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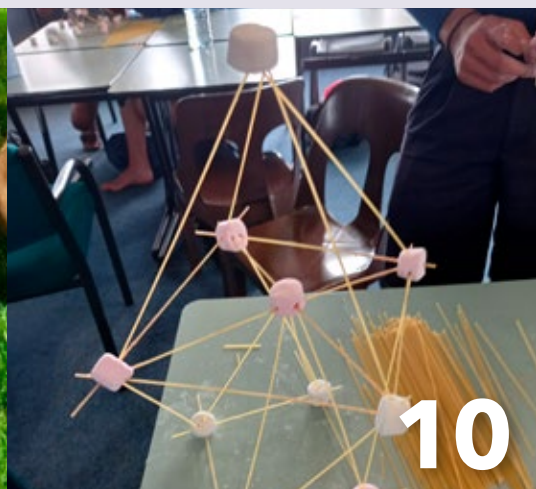
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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents

I was recently sent a link to an RNZ article titled *"Is it OK to baptise your child just to get into a Catholic school?"* The article discusses the benefits of a Catholic education and how, for some families, it is viewed as an affordable alternative to private schooling. Certainly, Catholic schools in New Zealand are generally high-performing and have no difficulty filling their rolls.

A former Catholic priest interviewed in the article points out that there is potential for what he calls "cognitive dissonance" for a child when they receive one set of beliefs and values at school while their family does not share those beliefs. He concludes that he would not have been comfortable baptising a child in such circumstances.

In my view, if a family chooses a Catholic school, it is important that they allow their child the freedom to engage openly with the faith tradition of the School and make their own decisions as they progress through their faith journey. Students need to keep an open mind and heart to the potential of Christ in their lives. In the end, faith is a personal decision. Faith is often caught rather than taught, and sometimes it is not until many years later that a person returns to the Faith.

The performing arts continue to go from strength to strength, with the recent production of *Oliver!* being a particular highlight. It is a privilege to watch our young people perform, whether that be in the choir (which has grown from 12 to 40 boys), the stage production, or the drum corps. The performing arts provide opportunities for boys not only to express themselves but also to grow in confidence. The skills they develop are lifelong and transferable to many aspects of their future lives.

We recently held our annual Year 8 Open Evening, which was extremely well attended. At the beginning of the evening, three people spoke: the Head Boy, a Year 9 student, and myself. Although we do not compare notes, we inevitably touch on similar themes - the sense of brotherhood at Saint John's and what it means to be a Marist Man.

The power of the spoken word, and the importance of expressing abstract ideas in language that boys can understand and relate to, should never be underestimated. So, what is a Marist Man?

Firstly, a Marist Man is someone who embodies Faith, Integrity, and Service. A new student wants to belong at Saint John's. He is curious about who we are and desires to be one of us.

Next, he begins to take pride in belonging. He tells others about the school, defends it when others run it down, and says things such as, "I love it here."

A Marist Man also wants to contribute to the wider life of the School by treating other members of our community with love and respect. You cannot fully enjoy the benefits of being a member of Saint John's without becoming involved and giving back.

He begins to support and stand up for boys who need encouragement, friendship, or assistance.

A Marist Man knows that he belongs, that this is his place, and that he stands as an equal member of the community.

Lastly, a Marist Man remains connected after leaving Saint John's. He has made lifelong friends and knows that he has a place where he will always belong.

This transformation happens over time. Often, it is not until they leave us that our young men reflect on their years at Saint John's and fully appreciate the gift they have been given.

God Bless

Mr Shane Tong
Principal

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From the Director of Catholic Character

Tena koutou katoa,

The Risen Lord is within us - Alleluia!

As we leave behind the Easter season, we have three great feasts that follow each other.

Pentecost - 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead we have the dramatic arrival of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and Mary where they were transformed from people too afraid to speak to people that will boldly proclaim the Word of God. This is often referred to as the 'birthday of the church'.

A week later we celebrate Trinity Sunday, which describes the cornerstone of our Christian faith for our ONE God is Father - creator, Son - Jesus the Christ, redeemer and Holy Spirit the sustainer who came upon the early church at Pentecost and continues to 'sustain' the church today.

Then a week later we have the Feast of Corpus Christi - The Body and Blood of Christ. This feast affirms our belief as Catholics that at the Last Supper Jesus gave of himself - Body and Blood - which we continue to do 'on memory of Him' and so at every Mass Jesus the Christ becomes truly present as Body and Blood under the appearance of bread and wine which we receive in Holy Communion.

After these three feast days we return to 'ordinary time with God' and very quickly celebrate our patronal founder St Marcellin Champagant (whose feast day is 6th June) who, in the turbulent time of the French Revolution, realised to walk with God was about walking with and educating the youth and the poor. Our 'MC Day' mass was on the 10th June and this year we acknowledge that it is 150 years since the arrival of the 'second wave' of Marist Brothers to NZ in 1876.

On another note, you may have heard that Pope Leo XIV has released his first encyclical entitled 'Magnifica Humanitas' where he talks about the role of 'Artificial Intelligence' and its place in our world. In this encyclical he stresses that we must 'safeguard the human person in the time of Artificial Intelligence' in particular the right to human dignity, labour and modern social ethics. In this encyclical Pope XIV warns that 'AI' must serve humanity and that the use of 'AI' must not reduce human value to productivity. Pope Leo XIV particularly warns against the use of 'AI' in military weaponry and autonomous military systems that makes warfare 'impersonal and immediate' and argues that the 'just war' theory needs revaluation in this digital age. Pope Leo XIV reminds us that the mark of a just society is to what extent that that particular society treats its most vulnerable - the poor, the migrant, the sick, the lonely.

God bless

Mr Brian Belczacki
Director of Catholic Character



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Key Dates 2026

Term 3

20 July	Teachers' Only Day
21 July	Term 3 begins
22 July	Senior Report Evening
28 July	Careers Expo Evening
5 August	Options Evening
12 August	Junior Report Evening
22 August	School Ball
31 August - 4 September	Winter Tournament week
9-16 September	Senior exam week
22 September	Maaori and Pasifika Awards Evening
25 September	Term 3 ends

Term 4

12 October	Term 4 begins
20 October	Arts Awards Evening
22 October	Senior Sports Awards
26 October	Public Holiday (Labour Day)
27 October	Year 13 Leaver's Dinner
29 October	Closing Mass and Senior Prizegiving
3 November - 1 December	NZQA Exams
4 December	Junior Prizegiving
7-10 December	Year 9 Activities week and Y10 Camps
10 December	Term 4 ends

Advanced Academic Programme

Our intention is to support and reward our students with outstanding academic merit. The purpose of this programme is to provide our High Performance Academic students with a differentiated experience in a supportive educational environment. The programme aims to offer significant opportunities to develop and sustain their success academically while offering skills to maintain health, well being, and future pathways.



Seminars will be provided for our 22 invited Year 13 students.

Study technique and Standard Skills Analysis - Analyse the strategies that best suit each student and have an understanding of which methods build the most knowledge. A second session after the Derived Grade examinations will revisit the targeted skills and knowledge analysis. Students will then build a new study programme for the six weeks before the NCEA Examination period begins.

Writing for Academic Purposes - A lecturer from The University of Waikato will have a session discussing writing at the tertiary level.

Big Picture Coaching - Knowing Yourself Under Pressure - An honest audit across life areas: academic, physical health, mental well-being, relationships, family, interests and creativity, rest and recovery, and sense of purpose. This will likely highlight imbalances that can be addressed before the academic year's pressure peaks.

A second session after the Derived Grade examinations will examine performance psychology, burnout recognition, and sustainable study habits.

Scholarship Applications

The Careers Counsellor will offer a session targeting access to scholarship funding for tertiary study. Our young men will assess funding options, and become familiar with the application process.

Ms Andrea Dela Rue
HOF English and Languages
Academic Dean





Winning start to the Football season

St John's 1st XI football season has just begun and straight off the back we win silverware!

On a cold and wet Friday night we started off our season against a strong St Peter's team at Flynn Park. It was an entertaining game of back and forths where both teams had the opportunity to win. Our first goal came from a great run down the wing by our striker Jack Holah, who sent in a whipping cross for Sam Peterson to finish. Second goal was a well converted penalty from Jack.

Just when the game was tied 2 - 2, deep into the 2nd half, magical Matt came up with a pin point shot from outside the box, placing it just past the goalkeeper's reach.

The games ended 3 - 2 to St John's College, a strong statement to the rest of the league.

The trophy is equivalent to a Ranfurly shield of NPC Rugby where we have to hold on to it until the end of the season to be the winners!

Boys would love to have your support! Information on games can be found on the St John's College Football & Futsal Socials:

Facebook: St John's College Football & Futsal

Instagram: sjc_football_futsal

Current Results:

vs St Peters	vs Cambridge High School	vs Rotorua Boys High School
Win 3 - 1	Draw 2 - 2	Draw 4 - 4

Mr Chan Park TIC Football and Futsal



From Old Boy to Counsellor — Coming Full Circle at St John's

I'm Jonathan Brown, an old boy from St John's College. I left in 2003, and for the past two years I've been coming back, initially two days a week as part of my counselling practicum and now contracted one day a week as part of the pastoral care team.

When I reflect on my time as a student, the community that formed during those years has proven to be one of the most enduring parts of my life. Some of my closest mates to this day are old boys from that era. That kind of connection doesn't happen everywhere, and it's part of why returning has felt less like a professional placement and more like coming home.

The path between leaving and returning has been a full one. From rural Waikato roots I went on to work internationally including presenting to the then Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, and working on large-scale infrastructure projects including the 2012 Olympics build. Back home, I helped establish a multidisciplinary consulting firm that over a decade grew to more than 120 staff across five offices at my time of exit.

The shift to counselling wasn't out of the blue. The parts of my career I'd always found most rewarding were the people ones, including mentoring staff, building genuine client relationships, and making a real difference in someone's life at the moments that mattered most. A period of personal grief sharpened that awareness and inspired me to pursue it. I retrained as a Life Coach and Counsellor and founded Big Picture Coaching & Counselling in the Waikato. And it has quickly become the most meaningful chapter of my career.

Coming back to St John's has been hugely rewarding. The staff culture is warm, collaborative, and deeply committed to the wellbeing of the young men. And I feel genuinely privileged to play a small part in supporting the young men as they navigate the very real challenges of life today.

Mr Jonathan Brown
Big Picture Coaching & Counselling

www.bigpicture.nz



The Gunner's Mate

As the first volleys landed in the sea close to the HMS Inimitable, Gunner's Mate William Hardy organised the powder boys, sending them running with the cannonballs to their guns crews. A lucky hit landed just centimetres away, splinters flying around him as he watched the first broadside roar out. Flames erupted from the cannons like volcanoes, unleashing the full destructive energy of the Royal Navy at war. They had been hunting French ship Neptune for weeks now, the elusive ship supposedly full with bullion. As an officer, Will couldn't be more excited for his share of the prize money, which although small, would still be substantial from a prize like this. Broadside after broadside continued to rumble across the azure Mediterranean, an orchestra striking up. Although overpowered by 10 guns, the hands of the HMS Inimitable were confident. They had been trained to perfection by Captain Sir Byron Bennet, a seasoned veteran of the Napoleonic wars.

Turning slowly, the ships were engaged in a strange ballet, each going for the most crippling target: the masts. Without the masts, these ships were nothing, floating coffins for those in them. That was when it happened. A well-aimed shot from the French hit their mainmast, and in the strong breeze it was swinging ominously. All available hands, including Will, rushed up the ropes to rescue the sails before the whole thing came crashing down. Up there, with the wind whistling and the mast creaking eerily, he was terrified. As fast as he could he rescued the nearest sail, fiddling with the knots, sweat pouring down his body. With the help of other hands, he managed to get it safely to the deck, though not without a few tense moments.

Slowly, HMS Inimitable was taking on water, having sustained multiple hits below the waterline. Volley after volley passed between the two ships, with Neptune closing in on her injured enemy. Will stationed himself on the top deck, and on the captain's orders, directed all guns towards Neptune's spars. "If we can hit some of those, men, we'll be guaranteed to win this!" Just as they were preparing to board HMS Inimitable, a creak came through the smoke, followed by the crashes and splashes of Neptune's fore and main-masts breaking away into the abyss. A cheer engulfed the ship, followed by further celebrations as the French struck their colours.

The hands awaited eagerly the choice of the prize crew, each hoping for a coveted chance to see home.

"Mr. Hardy, you will go with the prize crew," Captain Sir Byron ordered at the end of the selection, a look of professional appreciation on his face, a rare sight from their hardened captain.

"Thank you kindly sir," Will replied, ecstatic at being picked. He hurried down into his quarters and began to pack, thinking of all he had to look forward to at home.

Will Fraser-Jones is a Year 9 student and this is his final piece for his Term 1 Creative Writing assessment.

An update from your Foundation

Recent events

2026 Golf Day

The 2026 Golf Day brought together old boys, and friends for a successful day of golf and catching up, raising \$10,000 to support Foundation initiatives!

The SJC Foundation Pub Quiz

Our first ever pub quiz was fantastic - thank you to everyone who came along and showed off their knowledge talents.



foundation.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz



facebook.com/stjohnscollegefoundation

2025 Annual Report

We are pleased to produce our inaugural annual report, please take a moment with a cuppa to read what your Foundation has been up to in 2025.

Read at <https://bit.ly/4voyjmu>



St John's College
Foundation





Perfectly Imperfect: Showquest Success

In June, St John's competed at the Waikato Regionals for Showquest for the 4th year running. Arts leader, Rhyver Sharp-Beckett, is our only student to compete in all four years, so it was only natural that he took the lead on this student-driven piece. It was amazing to see so many students take pivotal roles, such as Gabriel Caingal composing original music, John Alcantara and Luke Mateo creating a polished video wall, and Yeonjoon Kim leading a talented band consisting of musicians from Year 9 through to Year 13. Joseph Pagua beautifully read the blurb, introducing the piece about Human Imperfection, the key message being to embrace your authentic self and let go of the idea of being perfect - this picked us up the award for Best Story!

We want to thank Manaia Wetere-Ryder for all her mahi in choreographing two of our pieces; we appreciate her efforts with the boys and sharing her talents and time with us! Alongside this, credit to our very own talented dancer, Oliver Johnson, for his solo dances that he choreographed for the performance.

This year, a change of venue saw the event held at the BNZ theatre in town - it was an awesome opportunity for our boys to showcase their skills and talent. One of the judges, Benny Marama, commented that the future of performing arts is in good hands with the talent on display, and he is not wrong.

The 37 boys involved across all disciplines, including our quick painting backstage crew, should be really proud of their efforts to pull off such a powerful piece.

We were really pleased to pick up the following awards:

Best Story

Excellence in Music - Original Composition

Recognition in Music - Live Music

First Place winners of the Waikato Regionals - putting us into the finals, the national competition later this year.

Mrs Mandy Hale
TIC Drama





St John's Strikes the Right Chord

WaiBop Regionals of the Young Singers In Harmony (YSIH) Competition was held in Hamilton in early June. Mr Malcolm Barr can be credited with reintroducing St John's to Barbershop singing in very recent years, and it is pleasing to see the boys go from strength to strength. This year, we added a chorus to our competing group, as well as a second quartet.

YSIH is an a cappella and barbershop competition for secondary school students, encouraging musical excellence and growth. Students compete in Quartets and Choruses across three categories: upper voices, lower voices, and mixed voices.

St John's, under the expert direction of Mr Barr, should be proud of their accomplishments and growth, and placed in every category they were involved with. The newly formed chorus, Flight Crew, won first place in Lower Voices with an impressive score of 64.6 and came 5th overall; competing against Upper Voice choruses who were not on debut. Our quartets, IV Fluid, and Four Teen Days, placed 1st and 3rd, respectively, in the Lower voices category.

Our biggest Barbershop fanatic, Yeonjoon Kim, competed in Mixed Voices Quartets, Te Hononga, and Middle Ground, and took out the top two spots in this category.

We want to thank all the supporters, as well as acknowledge all the time and effort that the boys and Mr Barr have put into this success. We wish them all the best for their performances at Nationals.



Flight Crew

* also in *IV Fluid* + also in *Four Teen Days*

John Alcantara*
Kobe Allan
Ezra Arnephy+
Larin Gabriel Caingal*
Lewis Calder
William Carter+
Euan Casimiro
Peyton Fraser
Zayne Gunkel
Alex Johnston

Joshua Kabiling*
Yeonjoon Kim*
Luke Mateo
Theo Mitchell
Joseph Pagua
Sanalio Pelenato Palusa
Bradley Richards+
Jai Sargeant
Rhyver Sharp-Beckett+
Victor Solomon





School Production Shines at Clarence Street

Late in Term One we held our School Show, Oliver! It was bigger and better than ever, branching out and performing at Clarence Street Theatre.

We love combining with Sacred Heart for the annual show and had a combined cast of 60 students.

With a unique NZ twist we shed a light on poverty in NZ whilst delivering the classic musical storyline and songs.

We can not express our gratitude enough to all those involved in making this a success. Our creative team, cast, and crew poured in so many hours, and got rave reviews from large audiences as a result.

Mrs Mandy Hale
TIC Drama





Future sporting stars strut their stuff

The sun was out in all its glory, providing perfect conditions for the annual Catholic Integrated Schools (CIS) sports tournament. A total of 45 teams gathered for a day of exciting competition, with students showcasing their talents across rugby, hockey, and football.

The tournament was filled with impressive displays of skill, determination, and teamwork as young athletes competed with passion and pride. Supporters lined the sidelines, creating a vibrant atmosphere and cheering on the future sporting stars of their schools.

The event once again highlighted the strong sporting spirit within the CIS community, bringing students together in friendly competition while fostering sportsmanship, camaraderie, and a love of sport.

A big thank you to all the participants, coaches and managers from participating schools as well as the teachers and students from St John's College, acting as officials, for making this day a roaring success.

Mr Joe Smal
Director of Sport



STEM Exploration with The University of Waikato

Some of our Year 10 and 11 Pacific students have taken part in The University of Waikato STEM programme. During Term Two, they have looked at engineering and extracting DNA from strawberries. This programme ends with a visit to the university where students explore the different fields STEM offers.





Students Hit Their Stride at Annual Cross Country

We could not have asked for better weather to run the School Cross Country on the 14th May. While it was a crisp morning, with single figure temperatures, the sun was out and not a cloud in the sky. First up to run were the Year 9s who were keen to start. The lead group consisted of the ADP students and 100m separated 1st to 5th place. Cade Thorndike eventually took the win metres ahead of Heath Martin. Period 2 was the Year 10s turn. Morgan Saunders led from start to finish with an impressive run. Period 3 was the seniors' turn. While good numbers volunteered and turned up, few actually ran the course. The 20 or so competitors who gave it their best did well. The Murray brothers - Vaughan and Lachlan took out 1st and 2nd while Riley Eagles edged out his brother Xavier for 3rd. Thank you to the staff and student Leaders for their support and assistance for the event.

Results	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 9s	Cade Thorndike	Heath Martin	Layton Mitchell
Year 10s	Morgan Saunders	Riley Patmore	Ryan Mourits
Seniors	Vaughan Murray	Lachlan Murray	Riley Eagles

Mr Hayden Miller
Asst HOF PE and Health



In Brief



Congratulations to one of our Academic Leaders - **Will Riley** - who has been accepted into the Cardiothoracic Surgical Skills Summer Internship at Stanford University! By the time you read this, he will have attended two weeks of online lectures in the mornings followed by skills training sessions in the afternoon which focused on skin suturing, vascular anastomosis and valve suturing using synthetic simulators and surgical instruments. He'll then film himself demonstrating the skills he's learnt for this lecturer's feedback.



Alex Copocean has been selected to represent New Zealand, as part of the White Silver Fern Team, at the Tri Series swimming championship, in Karratha, Western Australia, from 5-12 July.



Ethan McKenzie will be going to the Australian Lacrosse Nationals tournament in October. The week-long international tournament in Queensland will see regional and state teams from across Australasia face off.



Maadi - History made

This year saw us take 14 athletes (12 rowers and 2 coxswains) to the Maadi regatta in Twizel in March. It was an awesome experience for all involved. Our novice squad got to experience this pinnacle event with more than 2100 competitors. Competition was cut-throat with many events seeing athletes eliminated if they didn't make top 4 in their heat. There were some repechages, but even to get into these was a struggle.

All athletes and all crews made finals which is a huge achievement for a small squad at such a massive regatta. The most impressive effort was afforded to our senior squad who managed to have both crews make the A final for the U18 2- (pair). The same four men, together with our novice coxswain Ben Cattle, backed up in the afternoon to make the A final for the U18 4- (four). This event, the Springbok shield, is the second most prestigious event for boys at the regatta.

The results for our U18 athletes (and coxswain) meant that they all received Top Ten Badges - a prestigious award.

National Beach sprints 2026

This year saw us take 8 athletes to the NZ Beach Sprints championships held in Orewa. The best result was Sam & Kenai who came second - missing out on the gold medal by 0.4 seconds!

Rowing Prizegiving

The end of the season saw us present the awards to the top performing individuals and crews. We continued on with our tradition of presenting taonga to our seniors who had completed four full seasons. These taonga are dipped in the Waikato river near where they train at the Waikato Rowing Club on Grantham St.

Award winners

Eli Ah Ping	Most continuously improving novice
Shiloh Ngapo-Sage	Most valuable returner (not a senior)
Tommy van Jaarsveld	Most valuable returner (not a senior)
Sam Overdevest	Most valuable senior
Braxton Klenne	Sportsmanship
Joel Harvey	Dedication to the season
Nathan Moore	Most improved senior / Rowers Rower
Ben Cattle	Best crew performance (U18 4-)
Nathan Moore	Best crew performance (U18 4-)
Kenai Toni	Best crew performance (U18 4-)
Sam Overdevest	Best crew performance (U18 4-)
Cooper Watt	Best crew performance (U18 4-)

Capping

2026 saw the awarding of the first caps for rowing. To be eligible for these, athletes need to be selected for 4 "selected regattas" (i.e Maadi, National Club Championships). We presented these caps to the following athletes.

Nathan Moore	Sam Overdevest	Ben Sonntag	Kenai Toni	Cooper Watt
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These young men have represented the college with pride and consistently demonstrate the characteristics of a Marist Man. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise Delani Thomas who could not row at the end of the season due to a serious back injury which meant he was not eligible for his cap. He has been the heart and soul of the squad.

A huge thank you to the coaching team Kylee Corboy (Head coach), Jack Clark (U18/U16), Arianna Robinson and Arden Morunga (novices), and Rose Abbott (coxswains) for all they have done this year. We are excited to have Kylee, Jack and Arianna back for the 2026-27 season. Good luck to Arden as he has moved to Auckland for study and has been picked up by Mt Albert Grammar and is coaching their novice girls squad. Also, to the committee - you have been fantastic. I'd like to acknowledge those parents who are leaving us. You will always be part of the St John's College rowing family and we hope to see you on the side of the lake this summer.

Finally - look out on the river for some of the parents (and the Teacher in charge!) as we are undertaking a learn to row programme with the boys putting us through our paces.

Miss Jackie Smith
Deputy Principal and TIC Rowing

Outdoor Education Mid-Year Highlights

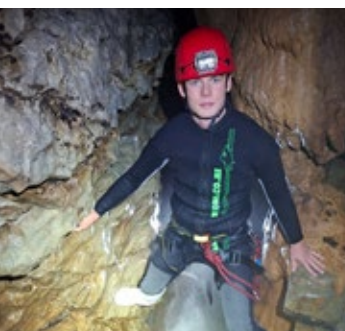


It's hard to believe we are half way through the year already, with a whole bunch of the Outdoor Education trips already completed. Our Year 11s have been Kayaking, Tramping, Camping and hitting the Hagas Honking Holes Cave. The Year 12s have completed an overnight stay in Waitawheta, Daly's clearing and day trips to explore the Lost World Caves in Waitomo. Our Year 13s have completed the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, their Survival Camp in Ngohitanu Bay, the Atua tu Moe/Sleeping Gods Canyon and by the time you read this will have completed their SRT assessment in the Karamu Caves.

All that is done and we still have High Ropes, Rock Climbing, Abseiling and Mountain Biking to look forward to.

A massive thank you to our awesome guides and providers New Zealand White Water Academy, Raglan Rock, Waitomo Adventures and Canyonz for sharing the 'stoke' with our young men.

Mr Kyle Jackways
TIC Outdoor Education





Year 13 Rotorua Trip

The Year 13 geography students took part in an overnight trip to Rotorua recently for part of our study. This trip allowed us to study homelessness and tourism in the very popular tourist city of Rotorua, while also having some fun along the way!

Part of the study of Rotorua was to research the issue of homelessness within the city. This was to enable us to understand how homelessness affects a city in New Zealand and also the difficulties those who are homeless face. It was interesting to see the social issues occurring in one of the country's leading tourist destinations.

Along with the study into homelessness we also studied the impact of tourism within the city. To gain an understanding why so many visitors venture to the city, we explored several of the tourist attractions within Rotorua. The top three highlights included riding the luge, ZORBING down a hill and trying the SWOOP in Velocity Valley. The attractions allowed us to gain an insight into what really attracts the crowds from all over New Zealand and the globe!

That evening we visited the Rotorua Night Market, where we found many various stalls of food, shops and entertainment, all of which contributed to the unique experience. It was an enjoyable night allowing us to get involved with the city and another side of the Rotorua tourist experience.

The overnight trip allowed us to take part in a trip with a variety of activities and studies. We explored the issues of social and economic factors within the city, and were lucky enough to experience the top Rotorua tourist attractions and can look back and remember the experience with enjoyment.

Ashton Galbraith
Year 13 Geography student

JOHNNIES ANGELS

COORDINATING MEALS SERVICE TO FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Johnnies Angels is a wonderful group of past and present parents who have a contact network to activate when we have one of our student's families in crisis due to illness or unforeseen tragedy.



WHAT IS REQUIRED?

When we have a family in need (usually only a few times a year) the call will go out from our coordinator to facilitate meal delivery. You can add your name, your offered meal or lunchbox baking items, when you are able to commit. The meals get dropped off to our school reception and a staff member arranges delivery of the meals to the family in need.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The families we help are experiencing undue stress and heartache and appreciate the love and support that comes from the St John's community. They are also grateful for the contribution into an already busy and fraught situation.



WE NEED YOU

We are currently looking to refresh Johnnies Angels with an invigorated group of parents.



WANT TO GET INVOLVED? |

If you are in a position to contribute to Johnnies Angels in this way please contact Andrea Dela Rue by email – adelarue@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz with your name. Andrea will coordinate a central mailing list for the occasion when we will need you all.

*Thank you for helping
us care for our
St John's whānau.*



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Boys clothes and wool/peggy squares wanted

We are supporting two worthy groups this winter and we'd love your help. Please donate any clean clothes in good condition that are suitable for boys aged 3-13 years old. We'll pass the clothes on to Waikato's Women's Refuge who need these items for the families they support.

We'd also welcome donations of wool or peggy squares (pattern below) for the Premmie Knitting Group to make blankets for Neonatal Intensive Care Units across Aotearoa.



**Waikato
Women's Refuge**
Te Whakaruruhau



Needles & Yarn

Size 8 (4mm) needles with 8ply (DK) machine-washable wool.



Stitch & Method

Cast on 30. Knit every row (garter stitch) until 14.5cm - 15cm long (~60 rows).



Finishing

Cast off loosely to ensure the edge remains flexible.



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF
**PREMMIE
KNITTING
CLUB**

All donations can be dropped off to the school office between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

CAN YOU HELP SUPPORT OUR YEAR 13

2026 Leavers DINNER?

We're looking for people or businesses who can sponsor \$250+GST or donate a \$65 ticket to ensure all our Year 13 students can attend!

Please contact Sarndra Petrin if you'd like to be a sponsor or donate \$65
Phone 07 856 7091 ext 831 or
email spetrin@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz



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