man supporting us in shaping men of faith.

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character

SPECIAL CHARACTER REVIEW

"Very well done, you're doing a great job."

That's the plain English summary of the Special Character External Review completed in Term 2. Our whole College community - our parents and students, our staff, our Board of Trustees and our Diocese and Marist supporters - can all take credit for the positive endorsement of the Catholic Character culture here at St John's.

The review team of three people, Terry and Wendy Consedine and John Coulam, spent a week in the College in July. They spoke with staff, students, parents and Board members; observed classes; participated in House Mass and morning prayers; attended staff meetings; and gained an in depth appreciation of school life. The College extends its thanks to this team who generously gave of their time and expertise to support our Catholic mission.

The report can be read in full on our website but we're quoting some extracts here to give parents a feel for the strengths that were observed:

St John's College is in good heart, with a well embedded vision of Catholic spirituality through a Marist lens: "Preparing Young Men for Life"

There is a well founded tradition of rich retreat opportunities for ākongā at all levels. These provide great spiritual challenges to the young men.

"The Religious Education programme has initiated many fabulous discussions at home as a family"(Parent)

The College has a real strength in living the Pillars of Presence and Family Spirit.

The Catholic principle of 'Option for the Poor' is alive and well at St John's both in feeding ākongā who need breakfast and lunch but also meeting the needs of those who are struggling in life.

Pastoral care in the College is very well embedded. There is a strong family culture among the ākongā and kaiako.

The Board of Trustees is very clear about its obligations around Catholic Character and view all responsibilities through a Catholic lens.

- Mr Richard Spelman, Board Chair



ROCK N ROPES

Just before lockdown the Year 12 Outdoor Education class travelled to Taupo to complete the High/Low Ropes course at Rock n Ropes. The low ropes course was successfully navigated, however the team challenge once again saw the boys become unstuck. Although there were some very nervous boys once they transferred to the High Ropes they did really well, with each student being able to complete 4 High Ropes crossings and then jump off the Rock Drop. We look forward to being able to take the 12 Outdoor Education boys down again next year.

- Mr Tymon Neil, Outdoor Education





OLD BOYS ORDAINED

The ordination into the priesthood of our former students is a special celebration for St John's College. This term, we've seen 2 Old Boys commit to this sacrament.

Fr Brendan Boyce was ordained as a member of the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter (FSSP) in July at St Benedict's Church in Auckland. Bishop Emeritus Denis Browne was the celebrant, and in attendance were Frs Gerard Boyce (yes, that would be Brendan's brother) and Fr Matthew Gibson. Old Boys will also remember Mr Ross Boyce, a Music teacher here for many years - Brendan and Gerard are his sons.

And a week later, Fr Isaac Fransen was ordained at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Hamilton. He credits attendance at the World Catholic Youth Day 2008 in Sydney for sparking his journey to priesthood. He completed a BE(Mech) at Waikato University before joining the Holy Cross Seminary. He is now based at the Cathedral.



Brendan Boyce



NCEA PROGRESS

Yet again we find ourselves in the midst of another year that is affected by COVID-19. The timing of lockdown for our students this year is having a more profound impact than it did last year. In recent weeks students have wrestled with the transition back into school as well as negotiating the practice NCEA exams.

We continue to work hard to ensure that our young men are fully supported with their academic studies and that has meant a regular review of our strategic decisions. Where possible we have moved important events to increase the likelihood of them running (we would need to be at Alert Level 1), this has included award evenings, closing mass and senior prizegiving to name but a few. In addition we prioritised the senior exams to be sat in the first full week back in school at Alert Level 2. It is so important that we are able to generate unexpected event grades for all the external (exam) standards that students are sitting, just in case we see a move back into Level 3/4 and the NCEA exams do not run. We've also moved the deadlines of all internal courses from the end of Term 3 to early in Term 4.

Despite the exams now starting 2 weeks later (22 November) they are getting close and 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. This year it is all too easy for students to think that they've got a 'free pass' with their NCEA and they don't need to put in the same effort. Yes, they are being supported with up to 6 Learner Recognition Credits (Level 2/3) and up to 8 at Level 1 -and 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 - but please help them 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 available to the students to help support them with their revision, they have been emailed lots of resources. Students need to mix revision up - a combination of subjects on any one day, multiple short revision sessions (30-40 mins) in any one day and eat / drink / sleep well.

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!

SENIOR REPORT EVENING

Don't forget that our senior parents evening is set to run on 27 October (Alert Level permitting). This is an excellent opportunity for teachers to discuss what your son needs to do in the last few weeks to prepare for exams.

SENIOR END OF YEAR REPORTS

These will be sent home to parents once NZQA examinations have started (week commencing 22 November). This is to ensure that they include all internally assessed NCEA standards in addition to acknowledging the prizewinners from senior prizegiving.

- Mr Dominic Tester, Deputy Principal



PTFA

The St John's College PTFA continues to meet every second Monday of the month in the college staffroom from 7-8 pm. You are always welcome to join us.

Recently the PTFA funded a large screen TV for the Atrium – the plan is for school notices to scroll during the day, showcase media snips from our very own Media team about College life and, when there is an important event such as the Olympics or our students rowing at Maadi, the boys can watch it during their break times.

Our next big event is organizing and hosting the Leaver's Dinner on November 17th. We decorate the Old Gym and make this a very special evening for our leavers and their parents.



TE HUI AHUREA - CATHOLIC CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Te Hui Ahurea is a celebration of the diverse cultures within our Catholic community, organised by our Kahui Ako (Community of Learning). Both our Pasifika and our Kapa Haka rōpū performed, sharing who they are and expressing pride in their culture through performing arts. We noticed how the primary ākonga really lapped up watching their senior brothers perform - they're now inspired and have a picture on their minds of what it might be like to join us at St John's.

These rōpū also put on a special performance for St Joseph's school. It's fair to say they battled the elements on what was the coldest day of winter! We saw a bit more enthusiasm for the warm up routines than usual, because they were quite literally needing to warm up. Nevertheless they put on a brave performance and we were once again very proud of these rangatahi.

- Mrs Diane Lyons, Pasifika Dean



VOCAL WIN FOR BVASTRO

This year Josef Bavastro competed in the Hamilton Vocal Competitions. The competition was extreme this year as the 2020 comps were cancelled, and all singers were keen to get back on the competition circuit.

Josef's results were amazing.

1st - Own Selection with How it Ends from Big Fish
2nd - Song in Costume with Luck be a Lady



REAL TALK



Sam Brebner of Real Talk visited late in Term 2. Real Talk is an Australian founded group whose goal is to 'enable lives to flourish' by 'getting real on the topics of sex, relationships and personal identity'. Each of our year groups spent an hour with Sam as he led them through their specifically themed topic.

Y9 - Getting Real in the Digital World. This talk covered Cyber safety; bullying & cyber harassment; Sexting & Pornography; Digital reputation & digital footprint; Healthy tech use; Critical literacy; Impact of the media; How to always value the 'real' person, and What to do if....

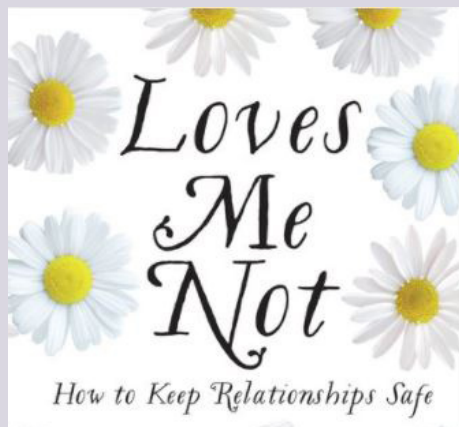
Y10 - Stronger. Stronger encouraged and challenged students to work on themselves and their relationships by making good, and at times, hard decisions. It explored the idea that men are shaped by the choices they make. By tackling the big issues like pornography, respect in relationships, peer pressure, teenage apathy and bullying, it encouraged our students of their need to be men of character whilst affirming the dignity of women.

Y11 - Consent and Respect. The themes of relationships, consent, respect & pornography were unpacked in a dynamic way, underpinned by our Christian and Catholic values. Things covered were: The human dignity of every person; Consent; The Law of Consent; Consent in Practise; Sexting; Image-based abuse and Consent & respect.

Y12 - Love and Life. This talk encouraged students to value authentic love and to see the deeper meaning of sex. It explored the topics of Self-worth; Making good choices; The importance of our bodies and our actions; The media and how relationships & body image are portrayed; What the Church says about sex and why, and God's awesome plan for love, sex and marriage.

Y13 - Pornography.

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



LOVES ME NOT

NZ Police presented a powerful, interactive full-day programme to all Yr 12 students this term, helping our young men to understand the features of both healthy and unhealthy relationships.

Loves Me Not is offered to 16-17 year olds by the Sophie Elliott Foundation. Students worked through a series of modules and scenarios, discussing the pitfalls and challenges of romantic relationships. Skills to support them in establishing boundaries for themselves, both in friendships and future romantic partnerships were learned.

Hearing Sophie Elliott's story was a confronting experience, but their responses showed how valuable this learning was for the boys. Sharing her story is a way of creating something positive out of this tragedy.

"It's hard to believe that this could happen in NZ."

"I can see how the situation developed now and what could have been done to prevent her death, maybe."

"It was cool having the police tell us what the law is around consent."

We were able to draw on our faith as a further dimension to this presentation. We prayed together for the repose of Sophie's soul and the healing power of Wairua Tapu, the Holy Spirit for her family and friends.

This presentation comes under the Health curriculum in schools and we are well placed at Hato Hoani to blend our Health education with the Religious Education programme for the boys. Given the positive feedback from students and staff, we hope to run Loves Me Not again next year.

- Mrs Jude Bartram, Head of Religious Education



WAIKATO CULINARY FARE

Two entrants attended the Waikato culinary fare this year. Held at Wintec's Rotokauri campus, this was the first time either boy had entered the event.

Thomas Penniket in Year 11 entered the Mystery box category and although it was supposed to be entered with a cooking partner, he had to go it alone, as his partner was unwell. He scored 80/100 and won a silver medal. A fantastic effort!

Michael Douch in Year 9 entered the Hamburger category and got 91/100 winning a gold medal. This was an outstanding achievement considering that he was up against all age groups in the secondary school category.

I commend both boys for their dedication to practicing before the event and the professionalism that they showed during the events. They really represented our school in the most positive way!

- Mrs Linda Myburgh, Head of Technology

VEX ROBOTICS TEAM

Our second outing with the robot was to Lynfield College, just before lockdown! Great day out and we learned a lot - our robot took rather a beating, but we came home with a lot of ideas and a new plan. The team put together a new shopping list for Mrs. Gray and then began the task of redesigning and rebuilding the robot.

Unfortunately, our road to the Nationals has been derailed by COVID. All in all a great experience, we hope to be back competing later this year.

- Mrs Sharron Gray, TIC Digital



RURAL BUS ROUTES

There'll be some changes to bus routes in 2022, so parents should please check the link on our website (Parents/Transport) to check if this impacts your son's route to school.



CHANEL SHIELD - WINS, PLACINGS, FUN



Chanel Shield is an arts competition between the five Catholic Colleges in our Hamilton diocese. In early term 3 a team of 15 members represented St John's College at Sacred Heart Girls College. We had people participating in Bible Readings, Speeches, Debating, Poetry, a Bible Quiz and a dramatic presentation. We were fortunate enough to come away with some awards that reflect the hard work that our team put into this competition. While we didn't win the competition and bring home the shield, we did win bronze and had a great time.

The members of the team got to mix and mingle with students from Sacred Heart Girls College, Aquinas College from Tauranga, John Paul College from Rotorua and Campion College from Gisborne. The weekend of Chanel Shield was a lot of fun and the entire team got to share a mass, meals and stories together. We were fortunate enough to be able to watch some of each other's events and be with them as they shared their wonderful talents with our school community and diocese.

We are really humbled and proud that our acting team of 6 won the major event which is the dramatic presentation thanks to the help of our drama teacher Mrs Hale. We would like to thank Mrs Hale, Mrs Keightley, Mr Maxwell, Mr Bormans, Mr Grevatt and Miss Bartram for all their help organising this event and also all other teachers who came to support.

Regan Meads	Senior Prepared Poetry	3rd Place
Josef Bavastro	Junior Prepared Poetry	2nd Place
Adern Morunga	Junior Prepared Speech	2nd Place
Tāwera Marsh	Māori Perspective	1st Place
Charlie Raj	Impromptu Speech	1st Place
Dramatic Presentation Team		1st Place

- *Tawera Marsh and Daniel Cruickshank, Yr 13*

CHESS MASTERS

St John's fielded two chess teams for the 2021 Regional Chess competition on the afternoon of Sunday 15th of August.

Team A Peter Ladur (Chess Captain), Jack MacLaughlin, Conall O'Toole, and Mathew Harvey.

Team B Benedict Doohan, Luka Dale, James Twaddle and Nathaniel Ching-Linwood.

All our players bar one was a Junior student. Competition was extremely tough this year. Many of the Senior teams who had not competed last year were out in force and our A team was narrowly beaten into 5th place - a very creditable effort given the relative inexperience of our team. I feel certain that 2022 will be our year as students gain experience.

- *Mr Wood, HoF Science*



GATEWAY AVIATION

Four talented students are taking part in the Gateway Aviation Programme this year

Riley Bulman, Joshua Lockhart, Shea McLean and Daniel Crook have been busy learning all about the aviation industry and also how to fly. In June, these students had a stunning day and managed to complete their take offs from Hamilton Airport and Te Kowhai Air Strip, which were all successfully completed.

After Riley and Josh's take off from Hamilton airport, they completed a few circuits and headed towards Te Kowhai air strip for a landing and a quick break. After a bit of walk around and a bit of fresh air, they swapped around and it was Shea and Daniel's turn for their flying lesson. All the take offs were extremely smooth and well calculated. We were also super lucky to have a few parents pop down to the air strip to see their son's taking off and flying a plane, which was really exciting.

On our way back to Hamilton Airport, we decided we couldn't pass up the opportunity of flying past school and taking this great aerial view shot. We did a few circuits around school as we knew our Caretaker Bruce, who is an avid aviation fan, was watching.

- *Mrs Angela Daysh, Gateway Coordinator*





WHĀNAUNGATANGA

Missing a bag of spag in your pantry? That's because your gorgeous young man donated it to our Food Bank on Mufti Day recently. We so appreciate your generosity, and so did St Vincent de Paul who received a \$730 donation from the gold coin 'price' to ditch the uniform for a day.



math

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

Students should keep an eye on the Notices as more tutorials will be added closer to exams.

WE'VE DONE IT 1ST XI FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

St John's 1st XI Football team won the Waikato Secondary School Premier Division for the FIRST time since 1995 (26 years). A Premier Championship is a huge achievement for any secondary school player, in any code - to be part of a team that is the very best in the region is a special honour. Kino ke te mahi to our 1st XI Footballers and their coaching staff and all of the parents and volunteers who've supported this team to become the best. Their season stats were 7 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss, and this included beating the defending champions twice this year! This team also won the CNI tournament earlier this year.

In 2011 I picked up the role of Teacher In Charge (TIC) of Football, passionate for success of what I would like St John's College Football to be and that was to be the best. I have been highly motivated for success, measured as our 1st XI to be the Number 1 team in the Premier Division. I am determined to continue this progress so that St John's College Football remains a consistent performer at the highest level.

We have great depth in our football programme, regularly fielding 4 senior & 4 junior teams. When graded, the majority of these teams are placed in the top divisions and finish the season well placed in their respective grades.

This years' success has been the result of a combination of factors; having a clear vision, passionate experienced coaches who have fully committed themselves for a number of years, supportive parents, student buy in, and players seeking extra opportunities to improve (club football, Federation teams, etc).

The College has been very fortunate to have Brian Webb with the Colts A and Geraint Walters with the 1st XI for the past 7 years. They both have made their mark on the College football programme and shared their wealth of knowledge and expertise with our boys.

I acknowledge the hard work, planning and involvement from others - willing parents over many years who have taken on coaching and managing roles and devoted themselves to building the platform for our boys to succeed.

Our boys have responded too, continually setting a benchmark for positive behaviour, representing the College positively and committing to hard work.

I look forward to future years and working with our current coaches and staff (Mr Chan Park, Mr Patrick Woodlock, and Mr Justin Cullingworth) involved with Football to ride this wave of success and continue producing great football teams at St John's College.

- Mr Hayden Miller, TIC Football



Team List

Back L - R: Coach: Geraint Walters, Toby Dowsett, Johan Garcia Cedeno, Edward Prestidge-King, Thomas Roach, Riley Sexton, Karson Grant, Reilly Benefield, Rhys McLeod-Dunn

Front L - R: Brooklyn Miller, Samuel Slone, Jakub Dowd, Antoneo van Deursen, Matthew Jordan, Thomas Walters

Absent: George Heal, Rejo Johnson, Kerron Sexton (Manager)



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE EAGLES

Boys had made the top 4 in the Waikato Secondary school competition, but due to Covid-19 they were unable to play the remaining games. It was a very up and down season for the boys this year - we had 2 losses against Hamilton Boys and Rotorua Boys and great wins over Fraser, Te Aroha & Nga Taiatea which places us in the top 4 in the Waikato Secondary School Competition. Unfortunately we were unable to compete at the regional premiership and unsure if the secondary school national tournament will go ahead.

Our boys were very lucky to compete in the National 3x3 Basketball tournament held this year in Papakura where our St John's College Eagles team placed second nationally which was a great accomplishment for our Yr 13 boys Jaedyn Lenden, Tai Wetere, Te Haurua Tawhara Crown and Paneere Waitai. We wish our Year 13 boys Jaedyn Lenden, Te Haurua Tawhara Crown, Josh Currasco and Paneere Waitai all the best for their future endeavours on and off the basketball court.

- Mrs Tash Lenden, Eagles Manager/Coach

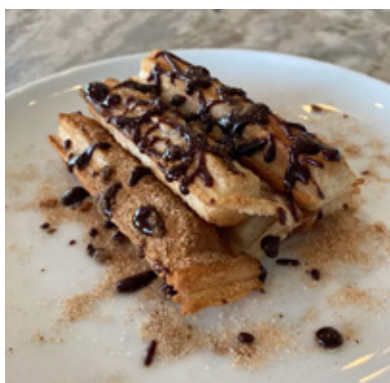
LOCKDOWN CUISINE

Whilst the Senior students cracked on with assessments during lockdown, the Juniors were tasked with locating a recipe for Spanish/Latin American food they liked the look of, cooking it, and showing us the results of their efforts. The boys did themselves proud, and pictures of a delectable feast of food was shared online. I have no doubt these tasted delicious but also gave their caregivers a break too!

- Mrs Su Priestley, TIC Spanish



Tapas Feast by Mitchell



Churros by Ryan



Spanish Meatballs by Adam



INVOICE REMINDER

A huge thank you to those families who have stayed on top of their school charges and made the Learning and Building contributions this year - your support makes a huge difference. Families will have just received your September statements, and we ask that you clear all compulsory charges before the end of October. Those families on Auto Payments should please check that your payments will clear your bills by the end of the year.



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Call Healthline on 0800 358 5453
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COVID 19 - GET THE FACTS

We're advising whānau to use trusted sources of information to understand lockdown rules and make vaccination decisions. Young people aged 12 and up can now be vaccinated.

Information has been translated into 38 different languages on the COVID19 website. We've listed some links to sound and reliable websites so you can feel confident about making the right choices. See our website under Parents/ Covid to see these links.



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Bluetooth tracing

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A STREAMING SUCCESS

An inexperienced media team took up the challenge of live streaming the Marcellin Champagnat day concert. Our first go at live streaming! We had a couple of behind the scene emergencies but in true St John's style we recovered it and nobody noticed.

The media team is going from strength to strength with a number of new year 10 students joining us. The team has recorded all major events in school using both video and photo. Our editing skills are improving all the time and we think that 2022 will be our year. Check out 2021 videos and photos here.

- Mrs Sharron Gray, TIC Digital



2ND HAND UNIFORM

As the year draws to an end please remember to donate unwanted uniform back to the College. The PTFA sells this online (search uniforms on the website) and it can make such a difference to families who are struggling to meet all their bills. Uniform should be dropped into the Office please. Funds raised go into our student welfare fund, supporting students who need a hand financially.

SUPPORT SJC WHILE YOU SHOP

We've registered for this great new Community initiative, allowing shoppers to reward their favourite school (you know that's us!). It's pretty simple - you sign up to the Comm-Unity app and choose St John's College as your No.1 group. When you shop with a Comm-Unity business, the business gives a small percentage of your spend to us. It's easy, you don't even have to remember to do it when you're shopping, the banking system works all this out in the background - and it costs you nothing!





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ENGLISH TUTORIALS

EVERY WEDNESDAY

🕒 3.25PM - 4.25PM

📍 LIBRARY

FOOD, FRIENDS & FUN





Rugby U16



Rugby U14 Gold

RUGBY ROUNDUP

It was another exciting season of Rugby at St John's College. Our senior teams continue to perform well locally and regionally while our junior programme is moving from strength to strength.

The 1st XV made huge improvements this season and successfully finished as one of the top four teams in the Central North Island Competition. The team showed a lot of hunger and determination in achieving our best showing yet in the demanding CNI comp, and will look to take their efforts a step further next season.

Our 2nd XV had a difficult season playing in the Waikato First Division Competition against other school's first teams. They played as a team and represented the school well. The 3rd XV (aka the Mighty 3rds) and U15 Gold team both played in the Waikato Third Division Competition. Congratulations to U15 Gold who, playing in this tough division for the first time, finished as one of the top four teams.

Both the U14 and U15 Blue teams had some tough battles every weekend. They played well and finished in respectable positions in both of their competitions. Our battlers, the Under 55kg teams, both had great seasons with the Under 55kg Gold team making the top four in their competition.

Finally, congratulations to the U16 and U14 Gold teams. Our U16 team won the John Boe Cup beating Otorohanga 1st XV in the final. This was our first Under 16 team in quite some time and we are very proud of their team culture and effort this season. Our Under 14 Gold boys won the Steve Gordon Shield beating Hamilton Boys' High School in the final.

We would like to thank all of our coaches, managers, parents and supports for all of your help and cheering this season. Also, a massive thank you to our sponsors and members of the rugby committee who continue to keep the rugby engine revving. Once again, a great season of rugby at St John's College and we look forward to continuing the on field success in 2022.

- Mr Paul Ardern, Rugby Fan, Head of English

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