

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

### FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 2. With Paul on leave for his Sabbatical there have been some changes in the Senior Leadership Team for Term 2. Mr Vickers and Mrs Kopua will be Acting Deputy Principals. Mr Vickers will have the responsibilities of the Senior School and will be the NZQA Principal Nominee. Mrs Kopua is Director of Middle School and will be coordinating the day-to-day activities of the school. Ms Linley-Richardson and Mrs Wakker will be Acting Assistant Principals. They will be continuing with their normal roles as Heads of Department.

We welcome back from maternity leave Ms Nourish to the Science Department. We have appointed two new Teacher Aides to help in our Learning Support Department, Peter McErlane and Dianne Hutchings.

We have a very full calendar for this term and we start with our major production "Grease". Students and staff have been busy during the holidays with practices and are looking forward to the first performance night on Wednesday 28 April. We are very excited to announce that our final show on Friday 30 April has already sold out. Tickets are still available for Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Term 2 is the start of the Winter Sports Programme and other co-curricular activities. I ask for parental support in ensuring that students meet their commitment to practices, meetings and of course the activity itself. One student's absence can have a huge impact on the rest of the group or team.

This term we are having two Professional Learning 2-hour workshops for our staff. There will be one late start for students and one early finish:

Week 5, Thursday 20 May – students start time 9.50 am

Week 10, Monday 21 June – students finish time 2.20 pm

These workshops are valuable preparation time as we work to introduce the New Zealand Curriculum and NCEA standards alignment for 2011. Bus times will be re-arranged for these two days.

**Anzac Day** Our prefects will be attending the Manukau City Council, Howick Anzac Day Parade at Stockade Hill this Sunday at 10.30 am, to remember those who gave their lives that we may live in a free and democratic country. A wreath will be laid at the cenotaph by our Head Boy and Head Girl.

**Class photos and portrait photos** will be taken on Tuesday 4 May. Students will be issued envelopes to pre-pay for photos. If you wish to have a family photo taken, special envelopes are available from Mrs Blackbourne in the Students Office. Please ensure that the Photolife payment envelopes are clearly marked. Sancta Maria College does not open these envelopes, they go directly to Photolife. Any change will be returned with the photos.

I look forward to your on going support as we strive to give all our students the opportunity to reach their potential in their spiritual, academic, cultural and sporting lives.

May God Bless You All

C Cooney  
Acting Principal

### SPECIAL CHARACTER – Mrs G Devoy

Welcome back to Term Two. I hope you all had a happy Easter. Easter is the greatest feast in the Catholic Church. Jesus has overcome death, not only for himself but for all of us. The joy of Easter fills us all with the knowledge that death has been conquered; Let us open our hearts to receive this great joy.

Lord Jesus, through the grace of your resurrection you show us that light is stronger than darkness, that good is stronger than evil, that life is stronger than death  
Amen

Term Two promises to be a very busy time. There are many events happening this term and the first of these is the Pompallier Shield. Joseph Xulue, Antonia Packham, Cassie Driessen and Dillon O'Brien will be representing the school at this event which will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> May at Sacred Heart College. This is a competition in which students from all the Catholic Colleges throughout the Auckland Diocese compete in Scripture and Oratory categories. I am hopeful that other students will come along to support these four wonderful students.

The Year 12 and 13 students will be on Retreat this term. We are very privileged to have Fr Bernie Thomas from the Franciscan Retreat Centre to be facilitating the Year 13 Retreat. Fr Bernie is very experienced in leading youth retreats and is planning a wonderful day for our senior students.

This year, as part of a school wide focus, the school community has been studying the values of the school. In Term 1 we looked at Love, Faith and Hope. These values were examined and discussed in Home Room reflections and were included as part of the Assembly reflections. A challenge has been extended to the students as to how the values can be integrated in their daily lives and interactions. This term, the three values are Justice, Humility and Service.

Justice is the upholding of what is right, especially fair treatment and due reward in accordance with standards and law. Justice is rendering to everyone that which is her or his due. The life and teachings of Jesus Christ call us to work for justice, human rights and development:

*The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, he has sent me to proclaim release to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. Luke 4:18-19*

The work for social justice is an integral part of the mission of the Catholic Church. We are inspired and sustained by a spirituality of justice. We can do this by endeavouring to ensure that all are treated fairly and that all are accorded human rights. In New Zealand, this is easy to uphold as we have laws that protect people's rights but there are many countries that do not respect the dignity and liberties of their people and we must ask ourselves what we can do to protect the rights of others in our greater community.

Without justice, we cannot hope to live in a harmonious society:

"If you want peace, you must work for justice." Pope Paul VI

## PTFA

**GREASE** - refreshments will be sold on the night.

Wednesday 28 April 'Grease' Production - 7pm

Thursday 29 April 'Grease' Production - 7pm

Friday 30 April 'Grease' Matinee - 11am & 7pm

Friday night tickets - SOLD OUT

Tickets are still available from the School Cashier for all other performances.

**PTFA** - next meeting 12 May, 7.30pm - AGM and normal meeting. Nominations will be taken for all positions.

## TRIVIAL PURSUIT

**Date changed to Saturday 4 September 2010**

Book your tickets through Tracey Monaghan 09 535 7609

New email address - [ptfa@santamaria.school.nz](mailto:ptfa@santamaria.school.nz)

## NOTICES

### UNSW-ICAS COMPETITIONS

All students are being issued with a letter this week about the UNSW-ICAS Mathematics, Science, English and Writing competitions. The entry fee and entry slip are to be returned to the cashiers office by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Competition entry fees and dates of the competitions are:

- UNSW/ICAS Mathematics Competition on August 17<sup>th</sup> entry fee \$7.50
- UNSW-ICAS Science Competition on June 9<sup>th</sup> entry fee \$7.50
- UNSW-ICAS English Competition on August 3<sup>rd</sup> entry fee \$7.50
- UNSW-ICAS Writing Competition on June 22<sup>nd</sup> entry fee \$17.50

### BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

A reminder that nominations for parent representatives close this Friday, 23 April at noon.

Nomination forms have been posted to all parent/caregivers. Additional nomination forms are available at school office.

### COURSE FEES

A reminder that all course fees should now have been completed in full. Any payments made via the internet need to be clearly marked with student name and what the payment is for if it is not for school fees.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Lucy McGall

North Island Pole Vault Championship - 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall

NZ Club Nationals Women's 16 - 2<sup>nd</sup>

NZ Club Nationals Women's 19 - 1<sup>st</sup>

### Brendan Agnew

Brendan was selected to participate in the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra at the Bruce Mason Centre on 29 March - playing trumpet.

## KEY DATES

Monday	26 April	Meet BOT Candidates - 7pm (School Auditorium)
Wednesday	28 April	'Grease' Production - 7pm
Thursday	29 April	'Grease' Production - 7pm
Friday	30 April	'Grease' Matinee - 11am & 7pm
Tuesday	04 May	Photolife Class / Portrait Photos
Wednesday	05 May	Elim / Dilworth Y9 / 10 Exchange
Friday	07 May	Sancta Maria Catholic Primary School Opening - 10am Board of Trustees Election Close
Friday	14 May	Y 9 - 13 Cross Country
Tuesday	18 May	HPV Vaccination (2)
Wednesday	19 May	Catholic Schools Day
Monday	20 May	Staff Professional Development <b>9.50am start for students</b>
Tuesday	25 May	Y12 Retreat
Thursday	27 May	Y 7 / 8 Aquinas Exchange (Away)
Friday	28 May	2011 Enrolments Close
Monday	31 May	Feast of Visitation Board of Trustees Meeting -7pm
Monday	07 June	Queen's Birthday - School Closed
Wednesday	09 June	NSW Science Exam
Thursday	10 June	Senior Exams Start to 15/06/10
Saturday	19 June	School Ball
Monday	21 June	<b>Early Finish for students - 2.20pm.</b>
Tuesday	22 June	NSW Writing Exam
Wednesday	23 June	Y 7 / 8 Somerville Exchange
Thursday	24 June	Y13 Retreat
Monday	28 June	Board of Trustees Meeting - 7pm
Friday	02 July	End of Term 2

*Dates and times are correct at the time of printing, but may be subject to change.*