



SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As Term 1 comes to a close we can reflect on a very successful 11 weeks at Sancta Maria College. The main focus has been on academic achievement particularly with our senior school students. The change in terms for 2011 due to the Rugby World Cup will place pressure on our Years 11, 12 and 13 students as Term 4 will be only 2.5 weeks in duration prior to them commencing their NCEA external examinations. These students have been given numerous reminders and material to assist them regarding planning their year, identifying pressure times, the importance of constant revision and attending supplementary tutorials that are offered.

These holidays, while it is important to relax it is equally important to revise and to ensure that notes are up to date. Middle school students could start developing similar good habits!!

Our Tennis, Cricket, Kilikiti and Tag teams have performed well and it is wonderful to see and hear the growth in Music. Our Jazz Combo recently performed a lunchtime recital at Columbus Café across the road from the school. It was a wonderful experience. We will hear more from our Music groups as the year progresses.

Last Saturday twelve of our students together with Mrs Read (HOD French) and Mrs Devoy (DRS) left for France where they will be for three weeks. They will spend most of their time in Arras. This is the second half of the exchange that we have with students from this area of France. Early in the year we hosted the French students who will now reciprocate by billeting the students who hosted them. It is a superb opportunity and no doubt will be a wonderful experience.

Our recent parent / teacher interviews were well attended and I thank both staff and parent / caregivers for taking the time to make themselves available for these important feedback sessions. The education of our young people is critical in the long term development of our nation and to enable this education to be successful **all of us** must work together. Discussing progress and challenges is a meaningful way to do this.

I thank all of you for your positive support of Sancta Maria College and wish you a pleasant and safe two week holiday.

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

FAMILY MASS

Thursday 5 May – 6.00pm

(First Thursday in Term 2)

All families associated with the school are strongly encouraged to come along and celebrate our journey with ALL of US.

SPECIAL CHARACTER – Mrs G Devoy

Term 1 is now coming to a close and Easter will be celebrated during the holidays. For us, Easter is the greatest Feast in the Catholic Church and we are again reminded that Jesus has overcome death, not only for himself but for all of us. We are an Easter people and we recognise the joyfulness of the Resurrection and the power of the risen Christ over sin and death.

On Saturday the 1 April, Audrianna Lee, Elizabeth Ene, Connor Gallen and Waldron Martis were commissioned as Sancta Maria Leaders for the St Vinnies. These four students will represent Sancta Maria College at all St Vinnies meetings and will liaise between St Vinnies and the school as together they work to help others in the community. I would like to thank them for their dedication and wish them all the best for their coming year. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Megan and Emma Noble-Campbell who were altar servers at the Mass. Service is a large component of our Special Character and it is wonderful to see our students responding so generously.

On Friday 8 April, our student leaders attended a Mass at St Mary's College which celebrated Young Catholic Leaders. This was a great opportunity for our students to meet and interact with other leaders from Catholic schools. LOGOS also attended the evening and provided entertainment and music.

Next term is already looking very busy.

The College will be having our Family Mass on Thursday 5 May at 6.00 p.m. in the auditorium. During this Mass, Fr Ezio will commission 25 new Ministers of the Eucharist. These students have given up their lunch break in order to learn about this ministry and I am grateful to them for their commitment and enthusiasm.

Also next term, several students will represent the College at the Pompallier Shield. This is an annual competition amongst the Catholic Colleges in the Auckland Diocese. Students compete in oratory and Scripture Reading events and later get opportunities to meet and mingle with other students from Catholic schools.

The Year 12 and 11 students will be on Retreat early in the term. Again, these Retreats will be facilitated by Fr Bernie Thomas. These Retreat days are compulsory and are an integral part of attending Catholic school. They complement the Religious Education programme and are wonderful opportunities for our students to learn more about their faith, themselves, their life journey and also offer chances to interact with all the members of their cohort.

In conclusion, I hope you all have a wonderful Easter and a relaxing time with your children.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Numeracy Strategy

USING COMPENSATION WHEN ADDING

This strategy involves rounding one of the numbers to a 'tidy number' and then adjusting the other value accordingly. This gives the students easier numbers to work with.

Compensation with adding Strategy 1

Used when you have a problem like: Evelyn has \$97 saved. Her mother gives her \$68 pocket money, how much has she saved in total?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 97 \quad + \quad 68 = \square \\
 \boxed{+3} \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \boxed{-3} \\
 \text{Becomes } (97 + 3) + (68 - 3) = \square \\
 100 \quad + \quad 65 = \mathbf{165}
 \end{array}$$

Compensation with adding Strategy 2

Used when you have a problem like: Waru participates in a long jump competition and jumps a distance of 5.6m on his first attempt and 4.8m on his second attempt. What was the sum of his two jumps?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 5.6 \quad + \quad 4.8 = \square \\
 \boxed{+0.4} \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \boxed{-} \\
 \text{Becomes } (5.6 + 0.4) + (4.8 - 0.4) = \square \\
 6 \quad + \quad 4.4 = \mathbf{10.4}
 \end{array}$$

AUCKLAND SCHOOLS DEBATING

Our Junior Open Debating Teams competed in the third round of the Auckland Schools Debating regional qualifying rounds on Monday 4 April. The moot was that 'This House would ban rap music'. Congratulations to The Sharp Tongues (Samantha Teinakore, James Green-Thompson, Tyla Stewart, Dana-Lisa Griffin and Connor Sutton) who beat their opposition, Edgewater College. Dana-Lisa Griffin spoke beautifully and was named as best speaker of the match. Team Mighty (Tania Thamrin, Hans Lim, Isaac Bae, Matthew Laguda and Gabrielle Murti) debated against The SMC Peacocks (Emma Morgan, Abigail Lillo, Antoinetta Whiteford, Katie Cammell and Cameron Leishman). Great teamwork by The SMC Peacocks meant they were victorious on this occasion.

The Advanced Senior Debating second round moot was that 'This House believes Paul Henry should be reinstated'. The SMC Saints (Mallory Bish, Courtney Deed, Aidan Fraei, Matthew Boniface and Kendall Ogden) won this match by default while The SMC Sharks (Emily Stonehouse, Sam Kersel, Phillip Walker, Rebecca Kurtovich and Connor Gallen) lost narrowly to Pinehurst. Both teams have their third round matches on Tuesday 12 April at St. Cuthbert's College and we wish them the best of luck.

STUDENT REPORT

INTERCULTURAL FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP

On 29-31 March a group of 20 Year 7 students took part in an Inter-cultural Folk Dance Workshop. These children had a fantastic opportunity to learn different ethnic dances. They explored and responded to different types of music through dance and performance, which is an achievement objective in the Year 7 programme.

Student Report - by Gemma Deftereos 7 CLE

I really enjoyed learning all of the different types of dances that different Cultures share.

The Western and Eastern European dance was group dances. We had to get in big circles and dance facing

inwards, or we'd have to hold hands in a line and weave in and out.

The Hawaiian dance was the Hula. As we all know the hula is very slow. We'd have to sway our hips from side to side, and to wave our arms in a sea movement.

The Filipino dance was a flirting dance, with a boy and a girl. It was quite fast and very confusing, as the boy had to bend down on one knee, and the girl would circle around him.

The Indian dance was very jazzy, as the teacher showing it to us was an aerobics teacher. It was done to a fast up beat music which made everyone dizzy and confused! Everyone said that that was their favourite so far!

The African dance was a hunting dance, representing Africans going to hunt down a big animal such as an elephant, bear, or a lion. I found it very interesting.

Then came the Maori dance. I liked the Maori because it had a mixture of singing and dancing. There was a song called 'my poi can fly', we used poi's. No-one was very controlled with the poi's because they kept tangling around our wrist, or hitting the head of the person in front of us!

The last dance was the Chilean dancing. This was also a couple dance; we had to hold hands and turn around. We also did a group dance in a circle. This was a very traditional dance and quite fast.

I really enjoyed the dances, and one day we could share them between our friends and family.

NOTICES

UNIFORM SHOP - HOLIDAY HOURS

The uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 26 April 4.00pm -5.00pm and again on Saturday 30 April , 10.00am - 11.30am.

Updated information will be on the uniform shop answer phone. Telephone: 272 5601

Black winter school shoes are available from:

Milan Shoes, Howick
Stomp Shoes, Botany Town Centre
Elizabeth Michael, Kingsland

Elizabeth Michael Corporate Wear School Holiday Specials

Friday 15 April - Saturday 1 May 2011

357 New North Road, Kingsland, Auckland
Ph: 358 1680

At least 15% off the following:

| Style | Junior Y7-11 | Normally | Special Price \$ |
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| SMC190 | Boys Shorts | 63.00 | 53.55 |
| SMC167 | Boys S/Sleeve Shirt | 47.00 | 39.95 |
| SMC156 | Girls S/Sleeve Blouse | 50.50 | 42.00 |
| Senior Y12-13 | | | |
| SMC224W | Boys L/Sleeve Shirt | 46.50 | 39.50 |
| SMC05 | Boys Trouser | 90.00 | 75.00 |
| SMC248 | Boys Senior Blazer | 198.00 | 160.00 |
| SMC233 | Girls ¾ Sleeve Blouse | 51.00 | 43.00 |
| SMC241 | Girls Skirt | 94.00 | 72.00 |
| SMC42 | Girls Senior Blazer | 174.00 | 140.00 |

All prices shown include GST Sale is for items in stock only. No WINZ quotes for sale items. No exchanges on sale items.

Elizabeth Michael Corporate Wear

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| Shop Hours | Monday–Thursday | 9am–5pm |
| | Friday | 9am–4pm |
| | Saturday | 9am–12pm |

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.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

All Term 1 contributions should now have been paid in full. 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

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

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Swimming

The following students qualified to compete in the Auckland Secondary Schools Champ of Champs Competition in April:
Claire Dowling, Taylor Stevens, Alexander Browne, James Devonshire and Callum Laroche.

Athletics

Counties Manukau Secondary Schools North Island Championship Representatives:
Patria Harris, Hunter Curran and Nathan Noble–Campbell



Luke Dobbs – Year 9 student – 1st
Mi Sedaap Pro Kart Series – Tokoroa Pinex Raceway

In the KF3 Junior support class, Auckland driver Luke Dobbs stepped up for his first major Mi Sedaap Series win.

KEY DATES

Monday 02 May Start of Term 2

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| Thursday | 05 May | Family Mass – 6pm All Welcome |
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Friday 06 May Newsletter

Thursday 19 May Year 11 Retreat

Friday 20 May Year 9 – 13 Cross Country
Newsletter

Thursday 26 May Year 9 Retreat

Saturday 28 May Senior School Ball

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| Tuesday | 31 May | Feast Day Whole school will travel to St Patrick's and St Joseph's Cathedral, Auckland. Bishop Pat Dunn will be the celebrant. |
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Monday 06 June Queen's Birthday – no school

Tuesday 07 June Year 8 HPV Vaccination

Wednesday 08 June ICAS Science Exam

Thursday 09 June Senior Exams Start

Friday 10 June Newsletter

Tuesday 21 June ICAS Writing Exam

Friday 01 July Newsletter

Thursday 07 July Year 8 Retreat

Friday 15 July End of Term 2
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Dates and times are correct at the time of printing, but may be subject to change.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Career Department Surveys– Please complete and return these to school.

Career Surveys were sent home with the March Newsletter to parents of all Year 11–13 students. Please complete and return them to school as soon as possible. Extra copies are available from the homeroom teachers or can be downloaded from the school website. Very few have been returned so far. Your feedback is important as this gives us the opportunity to ensure we are providing the best possible service for our students and families.

Career Interviews:

All year 13 students have now completed the first round of interviews which included an Outcome Sheet outlining further research required and relevant dates relating to career exploration, planning and tertiary/ World of Work applications. Any students or caregivers who require further assistance can contact Mrs Keegan to arrange a time to meet.

All year 12s will continue be interviewed in Term Two and will be seen in the following order of homerooms: 12BRN, 12CLE, 12DNN, 12GNS, 12LIS. The purpose of these interviews is to encourage students to explore a range of career options and to gain a broad sense of the direction that best suits their interests, talents and abilities. Students need to begin actively exploring and identifying training and education possibilities.

Tertiary Exploration Days/Evening Events Term 2, 2011

The aim of these events is to provide first-hand experience and up to date information to prospective students, parents and whanau. They are an opportunity to look around the campuses and facilities, find out about the support services, talk to staff and current students and to find out what it is like to study some of the different courses offered. This list will be updated regularly as we are advised of events. For specific details visit the tertiary websites or see Mrs Keegan.

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| 13 May | Waikato University Open Day |
| TBC | AUT Info Evenings– see AUT website for specific dates of each Faculty and to register. |
| 16 May | Air Force Evening also on 5 September/ 21 November |
| 9–11 June | Coke Careers Expo Greenlane Centre |
| 16 June | University of Melbourne Information Evening |
| 16 June | Science Evening Otago University (Auckland) |
| 20 June | Law Evening Otago University (Auckland) |
| 28 June | STEAM– (Science, Technology, Engineering, Architecture, Medicine) for Yr12/13 Maori/ Pasifika students. |
| 5 July | Air Force Open Day |
| 14 July | Enginuity Day Auckland University– Yr12/13 Girls considering Engineering. |
| 26/28/29 July | Waikato Open Days for Law/Science/Engineering |
| July Holidays | Sci Tech for yr 11 students. Dream Fono– Yr12 Pasifika Students considering Auckland University. |

Please note: The Sancta Maria College Careers Evening is on Thursday 18 August 7.00–8.30pm.

Ways to fund Tertiary Study

Workshops will be run by Mrs Keegan early next term to get year 13 students underway with researching ways to fund their tertiary study including scholarships and tertiary study awards. Students are also encouraged to begin the application process for study loans and allowances. Students turning 18 this year may also qualify for the Student Allowance. This is dependent on the combined income of parents/ caregivers and does not have to be paid back. For further details visit www.studylink.govt.nz. Studylink and the Inland Revenue will be talking to our Year 13s next term and will assist students with the online applications. Dates are yet to be confirmed.

DreamCatcher

We are pleased to announce that from next term we will be involved in a new web– based Programme called DreamCatcher. This electronic programme helps our students in their Career Development Process following them through from Year 7–13. A major feature of this programme is that parents/ caregiver can have direct input from home. We intend to start with our Year 12 students. More details will be sent home early next term. For further information including testimonials visit www.dreamcatcher.school.nz.

Armed Forces and Police Work Experience Programmes

Congratulations to the following Year 13 students who have been selected for work experience. Patria Harris– The Naval Challenge at the Devonport Naval Base and Hogan Shrimpton– Army Challenge Experience at Waiouru Military Camp. Nathan– Noble Campbell, Kelly Paulin and Elliot Diver have been selected for the Brannigans Police Work Experience Programme that runs over three days where they will be working alongside police staff and visiting police units. Selection for all these programmes is highly competitive and stands all these students in good stead for future applications if they decide to pursue these careers.

AMP Study Start Scholarship.

Shana Llorando took advantage of this scholarship and we are all very proud of her for winning it. Now it is your turn to “Do your Thing”. Calling all students who are aiming to do great things (and would also love \$15,000 towards your studies)... Head to www.doyourthing.co.nz for an online application and heaps of tips to really make your application stand out! Applications are now open.