



SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you all had a relaxing, happy and Holy Easter. With Easter and Anzac Day occurring in the holidays its difficult for the school to give the appropriate emphasis to these two special occasions.

Easter of course is the key to our faith. It is core to all our beliefs, our hopes and our very being. Through the Cross and Resurrection Christ showed us the way to the "New Life". We know that throughout our lives there will be crosses to bear, challenges to overcome but that through leading a life based on faith we will receive the 'New Life' promised through the Resurrection. The Easter Eggs and the Easter Bunnies are symbols of this 'New Life' and it is very important that our young people are made aware of the significance of Easter and the Resurrection.

ANZAC Day is special to us as New Zealanders. It is a time when we reflect on the sacrifice made by many, not only at the first ANZAC Day in Gallipoli in the first world war, but all those men and woman who through time have given their lives so that we may live in a free and peaceful country. We give thanks also to those who returned but who still carry the scars of war. We will remember them.

Mr Vickers and myself together with 25 Prefects represented the school at the 11.00am service at Stockade Hill in Howick. Our Head Prefects laid a wreath at the Cenotaph in memory of those who gave their lives.

Term 2 is another long term (11 weeks). It is important that all students quickly get back into solid work habits and develop the appropriate balance of school work, co-curricular activities (sport, music, debating etc), part time work and relaxation. Senior students must look closely at their Year Planner and know when their assessments are occurring. These planners are most effective when they are in a place in the family home that all can see so that the students can be assisted with their planning particularly during "pressure weeks". Many internal assessments will carry vital credits towards their NCEA.

The co-curricular programme will go into "full swing" and we look for total commitment from all who are involved. Students who are members of teams or groups are expected to get to all practices, meetings and games / performances. We ask for parental support in seeing that these commitments are met.

Two major Special Character events occur this term.

Firstly this Thursday 5 May at 6pm is our annual FAMILY MASS in the school auditorium. It would be wonderful to have all families represented at the Mass. It will be a true reflection of ALL OF US at Sancta Maria College.

Secondly

On Tuesday 31 May is our **School Feast Day**, the Visitation. This celebrates when Mary (Sancta Maria) putting others before herself visited her cousin Elizabeth. On this day, we will be taking the entire school into St Patrick's Cathedral in the city to celebrate our Feast Day Mass at 10.15am. Students and staff will travel in buses to the Cathedral. The Board of Trustees has agreed to cover the cost of the Buses. There will be no supplementary charge for this occasion.

We hope and pray that these two events together with the hope of the New Life promised through the resurrection will continue to develop in our young people a deep faith that will serve them well and be reflected in their actions as they grow into young men and women of mana.

May God Bless you all

Paul Daley
Principal

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr Peter Bish

At the Board of Trustees Meeting in March Mr Peter Bish tendered his resignation from the Board. Peter was on the original Establishment Board for the College and along with other parents was instrumental in Sancta Maria College being established in the Eastern Suburbs. Peter has served the College with dedication, initiative and real passion for the development of the culture and Special Character of the College. Peter has been directly involved in the naming of the College, and the names of the four Houses, Akaroa, Hokianga, Kororareka and Waitemata. He was Chairman of the Personnel Subcommittee being involved in most staff appointments. He also served on the Finance and Property Subcommittees.

Peter's ten years involvement in the school has been a key component to its place in the community today. **All of Us** thank him for his outstanding commitment and we acknowledge his input. We wish him well in the knowledge that he will 'keep in touch' and of course will always be welcome at 'his' school.

Charter Review

The Board of Trustees is currently initiating a review of the school's Charter / Strategic Plan. A preliminary meeting with Board of Trustees and Staff Personnel will occur towards the end of May. Following this meeting a draft review document will be available on the school website for all parents and caregivers. A questionnaire will be circulated through the school newsletters. As this document will give direction for the next three years we welcome your input.

New Library

Plans for the new library to be constructed on the current tennis courts are now being finalised. The building will be two storied with the Library on the top floor. Classrooms and other spaces will be developed on the ground floor at a later date.

The project is due for completion by the beginning of 2012.

Board of Trustees Meeting Dates for this Term

Meetings are held in the College Staffroom at 7.00pm.
Monday 2 May (Special Meeting for HOD's 6.00pm)
Monday 30 May
Monday 27 June

Michael Stride
Board of Trustees Chairman

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. Students can be given permission to use their cell phones in the Student Centre area. 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

Tax receipts for the last financial year have been sent to all families with your school contribution statement. Term 2 contributions are due by the end of the 3rd week of Term.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Lachlan McKenzie won NZ Open Gold in Tae Kwon Do NZ Taekwondo Tournament recently. Lachlan competed with athletes from NZ, Australia and the Pacific Islands.



Audrianna Lee, Elizabeth Ene, Connor Gallen, Waldron Martis: Commissioned as Sancta Maria Leaders for St Vinnies.

Patria Harris – selected for Naval Challenge

Hogan Shrimpton – selected for Army Challenge

Nathan Noble Campbell) Selected for
Kelly Paulin) Police Brannigan
Elliot Diver) Programme

Frazer Diver
Football Academy Team – won Pacific Finals in Melbourne

Senior Boys Tennis Team unbeaten in Term 1are:

Joshua Pereira, Joshua Lim, Kevin Huang, Patrick Iyog, David Tiongco, Daniel McGivern. Coach: Jeff Shrimpton. Manager: Mrs J Beaumont.

Shana Llorando. Original song used to launch AMP Scholarship for Young Achievers. Shana appeared on "Close Up" on Friday 8 April.

KEY DATES

Thursday	05 May	Family Mass – 6pm All Welcome
Thursday	19 May	Year 12 Retreat
Friday	20 May	Year 9 – 13 Cross Country Newsletter
Thursday	26 May	Year 11 Retreat
Saturday	28 May	Senior School Ball
Monday	30 May	Board of Trustees Meeting – 7pm
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.
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
Monday	27 June	Board of Trustees Meeting – 7pm
Friday	01 July	Newsletter
Friday	15 July	End of Term 2 Newsletter

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