



## PREPARING YOUNG MEN FOR LIFE



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



**“... it is imperative that we adults instil in our boys a sense of optimism for the future, for they have much to look forward to.”**

### DEAR PARENTS

As part of the St John's College Old Boys' Foundation I recently travelled to Auckland to meet with a group of Old Boys to discuss our future aspirations as a school. It is always interesting to get Old Boys together and, regardless of their era, the same themes tend to emerge. Whether it be a certain favourite teacher, what we did during breaks, or how great we thought our sports teams were, there is a sense of shared connectedness.

As adults we sometimes look at the opportunities that youth have today and are envious. It is often said that school is the best time of your life but it would be a sad thing to think that the best days of your life have passed at 17 or 18. Saint John's 'gets into your blood' and while we might look back with rose tinted glasses there is no question that our experiences were character building and prepared us for life beyond school.

At St John's we strive to provide a safe encouraging place for our boys, a place where they can find lifelong friends, a connection to the Catholic faith and the skills and dispositions to be positive contributors to society. A place where young men can be vulnerable, make mistakes and learn about themselves and what is important to them in life. We know that the media is full of doom and gloom and that it is easy to be pessimistic. We also know that young men, in particular, in Aotearoa New Zealand are suffering a mental health crisis. Young men take their cue from the adults in their lives and it is imperative that we as adults instil in our boys a sense of optimism for the future, for they have much to look forward to. Research suggests that as long as there is one loving adult in a teenager's life they have every chance of growing into happy successful adults.

The Marist Man programme explained later in this Eagle News guides our students to positive habits of attitude and behaviour, giving them a firm compass for navigating the world around them. I congratulate the young men who've already received their Marist Man awards for 2022, and look forward to making further presentations before the year is out.

Term 3 is a particularly busy time for boys involved in sport. I wish to acknowledge the countless hours that coaches and managers and families put into supporting these young men. For many young people sport plays an important role for them as they mature into adults and you being on the sideline of your sons' games makes all the difference.

**- Mr Shane Tong, Principal**



## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

On a recent Sunday the gospel read at Mass was from Luke 15:1-32. In this passage Jesus tells us three stories of mercy, love, forgiveness, desire and joy. It all starts with the Jewish leaders grumbling about the company that Jesus was keeping, so he, in his very unique way, told the story of the lost sheep. Jesus, as the shepherd, trusts the 99 sheep. They are abiding by the rules, are calm and content, happily grazing in the designated space. His concern is with the one that is perhaps weak, defenceless, distracted and he searches high and low until he finds it. With the consent of the sheep, he brings it back into the fold. Then Jesus speaks about the precious coin lost and how the woman turns the house upside down until she finds it. Finally we have the story of the Prodigal Son, the son who, in his impetuosity, self-centeredness and youthful arrogance, rejects his father, squanders his gifts and talents with loose living and then finds himself at the bottom of the social ladder. When desperation gets to its zenith the son realises that he would be better off at his father's property, even if only as a hired hand. Of course, as we know, the father sees things very differently and welcomes his son into full communion with the family. All three stories end with rejoicing at the return of the lost animal, item and person.

What is beautiful about these parables of Jesus is that they reflect an aspect of our Marist pillars.

**Family Spirit:** the sheep leaves its flock; the coin is separated from the other 9; the son rejects his family. Yet the person to whom these are important stops at nothing to not only seek them out but embrace them on their return, with joy. St Marcellin was concerned for the least, the last and the lost. His intention was always to provide a Christian and Catholic education to those who had nothing, drawing them into the faith fold, caring for them, providing for them, looking after not only their faith needs but, where possible, their physical, mental, social and psychological needs. We are Marist when we seek out the lost, when we make our schools, places of work and homes, safe and welcoming havens for those that perhaps the world pushes aside or ignores.

**Simplicity:** there was no doubt in the mind of both the shepherd, the woman and the father, that what they had lost took priority. Where they could they did something to reorder the disorder: search for the sheep; look for the coin, wait and pray for the safe return of the son. Our schools, places of work and homes can stay simple too. Welcome people in, offer a drink and a nibble, have a conversation, speak up for the person/community, smile and acknowledge the other person. St Marcellin saw the lack of faith of a whole group of people through the Montagne experience and, in working to right this situation he attracted others to the mission because he kept it simple, and the work flourished.

**Presence:** the shepherd was present to his sheep. The lost sheep wasn't just an empty number, number 100. It was 'that' sheep, the one with the extra long tail. For the woman, perhaps it wasn't just a coin but the representation of the people that the coin would enable her to help through supporting them in some way. For the Father it was about embracing the son and keeping him close, not rejecting him and having him distant while on the property as a hired hand, no different to when he was in the foreign land. We are called to be present to those in our schools, places of work and families, not just physically close but through mercy and forgiveness, spiritually and emotionally close, supporting, giving hope, encouraging and leading. St Marcellin may not have always been able to be physically close to the brothers but, where and when he could, he stayed in their lives through writing to them, informing them of what he was up to and offering them encouragement.

**In the way of Mary:** all these stories told by Jesus speak of the mercy of God for us, His people. But there is no doubt that Mary models for us what her son was speaking about. Perhaps it was Mary that told the stories to Jesus when trying to explain to him as a boy, the love that God had for the Jewish nation. Mary's simplicity at the annunciation and at the foot of the cross; her love for the apostles (how could we not see her preparing meals for them and preparing bedding for them when they stayed over), her keeping them together between the Ascension and Pentecost, encouraging them and forgiving them for not sticking around at the crucifixion. She and all of heaven rejoice when we live our pillars, when we give forgiveness and seek forgiveness. And in imitating her and following her gaze to Jesus and living the pillars we will, God willing, rejoice in Heaven at the end of our lives.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki

May God bless you all

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



**“We are Marist when we make our schools, work and homes, safe and welcoming havens for the lost, the last or the least in our world..”**



## KEY DATES 2022

17 October	Start of Term 4
21 October	Mufti Day
24 October	Labour Day Holiday
31 October - 4 November	Junior Exams
1 November	Closing Mass and Senior Prizegiving
2 November	Leavers Dinner
7 November	NZQA Exams Start
11 November	Y8 Orientation Day
21 November	Teacher Only Day - NCEA ACCORD
28 - 30 November	Y10 Retreats
2 December	Teacher Only Day - NCEA ACCORD
9 December	Junior Prizegiving
12 - 15 December	Y10 Camps & Y9 Activities
15 December	End of School Year

## 2023

31 January	Teacher Only Day
1 February	Y9 Pōwhiri and Orientation; Y13 Leaders
2 February	Y9 Orientation; all Y13
3 February	All School, normal timetable



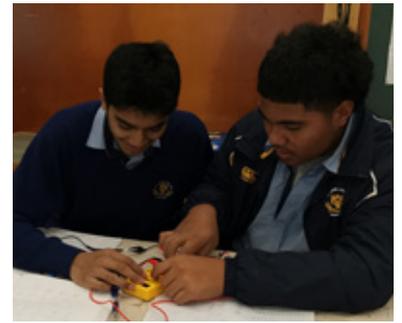
## 2ND HAND UNIFORM

As the year draws to an end please remember to donate unwanted uniform back to the College. The PTFA sells this online (search uniforms on the website) and it can make such a difference to families who are struggling to meet all their bills. Uniform should be dropped into the Office please.

Funds raised go into our student welfare fund, supporting students who need a hand financially.

## PRACTICAL ELECTRONICS

The world is increasingly "electronic", as the fast-evolving technology and its application continue to remodel our future society. That's why we introduced a new subject option in Yr 11 last year, and extended to Yr 12 this year, to provide a pathway to higher level learning related to Electronics and Electricity. Under Mr Li's supervision, students learn how to build electronic circuits and programme an integrated circuit, with plenty of practical hands on experience.



Students using a digital multimeter



Bike flashers under construction

**HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED**

Would you welcome an international student into your home?

We have short and long term students enrolled for 2023.

Homestay Families are paid \$290 / week

**APPLICATION INFO ON OUR WEBSITE**

## MAATANGI WHENUA GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

Maatangi Whenua is a prestigious Year 11 Geography competition. Many schools travelled far and wide to be there, dressed neatly in our Year 13 uniforms with lollies in hand, we were ready to represent our school. The competition was tough, we had a lot of pressure with Maatangi Whenua being in Hamilton for the first time in many years, we couldn't let our school down. The activities tested our geographical skills, especially when it came to the play dough. On that note, we enjoyed it thoroughly, laughing loudly as we tried our best. We looked at maps, played with play dough and ate pizza, clearly the top brains of St John's College. At the end of it all, we walked out of there being able to say "we didn't come last"...

- Jaxon, Kieran and Jake, Y11 Geography Brains



### HE KŌTAHI NŌ HATO HOANI KA RIPO TE MOANA

It takes just one from Hato Hoani to ripple the ocean...so imagine how it feels when 900 young St John's men perform the College haka with passion and pride!

The return of the House Kapa Haka competition for 2022 was keenly anticipated. House leaders coached and encouraged boys in the weeks leading up, and we were extremely lucky to have specialist tutors Te Ohomauri and Te Taonga on hand to support our understanding of the haka and its performance. As the practices went on the students improved which was pleasing as most students had not learnt the Haka due to COVID.

The School Haka was composed by Matua Dwayne Hudson several years ago. The Haka represents the land that the school stands on: "Waikato taniwha rau e ngunguru nei, He piko he taniwha e, He piko he taniwha e"; and who we are as a Catholic School "Tāna huarahi i te pono, te tika, te hāhi Katorika"

An unexpected fire alarm to start the proceedings added to the nerves and tension on the big day. We were grateful to have Mr Paul Barnett as a guest judge alongside our Learning Assistant Joshua Gill. Chanel and Marcellin performed first with solid efforts, then the big guns from Pompallier and Roncalli rolled out with mana and wairua. It was too close to call so we had a Haka Off between the two power houses which was an awesome sight and absolutely deafening. Pompallier were judged winners by the closest of margins and with that went the bragging rights until the next competition in 2023. Special thanks to Mrs Bartram and Mr Kay for their organisation and running of this special event. Thanks to Te Taonga and Te Mauri, our Kapa Haka tutors, for their teaching of the haka to give it mana. Lastly to our House Leaders for helping to lead the Haka and to teach it to their respective houses.

Kia tūpatō rā He kōtahi nō Hato Hoani ka ripo te moana e, BRING ON 2023!!

- Matua Jacob Kelly, Dean of Māori



### WEETBIX BREAKFAST CLUB

As part of our St John's College manaakitanga/caring for our students, we have been part of the Anchor milk/Sanitarium Weetbix breakfast programme sponsored by Fonterra for a number of years now. Every Break 1 in the MC Lounge, students are invited to have a bowl of Weetbix to top up hungry appetites. There's no signing up or questions asked; if a boy is hungry, he's welcome to some food - the only requirement is that they wash up their own dishes! We regularly see between 30-40 boys turn up each morning. It's a lively spot with eager, hungry young men. They leave smiling and calling out "Thanks, Miss!" as they head into the remainder of their day.

Full Stomachs, Happy young Men



Riveting TicTacToe viewing on the PTFA's Atrium Big Screen

### MATHS WEEK

Maths Week 2022 was an exciting week for St John's College. There were Daily Quiz questions for students and staff to complete, Countdown Maths games on Monday in the Library, Ultimate TicTacToe knockout competition over three lunchtimes, and the interschool WaiMaths competition for year 9-11 students.

The Daily Quiz was attempted by over 200 students with Mohnish Singh coming out as the overall winner and a spot prize to Jacob van Straalen. Only 7 students got all 5 questions right. Can you answer the last question - "To the nearest second, when will the minute and hour hands line up between 3pm and 4pm on an analogue clock?"

Have you tried Ultimate TicTacToe yet? Head of Mathematics, Mr Malcolm Barr, introduced the school to this fiendish extension of the old classic noughts and crosses. 60 students signed up for the tournament, with sudden death rounds building up to a final. Samuel de Leeuw (yr10) and Sam Van Hellemond (yr11) battled in the final with the game on the big TV in the Atrium and a large crowd watching. Sam Van Hellemond was the eventual winner.

The St John's College teams at the annual inter-school WaiMaths quiz did very well with the Year 9 and Year 11 teams coming 3rd and the Year 10 team 8th equal. Thanks to Mr Jiyang Shi, Mr Harnesh Prasad, Mr Chan Park and Ms Jackie Watton for supporting these boys.



Samuel de Leeuw and Sam van Hellemond-Finalists



## TE HUI AHUREA; KAPA HAKA & PASIFIKA

The annual Waikato Catholic Kāhui Ako Te Hui Ahurea - Cultural Festival was held at Elim Church on Friday 26th of August. This event is an opportunity for Catholic Schools in the Waikato Area to perform Kapa Haka, Pasifika or other cultural groups. There were nine schools involved in the event including St John's College; Kapa Haka & Pasifika Groups. St John's College had a combined Tongan Group performance with Sacred Heart Girls College which was vibrant and colourful. This was followed by an integrated performance from the Pasifika and Kapa Haka Groups. The Kapa Haka rōpū started off with mau rakau led by Nichaiah Boynton & Jacob Te Rangi followed by waiata and finished off with a powerful school haka.

Te Hui Ahurea is an important opportunity for our men to express who they are as Samoan, Tongan, Māori, Kiribati and Fijian.



## MOVING ON - LEAVER'S NEWS

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

**Final Mass** 1 November 1:00 pm at the Cathedral

**Senior Prizegiving** 1 November 6:30 pm at the Cathedral

**Leavers Dinner** 2 November 6:00pm in the Marcellin Gymnasium

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

Thank you in advance to the marvelous PTFA team who organise this event, to the sponsors who help to keep ticket prices down, and to the lovely people who've donated towards tickets for others.

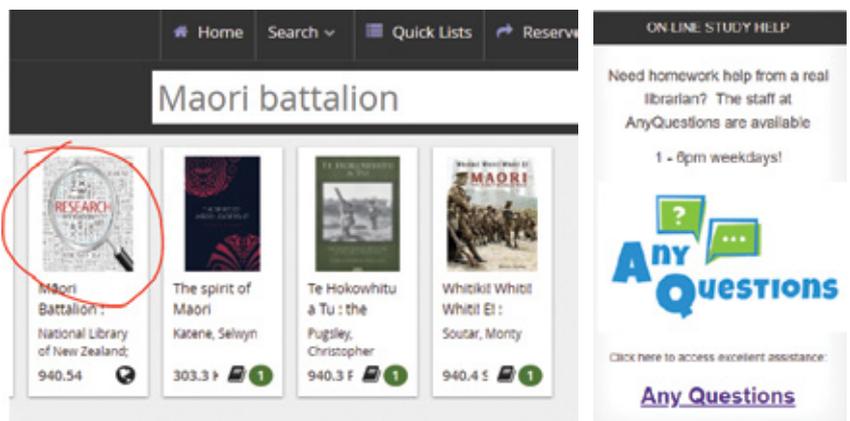
## NO FAKE NEWS HERE

Our students are researching all sorts of interesting topics: the Springbok Tour, the use of 1080, the Waikato Wars and the Canterbury earthquakes. The online world offers all sorts of superb resources for learning - but also a whole lot of misinformation and fake news. It's crucial that our boys know how to discern between fact and fiction and find reliable, trustworthy sources.

Through our library webpage, our students can access a government-funded service called Any Questions. Librarians will jump into a live chat to guide our boys to reputable sites on the research topic of their choice. It's such an excellent service and it's free!

Also on the library webpage, students can find reliable online resources on a very wide range of topics. Primary and secondary resources including newspaper and magazine articles, photographs, academic research, video and radio interviews have been collated by National Library, and are catalogued into our St John's College collection. It's better than a Google search and there's no fake news here!

To check out all of our catalogued research websites, visit our library webpage: <https://library.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz:2001/#/dashboard> Click on Quick Lists and select Research Websites from the drop-down list. A search for a specific topic will also lead you to the websites - look for this icon:



I am always ready to help students find their way to great research resources, it's one of my favourite things to do!

- Mrs Lynley Keightley, Librarian



## HAERENGA - RANGIRIRI

As part of the Ministry of Education roll out of Matauranga Māori the entire staff was involved in a professional development day at Rangiriri. The purpose of the day was to learn about Māori Values that can be used in teaching and to learn about the history of our place in Waikato. Matua Milton Ross led the professional development in a morning session at school around the Māori values such as; Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, Kotahitanga and Kaitiakitanga and we are looking to further develop this kaupapa with the integration of the Marist/School Pillars; Love of Work, Presence, In the way of Mary, Family Spirit and Simplicity.

After our professional development at kura we travelled to Rangiriri via Hukanui Marae and Taupiri Maunga. We looked at the significance of those places to Ngati Wairere, the mana whenua of where Hato Hoani is situated (noting we are also part of Ngati Haua as well), and Waikato/Tainui. At Rangiriri we looked at two perspectives of the battle that occurred at this place and its significance to the Waikato Land Wars. Our Kapa Haka Tutors for the school Te Taonga Muru-Hauraki and Te Ohomauri Rapana looked at the Māori perspective of the war and they talked about the carvings that are found at Rangiriri. We were lucky enough to have Mr Cullen-Wright give the European perspective to the war at Rangiriri, something that he is very passionate about. The staff thoroughly enjoyed the day and we have had a follow up staff hui to reinforce the Māori Values that we are looking at.

He piko he taniwha He iko he taniwha!!!!

- **Matua Jacob Kelly, Dean of Māori**



*Te Ohomauri and Te Taonga recounting the Māori experience of the battle of Rangiriri*

*Sean Cullen-Wright overlays more details of the military battle here*



## EXAMS PEP TALK

We continue to move quickly towards the sharp end of the year for our senior students. Their practice exams have been important to benchmark their progress and to generate unexpected event grades, just in case they need to apply for a derived grade during the examination period because they cannot sit an exam(s). The reality is that the rest of the year will now go very quickly for them and they need to recognise the importance of managing their time effectively to balance what they *want* to do with the work that they *need* to do.

Some students are showing some reluctance to put in their best effort, knowing that they've either passed their NCEA qualification this year or that the Learner Recognition credits that they will receive will get them over the line. I urge students to remember that they're really in direct competition with each other and all other students across the country. Everyone will be getting Learner Recognition Credits so they shouldn't be seen in a way that dilutes their work. They should strive to be the best version of themselves and to foster that 'love of work', do the mahi to see them gaining those qualification and subject endorsements. NCEA Level 2 students are reminded of the importance of this year to support university applications next year, as it will be their Level 2 results that universities will look at to consider offers. If students start to struggle with organising themselves for exams and revision they should check out the study support materials on the college website - select the student life menu and click on the NCEA Study Support link that is under 'Learning'.

Keep working hard and hold your head up high, you can succeed and will succeed with hard work.

- **Mr Dominic Tester, Deputy Principal**

## DIY GUITAR

You may struggle to believe that Dean Brennan-Shaw made this guitar himself, with the help of Building & Construction teacher Mr Lang! Boys were invited to purchase a wooden Guitar Kit, and Dean was one of 8 boys who took up the challenge and spent their lunch breaks crafting and assembling these. What's extra special about Dean's guitar is that he made it with aroha and gifted it to a friend who's own guitar had been damaged. The shape is similar to a Fender Stratocaster, which costs around 15x as much to purchase!



*Dean Brennan-Shaw crafted this guitar himself*

## RADIO INTERN

Sam Hodgson gained selection into The Edge Intern programme, and maybe you heard his voice over letting Waikato listeners know about the construction underway here at school. Great work Sam!



*Sam Hodgson, Edge Radio Intern*



Fraser Ditchfield, Athlete Development Trainer

Kia ora koutou,

You might have seen me around school recently, my name is Fraser and I'm the new Athlete Development Trainer at St John's. I grew up in Southland so please forgive me if I roll my R's! I also used to wear shorts on the farm in the winter down there but now I think I've acclimated and the thought of it makes me shiver.

I am completing my Teaching degree this year so am only working a small number of hours this year, but will build up to provide ADP, morning and afternoon sessions to teams and to individual students next year. So far, I'm working with our Y9 and 10 ADP students, as well as preparing some of the rugby players for their rep seasons. I've really been enjoying my time and getting to know all the great young men at St John's. Obviously rugby, football and basketball have been making massive strides for many school teams this winter season which has been awesome and I can't wait to see how I can positively add to the culture and character of St John's sport. If you ever see me around please feel free to say hi, I'm really enjoying meeting everyone and getting immersed in the St John's community.

Ngā mihi nui, Fraser Ditchfield

## KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONS

The SJC Colts A Football team won the Knockout Cup 3-2 over rivals HBHS in dramatic fashion on the last weekend of term.

SJC started well creating some good chances and dominating possession but it was HBHS who were more clinical in front of goal, going out to a early 2 nil lead. Joseph Ford got one back for SJC just before half time. SJC came out in the second half with a little more hunger and levelled the score from the boot of Butros Beqain. With extra time only minutes away Marco Villegas tucked one away bottom left to secure the victory.

A fantastic achievement from this group and a massive congratulations to Mr Chan Park in his first season coaching the Colts A.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS



Thank you to all those parents, staff and students who put their hand up to serve on our Board of Trustees. Welcome to these newly elected (and returning) Trustees

- Parent Representatives:**
- Kathy Duff (Re-elected)
  - Damian Mills (New)
  - Richard Spelman (Re-elected)
  - Briar Virtue (Re-elected)
  - Andrew Webby (Re-elected)

**Staff Representative:** Andrea Dela Rue

**Student Representative:** Josef Bvastro

These elected Trustees join the Proprietor's Representatives and the Principal to form the full Board.

- Proprietors' Representatives:**
- Rick Cartmill
  - Richard Doohan
  - Tony Fraser-Jones
  - Megan May



## CHANEL SHIELD CULTURAL COMPETITION

Chanel Shield is an annual competition between the five Catholic secondary schools in the Hamilton Diocese. This year St John's, along with Sacred Heart Girls College, Aquinas, and John Paul College travelled to Gisborne where Campion College kindly hosted the event.

This two day competition saw 15 of our students compete in a range of competition including; Bible readings, Bible Quiz, Debating, Dramatic Presentation, Poetry Reading, Public Speaking and Māori perspective speech.

The boys represented us with pride and all did well in their respective areas. A highlight of this competition was winning the Spirit Award, for the school who demonstrated the most heart. Special congratulations to Raphael Ferdinands, 1st in Senior Bible Reading and Nikorima Eru who won the Māori Perspective speech.

A huge thank you to Mr Bormans for his role in organising and supporting this event.

- Mrs Mandy Hale, TIC Drama



Our Chanel Shield team won the Spirit Award



Ryan Roche on the Debate team

## CONSTRUCTION ON TRACK

We're taking our hats off to Mitchell's Construction who are keeping a massive and difficult construction project on track so far. The toilet block is taking shape, due to be finished by the end of the year. In the Social Sciences Faculty area, HVAC ducting ( that's air con to most of us), electrical and data cabling is in, new framing is up and gib is under way. The colours have been chosen (electric blue walls for Soc Sci !?) and we're pondering some very cool furniture for the Breakout Hubs.



Other than your boys practising a few more fire drills than usual (the perils of working on a live site with live alarms), we're really happy with how well the school is adapting to less space this term. Term 4 you'll see the Toilet block and new shade area off the Roncalli Block take shape, and installation of the striking corten steel pillars along the road frontage.



## REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

HOCKEY	
Caleb Fernandes	Waikato U18
RUGBY	
Misieli Mosa'ati - Fosita	Harlequins U17
Jacob Te Rangi	Harlequins U17
Chris Nu'u	Harlequins U17
Tevita Vaea	Harlequins U17
Kade Su'a	Harlequins U17
Simione Veatupu	Harlequins U17
Rico Thomson	Harlequins U17
Amilame Finau	Chiefs U18 Squad
Adrien Collins-Wharawhara	Chiefs U18 Squad
Micah Fale	Chiefs U18 Squad
Daniel Tickelpenny	Chiefs U18 Squad
Jack O'Brien	Chiefs U18 Squad
Wesley Curulala	Chiefs U18 Squad
Kyan Rangitutia	Chiefs U18 Squad
Halen King	Chiefs U18 Squad
TOUCH RUGBY	
Kobe Reed	Waikato U18
Xavier Mihaere	Waikato U18
Kyan Rangitutia	Waikato U18
Izekiel Maulder	Waikato U18
Jacob Te Rangi	Waikato U18 Mixed
Sakuisa Kama	Waikato U18 Mixed
CRICKET	
Jack Kneebone	Hamilton
Brooklyn Miller	Hamilton
Caleb Leslie	Hamilton
Harrison Foster	Hamilton
KARTING	
Jake Young	NZ - 3rd

## WSS GOLF

St John's College fielded its largest ever golf team for the Waikato Secondary Schools team ambrose event, with 5 teams of 4 players entered. After a delayed start due to thick fog the teams were into it. Some great golf was played throughout the day and it was only the final few holes for a couple of the teams that put them out of contention for first place. Nevertheless, the boys will be back next year looking to improve on this year's result. We welcome any new players wanting to take up golf and invite them to sign up in 2023.

- Mr Tymon Neil, TIC Golf



## UP TO ALL SORTS

One of the shining pillars of St John's College's Arts program has for many years been our continued dominance in the Waikato Secondary Schools Theatresports competition. Every year our finest improvisers battle the top schools in the region in a competition of wits, and frequently wind up the victors. This year, however, an extra dose of fun and collegiality has been added into the competitive mix. Running alongside the Theatresports competition, and lead by Waikato's top improv talent (including St John's College's own Conor Maxwell), Project Allsorts is a free fortnightly improvisation workshop that provides training and upskilling opportunities in a friendly and social environment.

Since June, our current batch of talented actors have been improving their craft alongside students from Fraser, Hillcrest, Hamilton Boys', Cambridge, Fairfield, and more as part of this initiative provided by the creative team at The Meteor Theatre. It is always great to see Johnny's Boys showing off their skills in the wider community, and Project Allsorts, as well as both senior and junior Theatresports teams placing in the finals again, has ensured 2022 was yet another strong year for St John's College Theatresports.



Allsorts Improv - for something a bit different!

### STOP PRESS!!

Congrats to our St John's College teams - Senior Champions and Juniors 2nd Place in Waikato Finals.

## HOCKEY HIGHLIGHTS

St John's hockey successfully fielded three 11 a side teams in the Waikato secondary schools competition & MISSC competitions.

- 1st XI - A Grade - Waikato & MISSC competition
- 2nd XI - C Grade - Waikato Competition
- 3rd XI - Under 15 Grade - Waikato competition.

This meant introducing two new coaches & a manager to the group, working alongside the existing coaching team of Greg Middleton -1st XI & Craig Ward 2nd XI & Mervyn Fernandes.

New Appointments were Leon Teao, a teacher at St John's College who helped coach the 2nd and 3rd XI's; Stu McIntyre coached the Under 15 squad, having previous experience with Saints United & WHA; and Melissa Martin, Manager U15 squad.

JT Carter Plumbing 1st XI Hockey Results:

- 3rd Place - In the "A grade" Waikato local competition**
- 2nd Place - Midlands Intercity Secondary Schools Competition**
- 3rd Place - Olympic Stick - HNZ - Secondary schools tournament week.**

It has been a successful year for our St John's College 1st XI, with placings in all three competitions entered. The final outing for the team was the Hockey New Zealand (HNZ) Northern Olympic Stick secondary schools tournament, held locally here in Hamilton. After a disappointing loss in the semifinal, we pulled off a win after the final hooter in our bronze playoff - George Hall scored the winning goal which was a great reward for a high standard of play from the whole team. A massive week of effort for the boys; extra work was required to cover for the absence of Caleb Fernandes and Levi Dyer-Bunce, who were injured during the course of the tournament.

- Mr Mervyn Fernandes, Hockey Coach

## SPORTS AWARDS WINNERS

A celebratory dinner at Vilagrad to acknowledge the hard work and success of our Senior sports teams, athletes, coaches and managers has become an annual tradition for St John's. This year, Old Boy Liam Coombes-Fabing was a special guest of honour, and he shared some highlights and anecdotes about his journey from St John's College 1st XV to Waikato NPC leading try scorer in 2021 and this year's selection into the Highlanders Super Rugby campaign. Here's hoping that some of our current 1st XV crop are able to achieve similar success!

We congratulate all of the prizewinners at our Sports Awards. Listed here are the major trophies that were presented - unfortunately the Eagle went to press prior to the event, so we do not have the winning smiles for you here.

SJC Cup for Manager of the Year	Mervyn Fernandes, Hockey
SJC Cup for Coach of the Year	Puke Lenden, Basketball
SJC Cup for Administrator of the Year	Kyle Jackways, MotoX, SnowSports and Squash
Lynn Dromgool Cup for Student Service to Sport	Liam Farrell, Waterpolo
SJC Cup for Team of the Year	1st XV Rugby
Br Gregory Trophy for Best All Round Y13 Athlete	Kyan Rangitutia, Rugby, Touch, Athletics
Mel Young Trophy for Sportsman of the Year	Kyan Rangitutia



## WHAT MAKES A MARIST MAN?

2022 has seen us introduce the Marist Man. We see our responsibility is to prepare good men - men of Faith, Integrity and Service. Men who are willing and able to contribute to the wider society, who are prepared to look after the last, the lost and the least among us.

Throughout the year, students have been working towards the Marist Man award which requires them to meet expectations in terms of Faith, Integrity and Service.

### WHAT ARE THE QUALITIES OF A MARIST MAN?

**FAITH** - relationship with God. Faith can be seen through engagement in prayer, and Mass, and is evident in and beyond school. Ensuring that their actions, behaviour and language reflect the special Catholic character of the school.

**INTEGRITY** - doing the right thing at all times. This can be seen through attendance, effort in academic endeavours and positive behaviour.

**SERVICE** - relationships with others. A focus on giving back to the community, both within school and beyond.

### A Marist Man

- Is Proud of his faith
- Achieves to his potential - academic success
- A Man of service
- Has balanced and fulfilled Hauora
- Accepts responsibility for himself and those that rely on him, particularly the last, lost and least
- Sets intentional goals
- Self identity - knows who he is, where he comes from and where he is going
- Has Enduring pride in being a member of the St John's College community



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE INAUGURAL RECIPIENTS OF THE MARIST MAN AWARD FOR 2022.

These men have completed 20 + hours of service, have met the expectations in terms of integrity and have demonstrated the Faith element of our special Catholic character.

Year 9
Nate Rastrick
Year 10
Joshua Lane
Year 11
Raphael Ferdinands
Oliver Rayner
Year 12
Reilly Benefield
Paolo Dela Torre
Jack Fraser-Jones
Brooklyn Miller
Anthony Sinclair
Matthew Jordan
Matthew Jeremiah
Mohnish Singh
Hamish Wilke
Max Wood
Year 13
Rory Anderson
Kahmo Binoka
Zack McLean-Duff
Liam McPherson
Samuel Rili
Alistair Sequeira
Declan Warren
Sean Young



## FOOTBALLERS ON TOUR

This year was a first that both the 1st XI and Colts A attended the top tournaments for the NZ National Secondary Schools. The 1st XI had to qualify while the Colts A get invited in due to their continued success and dominance in the Waikato Secondary School Top Division. Both teams throughout the year fundraised extensively to reduce the costs to attend - thank you to our community for your support!

The days leading up to attending the 1st XI were dealt a massive blow with goalkeeper Marlone Villegas withdrawn for health reasons. Despite this set back the team came together becoming a tight bonded unit. Day 1 was daunting, having to play Hutt International and Mt Albert Grammar who later went on to be in the Quarter Finals. The 1st XI competed valiantly in every match, and the results do not reflect the effort the boys put in throughout the week.

Jakub Dowd & Antoneo van Deursen took it upon themselves to be the ones to lift the boys spirits and continue bringing the team together. Brooklyn Miller, Oliver Mulligan, Rejo Johnson and Matthew Jordan all accepted the challenge to play in goal. The week was enhanced by the calm nature of coach Luke Searle, the highly organised Glenda McLeod, the support from Fiona Benefield and the quality meals from Genevieve van Elzakker. On behalf of the 1st XI, thank you.

The Colts A had a totally different experience. They started the tournament well, receiving the Hillsdene Trophy at the Coaches Managers meeting as the current holders Rangitoto College were unable to attend. This put a little fire into their bellies. It was a dream start with 2 wins on day one and a draw and a win on day two. The draw against Napier Boys High School was the game that got away. After leading twice in the match, the Colts let Napier back into the game. Napier Boys had a superior goal difference and narrowly pipped the Colts for semi final qualification. Having to play local arch rivals HBHS the Colts narrowly lost 1 nil and had to settle for 7th after beating Scots College on the final day.

A huge thank you to Mr Chan Park, Brian Webb, Andrew & Cath Bailey for all the time, effort and commitment they showed throughout the week for the Colts A squad.

- Mr Hayden Miller, TIC Football



## TE WIKI O TE REO

**Kia kaha te koorerohia o te reo**  
*May the speaking of the Maaori language be strong*

Taura and kaiako alike were able to enjoy te wiki o te reo with a range of fun and informative activities through the week. A huge thank you to Learning Assistant Matua Josh Gill who pulled together this event for us. Parents will have header about Ki-o-rahi games, daily quizzes, a mass haka filmed and submitted to the Maaori Language Commission, as well as Maaori language content across the College's social media platforms. Staff enjoyed the kai put on by Matua Jake and Milton to cap off the week.



During Term Three the annual St John's College Junior Speech Competition was held. We are so proud of all of the young men that participated. There was humour, flare and enthusiasm in every speech delivered. The Year 9 students were tasked with a 'How To' discussion and/ or demonstration. The Year 10 Students tried to persuade their class and the judges why they should be their class president.

Congratulations to our two winners -

**Year 9 - Paul Wilson (9BA)**

**Year 10 - Samuel Scott (10SI)**

Ka mau te wehi, boys.





## SJC EAGLES SEASON

Coach Puke Lenden, Assistant Coach Natasha Lenden, manager Whaea Jalna Simmons and 17 amazing young men – it was always going to be a recipe for fun and success.

Yes, you read that right, 17 players all fighting for one of the 12 playing spots each week. There was no opportunity to slack off when it came to trainings or games. There was always someone waiting and able to pull on a uniform. There were always 16 teammates to have your back through the highs and the lows.

A pre-season game had SJC Eagles sitting pretty with a comfortable 40-point win over Te Aroha College. But then the Senior Boys Mel Young Invitational Premier Competition (MYI) rolled around and first up they faced their old frenemies, Hamilton Boys Senior Prems, which led to a hard 20-point loss. This shake up saw the boys go on 10-1 journey throughout the competition, beating Hamilton Boys Senior Prems team 86-83 when Keoni Albert landed a 3-point shot in the dying seconds of the game, to win the 1st place trophy.

The season was scattered with pick up games against the likes of Tauranga, Rotorua Boys High School (RBHS), University of Waikato and New Plymouth Boys High School. The biggest loss of the season came during a 'friendly game' against the Eagles own parents and whanau – with Coach Puke showing us all he can still bring the goods under the hoop.

AA Premiership Regionals were held in Rotorua during the last week of August, with the top five teams from each zone qualifying for AA Premiership Nationals. Once again, the SJC Eagles came out to play, winning their first game by a whopping 107 points. It came to an end in the semi-final when they lost to a formidable RBHS team by 11 points. This loss saw the SJC Eagles playing off for 3rd/4th against Hamilton Boys Senior Prems, and in keeping with previous games this was a neck-and-neck game with SJC Eagles taking the final win by two points, to walk away with 3rd place.

The upcoming Senior Sports Awards are a great reflection of the teams' success, with representation of SJC Eagles nominated across the following categories:

- Coach of the Year:** Puke Lenden
- Manager of the Year:** Jalna Simmons
- Team of the Year:** SJC Eagles
- Best All-Round Year 12 Athlete:** Keoni Albert

The final leg of this journey will see the SJC Eagles competing at the AA Premiership Nationals, taking place from 3-8 October 2022 at Central Energy Trust Arena, Palmerston North. We have no doubt that with the awesome support from their parents, wider whanau, sponsors and school the Eagles will soar. Good luck Eagles!

## PHOENIX

The Phoenix team have also had some amazing results this year having been selected to play in the Mel Young Invitation League this year for Waikato Secondary Schools. Phoenix placed 4th in this league only just losing to Fraser High in a very exciting play off for 3rd and 4th. Phoenix had an outstanding tournament in Auckland for the Northern Cup, placing first at this tournament coming away with the GOLD medal – nga mihi kapa, Coach Brandyn Were and Manager Wiki Kingi.

## VULTURES

The Vultures team placed 4th in the Senior Prem Reserve grade, this is an outstanding result for our C team going up against other school's A and B teams. The Vultures also attended the Northern Cup in Auckland placing 13th in the tournament which is outstanding considering they were the only C team at the tournament. Well done boys, coach Jaxson Fisher and manager Stacey McKay.

## JUNIORS

The Falcons had an outstanding season, coached by Brandyn Were this year with managers Tania Heke and Roberta Reed. The team placed 3rd in the Waikato Secondary Schools prem grade. They went on to compete at the Junior Regionals in Rotorua placing 5th. Congratulations boys! The Hawks team coached by Jaxson Fisher and managed by Shay Dixon were in the same grade and placed 7th which was a great result for our B team competing against mostly A teams in this grade. They also went on to the regional tournament in Rotorua and placed 6th overall, they were the only B team in the top 8. Tino pai!





## RUGBY SEASON ROUNDUP

It has been another successful year of Rugby for St John's College. We are so proud of our young men and the enthusiasm and effort they bring to each game. Our 1st XV had a fantastic season. They went undefeated during the round robin games but were outplayed in the CNI Final against Feilding High School. Lessons will be learned from that match and we are sure our boys will bounce back next season. With the season that they had, several players were rewarded with representative teams. Congratulations to the boys who made the NZU17 Harlequins team and to the eight boys (St John's College record) who made the Waikato Chiefs U18 Squad (see Rep Board).

All of our teams played well this year with the majority playing in either a semifinal or final. The number of students playing continues to grow. It was outstanding to see several students pick up the sport for the first time and thrive.

The school took out two Waikato competitions this year. Our Development XV, coached by Mr Neil, won the Marty Holah Cup and our U55 Gold Team went undefeated for the season and took home the Pat Bennett Trophy.

For now, we have a senior team preparing for the Waikato Regional Sevens Tournament. With all going well, we should be able to field a team for the National Tournament at the end of the year.

We would like to thank all of the coaches, managers, parents and most importantly, players, for all of your efforts this year. Enjoy the off-season and bring on 2023.

- Mr Paul Ardern, St John's College Rugby Fan



## U15 GOLD RUGBY

The St John's U15 Gold Team played in the Waikato Secondary Schools 4th Division this year and were highly competitive. In this division we played against older and bigger boys and were undefeated against the likes of Tokoroa U16, Hillcrest High 1st XV, Forest View 1st XV, Matamata 2nd XV and Hamilton Boys High Purple (Year 12 & 13 boys). Top 4 playoffs provided wins against Otorohanga 1st XV and HBHS Purple, and then our first loss of the season against a very strong Ham Boys U15 A Team. In the semi final we played HBHS Purple again, and that win secured a final against HBHS U15A.

We were both worthy finalists and the boys were keen for a good hard battle played at Hamilton Boys. Unfortunately parts of the game did not go in our favour and we battled through as best we could. The boys never gave up and tried their very best the entire game, but were outplayed by a clinical HBHS side. We were very proud to finish 2nd in the 4th Division and the team can be very pleased with what they achieved in this zone.

Winter tournament week saw us travel to the Hawkes Bay to compete in the U15 Invitational Tournament where we played three games in our Pool. We beat Lindisfarne 22 - 15, Ligue de Rugby (from New Caledonia) 42 - 17, and Whanganui Collegiate 44 - 29, setting us up for a final against King's College. Another valiant finals effort against a very strong side, but unfortunately another second place.

St John's College can be very pleased with the attitude of these young men and the way that they represented the College whilst being away from school. This tournament was always going to be the pinnacle of our season and we have gradually built towards making the final in this tournament. We feel very privileged to have the support of generous parents who have contributed time and money into this team. This has allowed us to keep the individual price for players to attend down to a very minimum, and has meant that all players and staff have been able to be kitted out with a sweatshirt, backpack and travel bag.

A big thanks to the following contributors who helped us get to the tournament;  
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Also thanks to the amazing coaches Tony Su'a and Andrew Brosnan, supported by Manager Damian Mills, who gave their time and energy into this team and their campaign. We were also lucky enough to have the support of Kris Browne, Richie Roberts and D' Artagan Lewis, along with Tymon Neil whilst we were away at the tournament. Without these key people, we would not have been able to achieve what we did in 2022.

- Mr Damian Mills, U15 Gold Manager



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## RAY WHITE 1ST XV RUGBY

This team delivered the best results we've seen in some years - the result of a strong development programme as these players moved through the junior grades. The season comprised 13 games with 10 wins, including a clean sweep of the full CNI Round Robin. It was hugely disappointing to be beaten in the CNI final by Fielding High, but credit where it's due, Fielding brought a committed and focused team that day who were deserved winners.

Being the top ranked Chiefs region team in the CNI, we earned the right to challenge Hamilton Boys High in a qualifying match for the National Top 4 competition, the final game of our season. Commentary from fair minded observers agreed that St Johns put up a strong performance and probably will long regret some uncharacteristic, dropped balls with the line open at least 3 times, and a disallowed try from a charge down. In the end HBHS prevailed but our Ray White 1st XV were competitive, and returning players will have learned a lot from these final tough games.

Season points for 635 and Points against 191

Finally a huge thanks to our Major and Jersey Sponsors this year. The boys proudly wore your names on their sleeves every week. Hopefully you got to some of our games and enjoyed following the boys.



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