

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are thrilled at the manner in which the students have settled so quickly into the school year. There is an excellent feeling in the school both around the grounds and in the classrooms. Students have started with a positive attitude and we will work to ensure that this is maintained. We were delighted with the number of students who attended our first voluntary Mass at lunchtime last Wednesday. The Chapel was packed with students from all levels taking the opportunity to "live" the Special Character of the school.

This Mass occurs **every** Wednesday at the start of lunch (1.25pm) and lasts no more than 20 minutes. Please encourage your son / daughter to go **at least** once per term. How about arranging to meet them for Mass one Wednesday? Parents, Caregivers and Grandparents etc are most welcome!

Our special Family Mass this year will be held on Thursday 5 May at 6pm. We would love to see as many families as possible attend this wonderful occasion. It is an opportunity for you to share in our Special Character. Put it in your Diary now.

As we continue with the analysis of our NCEA results from last year we become even more proud of how our students have achieved. We will shortly be having our Academic Honours Assembly where we recognise the outstanding achievements of many of our students. Our criteria to receive an "Honours Award" is higher than the criteria that NZQA has for "Endorsement" of their certificates. Having stated that, to gain your NCEA with an endorsement is a superb achievement. Full details will be included in the next Newsletter.

On Tuesday 8 March we will be holding an **NCEA Evening for Parents** and students to explain how NCEA works. This is particularly important for those in Year 11 this year, however parents, caregivers and students at other levels are most welcome. Refer to the details in this newsletter.

I wish to highlight the sporting achievements of two of our students. Callum McKenzie (Year 13) has gained selection into the NZ U17 Football team that will compete in the World Cup in Mexico in June. This is an **outstanding** achievement. Callum's loyalty to Sancta Maria College while he has been developing his talents both through club and school is greatly appreciated. We are exceptionally proud of him and wish him and the NZ team every success in the World Cup.

Liz Ene is a top netballer. She has been chosen to trial for the NZ Secondary Schools Netball team in Christchurch in April. When you consider the huge number of Netballers throughout the country to gain selection in the final 25 is outstanding. We wish Liz every success.

The year has begun superbly well. We look further to future success as we grow in faith together.

God Bless you all

Paul Daley
Principal

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Welcome back to the 8th year of Sancta Maria College. Our first year without foundation students is an important year for the school and the Board is confident that the staff and students have the skills and belief to continue all that has been established in the past. The Board is looking forward to receiving the breakdown of the NCEA results at the meeting on 28 February, however the initial overview is extremely positive.

The College continues to do all that it can to generate the finances required to enable us to give our students and staff a pleasant learning environment and the teaching and learning resources required to offer a quality education. As a Board we are conscious of the financial constraints and hardships faced by many in our community and for this reason the financial contribution for 2011 has remained the same as for the past year.

The only change to our financial request structure is that to receive the "family reduction" this now starts at 3 children rather than 2 children. There are now a significant number of families with 2 or more children at the school and this is now impacting on the Board's ability to meet its financial commitments. Should this place any family in difficulty, please contact the school.

The 5% reduction for full payment by 31 March is still in place.

We thank you all for your on going support of our school and we ask that you do all that you can to maintain this support so that we can continue to prepare the young people for their future.

M Stride
Board of Trustees Chairman

SPECIAL CHARACTER - Mrs G Devoy

Welcome back to Term 1. I hope you have all had a relaxing break and are ready to start a new term which is already shaping up to be a very busy one. On Wednesday 16 February, we celebrated our Opening Mass. At this Mass, the Prefects received their badges and swear their oath of service to their school. Service is a key value at Sancta Maria and is taken very seriously by our prefects who over the year will be involved in a number of activities serving both the school and the local community.

On Thursday 17 February, the Year 7 students were on Retreat. They learnt more about the history of both the Catholic faith in New Zealand and the beginnings of our school. A retreat is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about themselves, their peers and aspects of their faith. Mass was celebrated in the College Chapel at 1.20pm for both the Year 7 students and the local community.

We are again learning more about our Values with Faith being our current Value. The importance of Faith can never be overlooked. As a school community we have chosen "Faith as our Compass" as our School Motto. It is faith that has kept the church going for over two thousand years and has enabled schools such as Sancta Maria College to come into existence. Faith is what keeps us going throughout the ordinary as well as the extraordinary. Faith is at the centre of the Church and one key belief is that all human beings, men and women, are made in the image and likeness of God, thus we treat all others with the respect and dignity they deserve.

The present is not the future. Faith is what gives us a future that is different from the present we have today.

I hope that you all have a successful Term 1.

PARKING

Parents – please do not stop to drop off your child or park in the numbered car parks in the Te Irirangi Road car park. These have been allocated for senior students to use.

PREFECTS

At Monday's assembly we announced the Prefects, Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputies and House Captains for 2011. These are superb young people and we look forward to working with them and we congratulate them on their appointment. There are other students in Year 13 who also have leadership skills and we intend to use them for targeted roles throughout the year.

Head Girl Shana Llorando
Head Boy Stephen Rendle

Deputy Head Girl Patria Harris
Deputy Head Boy Waldron Martis

Prefects Girls

Mallory Bish; Summer Brooke; Courtney Deed; Elizabeth Ene; Rebecca Kurtovich; Audrianna Lee; April Lillo; Lucia MacKenzie; Eloise Packham; Candice Stalls; Hannah Stolten; Emily Stonehouse; Aryana Tanoai-Setefano; Paige Widelko

Boys

Delvin Godinet; Sam Kersel; Gerald Lee; Joshua Lim; Callum McKenzie; Miguel Nepomuceno; Nathan Noble-Campbell; Mathew Rooza; Hogan Shrimpton; Leo Singson; Joshua Snaddon; David Tiongo; Brian Tse; Chris Vaiangina

House Captains

Akaroa Candice Stalls; Mathew Rooza
Hokianga Emily Stonehouse; Nathan Noble-Campbell
Kororaeka Rebecca Kurtovich; Callum McKenzie
Waitemata Summer Brooke; Hogan Shrimpton

Special Character

Courtney Deed; Miguel Nepomuceno

DEANS REPORT

Welcome to 2011. The year level Deans are as follows

Year 7	Mrs Stevens	ext 237
Year 8	Mr Gorman	ext 231
Year 9	Mrs October	ext 225
Year 10	Mr Manson	ext 281
Year 11	Mr Rogers	ext 255
Year 12	Mrs Robins	ext 270
Year 13	Mrs Bassi	ext 248

Year level information can also be accessed on the school Ultranet under pastoral care.

It is our responsibility to ensure that students are safe and well cared for. As part of Sancta Maria's Health and Safety policies, we have developed strict guidelines and procedures.

We discourage disruption to students study and advise that family holidays are scheduled during the term breaks. If there is an urgent matter, leave can be requested in writing to Mr Daley in advance. (minimum of 2 weeks notice)

You may contact the Student Centre assistant Dianne Blackbourn to leave a message on the student absence line stating the student's name, Homeroom and reason for absence.

Appointments made during the school day, will require a letter from home given to the HR teacher who will issue a leave pass. The student is to be collected and signed out by their parent/caregiver at the student centre.

If a student is late, they must sign in at the student centre and must have a note from home.

If a student is unwell, they must report to the sickbay.

Parents will be contacted by Mrs Davis if a student is to be collected. **Please do not communicate with your child on their mobile phones** as it is a requirement that students have their phones turned off while at school. Failure to follow this procedure will result in the confiscation of the phone until the end of the school term.

Students are not allowed to visit the shops across the road once they have been dropped off at school. Te Irirangi Drive is an extremely busy road and the safety of our students is a priority.

Last year saw many dollars wasted on lost items. We recommend that uniform and stationery items are clearly labelled in case they are lost so that they may be returned to the owner.

We appreciate your on going support and hope to have another successful year.

Mrs Bassi

Head of Pastoral Care

LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT REPORT

We are delighted to welcome 15 French exchange students and their teachers Myriam Delesalle and Fabrice Level from Arras, France. They will be hosted by families from our school from 13 February until 4 March. During this time the French students attend lessons at Sancta Maria College and visit places of interest in Auckland. They spend their week-ends with their host families. Our students are very much looking forward to *hosting them and then seeing them all again in France in April.*

PURPLE CAKE DAY, TUESDAY, 1 MARCH

More information about this event can be found on the website www.purplecakeday.org The Year 10 French Class is organising this event and inviting other students to contribute purple cup cakes to sell. The money will go to the Kenbe La Foundation to help rebuild a school called *École Mixte Source d'Espoir* (*The Source of Hope School*) which was destroyed in the Haiti earthquake.

CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Gateway Programme 2011

As in previous years we are offering this successful programme once again to our senior students. The Ministry of Education is funding our school for 20 Gateway places. Any Year 12 or Year 13 students, who have not yet applied or who are interested in the programme, see Mrs Anderson in the Careers Department.

We are also looking for companies to host our students especially in the following industries:

- Building
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Retail
- Auto Mechanic
- Hospitality

If any parents, relatives or friends are able to support the Gateway Programme, please contact our Gateway Coordinator Mrs Anderson on Tel 274 4081 ext 244.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations

The following students have been selected as Auckland Representatives for the National Tag Football Championship **Cody Ikenasio, Scott Martin and Nathan Harris.**

Lucy McGall travelled to Hastings to compete in the New Zealand Secondary School Athletic Championships. Lucy was placed 2nd and was selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Associations Paper Team 2010.

NOTICES

PREFECTS CHALLENGE

On Saturday 26 February, 32 Senior Prefects will take up a 12 hour challenge from 6 am to 6 pm. They will strive to complete 200 laps of the College playing fields, by running, walking and biking around a 1 km circuit. Four Prefect teams and a staff team will compete throughout the day and we are hoping for fine weather. Support from fellow students, family and friends would be most welcome, as this will be a considerable challenge for all participants.

TEXTBOOK AMNESTY

Please check at home and encourage your son/daughter to return any textbooks belonging to the school, particularly if your child is in Years 8-11. Any textbook found may be returned to the box in the Student Centre, no questions asked. Thank you for your assistance with this.

SANCTA MARIA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

TWILIGHT FAIR – Friday 4 March 2.30pm to 8.00pm.

Lots of food stalls, rides and entertainment for the whole family!

Come and support our Campus Primary School.

DENTAL CARE

Adolescent Dental Care For Yr 9-13 Students

Are you aware that you can receive free dentist care for your child whilst they attend school? It has come to our recent attention that less than 30% of the Sancta Maria community used this service in 2010.

It is important that young people have their teeth checked regularly. Check with dentists in your local area to ensure they provide this service and make an appointment in the near future. Let's encourage our youth to look after their teeth!

NCEA EVENING

TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2011 – In the Auditorium – 7.00 pm

We strongly encourage all Parents / Caregivers, particularly those who have sons / daughters in Year 11 to attend this important presentation where we will give an overview of NCEA.

How it works

What students need to strive for

Missed Assessments

Internal / External Assessments

Literacy and Numeracy requirements

Subject and Certificate Endorsements

Tertiary study entry requirements

University Entrance

2011 Important Dates for NCEA

Students are also encouraged to attend with their Parent / Guardian.

MEETING - Re: Year 7 and 8

FOR ALL PARENTS / CAREGIVERS

You are warmly invited to attend an information evening to address:

The National Standards

Reporting and Assessment procedures at Sancta Maria College

The Year 7 and 8 Curriculum

Date: Wednesday 2 March

Time: 6pm – 7.15pm

KEY DATES

- Thursday 24 February Year 13 Retreat
- Friday 25 February Athletics Day – Y9 – 13
- Wednesday 02 March **Year 7 – 8 Parent Evening start: 6.00pm – 7.15pm**
- Tuesday 08 March Year 12 Retreat
NZQA Parent Evening – 7.00pm
- Wednesday 09 March Ash Wednesday Liturgy 9.00am
- Friday 11 March Year 13 Photo 10.45am
Newsletter
- 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 Years 7 – 13 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- Thursday 07 April Parent Evening Years 7 – 13 5.00pm – 8.00pm
- Friday 15 April End of Term 1
Easter Liturgy
- Monday 02 May Start of Term 2
- Thursday 05 May Family Mass – 6.00pm

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