

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Sancta Maria College for the 2011 Academic Year. I hope that you have all had a relaxing and restful time with your family and friends over the Christmas Holidays. The staff have been back over the past few weeks and we are ready to start the new year with enthusiasm.

The school roll will be approximately 960 students and we welcome our new students to our school. We also extend a very warm welcome to our new staff who are joining us this year.

Ms C Hayes	HOD Music
Ms A Pahulu	English P/T
Mr D Saxon	Mathematics
Mr D Fawkner	PE / Health
Mr S Harrison	Physics
Mr T Manson	Social Science
Mr T van Zyl	Technology
Mrs L Sherliker	Staffroom Assistant

We know that they will make a significant contribution to the ongoing development of our young people at Sancta Maria College.

We are again thrilled with the NCEA results gained by the Senior School students in 2010. The overall pass rates of 91% at Level 1, 96% at Level 2 and 85% at Level 3 are all significantly higher than the National Average and reflect positively the emphasis on Academic Excellence at the school. The average "pass rate" over the 3 levels of 90.7% is the highest that the school has achieved. A more detailed analysis will be presented in a later newsletter. For parents of students who are in Level 1 (Year 11) this year there will be a parents evening on Tuesday 8 March to explain how NCEA works. I strongly recommend that you attend this meeting, as there have been a number of significant changes to the procedures relating to this National Assessment. Parents of students at other levels are also welcome to attend.

We are looking forward to a successful year.

God Bless

Paul Daley
Principal

PARKING

Sancta Maria Catholic Primary School will continue to finish each day at 2.55pm and the College at 3.15pm. This should alleviate some of the congestion and parking issues, however historical patterns indicate that many of the College parents arrive around 3pm.

A car park has been constructed at the back of the school (off Chapel Road) for staff parking. It is a requirement of the Traffic Management Section of Manukau City that this entry / exit off Chapel Road is for **STAFF ONLY**. Parents or students must not use this car park at any time even for drop off or pick up. There is concern regarding traffic congestion on Chapel Road and it is a Health and Safety Issue.

Parents who wish to access the Uniform Shop must not use this entrance.

On entering the school grounds to pick up or drop off your son / daughter please abide by the following requirement.

1. Parents / Caregivers of College Students are to use the front car park. First entrance on the left as you come into the school driveway.
2. Parents / Caregivers of Primary School Students are to proceed up the drive and enter the Primary School Pick Up / Drop Off area on the right hand side of the school driveway.
3. No cars are to proceed beyond the Pedestrian Crossing that is painted on the driveway just beyond the Primary School Drop Off / Pick Up entrance. This is a **BUSES ONLY** Area.
4. Students are **not** to walk out of or into the school throughout the Chapel Road exit / entrance.
5. Parents / Caregivers waiting for children in the Commercial Area (Bishop's Gate) opposite the school please **do not use the retailers parking spaces**.

Your co-operation with all of the above is appreciated and is essential for the smooth operation of the school.

NEWSLETTERS FOR 2011

Newsletters for Term 1 will be sent home with your children on the following dates:

Thursday	3 February
Friday	18 February
Friday	11 March
Friday	15 April

They will also be posted onto our website on these dates.

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR KEY DATES FOR TERM 1



KEY DATES

- Friday 04 February ID Photos
- Wednesday 16 February **Opening Mass - 9.50am**
- Thursday 17 February Year 7 Retreat
- Tuesday 22 February Paid Union Meeting. Students will be released at 12.15pm
- Thursday 24 February Year 13 Retreat
- Friday 25 February Athletics Day - Y9 - 13
- Wednesday 02 March Year 7 - 8 Parent Evening start: 7.00pm
- Tuesday 08 March Year 12 Retreat
NZQA Parent Evening - 7.00pm
- Wednesday 09 March Ash Wednesday Liturgy 9am
- Friday 11 March Year 13 Photo 10.45am
- Tuesday 22 March Staff Professional Learning: School Starts 10.00am
- Thursday 24 March Open Day - 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Principal's Address - 4.45pm
- Tuesday 29 March Parent Evening (times to be advised)
- Thursday 07 April Parent Evening (times to be advised)
- Friday 15 April End of Term 1
Easter Liturgy
- Monday 02 May Start of Term 2

TERM DATES

NOTE CHANGES DUE TO RUGBY WORLD CUP

Term 1	Tuesday 1 February	Friday 15 April	11 Weeks	
Term 2	Monday 2 May	Friday 15 July	11 Weeks	Monday 6 June Queens Birthday
Term 3	Monday 1 August	Friday 7 October	10 Weeks	Monday 5 September Mid Term Break - (TBC)
Term 4	Tuesday 25 October	Thursday 8 December	7 Weeks	Monday 24 October Labour Day