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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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DEAR PARENTS

I cannot speak highly enough of our dedicated teaching and support staff who have pitched in together during this difficult time, covering for one another and remaining positive. With many staff out self-isolating we eventually had to roster students home, but rest assured we will return to normal as soon as we can. While this has been a stressful time for us at school I am well aware that many of you, our community, will have been seriously affected not only with illness but, for many, with enormous financial strain, particularly if you work in the service industry. My thoughts are with you.

As a staff the challenges have brought us closer together and more in tune with our Catholic faith and Marist values. It has reminded us all that we must focus on what binds and connects us as a community, rather than what divides us. It has certainly made me appreciate more than ever the vitality and simple love of life that I see in our young men every day.

Winston Churchill once said in the darkest days of WWII ‘Never let a good crisis go to waste’. Whilst on the surface this appears nonsensical we have learnt from the past two years. Schools and students have been forced to adapt to new ways of teaching and learning, some of which we will be continuing with. Certainly, it has accelerated the use of online platforms for integrating teaching and learning tools both at school and at home and this has played a part in our decision to make laptops/Chromebooks compulsory for year 9s this year. One innovation that I witnessed first-hand recently while covering a class was distance teaching, but in reverse, where the staff member who was self-isolating zoomed in to the class at school to teach the lesson - it actually worked remarkably well.

We have also learnt that online learning works to some degree in the short term (2-3 weeks) but engagement falls off for many students after that. The most able and dedicated students do well in an online environment, however many students do not engage at all and the gap between the range of achievement levels within cohorts is stretched, leading to students having gaps in their core skills and knowledge. This underlines what we already knew and what research has proven: that relationships between teachers and students are vital.

Young men are remarkably adaptable and generally are less phased by change than adults. They tend to ‘play what is in front of them’ rather than worry about what might be coming next. Many often don’t know what they have next period let alone what is happening next week. While this can be (is!) a point of frustration to educators and parents alike, there is something special about living in the here and now. It is, after all, what Christ asked us to do, “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” Matthew 6:34. Having stated the above I acknowledge that some boys have really struggled with what they have been through over the last two years and have had, and continue to suffer, real anxiety issues. Please do not hesitate to contact a Dean or guidance counsellor if you have concerns for your son.

With our growing roll (probably reaching our cap of 925 next year) our much-anticipated renovation of C Block, which will give us needed extra teaching spaces, is due to begin in May or thereabouts. This is a major rebuild which could take up to 15 months to complete. It also involves a rebuild of the toilet block and a resurfacing of the basketball courts. While this will cause some disruption, it will give us a real boost in terms of functionality and aesthetics. We are thankful to the Hamilton Catholic Diocese for their support in this project. We look forward to keeping you up to date with progress.

Yours in Christ,

- Mr Shane Tong, Principal



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

A hearty welcome to everyone, particularly our new students and their families. Welcome to our St John's College community.

As I sit and think of what to write I can't but feel for our students. They have had to, at a young age, face some fairly significant events and issues that many of us never had to. And it can't be easy. Trying to make sense of COVID; Omicron; lockdowns; absences from school and friends; sports and other events postponed or cancelled; war in Europe; at home being told that they can't have money for things that perhaps ordinarily they would have been able to purchase because the cost of living has gone up so quickly that loose change is no longer loose.

I am sure that these very things I have mentioned have also had an effect on us but the difference is, we have life experience, we are a little longer in the tooth, we have established our ways of dealing with a changing world around us whereas our children, our students, are still learning. And what a learning curve they have been thrown.

The key for our students to get through these challenging times is that we be present in their lives, at their sides, calm, positive and faith filled. Most of what I have listed above is beyond our control. We are pawns in a chess game. We don't get to make the decisions that have such an impact on us and we don't get to shape the direction in which our world is turning. But we can control our response to these things and we can ensure that, to the best of our ability, we lessen as much as we can the negative impact these things might have on our impressionable youth.

Now is a great time to turn to our faith, to surrender ourselves and our cares and concerns to a God we know loves us. We can pray with our children, even if it is as short a prayer as, "God, keep us safe from harm", or "Jesus, bring your peace to our world". These simple utterances might be all our young people need us to pray with them so that they encounter a sense of peace and calm in their own hearts, minds and lives. We can assure our children that fear has no place in the life of a Christian. Rather, we have to ask God for His love, power and that he grant us a sound mind to face our daily challenges and to trust Him with all those things that are so far from our control.

I know that some people choose to use the situations we are experiencing to support their argument that God clearly does not exist, that if He does exist He doesn't love us. But here is the mystery of love: freedom. If you truly love someone you allow them the freedom to make their own choices. You don't enslave them and you don't force them to do your will. God's love for all of us, every woman and man in this world, is evidenced through the gift of free will that He has given us. That we all use it wrongly at times, for selfish reasons, is fact. But God doesn't smite us, rather, he loves us by sending His Holy Spirit to us through our conscience, through those around us urging us to change, through sending witnesses into our lives that give good example. We then have the free choice to listen, see and act in a better way or to stick to the selfish path that we have chosen for ourselves.

Love is a mystery, never more so than when we reflect on God's love for us and the freedom of choice that he gifts us with His hope that we will use it responsibly. So, what happens around us is not God's fault but, rather, the choice of individuals to act in a certain way and we all suffer the consequences or enjoy the blessings. We need to be a blessing to our world by making good choices and this is what we can encourage our children to do and be.

When you read this, we will have passed through the season of Lent and into the joyous season of Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Let us have Jesus rise in our lives, in the midst of all that we are experiencing, and let the light of Christ that we have enlighten the lives of our children so that, despite the darkness they may be navigating they will always find their way thanks to our presence and the presence of Christ in their lives.

Happy Easter and God bless,

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



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KEY DATES 2022

2 May	Teacher Only Day
3 May	Start of Term 2
10 May	Teacher Only ACCORD Day*
19 May	Information Evening for Year 8s
6 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
8 June	Marcellin Champagnat Day
24 June	Matariki Holiday
8 July	End of Term 2
25 July	Teacher Only Day
26 July	Start of Term 3
27 July	Junior Report Evening
12 August	Chanel Shield
30 September	End of Term 3
17 October	Start of Term 4
24 October	Labour Day Holiday
7 November	NZQA Exams Start
15 December	End of Term 4

*Ministry of Education directed Accord Days to prepare for NCEA changes.

We were thrilled to receive this stunning painting from 2021 Leaver Kase Rowling-Colebourne. It now sits pride of place in our College foyer - titled "Honoratus Falco".



The painting features a NZ Falcon, (Te Karewarewa), and includes images of Te Waharoa, the Library and the oak tree - features which all of our students and Old Boys will remember as iconic to St John's.

NCEA REPORT CARD

What a year 2021 was! Another year was adversely affected by COVID-19, seeing us having to grow and adapt in all manner of ways to support our students and each other as the year progressed. We can once again be exceptionally proud of our student results. They are testament to the excellent, hard working and caring teachers we have at the college, combined with the hard work and effort that was put in by the students.

We continue our tradition of strong NCEA achievement, performing well above national and decile 4-7 schools results. 95.3% (+0.3% from 2020) of students gained their NCEA Level 1 qualification, 94.0% (+2.6%) Level 2 and 88.1% (+8.3%) for Level 3.

	St John's College	All Schools	Decile 4-7 Schools
NCEA Level 1	95.3%	69%	74.8%
NCEA Level 2	94.0%	77.8%	81.3%
NCEA Level 3	88.1%	70.4%	72.1%

We made significant performance gains when compared against other decile 7 schools nationally: Level 1 +18.1%, Level 2 +16.7% and Level 3 +9.9%.

Merit and Excellence endorsements at NCEA Levels 1&2 were comparable to those in 2020, with a +6% shift in Merit endorsements at Level 2. We are particularly pleased with the Level 3 results, endorsement levels for both Merit and Excellent doubled compared to 2020, 29.2% and 16.9% respectively. Combined, these represent the best Level 3 endorsement rates in the past six years.

We can be particularly proud of how our students responded to COVID and the NCEA examinations, despite unexpected event grades coming in to play our students dug deep and attended their exams even though they could have taken their UEG's. This was reflected in our examination attendance rate of 94%, national exam attendance rates in 2021 were significantly lower. Once again it is a measure of the resilience and 'grit' that our students develop as fine young men of St John's College.

I would like to take the opportunity to say a very special thank you to all our staff. They are an amazing group of people who have continued to show genuine care and compassion for our students during what has been another tough year. Their dedication and support has been unwavering. Also to our parents, although the boys may not acknowledge this directly, we know that they have really appreciated your support too.

As we move through 2022 with a degree of uncertainty it is important for our young men to keep focused and work as hard as they can to see success. They should not be planning for, or reliant on any special considerations to be in place with NCEA credits like we've seen for the past two years. NCEA Certificate and subject targets are in place for all our senior students, we look forward to working together to ensure that students aspire to be the best versions of themselves.

Congratulations to Kase Rowling-Colebourn on achieving NCEA scholarship in Photography, he is our first student to achieve a scholarship in this subject.

EXCELLENCE HAT TRICK

Last year we had a fantastic Year 13 cohort, we're congratulating 11 students who, through their hard work and effort, have gained an Excellence endorsement at Levels 1, 2 and 3:

Will Benefield	Hayden Neale	Tiernan Sanders
Michael Chatwin	Thomas Patten	Te Hauroa Tawhara
Jacob Clare	Thomas Roach	Kent Willcock
Gyan Lumo	Kase Rowling-Colebourn	

- Mr Dominic Tester, Deputy Principal



ACADEMIC ENDORSEMENTS ACKNOWLEDGED

We congratulate these young men on achieving a Merit or Excellence endorsement in their academic programme last year. Keep up the great work!

NCEA ENDORSEMENTS

LEVEL 1 MERIT

Keoni Albert
Zachary Almond-Bryant
Mitchell Anglesey
Jordan Armstrong
Daniel Bainbridge-Smith
Josh Barnett
Regan Beetham
Cooper Blackwell
Jasper Bom
Lucas Bom
Tyler Bormans
Jack Bowler
Ewan Caldwell
George Coombes
King Cortez
Ryan Cruickshank
Wesley Curulala
Leo Davis
Ben Deason
Austine Dela Cruz
Paolo Dela Torre
Jack Duff
Jack Elliottson
Sean Farrell
Benjamin Grainger
Carter Hamlin
Lachlan Horsman
Jeifred Jarata
Max Johnson
Matthew Jordan
Aaron Kiely
Halen King
Bradley Kingma
Levi Koretz
Micah Leggett
I-Hsiang Lin
Matthew MacClure
Samuel Maggof
Sam McQuilkin
Shaun Mendis
Tanaka Mukusha
Nicolas Nabbs
Rory O'Carroll
Lucca Page
Samuel Penfold
Curtis Reymer
Edmund Shum

Anthony Sinclair
Ethan Street
Abraham Subritzky
Sam Townsend
Viliami Veituna
Fletcher Virtue
Harry Ward Crook
Nils Wessling
Tyler Wetere
Hamish Wilke
Oliver Wilson
Max Wood

LEVEL 1 EXCELLENCE

Reilly Benefield
Sam Cartmill
David Castillo
Kyle Chandrasekera
Cole Claxton
Nick De Vries
Jack Edger
Jack Fraser-Jones
Luka Hendrikse
Harrison Holden
Matthew Jeremiah
Alex Keogh
Jonathan Langley
Kieran Lee
Caleb Leslie
Stefan Lipinski
Cayden McLean
Rhys McLeod-Dunn
Xavier Mihaere
Brooklyn Miller
Conall O'Toole
Christian Pearson
Rhien Scrimgeour
Mohnish Singh
Charlie Squire
Rico Thompson
Quinn Wilson

LEVEL 2 MERIT

John Baunton-Browne
Flynn Beetham
Riley Bulman
Paul Burgess
Ashlee Cecilio

Julius De Groot
Callum Elliott
Nikorima Eru
Jayden Fernandes
Joshua Hernandez
Nathan Ilustrisimo
Liam Karl
Lachlan Kay
Finn Leong
Reuben Lovell
Josiah Marneth-Rust
Logan Maternaghan
Izekiel Maulder
Zack McLean-Duff
Liam McPherson
Jordan Mead-Johnstone
Aaron Miles
Zack Morgan
Danuson Nga-Sit
Jack O'Brien
Samuel Rili
Jack Robertson
Axell John Santelices
George Singers-Rutz
James Spelman
Dima Stephens
Kahn Sweetman
Wihapi Te Are
Ashton Thomas
Jaron Trenberth
Ryan Trigg
Tomas Walters

LEVEL 2 EXCELLENCE

Zane Andrew
Kamho Binoka
Liam Farrell
Ethan Ferdinands
Caleb Fernandes
Rohan Gosai
Min Hong
Jacob Koolen
Finn Litton
Coby Mateo
Kyan Rangitutia
Ryan Roche
Alistair Sequeira
Daniel Tickleppenny

Marllone Villegas
Declan Warren
Sean Young

LEVEL 3 MERIT

Riley Bailey
Daniel Cruickshank
Jack Dillon
Yuhao Fang
Johan Garcia Cedeno
Callum Gillies
Boston Haddon
Jonnee Harris
George Heal
Jack Kane
Ben Keall
Joshua Leggett
Alex Macrides
Tawera Marsh
Joshua McWilliam
Quinn O'Neill
Pieter Jan Pape
Hamish Pook
Ethan Price
Cade Rowlingson
Charles Salesi
Carl Sulit
Deo Tolentino
Richard Tubilla
Rhys Vincent
Liam Walton

LEVEL 3 EXCELLENCE

Will Benefield
Thomas Button
Michael Chatwin
Jacob Clare
Sheng-Jer Lin
Gyan Lumo
Hayden Neale
Thomas Patten
Charlie Raj
Thomas Roach
Kase Rowling-Colebourn
Tiernan Sanders
Julius Spiers
Te Haurora Tawhara
Kent Willcock



SCHICK CIVIL CONSTRUCTION PARAMOUNT SUPPORTER OF FIELD IRRIGATION PROJECT



Work has begun on renovating the top field. Leading Waikato infrastructure contractor Schick Civil Construction is the Paramount Supporter for this project and we could not do these works without their incredible generosity.

The work is significant and involves shifting the top layer of earth, installing drainage at 7.5m intervals, adding in pop-up irrigation then seeding in a high quality robust turf mix. This is expensive work and Schick are delivering all of this work for St John's!

Leading this project has been Kevin O'Brien. Manager of the St John's College Foundation. "The team at Schick have been fantastic to work with as we've developed the scope of this field renovation, contributing their expertise to shape the right project, as well as resources to make it happen" explains Kevin O'Brien.

Schick Civil Construction Director Pat Peoples offered the following comment, "We love supporting schools and especially their sporting facilities. We're keen to build pathways for young St John's men to learn and experience work in the civil infrastructure industry. There are great career opportunities in the industry and of course with us here at Schick."

We can't wait to see this project take shape over the coming weeks.

CHANEL BLOCK DEVELOPMENT

Clever design along with major funding support from our Proprietor, the Hamilton Catholic Diocese, will see the upper level of Chanel Block (where English and Social Sciences teach) converted from 9 ½ classrooms to 15 teaching spaces and 2 Faculty Hubs over the next 15 months. Mitchells Construction are the major contractor and they will be moving onto site in Term 2. There is inevitable disruption to students and staff over the construction period, but it will be worth it!

The project includes a series of striking new pillars on both the street and courtyard frontages, representing visual examples of St John, Hato Hoani, and our 5 core pillars. A colourful new artificial surface on the courtyard along with 6 new basketball hoops, seating and shade provide an attractive outdoor space for our men, and they will be delighted too that we're replacing our ageing toilet block!

OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR OUR SCHOOL

The St John's College Foundation have a number of projects targeted around future proofing the school by improving infrastructure and facilities for our students and staff - to strengthen their experience whilst at St John's.

One of those projects is the development of terracing for the Rugby field. This is an extension project of the drainage project for the fields and will provide outdoor seating during games. However, the terracing serves a dual purpose, as it also will enable the school to host outdoor assemblies and accommodate a range of outdoor activities and presentations for our growing role. All students and staff will benefit from the terracing project.

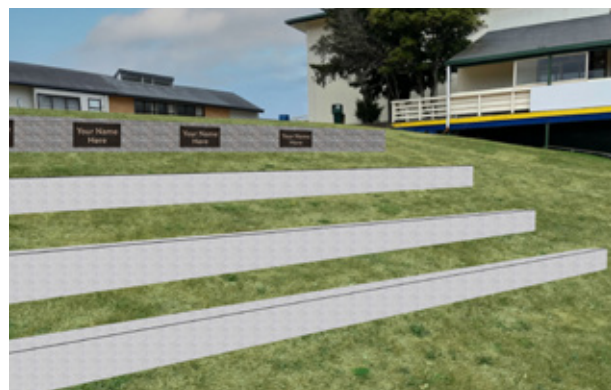
Our students are excited about how they'll use this new development, hear what they have to say on our fundraising web page.

As you can appreciate works of this nature are significant and will require the school to raise funds before we can proceed. We need to raise \$60,000 by 30 June and we are reaching out to our St John's parents and Old Boys community to assist with this task.

Ways to donate are

1. Call the Foundation on 027 204 2580 to pledge your donation
2. Visit foundation.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz - click on Terrace Donation
3. Buy a Terrace brick and etch your name in St John's history for as little as \$300

Remember, all donations to the Foundation are tax deductible. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to seeing this project get off the ground.





OLD BOYS NEWS

COOMBES-FABLING SUPER RUGBY DEBUT

We had 2 exciting weeks of watching Old Boy Liam Coombes-Fabling in his debut Super Rugby season earlier this year. Liam had an outstanding NPC 2021 season on the Waikato wing, which earned him a temporary spot in the Chiefs Training Squad over summer. He must have caught Highlander's coach Tony Brown's eye, who picked him up to strengthen his wing options for the Southerners.



On selecting him for his debut match Brown noted that "Liam has earned his opportunity with three good weeks of training; he has a high work rate and provides x-factor on the edge."

Liam played 1st XV rugby for St John's College at 1st Five, and was Deputy Head Boy in 2016. He's developed his game through club and provincial rugby and is a specialist 7s player, earning a callup to train alongside the NZ 7s squad last year prior to their Olympic tournament. Liam has nearly completed a building apprenticeship, with the final stages on hold now that professional rugby has come calling.

Sadly injury struck in Liam's second game, and he's been sidelined since then. We're really hoping to see him back soon!

LENDING A HAND

Huge shout out to Old Boy Mike Burkitt who's helped us transform a dingy old space under the Old Gym into a brand spanking, clean storage area for our rugby kit. Mike heard we needed some help and offered to do this work for us. Along with some strong young rugby players to wheelbarrow the concrete (thanks Jack O'Brien, Chris Nu'u and Kade Su'a), Mike's slick building work to pour a floor, frame and shelve the area means we can store our rugby kit neatly and look after it better. Our young lads may need some training on that of course! Thanks Mike, we really appreciate your mahi and support of the College and our rugby boys.



MEL YOUNG WOULD'VE BEEN SO PROUD

Jayden Bezzant, Old Boy, selected for Tall Blacks!! This is huge news for our basketball mad school, and another protege of the late Mr Mel Young to hit the big time. Jayden is the fourth St John's College student to achieve national honours, joining respected basketball alumnae Rob Hickey, Brad Riley and Mike Homik. Congratulations Jayden, we're so proud of you - you've worked hard for this call-up and we wish you all the very best on this tour.



HIGH FLYERS

We love hearing news of our Old Boys, and this one's a cracker! Brothers Stefan and James Powell are founders of Dawn Aerospace, making unmanned spacecraft. They've received a major investment boost to progress their R&D craft into a commercial form. And they were recognised as Best Emerging Business in the NZ International Business Awards held in February.

For all our students, remember that the sky's not even a limit anymore - dream big! Read more about their business and success at DawnAerospace.com





MX MISSION

Young adults can often open up conversations and engage with our students in ways that older adults can't. Youth Ministry is about encouraging young people to love Jesus and embrace the Church. We're delighted to welcome back 4 fabulous Catholics from NET Ministries, who'll be spending time in our College over the year. They'll mix with students during class and break times, assist with retreats and attend parish youth groups throughout our region. Introducing to you:

Christyna Malietoa-Brown, a Kiwi from a large family whose home base is the Gold Coast;

Caleb Bryant, from Christchurch who's into swimming, cooking and photography;

Eric Diputado, a Kiwi Phillipino who's into music, tech and photo/videography;

Anna Rayner, from Wellington, also from a large family and loves hiking.



JUNIOR CRICKETERS TOP COMP

The St John's Cricket teams started the 2022 season with a bang with some exceptional results for most of the teams. Covid definitely added challenges with player availability (or should that be unavailability?) and there were some weekends where teams had to play with limited numbers.

But this didn't stop the teams from performing on the field of play. The Junior Gold team finished top of the Hamilton Year 10 competition and the Colts narrowly missed out on a semi final spot in the Colts comp. The 2nd XI made the final of their grade (as we went to print - outcome unknown). our 1st XI had a tough start to 2022, playing in the Senior A Men's Comp, but that was to be expected. This team comprised a majority of new players to the 1st XI, and it was a learning season for this young group - however, they're quality players and the future looks bright for this young team.

YR 9 ORIENTATION



We love the first day back when we meet our new Year 9 students. It's a real milestone for these young men and we reassure them that we'll be walking alongside them as they grow to be just like the fantastic, confident, big Year 13s who welcomed them.

Orientation covers off a host of experiences so that the boys feel ready and able to participate in the full life of the College - they learn the College song and are introduced to our haka, they tour the school, meet their teachers, and spend fun time with each other forming new friendships. A big thank you to our Year 12 Tuakana, who return to school early so they can show the boys around and talk about the school. This programme is led by our Pastoral team and we particularly thank Mrs Carolyn Morris our Guidance Counsellor and Mr Ubi van Jaarsveld the Year 9 dean.

JUNIOR PRIZE WINNERS

We couldn't hold the Prizegiving we wanted at the end of 2021, and hoped to reschedule this as a full school assembly early in 2022. Well that couldn't happen either, so we live streamed the experience and parents and whānau watched from afar as their sons were acknowledged and celebrated. Congratulations to these lads who were recognised for their hard work and talents in 2021.

	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
Top of Class	9AN - Mitchell Brown	10AN - Timothy Dobbs
	9BA - Harper Mills	10BA - Callum McCabe
	9JO - Aidan Butler	10JO - Cody Andrew
	9LU - Hayden Cook	10LU - Sam van Hellemond
	9MA - Alxyz Rian Adove	10MA - Leighton Jones
	9SI - Marco Villegas	10SI - Lachlan Cluff
	9TH - Aaron George	10TH - Keir Ward
Pillar Awards - Love of Work	Miller Brown; Monty Carter; Brendan Curran; Finn McDauid; Alxyz Rian Adove; Aaron George; Byron Casson; Marco Villegas; Arden Morunga	Nathaniel Chong-Linwood; Ty Gerrand; Jonas Daborn; Caleb Gilliver; Sergio Raphael Alonte; JJ France; Jack McLaughlin; Peter Ladur; David Fernandes; Jake Young; Raphael Ferdinands
Principal's Award	Arden Morunga	Raphael Ferdinands



TE RAUHĪTANGA

A place to gather and for us to be Māori, this is *Te Rauhitanga*: a Māori youth leadership programme, for year 9-13s, designed and developed to help our young men discover and unleash their potential as the leaders of tomorrow. *Te Rauhitanga* derives from a term meaning to gather together and expresses connotations of safety, which is founded upon the pillars of 'Identity' and 'Community' and the values of *Rangatiratanga*, *Whakawhanaungatanga*, *Manaakitanga*, *Whakakotahitanga*, *Kaitiakitanga*.

Students stay after school one afternoon a week and, under the guidance of new Learning Assistant Matua Josh Gill, take up opportunities to strengthen their sense of identity and culture. "It is guaranteed that when our people are strong in knowing who they are and are presented with the necessary tools and resources to grow as individuals and as a collective, the opportunities are endless," explains Matua Josh. "We're determined to change the narrative about Māori, continue to show society that we can be game changers, and provide our rangitahi with the confidence to do so."

***E kore e moetahi te okioki me te angitū* - Rest and success will never co-exist.**

INVASION OF THE WAIKATO HISTORY FIELD TRIP 9 & 10 MARCH 2022

As well as four trips to the New Zealand Collection of the University Library for research, our Year 13s went on the Invasion of the Waikato Field Trip.

For the first time ever, St John's College relented and complied with what all the other schools who do this trip do and used two days, instead of one, to complete this jam packed itinerary. This allowed more field work to gain a fuller understanding of sites such as the Old Pukekohe East Presbyterian Church, Rangiriri Pa, Pāterangi Pa, Rangiaowhia and Ōrākau. Standing on the actual Whenua where battles were fought made it easier for the students to see why things happened as they did and why decisions were made, such as students seeing for themselves how Te Wharepū was able to make General Cameron believe the defences at Rangiriri were weaker than they really were.



On the last day we were able to make a brief visit to Mātakitaki Pa to see the Musket War Battle Site from 1822 that St John's College students learn about in Year 9. Students compared and contrasted pre and post Musket Pa that culminated in the vast fortification of Pāterangi in 1864.

The last part of the trip was being hosted by the Waikato Black Powder Arms Club, who were generous with their time, expertise, and gunpowder. The students were able to see and touch firearms of the period including Muskets, Pistols and Mortars. Loading and firing these weapons (under close supervision) allowed the students to get a little taste of the battlefields of the Waikato in the 1860s.

Anyone interested in contacting the WBPAC can find them on Matua Google, or contact Mr Cullen-Wright. If you are interested in visiting the sites of the invasion of the Waikato consider using the Heritage NZ site which includes downloadable apps.

<https://www.heritage.org.nz/resources/apps>

- Mr Sean Cullen-Wright, TIC History

STAFF TE REO MĀORI LESSONS

Matua Josh, a new Learning Assistant / Kaiawhina Ako is hosting a te reo Māori class every Wednesday for staff. Ākonga (students) are learning a range of te reo Māori language features and aim to become confident beginning-intermediate conversational practitioners of the language. We have covered greetings, acknowledgements, grammar, counting and introducing ourselves thus far and are moving onto sentence structures.

There are often up to 20 staff attending, and Matua Josh finds them "a vibrant, positive and cheeky bunch who are not short on laughs!" Matua Josh observed that this level of attendance and commitment from staff demonstrates how Aotearoa New Zealand's attitudes and engagement with all things Te Ao Māori is changing, and for the better.

***Mai i te kōpū ki te whakauenuku, e kore e mutu te whai o te mātauranga* - From the womb to the grave, the pursuit of knowledge never ends.**

ST PADDY'S DAY JAM

St Patrick's Day is always a highlight for the Irish Ceilidh boys who were happy to get back into it. This follows an annual tradition of the group going down to the Biddy Mulligan's Irish Pub on Patties' day not to have a Pint (sadly for us minors) but instead, playing a few jams and fiddles for the local community during this special day. Our group played for about an hour of Irish Jigs and Folk music where lunchtime rehearsals on a Wednesday really paid off. As for the audience and the staff at Irish Pub, they were really happy to have us back once again, especially during this covid pandemic and restrictions going on. However, the boys And I were equally happy to have our free breakfast and non-alcoholic refreshments while under the supervision of Mr Barr and Mr Nation, who had to be our sober drivers on the way back to school.

- Ashlee Cecilio, Arts Leader





Y11 MOUNT TRIP

For our Year 11 geography trip we went to the mighty Mt Maunganui to locate safety points for tsunamis and survey rubbish along the coasts. We started the day with the trail up the mountain where we were humiliated by 5 year olds that did it in half the time and sadly for Ansh there was no ice cream at the top to cool him down. The view over the town was one to die for and with the extreme heat some of us almost did!

While on the beach for our survey our eyes were opened by the amount of rubbish - it was apparent that this was becoming a huge problem and our generation are the ones who have to deal with it. After we had done all we needed to do, we had to say goodbye to one of the best cities in the world and go back to the tron. Our trip to Mount Maunganui was a one in a lifetime experience and I'm so glad I did geography.

- Kieran Maternaghan and Ansh Reddy,
Year 11



11SPS DISPLAY SAFE BEHAVIOUR IN THE KARANGAHAKE

As part of the Year 11 Sports Science course the students were to demonstrate safe behaviour in the outdoors. The trip went ahead despite numerous Covid related absences. So that the students could demonstrate their safe behaviour they had to tramp in and out of Dickies Flat on the Crown Tramway track, cook lunch as a group on the spirit cookers and successfully complete a river crossing. All the boys were well prepared, responsible and upheld the Marist Charisms of the College. It was pleasing to witness this group of young men display maturity while on a school trip. The experience and various tasks enable numerous opportunities for the boys to show safe behaviours and now they have the assessment task to describe in their evaluations of how and why they behaved in that way. A huge thank you must go to Mr van Jaarsveld for stepping in for Mr Robinson and to Teacher Trainee Reuben Crean for assisting the staff.

- Mr Hayden Miller, Asst Head of PE



SOCIAL FUN, SOCIAL GOOD

The Young Vinnies group has had a busy start to the school year, making the most of the fine hot weather and cranking up the BBQ. The group runs a fortnightly BBQ selling sausages, hash browns and in summer, ice blocks. Hot drinks are coming in the cooler months. The funds raised go back to St Vincent de Paul helping people in the wider community. Attached is a photo from the recent sports day.

We have a fine group of young men in this group who are willing to give their time over lunch to serve their fellow students and then do the clean up. This is led by Danuson Nga-Sit (Y13) with his deputy David Fernandes (Y11). New members, especially Year 9 and 10s, are always welcome to join and can come along to meetings which are advertised in the notices. Time contributed to the Young Vinnies group contributes to the Marist Man programme and more members means we can expand our services even further in the future.

For more information please talk to Mrs Gelston, Danuson Nga-Sit (Y13) or David Fernandes (Y11).





FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday House masses are once more taking place, still with the restriction of just one House at a time attending and all participants wearing their masks. During mass times the remainder of the Houses participate in a liturgy that is sent out to them as they gather in their Form Classes. The liturgy takes between 5-10 minutes.

Ash Wednesday was marked in a similar way, but with Mass livestreamed into classrooms before senior students distributed ashes.

We have the great blessing of not only having Monsignor Frank as our chaplain but also having Fr. Isaac available to us to offer the sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Isaac comes in every Friday from 9-11 am. He makes a quick visit or two to some classes and then heads up to our small chapel to administer the sacrament of Reconciliation. His visits are advertised using the school notices and the Atrium T.V. (big thanks to the PTFA for funding this cool new asset!)

Some RE classes are enjoying going to weekly Eucharistic adoration. They spend 5 minutes with the opportunity of a very personal encounter with Christ. They are led in prayer and pray for their families and friends, for peace in our world. They are encouraged to talk to Jesus about any problems they or their family may be going through and they are encouraged to entrust those problems into Jesus' care. They ask forgiveness for any bad choices they may have made through thought, word and action and encouraged to go to Reconciliation the next time Fr. Isaac is in. They will spend some time thanking God for the things they have and are encouraged to ask God for the things that they would like. It is also suggested to them that they ask God to show them what His plans for them are in the future so that they can make the right study choices.

Year 9 retreats were held in both the Lady Goodfellow Chapel and on site, and these were led by Mr Matthew Grevatt or Mr Marcel Bormans and supported by staff members and the NET team. By all accounts the retreats were well received by the students who found them relaxing and enjoyable.

Leading our young men into a deeper relationship with Christ is enormously rewarding. Our community will appreciate that with all these faith activities happening in school on a daily basis, having a purpose built chapel would be an answer to many a prayer!

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



HOCKEY

We are looking forward to a full 2022 season. St John's College hockey has seen the highest intake of 22 new players interested in Hockey (majority year 9's). With this awesome growth in Junior numbers we're looking at entering a record three teams this season, made up of the 1st XI, 2nd XI and a full Under 15 squad in the Waikato Hockey Association (WHA) competition.

The first XI will continue playing in A grade - WHA and regional intercity competition, and with a couple of the top Hockey schools in the country in this competition it will be tough for us. However, this level of competition will serve well when attending Olympic Stick Tournament in Hamilton during Secondary Schools Tournament Week (28th Aug 2022 to 3rd September 2022). Based on skills & capabilities, we are yet to decide which grade the 2nd XI will play in.

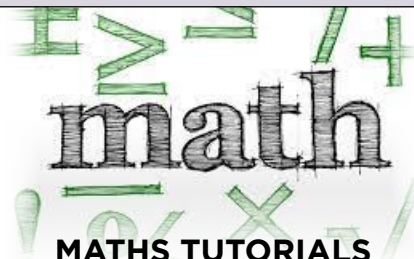
- Mr Ub van Jaarsveld, TIC Hockey

GYMNASTICS

Noah Pritchard (year 9) has been selected as a 'Challenger' for the 2022 NZ MAG 360 Squad.

NZ MAG 360 is a National performance development program designed to identify talented competitive athletes and coach them into the performance pathway of pinnacle events on the International Circuit. This program is led by former NZ Olympian David Phillip's alongside the top Men's Artistic Gymnastics Coaches from all over New Zealand.





MATHS TUTORIALS

LUNCHTIMES FROM 1:30

MONDAY
R08 Mr Shi

TUESDAY
R08 Mr Shi

WEDNESDAY
R08 Mr Gray

FRIDAY
Mr Barr on request
for Year 12 and Statistics

AFTER SCHOOL FROM 3:15

TUESDAY
R03 Mrs Watton
R07 Mr Plant

WEDNESDAY
Computer Rooms Mr Sadumiano
R07 Mr Plant

THURSDAY
R07 Mr Plant

Boys do not need to give notice that they are coming to tutorials and can stay for as long as they want. It is helpful if they have organised which areas they wish to cover or work they want help with.



RISE OF THE VOLLEYBALLERS



Term 1 has seen many sports codes cancelling competitions and tournaments, but Volleyball has been lucky enough to continue despite restrictions. With close to 60 players, making up 7 teams, playing across 4 competitions, volleyball at St John's is proving to be a popular sport, both for social teams as well as competition teams.

It has been great to see many of the players using their lunch breaks to practise their skills and develop their team dynamics.

As the term tournaments draw to a close over the next couple of weeks, results show that all teams have been playing well. Of the social teams, the more seasoned groups - Win Direction, Odd Socks, Even Socks, Raptors - are ranking in the top of their grade tables in either 1st or 2nd places. The two Year 9 teams - Flying Goats and Blue Wasps - have been making great progress in developing their skills and are making their way up the tables, too. We look forward to seeing the final results for each team.

St John's Senior A competed in the Waikato Senior Secondary Schools Competition, taking 2nd Place for their grade in their final, a nail-biting game against HBHS. The teams were very closely matched, making for an exciting game to watch, and the score came down to a 2 point win for HBHS. The St John's boys played hard and played fair, with an attitude of team spirit that extended to all the teams they played against. Great result, boys!

- Mrs Petrina Curran, TIC Volleyball

WAKEBOARDING SUCCESS

Brothers Logan and Carter Steans (Y11 & Y9) have been wakeboarding for years, spending countless weekends and holidays at Lake Mangakino perfecting their tricks. They recently placed 3rd in each of their age divisions at the North Island Championships, and are targeting the National event to be held at Karapiro late in the term (at time of writing, we don't know their results).

"I've mastered my 180s and a few grabs so far" explains Carter, "and I'm working on a 360 as well as a front roll now". Their podium finish at North Islands earned them specialist training with a Kiwi coach who competes on the World Wakeboarding circuit. "It's just loads of fun being out on the water. Mum and Dad wakeboard too, they're getting better at some tricks" Carter says kindly. Nice work fellas, what a great sport to fill your spare time with!



CHRIS LUXON VISIT

Our Year 13s were honoured with a visit from Mr Chris Luxon, leader of the National Party in February. No politics were discussed, instead Mr Luxon shared his experience and insights about leadership. He offered some cracker advice around choosing your life partner wisely, challenged our young men to consider the difference between a 'successful' life and a life of significance and meaning, and highlighted attributes of leaders he has admired over the years - those who combine personal humility with professional will.

The questions he received from our boys were also impressive - showing depth of understanding, curiosity and a real interest in learning from others. "A really worthwhile visit," commented Mr Tong, "and I was proud of how our young men engaged with Mr Luxon - they did us proud."

Mr Luxon was accompanied by MP and St John's College Old Boy Mr David Bennett, and another Old Boy Mr Jakob O'Flaherty, who is now working with Mr Luxon in between his other professional media gigs.





HATO HOANI KARAKIA

At every full school assembly the national anthem is sung first in Te Reo and then in English. Two of our 2021 Prefects, Tawera Marsh, and Daniel Cruikshank, wondered why it wasn't the same with the school prayer. After a little bit of digging the two found there was no official translation of the St. John's College prayer in Te Reo Māori. This set a new motion in their minds, and throughout their final weeks of school and after numerous emails they were able to get our beautiful school prayer translated into Te Reo Māori. This took careful communication between The Ministry of Education's Strategic Māori adviser and a Kaumatua, also from the ministry, to get an accurate translation of our school prayer. Daniel and Tawera are so thankful for the opportunities St. John's has provided them and are so humbled to be able to offer a little something in return.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE SCHOOL PRAYER IN TE REO

(Translated by Tawera Marsh, class of 2021)

I hui ai tātou, i runga i te aroha o te atua,
Nau mai whakatau mai tō wairua
tō mōhio, tō kaha, tō māhōa me te
rangimarie ki runga i a tātou.
Arihia i a tātou
Kia āwhinatia mai i a tātou kia tū ai tā tātou
kura nei
Kia pono to tātou kura ki te huarahi Katorika
Kia pono atu ki te wairua o te whānau
Kia nui aroha ki te mahi ahakoa te aha
Kia tautoko tātou i a tātou anō
Kia manaakitia ērā e kanukanu ana
Kia pono hoki te ngākau
Ki te whai i te āhua ā Mere

Inoi atu i runga i te ingoa o Jesus
i runga hoki ngā karakia o Mere
o Te Aporo Hoani
o Marcellin te Champagnat
o ngā Hato katoa- Amine

E Mere inoi mai
E Hoani inoi mai
E Marcellin inoi mai

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE SCHOOL PRAYER IN ENGLISH

Loving God, we gather in your name,
And ask that your Spirit be with us-
A Spirit of wisdom and courage, of
gentleness and peace.
Be with us in all that we do
And help us to make St John's College
A truly Catholic and Marist educational
community,
Living in family spirit,
Promoting the love of work.
Being present to one-another,
Showing solidarity with those in need,
Doing everything in a spirit of simplicity-
And in the way of Mary.
We make this prayer in Jesus' name,
And through the intercession of Mary our
Good Mother,
John the Apostle,
Marcellin Champagnat
And of all the saints - Amen.
Mary our Good Mother - pray for us.
St John the Apostle - pray for us
Saint Marcellin Champagnat - pray for us

COUNSELLING NEWS

We are pleased to welcome new staff member, Cassandra Johnston, hired in the position of part-time Guidance Counsellor. She comes to us as a well-trained and experienced counsellor who has been working for a number of years in private practice. Her warmth and empathy in talking and helping students is already evident. She works on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Carolyn Morris continues as our full-time Guidance Counsellor at the college. We encourage you to contact our counselling team with concerns you may have regarding your son.

cmorris@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz | 07 856 7091 extension 2747

cjohnston@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz | 07 856 7091 extension 2828

In Term 1 the counselling team has focused on the Year 9 cohort, with visits to every core class. They have introduced themselves and explained the counselling service offered at St John's College. Confidentiality was emphasized, along with where the counselling offices are located and how to make an appointment. Boys are encouraged that speaking with a trusted adult is a mature way to solve problems and can ease bothersome worries.

The team also spoke with every Year 9 class regarding the effects of bullying. Key messages targeted were that bullying is not tolerated here, we have a process for handling it if it does happen, and that being an upstander against bullying is the expectation of every student.



PASIFIKA HOMEWORK

Pasifika homework sessions happen after school each Monday. Boys come and work on their homework or can get help with any school work. Mrs Lyons and Mr Woodlock are there to assist, and senior students are also stepping up to help our junior boys.

And if that isn't exciting enough, there's food too to power those hungry minds!

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT



We've welcomed Gurdeep Singh into the Sports and PE team this year as our new Athlete Development Trainer. Gurdeep is a specialist and highly experienced Strength and Conditioning Coach who leads all the sessions offered in the Weights Room. He's worked in high performance teams across a variety of codes - NZ Warriors, Central Districts Cricket and Rugby Romania most recently, as well as multiple other sports including basketball, football and hockey.

We're really proud of the Athlete Development Programme here, and especially that all our students have the opportunity to access this specialist training, which sets them up for lifelong exercise. Selected junior students are in the ADP option stream and train during the day, while many of our sports teams prioritise regular ADP training into their programmes so that athletes are fit, strong and ready for action when playing seasons begin. Open sessions and beginner sessions were offered free in Term 1 as a trial for students, and were seriously oversubscribed. Gurdeep had his hands full managing the numbers, but it's a great problem to have - we'll look at scheduling enough sessions in Term 2 so that all students get to train if they're interested.



TOP TIP FROM THE LIBRARY!

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5. Press borrow, and then play.
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STUDENT LEADERS 2022

Congratulations to the men who have been selected as leaders for 2022.

Head Student	Alistair Sequeira
Deputy Head Student	Kyan Rangitutia and Daniel Tickleppenny
Academic Leader	Liam Farrell and Min Ki Hong
Special Character	Kamho Binoka and Declan Warren
Arts	Ashlee Cecilio and Coby Mateo
Sports	Ryan Trigg and Liam McPherson
Māori	Jacob Te Rangi and Nikorima Eru
Pacifica	Paul Burgess and Joseph George
Chanel House	Lachlan Kay and Mattie McCartney
Pompallier House	Jack O'Brien and Ryan Roche
Marcellin House	Rohan Gosai and Jayden Fernandes
Roncalli House	Taniko Shane and Reuben Lovell

DEDICATED LEARNING SUPPORT

Our learning support team has seven Learning Assistants (LAs) working in Years 9, 10 and selected 11 and 12 classes, supporting all the students in these classes. Building positive relationships with learners has been a priority this term. The extra presence of LAs supports a depth of focus in classrooms, also enabling teachers to spend quality teaching time with individual students. This learning platform, constructive foundation and confidence building over the junior years contributes significantly to their academic NCEA success in the senior school, and opens up vocational pathways to them beyond school.

We have three new team members this year, Alexis Clements who comes to us from Numberworks, Josh Gill and Shaylai Ngere who both come to us from Waikato University. The team are a diverse bunch of wonderful, caring and smart people, bringing a range of life experiences, age and cultural diversity to our classrooms that really help them connect with our students.

A reminder that our Learning Support team is Board funded (not Ministry funded) and you'll find we have a much larger LA/student ratio than most other schools in our region. Your continued payment of the Learning Contribution request is vital to maintain this level of classroom support. We are very grateful to the families who have made payment so far, and we urge all families to prioritise this request because it has a direct and positive impact on your son's learning.

Waikato Trades Academy (WTA) provides an opportunity to study at both school and at Wintec. WTA gives students a head start to gain specific and practical experience and skills in an industry-based setting for one day each week during the school term.

Taking part in the Trades Academy delivers a taste and feel for an industry, so students can make informed choices about full time employment, an apprenticeship or further study when they finish school. This year has got off to a great start with 32 students involved in the programme.



^ Joel Hampton at work in the Trades Academy.

Luke Dixon >





DEPTH AND FOCUS DRIVING 2022 RUGBY

The goal to take their CNI rugby placings to the next level for 2022, has been a driving force for our Ray White St John's College 1st XV players to train earlier and with more commitment & determination.

Training and preparation for this year's season began in October 2021. A core group of senior players have been a regular sight in the Weights Room over summer, following a tailored Strength and Conditioning Programme designed specifically for each player.

Depth is another key area for all our senior teams this year. It was fantastic to see up to 65 students attend the 1st & 2nd XV trials this year, with some still missing either to isolation, summer sports commitment or injuries.

A final squad of 26 players will compete in the Central North Island (CNI) comp beginning in Term 2. Pre-season buildup to get match ready will include games against Tangaroa and Tauranga College - keep an eye on our Facebook page for details. Our 2nd XV are set to take part in a Fast 15 tournament in Cambridge.

A top flight coaching team comprising Head/Defence Coach Johnny Walters, Attack Coach Howie King, and Line-out Coach Milton Ross have worked together for some years now, and alongside these players.

Our Major Sponsors Ray White Hamilton, Fluid Power Distributors, and Grassroots Trust are an invaluable part of the team, and please support these businesses if you get a chance. A big thank you goes to our jersey sponsors too.

We'd love to have your support - check out the home game draw and lock them in your Calendar now!

Pre-Season	7 MAY	Tangaroa College
HOME	14 MAY	Whanganui College
AWAY	21 MAY	Rotorua BHS (Moascar Cup)
HOME	28 MAY	Lindisfarne College
HOME	4 JUN	Wesley College
AWAY	11 JUN	Fielding High School
AWAY	18 JUN	St John's Hastings
HOME	25 JUN	St Peter's Cambridge
AWAY	9 JUL	Francis Douglas
HOME	30 JUL	St Paul's Collegiate
AWAY	2 AUG	Rathkeale College

ST JOHN'S 1ST XV RUGBY MAJOR SPONSORS



SJC SWEEPS TOUCH FINALS

The scores for the final rounds were:

- 1) St John's College Senior Prem A vs Ngā Taiātea Senior Wharekura Boys (8 - 4)
- 2) St John's College Junior Prem A vs WTSM Junior Boys (6 - 4)

A big mihi to Coach Gordon (old boy of the college, parent and Head coach) and Whaea Nicola (Parent and Team manager) for leading the College Junior Touch Rugby program.

For the Senior Touch Rugby team, we want to mihi to Matua Merv & Whaea Roberta for looking after our Senior Prem A Team.

The St John's College Touch Rugby Program is only successful because of our lovely parents / caregivers who spend many hours with our boys.

We have 3 teams, 2 juniors (1 Prem and 1 dev) and we are looking good for the next few seasons!

- Matua Tim Sadumiano, TIC Touch Rugby



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