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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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DEAR PARENTS

Kia ora e te whānau,

I believe this term has been the most normal for the last two years and, although we had to reluctantly roster students home at one stage, our daily school life has been relatively normal which has been a huge relief. Our community is also probably enjoying not having read almost daily updates from us!

At this time of year we begin to see a number of boys, mostly Year 12, leave to take up work opportunities, often in the trades, or move on to tertiary study. Approximately a third of Year 12s leave through the year, while most Year 13s tend to see out the year. These boys always come to see me one last time on their final day to share their exciting future plans. It is a privilege to spend a few moments with them and share their excitement. Boys generally don't have a great poker face and I recognise a range of emotions as we talk. Certainly there is excitement but also sadness as they close a chapter in their lives, and they are also understandably nervous about moving on.

Schools need to be a safe and comfortable place where students are able to 'find themselves' through the myriad of academic, cultural, sporting and social opportunities available to them, and we all know that the workforce is not necessarily like this. St John's boys have a great reputation in the community and we often have businesses contact us to advertise jobs. The opportunities these boys have at school in regard to work placement experience, WINTEC trades academy and other industry courses are so much better than what was available in the past. Recently I met a group of recent old boys on the sideline of sport at school as they came to support their mates - they are always proud to tell me about their jobs (and show off their unshaven faces and unruly mops of hair!) and they are always welcome here.

Construction has well and truly started on the renovation on Chanel Block with the sixty-year toilet block being the first structure to go. The noise and disruption is significant, however the boys and staff have just continued to get on with teaching and learning without complaint for which I am both impressed and thankful.

It was a pleasure to take part in our founder's, Marcellin Champagnat, day where a number of boys were confirmed into the Catholic Church by Monsignor Frank in front of our school and members of our community. This is a true witness and faith in action. I often hear it stated that St John's is a school that instils values in young men, and parents want their son to attend because of these values. While this is true, at St John's our values have a name, it is Catholic faith. Any school can have values but without our faith being 'front and centre' ultimately the 'values' would be watered down and dissipate.

Finally, congratulations to all the Marist order on 100 years of Catholic education in Hamilton and 60 plus years of St John's College existence. Our recent celebration was well attended by Day One students of St John's and many Marist brothers, lay people, former staff, students and community. It was heartening to hear that they remain proud of our College and firmly believe that we have remained true to our founder's vision.

In the spirit of Marcellin Champagnat; strong in mind, gentle in heart.

Ngā mihi nui

- Mr Shane Tong, Principal



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

2022 is flying by and it feels as though, if one took one's eyes off the ball, we'd already be at Christmas and readying ourselves for a new academic year.

This term seems to have had a taste of 'finally we're there'. The long summer came to an end and finally we entered into the colder climes of winter. The sacramental group, after all their preparation, have finally received the sacraments of Baptism for some, Eucharist and Confirmation. We celebrated 100 years of Marist Education in Hamilton and 60 years of St John's upon the hilltop – something that necessitates time passing. Now there is a suggestion that at 85 years of age our Holy Father, Pope Francis, may be thinking of resigning from the papacy. And perhaps the most notable of all, while Covid is still with us we seem to have returned to a state of status quo, of normality, accepting that Covid is here to accompany us long term. All these things remind me of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace."

Time on this earth of ours and in our lives is continuous, constant, ever present. We fill it with life and meaning. While change is guaranteed to happen around us, its effect on us is mostly unknown prior to the moment. Our reactions to events are mostly unknown because we can't predict every circumstance and situation, all the influences and effects. But what we can be sure of is the presence of God, particularly through the person of Jesus Christ and the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit. What is unknown to us is already known to God, a God who loves us dearly. And we know this love because one gaze at the crucifix reminds us.

While our lives move forward and change is inevitable, one thing that will never change is the presence of God. That is why we can be courageous and bold in the face of change and the unknown. In the recent Y12 retreats at St Matthew's Catholic Church I spoke to the students about the poem 'Footprints in the sand' by Carolyn Joyce Carty. It is a reminder that in the most difficult times of our lives when it seems that we are all alone, it is then that Jesus carries us. In the Gospel of Matthew 28:20, Jesus said to his disciples, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." We share in this promise and we must claim this promise every day and every moment that we feel afraid and alone.

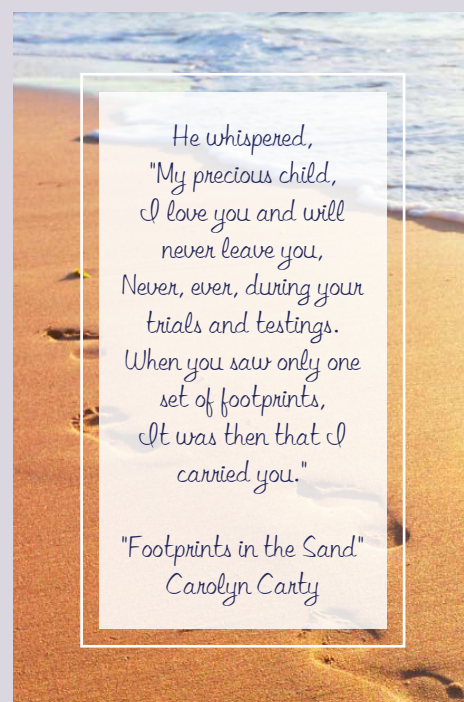
So, it doesn't matter how long things may take to happen in our lives, how those things may look, why they happen in the way they happen. What is important is that we have the knowledge of and put our confidence and active faith into the truth that Jesus is with us through it all. God loves us unconditionally as seen on the crucifix with the sacrifice of Christ for us. Let us embrace time and all it holds. Let us walk confidently into change. Let us know that we are loved and that we came into existence because of love. Be patient. Be trusting. 'Be not afraid'.

May God bless you and keep you close in His embrace.

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



**"God loves us
unconditionally as seen
on the crucifix with the
sacrifice of Christ for us."**



He whispered,
"My precious child,
I love you and will
never leave you,
Never, ever, during your
trials and testings.
When you saw only one
set of footprints,
It was then that I
carried you."

"Footprints in the Sand"
Carolyn Carty



KEY DATES 2022

25 July	Teacher Only Day
26 July	Start of Term 3
27 July	Junior Report Evening
10 August	Options Evening
12 - 13 August	Chanel Shield
15 August	Team Photos
23 August	ACCORD Teacher Only Day
24 August	Senior Report Evening
29 Aug - 2 Sept	Winter Tournament Week
12 - 16 September	Senior Assessment Week
23 September	Mufti Day
27 September	Year 13 Retreat
29 September	Senior Sports Awards
30 September	End of Term 3
17 October	Start of Term 4
24 October	Labour Day Holiday
31 October - 4 November	Junior Exams
1 November	Closing Mass, Senior Prizegiving
2 November	Leavers Dinner
7 November	NZQA Exams Start
11 November	Year 8 Orientation Day
28 - 30 November	Year 10 Retreats
12 - 14 December	Year 10 Camps, Year Activities
15 December	Junior Prizegiving, End of Term 4

ENROLMENT 2023

A reminder that applications for Year 9 enrolment 2023 are due by Friday 29 July. Please see our website for enrolment and preference student information and make your application online. If you need assistance, please phone the College.

Enrol Now

21/22 ROWING SEASON

Following rowing success at the Tokyo Olympics and a fantastic inaugural interhouse Erg competition (taken out by Roncalli!) we had a great turnout for the season Learn to Row program, and a record number signing up to join our squad.

In December we were able to hold our first camp of the year. Five days of early morning rises, hard training and team bonding set the tone for the rest of the season. Head coach Mr Martyn O'Leary certainly knew how to test the endurance with a multitude of 4.30am starts! Our young men rose to the challenge (perhaps not enthusiastically), worked hard, ate lots of food, enjoyed an evening meal with St John's College Old boy rowers and a lot of banter before parting for the Christmas break.

The first Regatta, AON Junior held in February set the standard for what would be the rest of the season. No spectators and keeping to your zone! Second regatta of the year, North Island Secondary Schools Champs, was raced over 2 days in March. Crew entries were hampered by those now suffering from Covid. Despite this we were ecstatic to come away with a Silver Medal in the U16 2X for Joel Birdling and Charlie Squire. For the first time in many years, we had a Novice 8 out racing and were thrilled to win a bronze medal. Congratulations to Noah Turner, Zac Almond-Bryant, Olliver Mulligan, Kurtis McCarthy, Luca Dale, Charlie Iremonger, Arden Morunga, Jamie Mills, and Josh Kent. Go the mighty Novices!

We were delighted to learn that Maadi Cup would go ahead, but one of the guidelines set meant that only rowers from Year 11 up could attend. This sadly meant not all our squad could attend the South Island regatta. This was a tough blow for our tight rowing community.

Much planning went into ensuring the trip down south was successful both from a rowing and health perspective. Our young men raced hard in what is an extremely cutthroat regatta and came away with exceptional results - 7 A finals (top 8 in NZ) and 4 B finals (top 16). Fine rowing, friendships and memories were made.

It was a great end for many of our seniors' final rowing season for St John's College.

Rowing at St John's College continues to grow each season. An outstanding group of young men look forward to leading the squad forward to the 2022/23 season - bring it on!

- Mrs Sandra Lovell, Champion Rowing Organiser

The College thanks departing Committee members Mrs Sandra Lovell and Mr Justin Marsh for their many years of service to St John's College Rowing. Both parents have been Committee stalwarts - Sandra in the logistics of regattas and travel, and Justin in taking on the Presidency in a period of fast growth.





LEGO MASTERS

Late in term one, the library hosted the inaugural St John's College Lego Masters Competition. Ten talented builders took their seats with 300g of Lego and 20 minutes on the clock.

Representing the staff, Mr Ardern and Mr Rowlingson showed promise with cunningly designed vehicles. Head Boy Alistair Sequeira put in a valiant effort but found the time pressure challenging.

Mr Dom "The Brickman" Kay awarded top prize to Felix Johnson of year 9, who impressed with his excellent use of movement and detailed story-telling.

Watch this space for St John's College Lego Masters: TEAM EDITION.



DRAMA MASTERCLASS

In late May, our Senior Drama students were treated to a masterclass from talented young playwright and performer Miss Cian Parker. Cian has a soft spot for St John's, having taught here for a year while back. The students kicked on to an evening of Blood Brothers at Riverlea Theatre, in support of a Sacred Heart fundraiser.



KARTING TROPHIES

Jake Young competed in the Kartsport Nationals in Wellington on the recent Matariki long weekend, with qualifying and finals held on the Sunday. It was a very strong and competitive field in the Vortex Rok DVS Junior class, with nail biting racing. Jake's club racing from the weekend before in Wellington was good practice and allowed him time on the track to analyse his setup and race line. Jake's qualifying and first heat saw some mixed results, due to a wet track with a dry line but the second heat and pre-final saw him returning to his form. The final saw some top racers crash out at the first corner but Jake pulled through, raced hard and gained a podium finish in third, only a point of a second behind first. He was also recognised with a second trophy for third in the Kartstars series, which included racing in Auckland, Rotorua and the Nationals event. Well done Jake - exciting stuff!



CROSS COUNTRY SEASON

St John's College had numerous athletes competing in the Central Zones and a week later in the WaiBop Cross Country Champs. The boys represented the College well with some excellent results for the Central Zones held in terrible weather conditions. The WaiBop Champs was held on 8 June in Hauraki Plains and the course was exceptionally challenging with really big climbs. Ten of our athletes competed on the day. The U15 team managed a respectable 4th place and the U16 team 5th place overall.

Central Zone Cross Country Results:

Boys U15

5th Alfie Mason

8th Reef Douglas

9th Hanter Savill

10th Seb van Drogenbroek

Boys U16

3rd Noah Gibson

5th Blake Pitchford

7th Ryan Leslie

9th Charlie Dixon

Boys Seniors

3rd Chester Opperman

5th Alex Keogh

11th Daniel D'Souza





THE BIG SING

The Big Sing music festival is a choral competition held at the Holy Trinity Church in Tauranga. Our school choir 'The Wingmen' have been rehearsing twice a week in preparation to sing two songs to compete against 13 other schools in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty regionals. This year, The Wingmen performed to a very high level and attained the Highly Commended award for their performance, a step up from previous years. Well done boys.



The Wingmen – Highly Commended

YOUNG VINNIES DONATED \$1500 TO ST VINCENT DE PAUL

BBQ and fundraising continues T3 and T4.



YEAR 9 SCI TO MAUNGATAUTARI SANCTUARY

Week 4 of the term saw the inaugural trip for Year 9 Science to Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. This was done 2 classes per day and students were given the opportunity to explore this beautiful predator free environment and learn about Conservation and Ecology.



The trip was very successful with lots of opportunities to engage with the native and endemic species of NZ. This allowed classroom learning to have more localized context and allowed our students to have a stronger understanding of the significance of the introduced species to NZ species long term survival.

- Mrs Nicola Gelston, Biology Teacher

CLEAN SWEEP AT ELECTRICAL COMP

We knew we had some bright sparks in our Gateway programme and a recent Worldskills Interschool Electrical Competition proved it. Three teams of two (Y12) competed in electrical modules against other secondary schools – they were 'Johnnies Angels' Josh Smith & Zac Doherty; 'Johnnies Hawks' Jake Chapman & Luke Srhoj; and 'Johnnies Eagles' Josef Clark & Robert Te Ripo.

Josh and Zac were outstanding. They won every module and were crowned overall winners. Jake and Luka took second place and Robert and Josef 3rd place. All came away with pressie cards for prizes. Zac and Josh also won the First Aid module, so took home a St Johns Ambo prize pack. All of our boys said it was so good that they had done their first aid certificates, as other students really struggled with the first aid module.

Perhaps the most valuable part of this competition was the exposure to employers who were there, judging and meeting competitors, and all of our student's CV's were snapped up. Zac was already doing work experience with an electrical company, has been offered an apprenticeship, and has recently left school to begin his career and earn the moolah!

The College is super proud of all of these students and how they presented themselves at this competition. We're also giving credit to Mrs Ang Daysh, our Gateway Coordinator, who works tirelessly to provide our students with opportunities and experience that help them on their chosen career pathway.



First Aid challenge



Zac Doherty and Josh Smith – Champions and Prizewinners



OLD BOYS NEWS - CULINARY CAREERS

MCELYO MENEZES - 1 STAR MICHELIN RESTAURANT

It is very important to learn the fine aspects of any trade if you wish to make it to the top. My cheffing journey began at St Johns College where I took up food....as my subject. I was trained in all the basic requirements as well as food and safety. This helped me as I embarked on my journey as Chef. After leaving NZ, I joined NHI Oman for a Diploma in International Hotel Management which got me trained professionally, and closer to my goal. An internship at W Muscat was the turning point in my career, and led to a transfer to London. I was more than excited when I got my interview call from Gordon Ramsey group. I was selected and am now a 21 year old Chef at Petrus by Gordon Ramsey - a 1 star Michelin Restaurant!

I get immense joy and feel a sense of pride when I cook good food and see the smile on peoples face when the perfect dish goes out.

McElyo's beautiful culinary work



KYLE EVANS

I started working at Skycity Hamilton in 2013 as an apprentice. The apprenticeship would take 3 years to complete and during this time I worked throughout the casino. I started in the main kitchen working early mornings and at times very late nights. After a few months I moved on to doing functions of 300 people on a Friday night, starting at 6am in the cafe making sandwiches and pre boiling poached eggs.

In 2016 after six months of saving, I moved to Melbourne to follow my love for food. I started at The Smith as a commis chef - a huge gastro pub sitting 300 people including function rooms. Looking for a new challenge, I researched the top fine dining restaurants in Melbourne and dropped off CVS to them. I was invited to a trial day at IDE, and had to compete against one other candidate for a position there, which I won. The restaurant sat 40 people and had a set ten course menu. I stayed at IDE for three years and learnt a lot while I was there and made many good friends.

A few things I would say to anyone starting a journey in cooking:

1. Show up 30mins before you start looking sharp and clean.
2. Always write down a method or recipe you are trying.
3. Just enjoy the ride, have fun and follow your passion.
4. Leave your hometown.
5. Learn from your mistakes.
6. You can cook and live wherever in the world you want to.



WAIKATO KILIKITI TOURNAMENT

Our St John's Kilikiti team retained their title in the junior competition, held at University of Waikato early this term. For seniors, it was the first time they played, but in a very close final against Hamilton Boys, we saw St John's also lift the senior trophy. Their songs and chants kept their spirits going in spite of the downpours!

We must acknowledge the generosity from the University of Waikato and their Pasifika student body. Not only were they involved in the organising, they kept students fed, and gifted a guitar to each school. A massive thank you to them for making this a special event.

- Mrs Diane Lyons, Pasifika Dean



Kingston Taula



Anten Maeuea



WAIKATO SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING

On 27th May, nine students represented the College at Waikato Secondary Schools Swimming.

All swimmers did extremely well in the pool with Personal Best's across the board. St John's was ranked 3rd overall, a solid effort against other schools with considerably more swimmers at the event.

We made multiple finals gaining excellent results. Taniko Shane and Ryan Roche both placed top 3 in their senior events, and so did Jonty Shirreffs, and Zion Heke competing in the intermediate grades. Our junior swimmers, Will Riley, Kemp Williams, Wesley Lawrence, Alex Copocean and Laughlan Shirreffs all gained podium placings.

Total 1st placing: 4
2nd placing: 8
3rd placing: 11

A huge thank you Ryan, Taniko and their families for their service to swimming over the past 5 years.

- Mrs Sarndra Petrin, TIC Swimming



COOL FEEDBACK FOR SJC JUNIOR BLUE

We received this lovely email from a parent at another school this term...full credit to the outstanding young men in our Junior Blue Basketball team.

I just wanted to let you know about something really cool that happened at Junior Basketball at the PEAK the other night and hoping you can please pass on to the coach/team for us.

Our Jnr team (which is very social) and made up of a few boys that have never played basketball before, played your St Johns Junior Blue team. Our team has not won a game, and due to players away with illness, only had 4 players on Tuesday.

One of your St John's players came and played for them. We wanted to say a big thank you to him for playing with our boys to make up numbers. A boy in our team took a shot in the last seconds and missed. Instead of taking possession the St John's players gave the ball back to him to shoot - this happened 6 times before he finally scored the goal - and both teams cheered for him.

This student walked off the court feeling on top of the world. It's such an awesome feeling knowing that there are still some awesome humans out there.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Recently a group of 15 Year 9 students participated in a pilot 4 day Social Skills course run by ENRICH+ in partnership with the Learning Support team at the college.

The course offered activity based learning focussing on team building, resilience, communication and problem solving. Based on feedback from providers and participants the course was worthwhile and a lot of fun. We hope to build on this success with the students and hope to have more such courses in the future.

Thank you to the team at ENRICH+ and the school for funding this course.

- Mrs Helen Kato, Special Education Needs Coordinator



UPCOMING BOARD ELECTIONS

Parents and caregivers will receive info directly calling for nominations to our School Board. Are you interested? Learn more at schoolboardelections.org.nz

KIDS IN NEED

With winter upon us, the cold weather became more and more noticeable. For many of us that is a minor inconvenience, but for some the drop in temperature is unbearable. 13.6% of kids in NZ live in poverty, and the number of children in foster care is the highest it's ever been. When we learnt this, we felt like we had a responsibility to help. That's when we discovered Kids in Need Waikato, a charity that provides care packs for children in foster care, personalised to meet each child's needs and they were in desperate need of more warm, clean winter clothes to give to children.

We asked every St John's student to look through their wardrobes and encouraged them to bring in old clothes to donate. The response was incredible, and over three days we accumulated over 50 bags filled with jackets, pants, socks, blankets and more. Congratulations to Mrs Fairweather's and Mrs Greenwood's form classes for bringing in the most and winning a pizza lunch for their enormous contribution. The generosity of everyone who donated was greatly appreciated, and thank you to all the Johnnies boys whose items will provide comfort for many kids in need this winter. www.kidsinneed.co.nz

- Ryan Roche and Liam Farrell (Year 13)



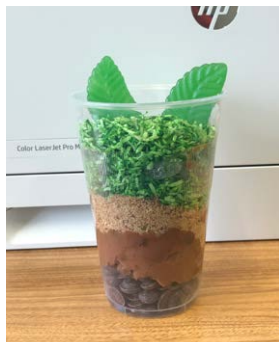
Ryan Roche and Liam Farrell with Graeme Roil of Kids in Need Waikato



EDIBLE SOILS

Edible soils, sounds fun right? Would solve world hunger if we could do it, but we can't. Just for a day though, our year 12 Geography class got to try out some edible soils in the form of a see through plastic cup filled with many different finger-licking goodies, each representing a different soil layer. An example of this would be the crushed cookies which represented the rocky subsoils beneath the topsoil. Sign up to geography if you want to draw pictures and eat lots of delicious things!

- Conall and Sam, Year 12



Add food to learning = better engagement!



Tevita and King hard at work

12 GEO TONGARIRO FIELD TRIP

On 15 June, 26 eager and excited Year 12s travelled to the Tongariro National Park for a three day trip with the help of Mrs Bossenger, Ms Newman and Mr Tester.

For our internal we had to research about how the altitude affects vegetation. We looked at different types of vegetation at three different locations all around Mount Ruapehu: Whakapapa, Turoa and Tukino.

The boys had heaps of fun on the trip especially at Whakapapa Ski Field where we had a break and chilled out in the snow. Our accommodation was upgraded and it didn't upset us as they served up some mean food which the boys thoroughly enjoyed. Overall this was a fantastic experience and we all enjoyed our time down there.

- Hamish Wilke, Year 12



Upgraded Accommodation was a treat



12 GEO enjoying the snow

OUTDOOR ED TRIPS

Mr Jackways has had the OED boys out on some cool trips this term - caving, canyoning and lots of ropes practice leading into the trips.



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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.



100 YEARS OF MARIST EDUCATION

The College was privileged to host a celebratory Mass on Sunday 5 June, to honour the gift of 100 years of Marist education in Hamilton. Families, staff, Old Boys, priests and current students joined together to give thanks for the inspiration and service of the many Marist Brothers who have taught at Marist and St John's since 1922.

The Marcellin Gymnasium was transformed into a luncheon venue, and food provided by our incredible Food Technology staff and students - a huge thank you to Mrs Myburgh and Mr Teao along with their dedicated team of hospitality students (and volunteer staff) who prepared and served a very classy spread for us all - and then cleaned up afterwards too.

This is an important milestone for the St John's College community, and an important reminder to us all about the purpose of St John's College - we're not just a school, we're a Marist school and our mission will always be to lead young men to know the love of Christ.

Following is an excerpt from Monsignor Frank Eggleton's homily at that Mass - no one knows our history and our purpose better than this Old Boy and our current College Chaplain.

One hundred years ago, in February 1922, Brother Calixtus and Brother Remigus, Marist Brothers of many years' experience, were sent to establish a Catholic School for boys in the small country town of Hamilton. These men, and the men who would follow them, were men filled with the Holy Spirit. They inspired generations of young men here in Hamilton to lead God-centred lives.

Brother Calixtus, the first Principal, set the tone. He was tall and strongly built. His eyes were piercing, topped by black bushy eyebrows. He was a man of huge energy and took a personal interest in every boy. He was a brilliant rugby Coach and set up the Marist Rugby Club as a formidable Rugby force. In 1923 the School Rugby team, under his coaching, were the winners of the Waikato A Grade Schools competition.

With him was Brother Remigus. Brother was bespeckled and really quite tiny. He was an outstanding teacher and did much to set the new School up on a solid academic foundation.

As year followed year, a distinctive Marist spirit developed within our School here in Hamilton. The Brothers shared a deep Faith in God and a love for Mary. They were men of prayer. They lived simply and they inspired us.

These Marist men, powered by the Holy Spirit had a huge impact on us. This was reinforced to me 50 years later in 2011, when I was the Parish Priest of Waihi.

On a Sunday in January I celebrated a Mass at Waihi Beach. People come from all over to Waihi Beach over January. And scattered in the congregation, I saw three of my classmates from our days with Brother Edgar and Brother Wilfred: Eddie Mills, Simon Hickey and Kevin Barber. Wouldn't those two Brothers have been proud to know that 50 years later a group of the class were coming to Mass

with their joy-filled families. They had most certainly sown sturdy seeds of Faith in us. That day I gave God thanks for leading me to Marist and for the Faith engendered within me and my friends by those steadfast men.

And as we look at this wonderful, faith-filled College here at St Johns and the ever-vibrant Marian School, we can only give God thanks.

Thank-you, O Holy Spirit, for inspiring St Marcellin to found the Brothers. Thank-you for giving Br. Calixtus and Brother Remigus such encouragement and energy in those early days here in Hamilton, 100 years ago. Thank-you for Brothers like Brother Edgar and Brother Wilfred who courageously accepted the challenge 60 years ago to launch St. Johns up here on the Hill.

Allow me to finish with words written by our most beloved of all Principals, Brother Pastor, at the time the 50th Anniversary of the Brothers coming to Hamilton was being celebrated:

"We express at this time our gratitude for the spirit, the faith in themselves, in one another and in God of our past teachers and pupils. And by reflecting upon them, we find the inspiration and the confidence to press on with the same work in a rapidly changing society."

O Holy Spirit thank-you for the Brothers, the Staff and the students you have inspired to live out the vision of Saint Marcellin Champagnat at Marist, at Marian and at St John's. And now- please empower us with your love, your generosity and your fervour as we press on with confidence into the days to come.

- Mons. Frank Eggleton, College Chaplain





Students offering the Eucharist



A student receives the sacrament of Confirmation



Marist District Leader Br. John Hazelman

MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT DAY

On Wednesday 8 June the College celebrated Marcellin Champagnat Day, our feast day. Proceedings started with a full school mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Hamilton East.

As always, Malcolm Barr and Bridgette Dewar prepared our Liturgy music group to a very high standard, leading us in our praise and worship. Milton Ross, Jacob Kelly, Diane Lyons and Tony Su'a prepared the Whānau and Pasifika classes well with our offertory and communion hymns.

In addition, 12 of our students received the sacraments. 3 of our students received the sacrament of Baptism, plus a further 9 received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. These 12 young men have prepared since March, receiving sacramental lessons (and fast food lunches courtesy of Mr Tong) from our parish priests, the NET team and myself as Director of Catholic Character. Once mass ended our sacramental students and their families and supporters shared some light refreshments at the back of the Cathedral - a lovely family event to mark this important day in our students' lives.

We would like to thank all of the people who helped to prepare these students: Monsignor Frank Eggleton, Fr. Isaac Fransen, Fr. Juan Pedro Maldonado, Fr. Danny Fraser-Jones, the NET team, Mr Tong and Fr. Darren McFarlane and Andrea Savage of the Cathedral for the assistance they offered in a variety of ways.

It was also a privilege for the College to have 6 Marist Brothers join us for the mass including our Marist District leader, Br. John Hazelman. Mons. Frank's homily reflected on the 100 year anniversary of the Marist Brothers' arrival in Hamilton, an excellent lesson for our students on the history of St John's College and its beginnings. We wish our 12 students all the best as they continue to deepen their relationship with Jesus.

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character

MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate Matariki, our Māori kaiako treated us to a range of interesting insights helping us to understand this uniquely Māori festival, and one which all New Zealanders can now begin to honour and enjoy. No Māori celebration happens without kai of course - the staff room was buzzing, the boil; up and brisket was tasty and the raw fish gone in no time at all!

A massive thank you to Matua Kelly and Matua Ross and everyone who helped for putting on a great wiki of insights and activities, and a delicious spread.



MC DAY COMPETITIONS

Our school day, Marcellin Champagnat Day, was bigger and better than ever this year. This day is our opportunity to celebrate who we are as a school and community. Following Mass at the Cathedral we focus on celebrating our family spirit, making this a day of community and enjoyment for students and staff.

The rest of the day was broken up into two sessions in the school gymnasium. The first session was a heavily contested house competition. Musical chairs, basketball elimination, relay races and tug of war were some of the activities that featured and the battles were intense. Most notable was the Tug of War battle between Roncalli and Marcellin where the fight was so strong that the rope snapped. A rematch later in the year is needed! A huge congratulations must be given to Roncalli House who were the overall winners of the session.

The second session involved similar competitions but this time it was the staff vs the students. The all-female staff team easily defeated the Year 9 relay team while the all male staff team struggled against the Year 13 tug of war team. The Year 10 quiz team struggled against the staff but the Year 11 hotdog eating team absolutely annihilated the staff team. Finally, the staff Counter Strike team were confident going into the event but were embarrassingly defeated 3-0 by the Year 12 students' team.

Once again, it was an exciting change to MC Day this year and we hope to continue to build on the success of the events held this year. MC Day is so very important to our school and to who we are. Bring on 2023!

- Mr Paul Ardern, HoF English





REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Congratulations to these players who have been selected to represent Waikato. One of the reasons St John's is such a dominant force locally is that our coaches are also top quality, and have been selected for representative coaching positions too.

Basketball

Waikato U19A

TJ Peterson

Waikato U17A

Oliver Wilson

Nick Hayward

Usher Robson

Keoni Albert

Kaden Makea

Gradi Mayemba

Mahnaya Heke

Vince Lenden

Asst Coach Puks Lenden

Waikato U17B

Dylan Hau

Cody Swarbrick

Samuel Maggof

Carter Hamlin

Xavier Mihaere

Kobe Reed

Head Coach Brandyn Were

Waikato Country U17A

Tane Vette

Waikato U15A

Bobby Neels

Kade Gerrand

Noah Heke

Dominic Pearce

Waikato U15B

Hunter Savill

Logan Sole

Arama Te Rangi

Waikato U15 Dev

Ivan Dunning

Finn Cartmill

Oliver Friedlander

Hunter Te Akau

Head Coach Jaxson Fisher

Hockey

Waikato U16

David Fernandes

Caleb McIntyre

Jamie Mills

George Hall

Aidan Butler

BASKETBALL HUMMING

The basketball season is humming along very nicely, we are thankful for the Coaching staff of Puke Lenden, Brandyn Were, Jaxson Fisher and Anthony Archer along with some very industrious team managers across our Premier and A-Grade (Social) teams. Without strong pillars and foundations any building will crumble and so we acknowledge the work of all our adult supervisors for the 2022 season. It is very exciting to see new talent unravel before our eyes especially with our Senior Premier Eagles team. We have a great core group of Year 13 students. Nicholas Hayward is an amazing two-way player who has great range from deep. Grace Mayemba is our big who will be working hard in the paint. We have Usher Robson and the veteran campaigner TJ Peterson (who has been in the Eagles since he debuted as a Year 11) forming an elite and experienced backcourt combination.

Both our Eagles (Senior A) and Phoenix (Senior Prem B) teams are playing in the Mel Young Invitation competition with the venue being Hamilton Boys High during Thursday nights so it would be great to see all our supporters come down and enjoy game night. Junior Premier teams are mostly played at The Peak on Tuesday evenings with some games being played in the College Gym so we encourage our supporters to see the new rising talent spreading their wings. It is also amazing to see a large interest from our students in being involved in A-Grade (Social) Basketball and having fun playing with their mates.

- Mr Tim Sadumiano, TIC Basketball

BADMINTON - ANDREW FAIRWEATHER

Andrew Fairweather competed in the National Badminton/Para-Badminton Championships in Auckland this term. Andrew has a para classification of SL4 which means that even though he has a disability, he plays full court badminton and the same rules apply. He competed in both singles and doubles and learnt a lot. A highlight was teaming up with Wojtek Czyz, an ex professional football player with a lower left leg amputation, in a doubles team to claim Silver!



Andrew Fairweather won silver at National Champs

PREFECTS NETBALL

The annual netball clash between student leaders from St John's College and Sacred Heart Girls was a thrilling contest, played amongst deafening cheering from the SHGC women - their crowd definitely provided some home advantage points! Even though our lads adapted well to the unfamiliar rules, there was plenty of whistle for stepping and obstructing. St John's College delivered on a strong and aerial game plan which was challenging to mark for their shorter and lighter opposition - but they had better experience and tactical nous and in the end the SHGC women won 22-21, a closely fought battle indeed! A lot of fun and a great tradition, thank you SHGC for hosting us.





CATHOLIC INTERMEDIATE SPORTS DAY

St John's College played host to 8 Waikato Catholic schools for the annual Catholic Integrated Schools (CIS) tournament. The weather was absolutely perfect on a day where a total of 41 teams competed in rugby, football and hockey. The talent on show from these young sportsmen and women was extraordinary and everyone involved enjoyed the competition thoroughly.

The rugby final was played between Marian and St Columba's with Marian winning the cup.

The hockey final was closely contested between St Joseph's Morrinsville and St Pius. The game went into extra time, but still ended in a draw and it was decided that the teams would share the trophy.

On the football pitch the shield was shared between St Peter's Chanel 3 and St Patricks. The Plate was won by St Peter's Chanel 2 with St Columba's runners up. The football cup final also went into extra time and in the end it was shared between St Peter's Chanel 1 and Marian 1.

A special word of thanks to all the players, the St John's College staff and St John's College student umpires that helped out on the day. Also a special thanks to the sponsors, New World Hillcrest and KUKRI for their contributions.

- Mr Joe Smal, Sports Manager



WHĀNAU RŌPŪ - WANANGA

It has been two years since we have been able to hold a wananga for the whānau rōpū and we were excited about returning to Hukanui Marae. Hukanui is one of the marae in the Ngāti Wairere hapu which covers the area in which St John's College is located. The wananga took place on 27th & 28th of June, consisting of 50 students (taura) with Matua Milton and Matua Jacob as their teachers (kaiako).



Promoting whakawhānaungatanga, the building of relationships, focused on taura relationships, and relationships within the whānau rōpū. Fostering Manaakitanga; Caring for each other extended the concept of relationships, and allowed time for building improved relationships with kaiako. Finally, and throughout their experience at Hukanui,, taura built Knowledge of Te Ao Māori in a marae setting, covering Whaikōrero; Matariki; Kapa Haka; Kingitanga; Tikanga; and Hitori o Ngāti Wairere (with thanks to Matua Ted).

- Matua Jake Kelly, Dean of Māori Taura

MOWER / MOTORBIKE SPARE PARTS?

Our Year 13s are working on a Racing Lawnmower - if you have any spare ride on mower or motor bike parts, these would be greatly appreciated by our Technology Dept.

UOW LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Eight year 13's are taking part in a new up and coming programme called Waikato Management School which is run by the University of Waikato. This programme includes a year 1 university paper primarily focused on leadership principles and how we can apply these principles into our own lives. The course is spread out over the academic year, starting in April and finishing in September. Although we have only completed one assignment so far, it has been a privilege to work alongside other schools in becoming better leaders and making our communities more effective. Just this month we have taken part in presenting a report on a leader we believe to be significant in today's world - my group focused on Valadimir Zelenskyy while the other group focused on Angela Merkel. This is an awesome opportunity for us boys and we are all excited to learn more about what it takes to be an effective leader.

Future Leaders

Nikorima Eru; Liam Farrell; Lachy Kay;
Kyan Rangitutia; Ryan Roche;
Alistair Sequeira; Daniel Ticklepenny;
Declan Warren

- Daniel Ticklepenny, Year 13, Deputy Head Boy



Members of the St John's College U15 Gold Team offered their services as referees for the Waikato wide Matariki Primary Schools Rippa Rugby Tournament on the 23rd at Swarbrick Park. A great day had by the players and our boys did an outstanding job - the mark of a Marist man!



STRONG START TO RUGBY SEASON

Term Two saw the beginning of the rugby season. Our teams are battling it out every weekend in the local Waikato competitions and also the Central North Island competition. Our U55 Gold, U14 Gold and Under 15 Gold are also performing extremely well with the U15 Gold and U55 Gold undefeated so far. Our new Development XV have also made a very positive start to the season and are showing that the future is bright for rugby at St John's College.

Finally, our Ray White Hamilton 1st XV have made an outstanding start to the CNI competition. At time of writing, they are at the halfway mark and appear to be the team to beat. It has been amazing to see all of the support week in and week out. The weather has not been great but the boys have appreciated the cheering and support. The new field has coped with the rain superbly - you'd be surprised at the keen interest shown in the new drainage outlet, checking that our new 'SCHICK' drainage is working effectively. Bring on the remainder of the season!



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AWESOME BLOOD DONORS

Did you know that less than 4% of all eligible donors in New Zealand give blood?

So it was especially great to see the fantastic turnout of students and staff at the latest mobile blood drive at St John's College. 72 people signed up as donors - the usual target is 50!

On the day, we spoke to Chris Dickinson, a coordinator for the NZBlood mobile services. He confirmed that St John's College has one of the highest participation rates of all schools they travel to. And talking about travel, the two mobile units working out of Hamilton cover a huge part of the North Island, reaching as far as Whanganui, Pukekohe, Gisborne and New Plymouth.

Blood saves lives - the Waikato will need about 800 new donors within the next year to meet demand! A first step is getting in touch with them via their website nzblood.co.nz or call them directly on 0800 448 325.



PASIFIKA HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework sessions and an after school feed for Pasifika students after school every Monday. Use this time to work on your homework or get help from other senior students or teachers - Mr Woodlock and Mrs Lyons will be there too. Don't just wish you could do better at school - make it happen!



STAFF FAREWELLS

MRS DIANNE MURPHY

Mrs Dianne Murphy is not well known to students, but she's been keeping track of their school accounts and payments for 21 years! We're not quite sure how we'll manage without Dianne's efficient oversight, her familiarity with College families and all that institutional knowledge about why we do things, why the Ministry funds this but not that, how those little one off circumstances can be handled. Most of all, parents have appreciated Dianne's friendly and compassionate approach to helping manage your school accounts - she's quick to put parents at ease when the school bills are a bit challenging. She has been a loyal and faithful servant of our St John's College community for many years and deserves an active and fun filled retirement. All of our College staff wish her the very best of times.

MR & MRS BOB & SHARRON GRAY

Sharron joined St John's as a digital teacher in 2014 and is a popular, hard working dedicated colleague, always happy to go the extra mile for staff and students alike. Sharron always finds ways to engage her students in interesting projects - special mention for allowing a group of students to produce the Yearbook for some years, as well as supporting our media team who video, photograph and stream our major events. Both of these projects have lifted the profile of the school through slick and professional looking productions.

Bob has taught Mathematics across all the year groups and is highly respected and well liked by his students. He demands high standards from his learners, and this is backed up by being exceptionally well organised and very passionate about his chosen subject.

Our Faculties will miss both Sharron and Bob. Their experience, advice and friendship has been greatly appreciated by staff here. They have exciting travel plans to reconnect with family and we wish them all the best.

- Mrs Linda Myburgh, HoF Technology
& Mr Malcolm Barr, HoF Mathematics



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