

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The tragedy of the Earthquake in Christchurch has impacted on all of us throughout NZ and internationally. It is uniting the country in a common cause in a way that we have never seen. Internationally more than 3000 New Zealanders (including two of my sons) attended a Mass in Westminster Cathedral in London. It was a moving occasion with Haley Westenra singing our National Anthem. Here at Sancta Maria College, like most other schools throughout the country supported our fellow New Zealanders through a "Red and Black" mufti day and through our prayers and thoughts. The 'optional' Wednesday lunchtime Masses have been full to capacity. It is in times like this that our Special Character truly comes to life.

Two of our 12 Values at Sancta Maria College are Hope and Resilience and we are hearing those two words constantly in the media. The Deputy Prime Minister the Hon. Bill English at the conclusion of the 2 minute silence last Tuesday said "At the end of the silence begins Hope" and much is being said of the resilience of the people of Christchurch and the rescue and recovery personnel. It is appropriate that we draw these 2 values to the attention of our young people. With hope and resilience much can be achieved. With faith and our love I am confident that the people of Christchurch will begin to recover.

Here at Sancta Maria College life continues. We are meeting regularly with senior students to focus them on Academic Excellence and the co-curricular programme is in full swing with winter musters held last week.

On Thursday 5 May (the first week of Term 2) at 6pm we are holding our Family Mass in the school auditorium. This is an opportunity for all families to "live" their support of the School's Special Character. Students will be asked to come in school uniform so that we can generate a real feeling of the Sancta Maria College community. We would like to think that all families will be represented. I am sure that the people of Christchurch, the Pyke River Mine families and others throughout the world will still need our prayers at that time. There are also members of our own community who are facing challenges and bereavement. We continue to keep all of them in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless you all

Paul Daley
Principal

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the Board Meeting on 28 February Michael Stride was re-elected to the position of Chairman.

Other Board members are:

Parent Representatives

Siale Foliaki; Celeste Harrington; Brendan Ryan; Cyril Siasoco

Proprietor's Representatives

Peter Bish; Anne-Marie Harvey; Sue Kubala, John Tiongco

Staff Representative David Arrowsmith

Student Representative Waldron Martis

Principal Paul Daley

This year, the Board will be reviewing its Charter, including the Strategic Plan. The community will be given the opportunity to be part of this process. The Annual Plan for 2011 was ratified by the Board at the February meeting. Parents, Caregivers who wish to have a copy should telephone the school.

M Stride
Board of Trustees Chairman

SPECIAL CHARACTER - Mrs G Devoy

Over the last week and a half, we have all been moved by the tragedy in Christchurch with the scale of human suffering possibly unparalleled in New Zealand. Yet despite the pain and sorrow, the hope and resilience of the people of Christchurch is remarkable.

As a community we have endeavoured to raise funds to help those who are faced with rebuilding their loved city. A raffle, a mufti day and a cake stall were held last week and approximately \$6,750.00 was raised by our students. We are very grateful for all the kind donations that were sent in by parents, staff and students alike.

In Weeks 3 and 4, the Year 7 and Year 13 students gathered together for their Retreat days. The Year 7 Retreat focussed upon learning about the history of the school and of coming together as a community. The day was very successful and many new and positive relationships were established.

The Year 13 Retreat was facilitated by Fr Bernie Thomas and focussed upon values, morals and how to apply these when making a decision. The day was very positive and the quality of the discussions were excellent, with wonderful participation from all the students. Retreat days are designed to complement the Religious Education programme and are an important component of the curriculum.

This week, we enter the Lenten season as we celebrate Ash Wednesday. This marks a period of austerity in the Church. Lent is often a time when we recall Christ's journey to Jerusalem. As he made a sacrifice for us, so too do we now take the opportunity to make a sacrifice for him. This is sometimes in the form of giving up something or forgoing something that is dear to us.

Lent is an opportunity for us to reflect on aspects of our lives that are not in harmony and balance and make efforts to put them right. On Ash Wednesday, we will receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads which remind us of our imperfections. Let this Lenten period be the time when we make efforts to overcome our imperfections and be more like Christ in our love for one another.

PARKING

There is congestion at the end of the school day which is becoming a Health and Safety issue.

Please note:

The Primary School car park at the top right hand side of the main driveway is to be used by Parents, Caregivers who are picking up Primary School students **ONLY**.

If you are picking up both Primary School **and** College Students you must use the front car park on the left hand side of the main drive way.

PTFA

Wednesday 13th April – Wine & Cheese Evening

Details to come

Saturday 1 October – Cultural Festival

Diarise this date. Further information to come.

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

This year the Counselling Department will consist of:

Suchi Lewis – Monday and Thursday
Francis Jamieson – Friday

Both Counsellors are experienced and registered with the New Zealand Association of Counsellors.

Counselling can help with:

Life coaching (goal setting and motivation)

Anxiety	Emotional Disturbances
Depression	Grief and Loss
Phobias	Self-confidence
Stress related illness	Conflict resolution
Relationship issues	

However, counselling is not just about helping you sort out problems in your life.

We can also assist you in making important changes such as using useful thinking techniques in order to become more motivated to achieve success at school; to communicate better with your family, peers and teachers. In short, we can help you change your attitudes through understanding how you think and operate in the world so that you can create the kind of life you would like – to be a happier, healthier YOU.

LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT REPORT

FRENCH DEPARTMENT

Bienvenue et au revoir!

Welcome to our French Assistant for 2011 Tiago Da Costa Pereira.

Tiago will be working with the French classes on Thursday and Friday every fortnight. It is a pleasure to have him in the school.

Au revoir to the 15 French students and their teachers from Arras who have been with us from February 13 to March 4. They have joined in the French classes, have participated in many other subjects and enjoyed visiting places in Auckland and further afield. They have loved the weather and really enjoyed their New Zealand experience. Thank you to the families, staff and students who have made it such an enjoyable and worthwhile time for them.

Purple Cake Day was held on 1 March. With such generous students making delicious cupcakes and lots of enthusiastic customers we were able to raise \$682.00 for the Kenbe La Foundation. Originally all the proceeds were going to help rebuild the School of Hope in Haiti. After the Christchurch earthquake the organisers decided the money raised around New Zealand would be shared with Christchurch and Haiti. Many thanks to the Year 10 French class for a fantastic effort in organising this event.

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.

This term we are also looking for companies to host our students especially in the following industries:

Building
Electrical
Auto Mechanic
Health Care (nursing)
Hospitality (hotel/motel reception)
Hairdressing

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.

CAREER SERVICES AND EVENTS

Each year there are a series of events organised at school and off site that assist students in making informed choices about possible careers and the various study options available. We encourage our senior students especially to take advantage of these opportunities and to note any relevant dates in their diaries. These will be advertised in school newsletters and in the Careers Advisory section of the school web site as they become available.

The annual Careers Evening for all year 10–13 students and their families is booked for the 18 August starting at 7pm. Mark this date on your calendars.

CAREER INTERVIEWS

These are conducted with all Year 12 and 13 students. Students in Years 10 and 11 can request an interview by completing the forms available in the Career Centre.

We will endeavour to interview all Year 13 students by the end of Term One.

Topics in the half hour career goal setting interview include:

- Refinement of career direction in preparation for 2012.
- Information and suggested research of tertiary courses or work options.
- Entry requirements and application procedures.
- Action steps for 2011.

All students will leave with an Interview Outcome Sheet which is to be glued into their student Diaries. They will be encouraged to discuss the outcomes with parents and caregivers.

All Year 12 students will be interviewed by Mrs Keegan in Term Two. Parents and Caregivers wishing to talk to Mrs Keegan are welcome to call direct on extension 227 or email p.keegan@sanctamaria.school.nz.

CAREERS DEPARTMENT SURVEY FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

A survey for Parents/ Caregivers of all Year 11–13 students has been sent home separately today. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete this and return it to school with your son or daughter as soon as possible. Any parents of students in Years 7–10 who would also like to complete this survey can access this in the Careers Advisory subsection of the school web site.

INFORMATION EVENING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

For Parents and Students.
Monday 28 March 7.30–9.00.
Owen G Glenn Building.

Learn more about undergraduate programmes and information on admission, scholarships, services and accommodation. Registrations are preferable to Rhona Grogan on r.grogan@auckland.ac.nz by Thursday 24 March.

Contact Mrs Keegan for further details.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations

Academic Honours

Level 1

Gold

Maegen Johnson; Kevin Crowe

Silver

Michael Berriman; Erin Cammell; Courtney Ormsby; Katrina Sy; Rebecca Kirkwood; Melanie Thachankary; Jessica Wilkins; Emily Lam Po Tang; Yeon Jae Teresa Choi; Michaela Olvido; Timothy Llorando; Nick Osten; Ha Ram Jo; Zoe Goh; Abigail Nath; Benny Suen; Eythan Prendergast; Angel Castro; Olivia Davey; Sasha Kulik; Kirsty Lakay; Shaneel Nyawo; Nicola Wing; Aimee Leher; Simone Morrogh; Serena Owen

Level 2

Gold

Waldron Martis; Gerald Lee; Shana Llorando; Kimberly Leher; Joshua Lim; Brian Tse; Via David; Miguel Nepomuceno

Silver – Rebecca Kurtovich; Kio Leonnel Singson; Gerard Nisperos; Daniel McGivern; Sarah Collis; Justine Pillay; Kendall Baluyut; David Tiongco; Callum McKenzie; Sandy Ng; Lounel De Jesus; Audrianna Lee; Joshua Snaddon; Katie McGillivray; Carissa Kaveney; Ciara Rhodes; Jasmine Chan; Zoe Kamsma; Mathew Rooza; Stephen Rendle; Patria Harris; Eloise Packham; Mallory Bish; Connor Gallen; Yun Hee Kim; Dore Chen; Kristen Chua; Lucy MacKenzie

Level 3

Gold

Samuel Vincent; Stephanie Law; Dominik Osika; Jonathan Nak Hyun Kim

Silver

Kelvin Chan; Sonya Morrogh; Elliott Lam Po Tang; Alexandra Osika; Julia Aspelung; Abigail Pearce; Christopher Thomas; Lauren Kubala; Suvishka Singh; Joseph Xulue; Rafael Nepomuceno; Emma Hutchinson; Andrea Malto; Andy Um; Ellen Field; Mary Um; Keith Ho; Hong Kyu Kim; Luis Siasoco; Peter Hong; Seresa Lapaz; Sung Ho Paul Woo; Lea Abuyan; Amadeus Vincent; Rossa Jeong; Ronan Mooney; Danielle Stride; Chris Stickland

SCHOLARSHIP

Stephanie Law
English, Statistics. Outstanding in Biology

Sam Vincent
Statistics, History.
Outstanding in English and Economics

Waldron Martis
Calculus

Jonathan Kim
Statistics

Peter Hong
Statistics

ENDORSEMENT

Level 1 – Excellence

Carlin Wright; Andy Chen

Level 1 – Merit

Sunny Hye Sun Hwang; Gianca Vicente; Chester Booker; Sarah Cammell; Claire Rawnsley; Candice Hastings; Chris Kim; Sophia Renwick; Zoey Singh; Brendan Agnew; Rachel Kubala; Sammy Wang; Yvonne Wilson; Laura Bentley; Dominic Gorski; Rachelle Oliver; Reah Rojas; Jessie Wilson; Ardaime Baluyut; Gerardo Sullivan; Brittany Homan; Makayla Samaeli; Angelica Peralta; Annie Plucknett; Joshua Liao; Giordano Santana Drago; Sari Ter Huurne; Francesca Pathoumphanh; Allen Tele; Maddie James; Bridget Dowling

Level 2 – Merit

Courtney Deed; Emily Stonehouse; Roberto Castro; Janeiya Gascoigne; Manuel Nepomuceno; Phillip Walker; Kendra Schiphorst; Kelly Paulin; Yousif Mansour; Rose Hernandez; April Lillo; Scott Martin

Congratulations:

Leilani Jamieson and **Lexi Kiriwi** have been selected to represent Counties Manukau Touch U15 Girls Team.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

International Ice Hockey and Mr Wannamaker

We would like to wish Mr Wannamaker from the Sancta Maria College PE department and his Ice Black team well as they prepare for their Division II Group A International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) World Championships. This tournament is held from the 4 to the 10 April. New Zealand has a Senior National Men's Ice Hockey Team, called the Ice Blacks, which Mr Wannamaker is a part of, that are competing in this tournament against the following nations: DPR Korea, Mexico, Belgium, Serbia and Australia. This year it is being held in Melbourne Australia. Good luck to him and his team. Go the Ice Blacks!

NOTICES

NEW STUDENT ENROLMENTS FOR 2012 and OPEN DAY

Enrolment applications for 2012 for all year levels open on Thursday 24 March 2011 and close on Monday 30 May 2011. Priority is given to in accordance with the School's Enrolment Scheme (refer website) www.sanctamaria.school.nz

Our Open Day will be held on 24 March. All are welcome to walk around our school and collect an Enrolment Application Pack for 2012. – Please advise family or friends of this important day.

The Principal will address visitors on the school's philosophy and values at 4.45pm.

PHONE CARDS FOR STUDENTS

Students are required to have a phone card to make phone calls from the school pay phone. They cost \$5 from the cashier, or the cost can be added on to your account.

KEY DATES

Thursday 24 March **ENROLMENT OPEN DAY - 3.30pm - 6.00pm**
Principal's Address - 4.45pm

**Please advise family or friends of our Enrolment Open Day
for 2012 applications**

Note: Applications for 2012 close on Monday 30 May at 4.00pm

Enrolment forms can be collected during the Open Day
or from Reception after 24 March. We are unable to post these out.

Tuesday 29 March Parent Evening Years 7 - 13

Thursday 07 April Parent Evening Years 7 - 13

**These Parent Evening Dates are subject to change due to proposed sanctions by
the Teachers Union. Confirmation will be issued closer to the dates.**

Friday 15 April End of Term 1
Easter Liturgy

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