



SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With just over two weeks to go in Term 1 there is a real sense that the year is flying by. Students at all levels will be involved in assessments and other academic work. We monitor closely students who may be 'at risk' of not achieving and parents are contacted and encouraged to attend parent - teacher interviews etc. Please attend these meetings. It requires "all of us" to work together if your child is to succeed.

There have been many outstanding sporting achievements in Tennis, Cricket, Kilikiti, Tag and Athletics much of which is highlighted further on in this newsletter. We congratulate all those students who commit themselves to these and other activities.

On Monday 28 March we had a very special assembly. The insurance company AMP have over the years offered a variety of Scholarships to senior students who are entering Tertiary institutions.

They also offer scholarships to students with specific talent and in 2010 Shana Llorando (this year's Head Girl) was a recipient of a scholarship through the People's Voice vote for the best musical item by various students throughout the country. Shana came second in that



competition but the producers were so impressed with her that they have used her to launch a new \$15,000 Scholarship to enable young people to develop their talents in fields of achievement including the arts, humanitarian, environmental, medical, science, business or academia. AMP chose Sancta Maria College as the venue for the launch. Shana performed superbly and was interviewed by local media and TVNZ for the Close Up programme. We are extremely proud of her as she is an inspiration to others of what can be achieved if you set your goals and aim high.

It was pleasing to see the media taking an interest in such an event. Too often they appear to concentrate on the negative behaviour of youth rather than the vast majority who are focussed, loyal, pleasant young people with sound values. The **bullying** in Australia and New Zealand reported in the media in past weeks was horrific. They are an example of what can happen if any sort of harassment is not stopped in the early stages. We have programmes in Health and Physical Education in Religious Education and through Peer Support. We address the topic regularly at assemblies. All of this is to no avail however if we are not told of the harassment. Students, as victims or as observers **must** break through the misconception that "if I tell it will only get worse". This is not the case if we are told early enough. We can handle the situation in a manner to protect the victim. I strongly urge that you encourage your son / daughter to talk to someone if they are harassed verbally, physically or via texting or Facebook.

We pride ourselves on our school being safe. We will maintain this if **all of us** make it so.

God Bless you all - **Paul Daley, Principal**

SPECIAL CHARACTER - Mrs G Devoy

On Friday 4 March, the Sancta Maria College Community, in response to the Christchurch tragedy, held a fundraising event. All the students and staff paid for the privilege of wearing red and black mufti, there was a cake stall at interval and raffle tickets were sold for a large teddy bear, dressed in Canterbury colours. The overall sum raised was \$6700.00 which was a tremendous effort and we are most grateful to the students and families for their generous support.

On March 9, the College community gathered in the auditorium for an Ash Wednesday service. At this Liturgy, the students listened to readings from the Book of Ecclesiastes and saw how, in both the physical year and the Liturgical year, there is constant change. There was a brief explanation of the history of Ash Wednesday, prayers and Fr Ezio then delivered a homily. The entire school then received the Cross of Ashes. These were administered by those students who are Ministers of the Eucharist. The student body can be congratulated on their participation and behaviour, both of which were exemplary.

To commemorate Christ's journey, each Monday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held. It is pleasing to see a group of students regularly meet to observe this Liturgy and there are plans afoot to keep a prayer group going after the Lenten programme.

Next week, Fr Ezio and I will begin a training process for 26 students who wish to be Ministers of the Eucharist. The response to this ministry has been overwhelming and I am pleased with the amount of students who have volunteers. They will meet over the next three weeks at lunchtime and I congratulate these students for being so willing to give up their free time.

On Thursday 5 May at 6.00p.m, the College will celebrate a Family Mass and it is at this Mass that the new Ministers of the Eucharist will be commissioned and will administer the Sacrament of Communion for the first time.

Plans are also well under way for the Feast Day Mass. This year, the entire school will go to the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph in Auckland to attend Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Pat Dunn. We believe it is important that all students experience a Mass at the Cathedral, the centre of our diocese.

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 13 April - Wine & Cheese Evening

Details to come

Saturday 1 October - Cultural Festival

Diarise this date. Further information under 'Notices' in this newsletter.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FRENCH DEPARTMENT

On y va!

13 French students from Years 11–13, Mrs Devoy and Mrs Read are off to France on Saturday, 9 April.

They will stay in Arras, one hour north of Paris with the families of the French students they hosted recently. The last part of the trip will be spent in Paris. They will be back on 27 April. We pray they have a wonderful trip! Bon voyage!

Auckland Schools Pétanque Competition.

The Year 10 French class took part in this competition and really enjoyed their day competing against many schools in the Auckland area. Many thanks to Mrs Paterson and Mrs McIntosh who provided transport.



Pop-Up Lunchtime Art



The first initiative of our new Visual Art Council was a lunchtime Pop-up word influenced by our school values and designer Stefan Sagmeister. Our Visual Arts Council leaders Eloise Packham, Hannah Stolten and Lucy MacKenzie used fluorescent coloured post-it note pages to write their message of hope.



Yr 13 Art Trip

13 Design Natcol Course

Our Yr 13 Design students had the opportunity to attend a three day weekend STAR funded course on Photoshop CS4 at Natcol School of Design. The course was useful in up-skilling our students who haven't had previous Art Design

experience. It was great to see the students commitment to attend this in their own time and over two consecutive weekends. Thanks for your support we know weekends are precious family time, as well as opportunities for sports and work commitments. Thanks also to Mrs Allen attending these in her own time too.

Virtual Art Gallery

This week we have launched our first art exhibition in an online gallery. The link ('Art Show Case') is on our school website. We currently have an exhibition of Yr 7 photographs of their Slinkachu inspired little people. The exhibition uses Unity software and is quick and easy to install. It's an interactive show; use the 'feet' icon for an automatic tour or the 'arrow' keys to zoom in for a closer look. Our exhibition will regularly change. This is the direct link:

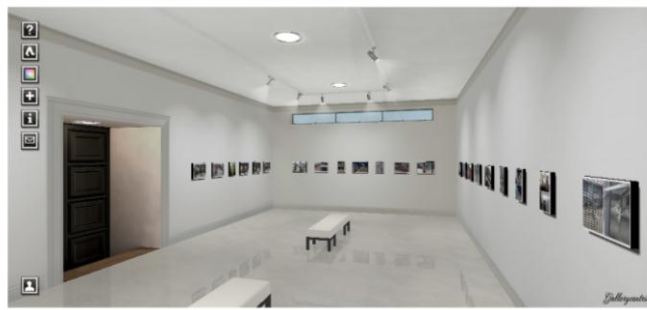
<http://gallery.exhibit.com/exhibition/b83cba76-8535-48e0-857e-bf81de6d64a6/>

We would like to thank the support of the Gallery Centric team for their generous gift of a year's free subscription for our online art exhibitions.

Enjoy!

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On Friday 25 March the Yr 13 Design, Painting, Photography and Sculpture students hit the galleries. We had a full day of exhibition viewing at a range of different galleries around Auckland City. It's crucial for art students to personally experience and interact with art in real life. It's a much deeper experience and I encourage the students to continue going to the galleries, now they know where they are.

AUCKLAND SCHOOLS DEBATING

Our Junior Open debating teams have made a promising start in the Auckland Schools Debating regional qualifying rounds. Team Mighty (Tania Thamrin, Hans Lim, Isaac Bae, Matthew Laguda and Gabrielle Murti) and The SMC Peacocks (Emma Morgan, Abigail Lillo, Antoinetta Whiteford, Katie Cammell and Cameron Leishman) have won their Round One and Round Two matches. The SMC Talk Machines (Ria George, Breann Dias, Taylor Frost and Kerry Lam-Po-Tang) have also performed well, winning one of their two matches. Our other Junior Open team, The Sharp Tongues (Samantha Teinakore, James Green-Thompson, Tyla Stewart, Dana-Lisa Griffin and Connor Sutton), are showing promise and hope to be victorious in the next round.

The Advanced Senior Debating teams, The SMC Saints (Mallory Bish, Courtney Deed, Aidan Fraei, Matthew Boniface and Kendall Ogden) and The SMC Sharks (Emily Stonehouse, Sam Kersel, Phillip Walker, Rebecca Kurtovich and Connor Gallen) have their second round match on Tuesday 29 March at St. Cuthberts and we wish them the best of luck.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT REPORT

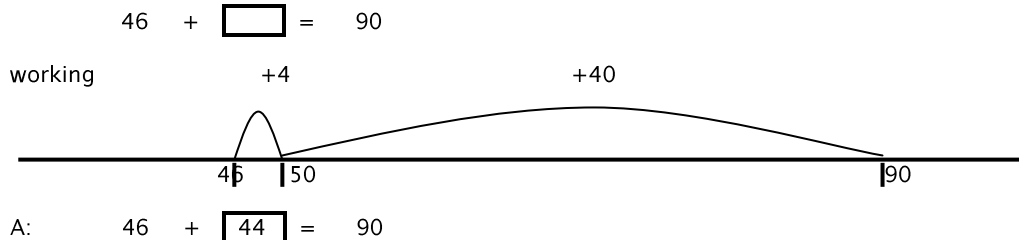
Numeracy Strategy – JUMP THE NUMBER LINE

A new feature in the newsletter this year will be to highlight numeracy strategies taught in Years 7 – 9. Parents have commented that they use traditional methods to calculate their answers so feel ill equipped to help their children with homework. They are told, "That is not how we do it in class!"

Hopefully the series of helpful tips on how to use strategies will assist with those mathematical challenges presented at the dinner table. Remember that it is better to solve one problem lots of ways, than lots of problems one way. When your child asks you how to do something, throw the challenge back at them and get them to think about how they could derive their answer. Our aim is for students to be able to do these problems in their heads– not only on paper. Together come up with the most efficient way of reaching the correct answer. It is fun!

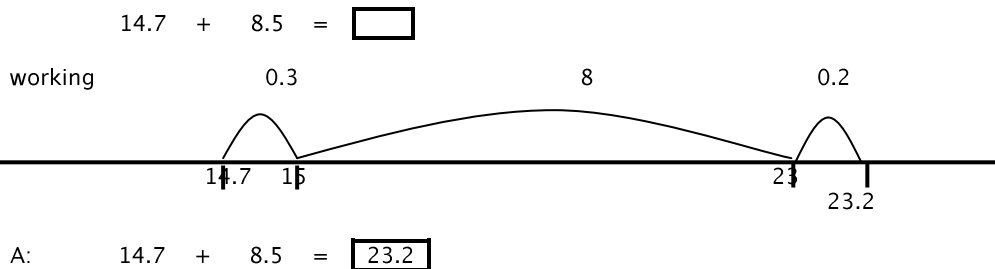
'Jump the Number Line' Strategy 1

Used when you have a problem like: How many more eggs does Jane need to make 90, if she has 46 now?



'Jump the Number Line' Strategy 2

Used when you have a problem like: Jane has 14.7 m of pipe and Pita has 8.5m. How many metres of pipe do they have altogether?



Janet Williams – Numeracy Facilitator

LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT International Exchanges Programmes: The world is your classroom.

In addition to Sancta Maria College Languages (Japanese and French) Exchange Programmes, students of languages are also provided with opportunities to experience language (Japanese or French) and culture immersion in the country where the language they study is spoken through various international exchange programmes.

Ministry of Education Language Immersion Awards 2011 : www.afs.org.nz

Open to senior students of languages, fully paid scholarships of short and long term exchanges.

New Zealand Institute of International Understanding Student Exchange(nziiu): www.student-exchange.co.nz
Long term and short term exchanges are available through this organisation, including scholarships.

Education First High School Exchange: www.ef.com
Long term and short term exchange.

Japanese Department

The suddenness of the Earthquake and tsunami that has devastated much of Sendai region of Japan has brought deep sadness to all us as it reminds us of the shocking earthquake event in Christchurch just a few weeks earlier.

Students of Japanese language have written notes of condolences and prayers for the people of Japan in their nation's most difficult time (which were sent through to the Consulate General of Japan in Auckland).



Students and staff at Sancta Maria College have made 1000 paper cranes as an expression of our deep condolence for the people of Japan. We remember them in our Homeroom liturgies and in our silent reflection as we send our thoughts and prayers of comfort, and hope for safety and recovery.

NOTICES

SICK BAY NOTICE

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.

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.

SET FREE, CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Y10 – 13 students.

15 – 17 April at Totara Springs in Matamata.

Registration \$150 (closing soon).

A chance to celebrate the Catholic Faith along with 250+ other young Catholics.

For more information go to www.setfree.org.nz or see Mr Gorman or Mrs Devoy at school

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

All Term 1 fees should now have been paid in full. A reminder that all fees paid in full by 31 March 2011 will qualify for 5% discount. A tax receipt will be issued in April for all donations received in the last 12 months. Please contact Mrs Blewett if you still need to set up an automatic payment.

CORRECTION to ICAS COMPETITIONS DATES

Science	Wednesday	8 June
Writing	Tuesday	21 June
English	Tuesday	2 August
Mathematics	Tuesday	16 August

KEY DATES

Thursday	07 April	Parent Evening Years 7 – 13	5.00pm – 7.45pm
Friday	15 April	End of Term 1	Easter Liturgy
Monday	02 May	Start of Term 2	
		Board of Trustees Meeting.	6.00pm start
Thursday	05 May	Family Mass –	6.00pm
Tuesday	31 May	School Feast Day	
		Whole school to St Patrick’s and St Joseph’s Cathedral, Auckland.	
		Bishop Pat Dunn will be the celebrant.	

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

EARLY FINISH – FRIDAY 8 APRIL

School will finish at 2.45pm on Friday 8 April for Staff Professional Development. In Zone buses will run from this time

CULTURAL/ARTS/MUSIC FESTIVAL 2011

Saturday 1 October 2011, 10 am – 2 pm

On Saturday 1 October, we will be celebrating our third ‘Cultural Festival’. Practices of cultural performances are well underway for the up-coming Sancta Maria College Cultural/Arts/Music Festival 2011, both during school lunchtimes and after school. While there are a number of students, staff and parents already involved in this school’s special event, we would still love to hear and welcome many more interested parents and students.

The Festival will include items from our school community groups such as the Filipino, Tongan, Irish, Samoan, Indian, Korean and Cook Island to mention a few. Our Kapa Haka is renewed and sharp and the Worship band will lead us in our thoughts and prayers surrounding home and major world events.

We hope to include the Lion Dance from our Chinese community. We plan to further showcase our ‘talent developed’ as our school’s musicians go ‘solo’ and our choir will belt out a few new and old favourites. Mixed amongst all these, the Kiwiana Ballet-Jazz will go ‘cool rhythm’ to the Kiwiana beat while the tap dance performance will treat us to the work of ‘foot rhythm’. The Latin American student group will swing and sway their heels to the funky rhythm of South American moves while our students’ band will entertain our ‘Kiwiana’ sentiment to warm our hearts.

The performances promise to be up-beat, heart-warming and festive, as we celebrate the third Sancta Maria College Cultural/Arts/Music Festival.

We would like to thank our parents who are currently very involved in various cultural and student groups in their performance preparation, but we also look forward to welcoming new enquiries and support from our school community for both food stalls and performances.

Please contact our PTFA chairperson, Mrs Tracey Monaghan: tracey_monaghan@xtra.co.nz for more information on the various food stalls.

Please contact Mrs Kevern

(a.kevern@santamaria.school.nz) or Mr Vickers

(i.vickers@sanctamaria.school.nz) for more information on performances.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Sian Papalii and Quilaine Papua have been selected to represent Counties Manukau Touch U15 Team.

Jessica Robinson recently competed in a 54k road race in Te Kauwhata gaining second place.

Scott Ambrose gained 1st in the U17 Auckland Track Cycling, 1st in 2km Pursuit and 3rd in 10km Points Race. Scott won the gold medal for 1st place in the U17 Auckland Time Trail.

Tysha Ikenasio has been selected to Represent New Zealand in U15 Mixed Touch Rugby Team which will tour Australia later this year.

SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE ATHLETICS DAY

On Friday 25 February Sancta Maria College had their school athletics day. The opening ceremony kicked the day off with each house showing their enthusiasm and house spirit by chanting around the field. The track was very successful with many records broken. Two of our senior students, Nathan Noble-Campbell and Patria Harris had a very successful day along with Tysha Ikenasio also breaking many of the junior athletics records. 2011 marked the introduction of a new event held at lunch time with a 1km fun walk. The house captains of each house were very successful at getting all their students to participate in this event. The house spirit on the day was great and it was good to see the majority of our students enjoying the day.

Sancta Maria College Athletics Champions for 2011

Senior Girls: Patria Harris

Senior Boys: Nathan Noble-Campbell

Intermediate Girls: Taylor Shrimpton

Intermediate Boys: Finn Murphy

Junior Girls: Tysha Ikenasio

Junior Boys: Hunter Curran

2011 Athletics Day Records

GIRLS

Senior Girls 1500m: Patria Harris 6.01.00min's

Senior Girls 800m: Patria Harris 2.45.12 min's

Junior Girls 400m: Tysha Ikenasio 1.08.41 min's

Senior 400m: Patria Harris 1.11.19 min's

Junior 200m: Tysha Ikenasio 27.81secs

Intermediate 200m: Phoebe Brown 28.34secs

Senior 200m: Liz Ene 29.81secs

Junior 100m: Tysha Ikenasio 13.25secs

Intermediate 100m: Emma Noble-Campbell 13.59secs

Senior 100m: Liz Ene 13.44secs

Junior Discus: Danielle Palmer 21.25m

BOYS

Junior 200m: Patrick Iyog 25.03secs

Senior 200m: Nathan Noble-Campbell 23.12secs

Senior 100m: Nathan Noble-Campbell 10.56secs

Senior Shot-put: Chris Vaiangina 11.55m

Junior High Jump: Hunter Curran 1.55m

Senior High Jump: Nathan Noble-Campbell 1.63m

Junior Long Jump: Patrick Iyog 4.96m

Senior Long Jump: Nathan Noble-Campbell 5.63m

Tysha Ikenasio and **Quilaine Papua** – selected for the Counties Manukau Under 15's Elite Mixed Touch Team.

They won all three tournaments:

- Tri Series (Helensville)
- IPS (Papamoa)
- National (Palmerston North)
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Quilaine Papua was Co-Captain for this team.

Tysha Ikenasio was selected for the New Zealand Under 15's Mixed Touch Team. Tysha and her team will take part in a Mixed Touch Rugby Tour in NSW, Australia.

EASTERN ZONE ATHLETICS

Held at Mt Smart on 15 March

Results:

Hunter Curran – 1st Junior Boys High Jump; 1st Junior Boys 800m; 3rd Junior Boys 300m Final

Nathan Noble Campbell – 2nd Senior Boys 400m; 4th Senior Boys 200m final

Tysha Ikenasio – 2nd Junior Girls 100m final

Jaimee Ann Dick – 3rd Equal Junior Girls 300m final

Patria Harris – 3rd Senior Girls 1500m final

4th Senior Girls 800m final

Emma Noble Campbell – 3rd Intermediate Girls 100m final

Larissa Curry – 4th Intermediate Girls Discus

TENNIS

Congratulations to the Senior 1 Boys Tennis Team.

They won all their games this term.

The team consists of:

Joshua Periera; Joshua Lim; David Tiongco; Patrick Iyog; Kevin Huang; Daniel McGivern.