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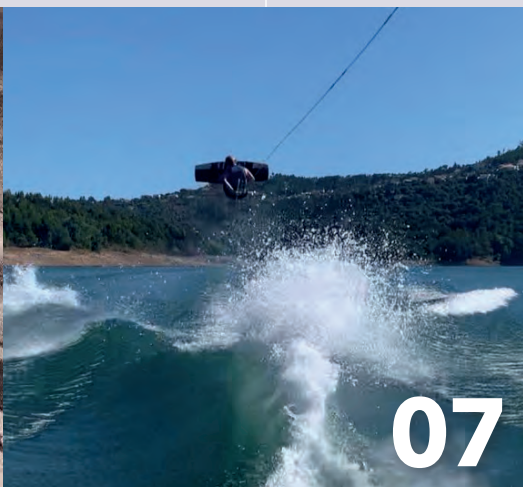
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

DEAR PARENTS

State integrated schools such as ours have a capped roll, and 4 years ago we were thankfully granted a roll increase from 750 to 925 students. This is an ideal size, big enough to offer a varied curriculum, but small enough to retain a close family bond. An increase in roll needs to be managed, taking variables such as rooming availability, relatively equal year levels and class sizes into account. We will open next year at our maximum roll along with a substantial waiting list.

You may well have heard that it is becoming increasingly difficult for year 8 boys to secure a place at Saint John's. Our enrolment numbers have been steadily increasing over the past decade to the point now that we are having to turn away a significant number of preference boys. While this is a clear example of our community wanting to be a part of what St John's offers, it is nonetheless distressing to see Catholic families unable to access Catholic education. There are also boys who would have been accepted through criteria in our enrolment policy but who have missed out on a place in 2023 due to late enrolments. It is important that families read our enrolment policy to give their son the best chance of securing a place at St John's.

Congratulations to Father Richard Laurenson on his appointment to Bishop of Hamilton. I was in the same year at school as Richard and to have an old boy as our new Bishop is a huge honour. Bishop Richard will need support from all of us to carry out what is a very important, but difficult, role. Please keep him in your prayers.

In 2023 we will again be running the RCIC course for boys who wish to become confirmed Catholics. This year some 25 boys were confirmed as Catholics at our Founder's Day Mass and we will be looking to do the same next year. At St John's we 'enrol families' not just the boy. Your son's life and experiences are not a disconnected series of events but the sum of the whole, so too as a college we cannot operate in isolation to you, our community, if we are to do the very best for our young men. In preparing young men for life we want boys to have a lasting relationship with their mates, with the college and with Christ. Information about the RCIC programme will be posted early 2024.

We farewell a member of our senior management team, Vicki Fabling, at the end of this term. As parents you may not have had many direct dealings with Vicki, however in her role as Business Manager she has been pivotal in the development and improvement of the physical spaces you will have seen in the college over the past few years, the new gym being a case in point. Vicki has been appointed as Schools Property Manager at the Hamilton Catholic Diocese office and we will continue to work closely with her.

2023 has been a great year for us, it is always a privilege to share these pivotal years in a young man's life and to witness him grow from a boy to a fine young man ready for the future.

Have a blessed Christmas

Mr Shane Tong
Principal

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We cannot operate in isolation to you, our community, if we are to do the very best for our young men.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

This is a lovely quote from the prayers of the Church. It reminds us that, in keeping with our Catholic belief, every person is created in the image and likeness of God. This gives each and every person an innate value and beauty within that we are called to nurture and develop both personally and as a community.

Jesus is the fullness of that 'seed of glory' that came into full bloom at his resurrection. Mary, as a creature, is also an example par excellence of the 'seed of glory' that has germinated and come to full flower seen in her assumption into Heaven.

Our children contain that 'seed of glory', a seed that we are called to nurture through the sharing of our Christian and Catholic faith, through our instruction and modelling of what it is to be a good man and woman. That 'seed of glory' is nurtured when we encourage our children to be true to themselves and to the laws of God both written in their hearts through the natural law and written in stone through the Ten Commandments. It is for us, as parents, to keep fertile the soil that our child's seed of glory nestles in. We are to water it, to keep it safe from mildew and mold, from hungry birds and frost. It is for our children to care for it as it sprouts, much like caring for their own bodies with hygiene and good diet.

The colours of our 'glory' flower that will bloom when we reach Heaven and stand in the presence of the Almighty will be determined by how our seed has been nurtured here on earth. And we can't use, as an excuse, the things we lacked as a reason why our flower may not be brilliantly coloured or large and eye catching. For Jesus was born into poverty. Mary was a simple woman. Other saints that now rejoice in the presence of God had hard beginnings, difficult lives, personal tragedies and challenges to overcome. Our 'seed of glory' will grow and develop because of our faith, our efforts, the way we confront and work through our trials and tribulations. Jesus, Mary and Joseph model this for us during the season of Christmas. Their example calls us to look not at what we lack but what we have when united to the grace and love of God - for that is the fertilizer for our 'seed of glory'. In facing the Son, our seed of glory will grow in virtue and holiness, something we are all called to by our Christian vocation.

May you have a merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Nurture your 'seed of glory' by going to reconciliation and receiving the Eucharist at mass, for the promise through our Baptism is that we will flower before the face of God when our earthly journey is ended. God bless.

Mr Marcel Bormans
Director of Catholic Character



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**The seed of glory
sown in man will
flower when we
see your face.**

(Stanbrook Abbey
Hymnal)

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KEY DATES 2024

30 January	Teacher Only Day, Y12 Tuakana training
31 January	Y9 Orientation and Pōwhiri, Y12 Tuakana, Y13 Leaders
1 February	Y9 Orientation, Y12 Tuakana, ALL Y13 for morning
2 February	ALL Students
12 April	End Term 1
29 April	Teacher Only Day
30 April	Term 2 Begins
5 July	End Term 2
22 July	Teacher Only Day
23 July	Term 3 Begins
27 September	End Term 3
14 October	Term 4 Begins
5 November	NZQA Exams Begin
3 December	NZQA Exams End
13 December	End Term 4

JUNIOR WATERPOLO TRIUMPH

Awesome win for our Junior Waterpolo team, beating HBHS in the final to take out the Waikato title!!



WIN WIN WITH SCHICK

Jack Hallifax started his career with a Gateway work placement with Schick Civil

Construction last year and was taken on in a full time role in October 2022. Jack is loving being a part of the Schick whanau and has learnt a variety of skills. Jack likes the fact that there are many opportunities to move around the company and he is hoping to make a move to a digger operator role at some stage. Schick Civil Construction are a fantastic supporter of the College, having sponsored and installed the new drainage on our top field.

BOARD REPORT

Kia ora koutou katoa

This year has been another successful and interesting year for the College. The Board released a refreshed 3 year strategy plan, with four key goals, and I'd like to comment briefly on what these mean for the school. The full plan can be viewed on the About page on the College website.

1. **Elevate the Catholic Character and be the school of choice for Waikato Catholic boys.**

A long term goal is to have a dedicated chapel. We plan to complete a detailed building design and funding model within this 3 year period. The Marist Man programme assists students to develop a sense of what it is to be a man of Faith, Integrity and Service. And the sacramental programme led 33 boys to their first holy communion and confirmation this year.

2. **Develop a culture of excellence where all students aspire to fulfil their academic potential**

High quality teachers are a key aspect and it was good this year to see teachers being recognised and rewarded for the skills they bring. We do a fantastic job in NCEA level 1 and 2, with 90% and 93% of the boys getting achieved or better in 2022. We aspire to have more success in merit and excellence endorsements - we need to ensure that academic success is encouraged, valued and celebrated across the school.

3. **Enhance student and staff wellbeing through developing resilience,**

inclusiveness, a sense of self and belonging.

This year the Principal took a sabbatical and researched the mental health and wellbeing of boys in NZ and Australia, and in particular those students who identify as LGBTQ+, Māori or Pasifika. We will continue to learn how best to support these students and provide a safe environment in which they can thrive.

4. **Strengthen our community connections to provide more opportunities for our students.**

Such connections provide mentoring and work experience, and we're grateful to the business community who support the transition from school to work life. The Foundation maintains connections with our alumni, who are providing scholarships and making donations to capital projects like the upgrade of the rugby field and seating unveiled this year. Our parent community volunteer an extraordinary number of hours to assist our boys to excel.

The renewed Chanel Block has transformed a large part of the teaching and learning area of the College and the six wonderfully carved pou are striking at night. Thank you to the staff who have continued to bring passion and skill to the education of the boys this year. The Board wish all of our community a very happy and blessed Christmas season.

**Mr Richard Spelman
Board of Trustees Chair**



STUDENT LEADERS 2024

Once again, there were some very tough voting decisions to choose our 2024 Student Leaders. The quality of Marist Men who put their names forward is outstanding, and we thank you all for stepping up and offering to lead. Through a democratic process of voting by peers and staff, we congratulate these leaders for 2024 who were announced at our Final Mass.

Head Student	Leighton Jones
Deputy Head Students	Callum McCabe & Raphael Ferdinands
Academic Leaders	Jake Young and Peter Ladur
Special Character	Mika Bio and David Fernandes
Arts	William Hernandez and Nathaniel Chong-Linwood
Sports	Harrison Foster and Caleb McIntyre
Māori	William Nepe
Pasifika	Sione Veatupu and Karlan Mosaati
Chanel House	Lachie Cluff and Jonty Shirreffs
Pompallier House	Aiden Timbers and Luka Dale
Marcellin House	Logan Steans and Cody Andrew
Roncalli House	Kurtis McCarthy and William Greentree

SENSATIONAL SPEECHES

The quality continues to improve each year in the annual Junior Speech Competition. Yr9 students focussed on a 'How To ..' demonstration while Yr10s discussed the importance of a significant word to them. Congratulations to Ciaran Whaley, Yr 9, who

taught us how to light a fire in the bush. And to Joseph Pagiua, Yr 10, who discussed the word 'lost' and why it is important to embrace not always knowing the path you're on.

Mr Paul Ardern
Head of Languages



VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

We're hugely proud of Rhys McLeod-Dunn, recipient of a Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award. This award celebrates the attitude and achievements of a student who intends to build their career in industry. In nominating Rhys for his award, the College said:

Rhys demonstrates all the values and pillars of what it means to be a Marist man. He is polite, humble, kind and a driven young man, who has developed some amazing leadership skills. Rhys set himself some goals at the beginning of the year, and has worked diligently and consistently throughout this year to achieve these.

He has always been a hard working and independent learner, and has always achieved his goals academically, as well as personally. Rhys is enthusiastic and has been determined to complete all tasks required of him this year. He has a great work ethic, even continuing to work hard here at school, after achieving NCEA Level 3. Rhys is a well respected student and is a true 'Marist Man', and this is something we admire greatly about him.





RUGBY

We farewelled a coaching stalwart this year in Mr Howie King, whose commitment to the rugby programme over many years has impacted the lives of students and also enriched the entire school community.

Alongside Kevin O'Brien and Johnny Walters, Howie has transformed the rugby programme and cultivated a culture of teamwork, discipline, and excellence within all the teams that he has coached at school.

His sacrifices in terms of time and energy and willingness to go above and beyond to ensure that our student-athletes receive the best coaching and mentorship possible is truly commendable. It is not just about the victories and achievements on the scoreboard but also about the invaluable life lessons our students have learned under his guidance. He has instilled values of sportsmanship, resilience, and the importance of pushing boundaries. These lessons extend far beyond the rugby pitch and will undoubtedly serve our players well in their future endeavours.

Thank you Howie for your unwavering dedication and tireless efforts in running our Rugby Programme. You will be missed, but you have set a standard that we are committed to maintaining.

Mr Tony Su'a
TIC Rugby



FOOTBALLERS FEATURING AT NATIONALS

While others were resting and enjoying Labour Weekend 5 St John's College footballers represented their respective club teams at the National U19 Youth Tournament in Napier. They all played six games over the Saturday & Sunday and if fortunate enough to win the final game on Sunday then another game (semi final) was to be played early Monday morning. This tournament is the biggest and most prestigious annual youth tournament in New Zealand with over 70 teams, more than 130 games of exciting football being played at arguably the best footballing venue in the country - Park Island.

Matthew Jordan & Brooklyn Miller (Cambridge FC) played in the satellite draw making the quarter-finals to be knocked out by the Wellington Phoenix Academy.

Chester Opperman (Melville United), Rhys McLeod-Dunn & William Greentree (Hamilton Wanderers) played in the Championship draw where Hamilton Wanderers also progressed out of pool play for the quarter-finals to be beaten 1 nil by finalists Petone.

And it was fantastic to have three Old Boys in the Chatham Cup Final this year. Keegan Thompson, Jerson Lagos and Matthew Dale played for Melville United at QBE Stadium in Albany. A hard fought battle went into extra time and penalties, with Christchurch United ultimately prevailing. Well done boys, great to see you continuing to excel!

Mr Hayden Miller
TIC Football

Above: Matthew Jordan, Rhys McLeod-Dunn, Chester Opperman, Brooklyn Miller

CO2 RACING

Our Year 9 students have been designing and building CO2 race cars in the Technology Department, and finally got to reap the rewards of their labour at year end. They raced the cars against each other and the award for best looking car was up for grabs as well.





OPEN YOUR EYES TO STEM CAREERS

The University of Waikato introduced a pilot programme with schools around Hamilton. Over seven weeks, senior Pacific students were mentored by students from the University with the focus on STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). We were fortunate to have Reupena Maka Tyrell, our past Pasifika Leader, who was one of the mentors.

This pilot gave students an insight into what STEM subjects offer. Plus, they went to NIWA, the National Institute for Water and Atmosphere, where they saw the different roles this organisation provides. Also, checked out the Engineering show, where we caught up with another past student Deon Stevenson.

This pilot programme gave our students opportunities to ask and find out more of what the university offers. Hopefully, this will continue next year as it gives students an insight into career choices they may never have considered.

Mrs Diane Lyons
Dean of Pasifika Students

CHEMQUEST CHAMPS AGAIN!

The annual Chemquest was held at the University of Waikato with our three teams defending the win of 2022. In an awesome effort Team NaBrO of Raphael Ferdinands, William Hernandez, Raphael Ferdinands and James Twaddle brought home the goods for a second year in a row with a clear first. Not far behind in points was the Bouncing Fullerenes of Jasper Freeman, Jonas Daborn, and Peter Ladur coming in fifth - a very credible result when you consider that there

were over 25 teams entered. Our third team of Matthew Harvey, Cody Andrews and Jake Young did not place but everyone had a great time. Our thanks to Jack McLaughlin who came just in case one of the team could not make it who spent his time answering questions with Mrs Harriet Reed-Hadley who supervised the competition.

Mr Steve Wood
Head of Science



INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

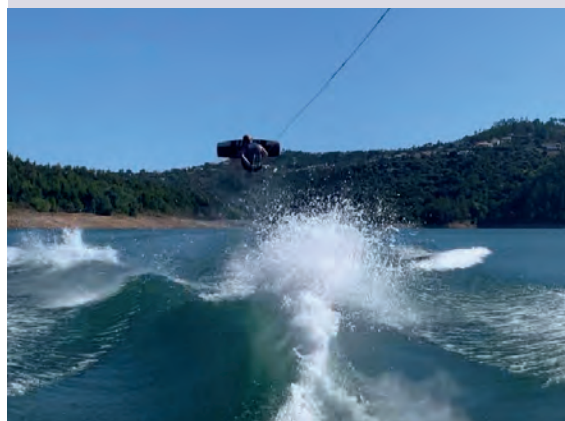
BOARDING SUCCESS

Louis Windleborn finished 2nd in the Senior category of the National Secondary Schools Street Skateboarding Champs in Auckland in September - a fantastic result Louis!



This past august I went to Portugal to compete in the WWA Wakeboard World Championships. The event was awesome. I met lots of professional wakeboarders that I wouldn't have dreamed of meeting anytime soon, and the level of riding was insane. To top it off I surprised myself by making it through to the finals and coming fifth in the junior men division. Overall the trip was a great success to gain fifth place and well worth it to experience Portugal.

Logan Steans



Xavier Karam has had an awesome powerlifting year, culminating in setting a Global PowerChamps world record in deadlift recently. Could you deadlift 147.5kg? Awesome work Xavier!

Raphael Ferdinands recently gained his Trinity Speech and Drama Grade 8 qualification, passing with Distinction - well done!



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UNIFORM FAQs

Where do I buy SCHOOL uniform? NZ Uniform in Tristram Street is your one stop shop for ALL day to day school uniform, including PE uniform. They do online shopping, have a booking service for fittings, run a Uniform Club, have PARTPay options, and will do specialist fittings for really small or really large students.

Where do I buy SPORTS uniform? New parents don't need to rush into sports uniform purchases - you'll have time once your son registers for teams to get the right information about uniform requirements. Unlike many schools, St John's supplies most of our playing uniforms - that makes sport cheaper for parents and also means our players look like a team on field. This approach works well for some codes, but not so well for others - depending on the particular uniform. As a rule of thumb, we'll supply playing shirts for most codes, while parents purchase shorts and socks.

Kukri sponsors our school and they hold a range of playing shorts and team socks in their retail store - rugby, football, hockey, touch and other codes that play in shorts will purchase these from Kukri. Cricket shirts, pants and caps are also purchased direct from Kukri.

Where do I buy ie-lavalava? Buy these from the College Office for \$50. A full range of sizes are held there.

Can we buy 2nd Hand Uniform? Yes, we have a volunteer parent who runs a 2nd hand 'online' service throughout the year, and will open for drop-in buying in the Atrium from 11am - 2pm on Thursday 25 January 2024. Online purchases at <http://www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz/Second-Hand-Uniform>. Online bookings are forwarded and you will be contacted about whether we can fill your order.

Where do we donate old uniform for 2nd hand? Thanks, we'd love to have good uniform donated back please! Please drop items into the School office. We're not officially open for business, but the door's open and clothing can be left up to the 19th December, or again from 22 January.

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KAPA HAKA

Tuia ki te rangi
 Tuia ki te whenua
 Tuia ki te ngakau o nga tangata
 Ko te mea nui
 Ko te aroha
 Tihei mauri ora

What a year of new beginnings for our Kura, Kaiako and Taura. A number of highlights to mention.

- * First Stand at Turangawaewae for our School.
- * First performance at Te Koroneihana.
- * Amalgamation of Sacred Heart and St John's College for Haka.
- * Amalgamation of Kura Auraki (Mainstream Schools) to practise and perform.
- * Ordering of new uniforms for our kapa.

One of the most significant changes is the

enthusiasm of which our men waiata every morning, reflecting back on where they were at the start of the year they have come along in leaps and bounds. Even though the year has finished our planning for the next 2 years is well in its advanced stages.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the following for all their work, long hours and dedication to providing our Taura Maaori with opportunities. Taamia Rapana, Mauri Rapana, Maapihi Rapana, Te Taongu Muru-Hauraki, Kauri Martin and Matua Jacob.

Titiro Whakamuri, Kokiri Whakamura

Look back and reflect so you can move forward

Matua Jordan Rangihika
TIC Maaori



RECONNECTING INTERNATIONALLY

We're delighted to welcome Mr Edward Park to our team, as the Dean of International Students. Covid was a major blow to the international student sector, but we're back up and running, and we'll host quite an increase in students next year. We asked Mr Park to tell us a little bit about himself...

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Dean of International Students at St John's College, Hamilton. With a wealth of experience spanning over 15 years in the international education sector, I bring a diverse background that includes roles as an international market director at Wintec, a journalist, a private school owner, Secretary to the Prime Minister of South Korea for communications and finance, teacher, and more. Alongside my professional roles, I am also a dedicated family man, proud father of three wonderful children, and a loving husband. In my leisure time, I enjoy travelling and watching movies.

Edward brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to education. He is joined in the international Department by Mrs Anna Tuffery, who will coordinate with Homestay families and support those relationships. If you'd like to know more about hosting an international student, short or long term, please call the College and ask for the International department.




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ST JOHN'S COLLEGE AT LE QUESNOY

NZ's first memorial museum in Europe opened in France in October, and Y13 Curtis Reymer, looking sharp in his St John's College blazer, was fortunate to attend with his family. Sited in the village of Le Quesnoy which was liberated by Kiwi soldiers, Te Arawhata, The NZ Liberation Museum features an innovative visitor experience created by Wētā Workshop and honours over 200 Kiwi soldiers who died on the continent during WW1. The opening was attended by a number of VIPs and the pic here shows Curtis with our former Governor General, Sir Jerry Mateparae GNZM, QSO, KStJ.



JUNIOR BIBLE READERS

A Junior Bible reading competition was contested across all year 10 classes, with students choosing from a variety of readings. One class rep went forward to the final reading, judged by Miss Bartram and one of our Special Character leaders Dion Rozario. The students involved were: Arama Te Rangi, Thomas Healy, George Wilson, Jimmy Agnew and Rhyver Strauss Beckett. This year the winner was from 10MA, Arama Te Rangi.

Well done Arama and thank you to the other competitors.

Mrs Jude Bartram
Head of Religious Education

HAERE MAI YEAR 8 AKONGA

Starting a new secondary school, where the students seem overwhelmingly big will feel daunting for most of our incoming year 9s. Some will have brothers, cousins or older friends here and feel some confidence about what to expect, but many will feel very anxious about fitting in and finding their place here. That's why we invite our Year 8s in during Term 4 and show them around, get to know them a bit, and (unluckily for them) run them through some testing so we know what their strengths are. We hope they went home feeling excited about what next year has to offer!



ART EXPO COMING TO ST JOHN'S

The St John's College Foundation is excited to bring its art event 'In the Frame' to St John's College. The inaugural expo will be held on the weekend 22nd to 24th March 2024 and we hope it will provide a fantastic platform for artists to showcase their artwork for sale to the wider Waikato community.

For this expo, we are aiming to attract talented artists working in various mediums such as painting, ceramics, sculpture, photography and mixed media. At this point we are seeking expressions of interest from artists. Interested? Please contact artexpo@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz for more information.

This is a fundraising event, with proceeds supporting the school's and its Board of Trustees' long-term plans to build a chapel at St John's College.

Does the artwork look familiar to you? Yes, the original takes pride of place in our foyer. It is titled Listening and was created by former student Guantian Chen (class of 2020). He says through painting, he was "able to hear his inner voice again, listen to the story behind nature and grace, thunder and rain, hence the name Listening."





BASKETBALL NATIONALS

Third place in our regional qualifiers meant that many teams underestimated our ability to win at Nationals! The Eagles team, coaches, managers, and parents however, had great belief in the team's ability to achieve highly.

Puke Lenden had spent many years building a team of players that knew each other well and played as a team rather than a group of individuals. This meant when something wasn't working, we had a bench of players who could come on and impact the game.

Our first goal was to make the top eight! Pool play was very competitive with the Eagles coming through in third place in our pool, and a must win game against HBHS to qualify for quarter finals. Even though we had beaten Boys High all season we were feeling the pressure - but made it through. We definitely had the underdog feeling going into our quarter final against Christs College who had been playing very good basketball at the tournament. We played one of our best games at the tournament so far and came through with a convincing win to qualify for the semifinals. TOP FOUR!

On to Waimea College who had beaten us in pool play. We took the lead early and played an incredible game. With a few tough calls against us we had a few players fouled out and couldn't quite get the win, leaving us in a 3rd/4th playoff against Rotorua Boys High School. We went in with a determined attitude, the boys pulled together to come through with a convincing win, taking away a bronze medal at Secondary School Nationals 2023.

The Eagles had a brilliant season with Puke Lenden as our head coach, Brandyn Were and Tash Lenden as assistant coaches and Jalna Simmons as our manager. The team culture amongst this group is unmatched and extends far beyond the sidelines of a basketball court. Lifelong friendship amongst these boys and their extended whanau will be long remembered and cherished.

Mrs Toni Hamlin
Basketball Chair



PIZZA

Our Yr10 Food Tech students were asked to write a report for the Eagle on their Pizza Assessment task, here's a goodie from Joel Petrin.

We started with learning about what a pizza is and how and when it was created. This helped us better understand what a pizza is and important features it needs to have. Like dough, toppings and sauce. We then moved onto theorising a pizza for a stakeholder, both me and my partner were away so when it came to the practical we had to go with the flow.

We tried a stuffed crust that ultimately failed because our dough was too thick and dry. We chose a mix of meat bacon, chicken and pepperoni. These meats went well together with the sauce we made. The sauce was made from garlic paste, barbeque sauce, tomato paste and paprika, we thought these would complement each other from previous experience. Both me and my partner worked well together and had the same ideas and evenly distributed jobs.

This is why we were able to make big changes in our final pizza, another reason was we asked many questions like "what would you change about our" this helped us understand what our stakeholder prefers and what they would like to change. Mr Barr said our pizza was under cooked but the flavours were good. So we fixed that and our second dough was probably the best dough in the class. It was soft and doughy as a dough should. We made the sauce the same and kept the same meat. This turned out to be an incredible pizza and Mr Barr said he wouldn't change anything about it and was an upgrade from last time.

Overall it was good to be able to have to figure things out on our own and experiment and make changes. It was a big learning curve and our pizza knowledge has been extended and this was probably better than the burger unit. We worked well together, made good flavours and most importantly made our stakeholder happy. I wouldn't change anything.



Meat Lovers Pizza by Delani Thomas and team



... DON'T BE A STRANGER

For our leavers, a new chapter in their life is just around the corner. We wish them all the very best and hope they will stay connected with the St John's family. So please, don't be a stranger.

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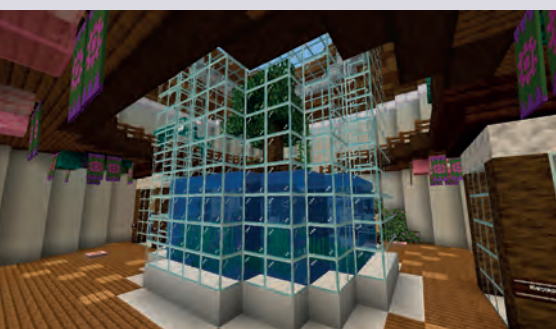
Want to find out more? Go to: <https://foundation.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz/>

MINECRAFT NATIONAL DESIGN HONOURS

In an impressive display of creativity and ingenuity, Shaun Paul - a Year 9 student - has taken second place in a national Minecraft competition that challenged students to design a new exhibit for the National Aquarium of New Zealand. The competition required participants to create an environment that not only showcased marine life but also followed strict criteria, ensuring the well-being of the animals and providing an educational experience for visitors.

Shaun's design focuses on a fresh-water ecosystem, with a living mangrove tree at the centre. The idea behind this was allowing visitors to explore the mysteries of fresh-water fish, and gain an understanding of the diverse marine life that inhabits our freshwater environment.

Shaun recognised the importance of creating an accessible and engaging experience for visitors. His Minecraft exhibit provides various vantage points and pathways, allowing guests to observe the marine life from different angles, including from a height so they can look down from above.



MARIST MAN 2023

2023 has seen us continue to embed the Marist Man programme. 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 the students have been working towards gaining the Marist Man award which requires them to meet expectations in terms of Faith, Integrity and Service.

We would like to congratulate the recipients of the Marist Man award for 2023.

Year 9
Mikaere Cull
Chase Elliottyson
Carlos Etheredge
Cian Giedt
Alex Johnston
Aiden McKenzie
Declan Reilly
Dylan Robinson
Noah Savill
Elijah Taylor
Connor Welsh
Ciaran Whaley
Year 10
Jack Blake*
James Brunel
Euan Casimiro*
Bruno Feist*
Daniel Fletcher
Alec Fraser-Jones*
Connor Giles*
Thomas Healy*
Aiden Hermiz*
Gerald Hernandez
Yeonjoon Kim*
Nathan Moore
Seán Osborne
Sam Overdevest
Nate Rastrick*
Dylan Roche
Alan Shyjan
Benjamin Sonntag
Delani Thomas
Jethro Thomson*
Kenai Toni

Joshua van den Broek
Cameron Williams
Year 11
Alxyz Rian Adove
Luke Bormans*
Kyle Brew*
Aidan Butler
Samuel de Leeuw
Benedict Doohan*
Caleb Flintoff
Karlos Gould
Joshua Lane*
Rendell Lumiwes
Jayden Mabbett
Taine Manihera
Hayden Manning
Quinn Mitchell
Arden Morunga
Mahal Rangihika
Aston Rangitutia
Torben Smith*
Ben Vanderschantz
Lachlan Wallace
Year 12
Mika Bio
Dean Brennan-Shaw
Nathaniel Chong-Linwood
Ethan Cunningham*
Daniel D'Souza
Jonas Daborn
Luka Dale
Timothy Dobbs
Luke Duff
Raphael Ferdinands*
Nathan Fern

David Fernandes
Pryce Chester Gaanan
William Greentree
Matthew Harvey
William Hernandez
Leighton Jones
Taite Lentfer
Jack McLaughlin
William Nepe
Michael O'Connor
Iafeta Sila
Mason Smith
Alex Steiner
Talaiasi Suka
James Twaddle*
Sione Veatupu
Jaxon Wiggins
Year 13
David Castillo
Kyle Chandrasekera
Paolo Dela Torre*
Jack Fraser-Jones*
Matthew Jeremiah*
Alex Keogh
Bradley Kingma
Cayden Mckay
Xavier Mihaere
Conall O'Toole
Christian Pearson*
Dion Rozario
Rico Thompson
Hamish Wilke*

* Indicates the second year of receiving this award

AWARDS SEASON

2023

Senior Prizegiving is a pinnacle evening for many of our hardworking students, and we love honouring their talents and recognising their service. We are enormously proud of every one of our winners, but we only have room to list major prizewinners here. A full list of prize winners can be found in the Yearbook.

JUNIOR AWARDS

Yeonjoon Kim	<i>SJC Cup for Service to the Junior School</i>
Kenai Toni	<i>Ngākau Pono Year 9/10 Award for Māori; Exemplifies Marist Pillars</i>
Ciaran Whaley	<i>Year 9 Principals Award</i>
Luke Mateo	<i>Year 9 Top Scholar</i>
Cooper Watt	<i>Year 10 Principals Award</i>
Alec Fraser-Jones	<i>Year 10 Top Scholar</i>

MUSIC AWARDS

Christian Pearson	<i>Nooyen Cup - Most Outstanding Musician</i>
William Hernandez	<i>Singh Cup - Official College Accompanist</i>
William Hernandez	<i>SJC Cup - Excellence and Leadership in Liturgical Music</i>
Conall O'Toole	<i>The Boyce Cup - Commitment to a Music Ensemble</i>
Christian Pearson	<i>The Honiss Trophy For Orchestral Music</i>
David Castillo Paolo Dela Torre	<i>The Principal's Award - Contribution to the Music Program</i>
Josef Bavastro	<i>SJC Cup for Singing</i>
William Hernandez	<i>SJC Award for Ceilidh</i>
Alxyz Adove	<i>SJC Award for Guitar Group</i>
Timothy Dobbs	<i>SJC Award for Drums</i>
Christian Pearson	<i>SJC Award for Jazz Band</i>
Christian Pearson	<i>SJC Award for Concert Band</i>
Conall O'Toole	<i>SJC Award for Choir</i>
David Castillo	<i>Most Improved Guitar Student</i>
Tanaka Mukusha	<i>Songwriting Cup</i>

SPORTS AWARDS

Another exceptional sporting year for St John's College culminated with the Senior Sports Awards 2023, held at Vilagrad Winery. More than 220 guests attended this prestigious gala event where the College acknowledges the successes of individual athletes, teams and administrators.

The MC on the evening was Karl (KJ) Johnson and the special guest speaker was current Chiefs and All Black Māori head coach, Clayton McMillan. These two gentlemen had a very informative Q&A where Clayton shared some insight into how hard work and determination pays off on the sporting field.

No fewer than 73 students received regional and 11 student's national representation in an array of sporting codes. One of the closest contested award categories was for the St John's College Cup for Team of the Year. In the end Basketball Phoenix walked away with the honours. The most prestigious award, the Mel Young Memorial Sportsman of the Year Award, went to Micah Fale. Micah was selected for the U/18 Waikato, U/18 Chiefs, NZ U/18 Sevens as well as the NZ U/18 Rugby Union team.

Congratulations to all the certificate and major awards recipients! A special thanks to our sponsor, KUKRI, Clayton McMillan, KJ, as well as the owners and staff of Vilagrad Winery who made this evening possible.

Mr Joe Smal Sport Manager

Mervyn Fernandes	<i>Manager of the Year</i>
Brandyn Were	<i>Coach of the Year</i>
Toni Hamlin	<i>Administrator of the Year</i>
Jack Kneebone	<i>Student Service to Sport</i>
David Fernandes	<i>Student Official</i>
Basketball Phoenix 3x3	<i>Team of the Year</i>
Keoni Albert	<i>Best All Round Athlete Year 13</i>
Micah Fale	<i>Mel Young Sportsman of the Year</i>



DRAMA AWARDS

Raphael Ferdinands	<i>The Principal's Award - Contribution to Dramatic Arts</i>
Monty Carter	<i>The Travaliga Cup for Dramatic Characterisation</i>
Raphael Ferdinands	<i>SJC Award for Scriptwriting</i>
Gat Attack	<i>Performing Arts Group of the Year</i>
Alex Steiner	<i>SJC Award for Contribution to Behind the Scenes</i>
Harry Ashton	<i>SJC Award for Contribution to Dramatic Arts in the Community</i>
Strauss Sharp-Beckett	<i>Drama Development Award</i>
Rory O'Carroll, Harry Ashton Michael Ranapiri Josef Bavastro Raphael Ferdinands	<i>SJC Award for Theatre Sports Finalist</i>

MĀORI AND PASIFIKA AWARDS

Michael Ranapiri	<i>Te Wairua o Hato Hoani Award for Spirit</i>
Xavier Mihaere	<i>Joe Tuvuki Memorial Award for Spirit</i>
Nichaiah Boynton	<i>Māhuri Tōtara for Leadership</i>
Micah Fale	<i>Tupua Tamasese Award for Leadership</i>
Sam Cartmill	<i>Kaporangi Award for Academic Commitment</i>
Isaleli Pati	<i>Aua Le Fiu Award for Academic Commitment</i>
Tyler Wetere	<i>He Kanohi Kitea Award for Presence</i>
Paul Uaisele	<i>Metera Li'ao Award for Presence</i>
Tyler Wetere	<i>Te Pitomata o Tānerore; Most Improved Performer in Kapa Haka</i>
Vuli Turaganivei	<i>Gugumatua ena ka ni vuli; Most Improved Performer in the Pasifika Groupa</i>
Tamatekapua Koroheke -Wheki	<i>Nga Mahi a Tanerore, a Hinerehia; Most Outstanding Performer in Kapa Haka</i>
Tevita Vaea	<i>Katoangaii foaki pale faiva fakamafana; Most Outstanding Performer in the Pasifika Group</i>

SENIOR AWARDS

Alxyz Rian Adove	<i>The Principal's Award for Year 11</i>
Zak Hendrikse	<i>Year 11 Top Scholar</i>
Mason Smith	<i>The Principal's Award for Year 12</i>
Jake Young	<i>Year 12 Top Scholar - John Fabling Cup</i>
Taite Lentfer	<i>Special Award: Jason Carroll Memorial Trophy for Success through Adversity</i>
Jack Fraser-Jones	<i>Brother Remegius Cup for Generosity and Service; Marist Brothers' Award for Service to Liturgy in the Marist Spirit</i>
Dion Rozario	<i>Marist Brothers' Award for Service to Liturgy in the Marist Spirit</i>
Nichaiah Boynton	<i>The College Māori Award - The Te Hiringa Award</i>
Matthew Jeremiah	<i>David Williams Memorial Trophy for Exemplifying The Spirit of St John's; Proxime Accessit to the Dux; Proxime Accessit Cup</i>
Xavier Mihaere	<i>Colin Smith Memorial Cup for Leadership; Top Māori Scholar - Whaia te iti Kahurangi; Top Pacific Scholar; The Principal's Award for Year 13 - The D'Souza Trophy</i>
Christian Pearson	<i>College Dux for 2023 - The D'Souza Cup</i>





SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

We congratulate the following students who have been offered scholarships for further study. As you'll see, some students have received offers from multiple universities, so there's some tough choices to be made! A

scholarship offer is a tribute to the potential that these universities see in our young men - they typically look beyond the academic results and recognise other important qualities, talents and leadership traits.

Anthony Sinclair	<i>University of Waikato Brian Smith Memorial Entrance Scholarship</i>
Wesley Curulala	<i>University of Waikato Pacific Excellence Scholarship</i>
Jack Fraser-Jones Joel Castillo	<i>University of Waikato Te Paewai o te Rangi Outstanding Academic Achievement and David Johnstone Trust scholarships</i>
Xavier Mihaere	<i>University of Waikato Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship</i>
Caleb Leslie Samuel penfold Rory O'Carroll Luka Hendrikse Harrison Holden Daniel Bainbridge-Smith Jasper Bom Nick De Vries Abraham Subritzky Jack Edger Conall O'Toole Paolo Gaabriel Del Torre Brooklyn Miller Cole Claxton Ewan Caldwell	<i>University of Waikato Ko Te Tangata Scholarship</i>
Cameron Gordon Rico Thompson Xavier Mihaere	<i>University of Otago Maori Entrance Scholarship</i>
Cayden Mackay Christian Pearson Matthew Jeremiah	<i>University of Otago Academic Excellence Scholarship</i>
Viliama Veituna	<i>University of Otago Pacific People's entrance Scholarship</i>
Christian Pearson Matthew Jeremiah	<i>University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship</i>
Christian Pearson	<i>University of Canterbury Hiranga Scholarship</i>



LEAVERS DINNER

The annual Leaver's Dinner is a very special celebration where the 'Class of 2023' enjoy their last formal evening with proud parents and whānau.

The guest speaker, Stefan Powel, is a past student of the school 2002-2007. His message was one that all, I am sure, took a lot from. Stefan studied in the Netherlands after leaving St John's, gaining a Master's degree in Space Science Engineering. After working for various companies, he started his own - Dawn Aerospace. As CEO, he and his staff are bringing scalable and sustainable technologies into all things concerning outer space. His main message was that to be successful, there would be lots of failures and disappointments along the way. Added to this, enjoying what you do in life, goes a long way to finding fulfilment and happiness.

The Marcellin Centre looked amazing - thank you to the many people who contributed to this special evening.

Mrs Jackie Watton
Year 13 Dean





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