



SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The staff and students have quickly settled in to what will be a very eventful and busy third term. We are delighted with the performance of our sports teams particularly as you will see in the Student Achievement section of the newsletter, our 1st XI Boys Football, the boys and girls Basketball and Hockey Team and the 1st XV Rugby Team. Our Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Band and Concert Band performed superbly at the KBB Music Festival.

The highlight of the term so far was our Assumption Day Mass. This special day in the school's calendar reflects our charism which is based on Mary as the mother of our Saviour. The auditorium was beautifully transformed into a place of worship greatly enhanced by the new speaker system and the magnificent cross that now hangs as a permanent reminder of why we are here and what it is that makes our school different.

It is a busy term academically particularly for the Senior School as they prepare for their NCEA Assessments. We are doing all that we can to encourage and support the students and I ask that you as parents / caregivers do what you can to provide a supportive environment within the home. They are wonderful young people who want to do well. They are looking to us for support and guidance. If you are concerned in any way please contact your child's Dean and we can work with you.

Finally, please take note of the Key Dates on the back page of this Newsletter. There are some critical dates that you need to be aware of.

Thank you for your on-going support.

May God Bless you all

Paul Daley
Principal

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next week we have our Special Character Review. The two members of the review team will be meeting with the Board, Senior Staff, the Pastoral Care Team, Fr Ezio, Parents and Students to get feedback on the Charism and Special Character of the school. As well they will visit classrooms and attend assemblies. We look forward to having them in the school and to their report.

We are completing the final stages of our community survey. On 7 September all parents will receive an email with an attached letter from the Principal explaining the background to the survey. The main purpose of this email is to ensure we have your email address correct. If you do not receive this please contact the school immediately. (admin@sanctamaria.school.nz) so that we can give you the opportunity to respond to the survey. The results will assist the Board as we review our strategic direction in Term 4.

Michael Stride
Board of Trustees Chairman

SPECIAL CHARACTER REPORT

Feast of the Assumption

On Monday August 15, the Sancta Maria Community came together to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. This is an important Feast in the Catholic Calendar and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mary was born without sin and lived a life of goodness, purity, faithfulness and holiness. We believe that because of this, God rewarded her in a way that no other human being has ever been rewarded. When her life on this earth was completed, Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This is called the Assumption and the Assumption teaches that Mary was the first human being to participate in her son's Resurrection and that she waits in heaven for us to join her in the Resurrection and in life everlasting.

The Mass was a success due to the efforts of the Liturgy Committee, who worked so tirelessly to decorate the altar focus and prepare readings and prayers. I would like to thank and acknowledge this team of dedicated workers. I would also like to thank Fr Ezio Blasoni, our College Chaplain, who celebrated the Mass. We are very grateful to Father for his on-going support and assistance in all we do at Sancta Maria College.

Retreats

On Thursday 1 September, the Year 10 students will be on Retreat. This will be facilitated by Fr Bernie Thomas. The purpose of a Retreat is for students to learn more about themselves, their peers and aspects of their faith. It is important that all students attend and participate in this day. The Retreat dates for Year 9 will be given later.

Values

The current value is Equity or fairness. It is based on a legal system that is founded on the principles of natural justice that supplements common law. As Catholics, we believe that inequalities that affect millions of people are sinful and in open contradiction of the teachings of the gospel.

Any form of social or cultural discrimination that occurs on the grounds of sex, race, colour, social conditions, language or religion, must be curbed and eradicated as being incompatible with God's design.

Ethics and equity and the principals of justice do not change with the calendar. Anonymous

Special Character Review

In Week 5, we warmly welcome Linda McQuade and Brendan Schollum to the College. They will be completing a review of the Special Character and will be meeting with staff, students and parents as well as visiting classrooms. We hope they enjoy their time with us at the College.

God of all goodness

We rejoice and are glad because

Mary shares in the glory of Heaven with you

May we be nourished by sharing in your life and love

So that we may live with the same faith in you as Mary did

We make this prayer in your name

Amen

Geraldine Devoy
DRS

PATRIA HARRIS - Deputy Head Girl



Patria is a volunteer Lifeguard at Mangawhai Heads. On Sunday 30 January 2011 she was on duty and was part of a team that pulled a man from the water who was unconscious and not breathing. During a challenging 45 minutes of working on the man using their resuscitation kit, CPR and a defibrillator the team managed to get a small pulse that kept the victim stable till the Rescue Helicopter arrived. As a result of their efforts, the Team has been awarded the Northern Region Rescue of the Year Award. "Without their actions the person would have died". Patria found it to be an emotionally draining experience and one that she will never forget. We are extremely proud of her.

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MARK YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 27 August, 7pm - Trivial Pursuit
It is not too late to buy tickets, see attached flyer.

Wednesday 7 September 7pm - Next Meeting.
All Welcome

Saturday 1 October - 10am - 2pm - Cultural Festival
All hands on deck, please support in whatever way you can.

MITRE 10 CASH CARD

Please fill in the attached flyer and earn discounts for yourself and money back to our school.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Careers Evening.

A big thank you to all the parents, students and delegates who turned up for our Careers Evening on Thursday 18 August. Your participation helped to make this a very successful evening.

Tertiary Exploration.

The University of Auckland Courses and Careers Day Saturday 27 August 2011 9am-3pm.

This is a chance for our parents and students to experience what life is like at The University of Auckland and to investigate the undergraduate study options. Experience campus life, see exhibits, attend lectures and tours, and learn about entry requirements, scholarships and careers that University study could lead to. There will be plenty of entertainment, food and fun on the day, and our current students and staff will be on hand to welcome everyone and answer all their questions.

Programmes available from the homeroom teachers and the Careers Department or go online at www.coursesandcareers.auckland.ac.nz for further details.

Career Interviews

All year 12 and 13 students have now seen Mrs Keegan the Careers Advisor at least once this year to explore and refine their career and study options. All year 11 students are now being interviewed to assist with subject selection. Students and parents or caregivers are welcome to make an appointment if there are any concerns or questions that cannot be answered by researching online websites including www.careers.govt.nz or in brochures available in the Career Centre.

Year 10 Careers Day Wednesday 7 September

All year 10 students will be taken off the school timetable for the day to focus on careers and subject selection. They will rotate around five one hour workshops in homeroom groups. These workshops will cover: Career Planning, Online Career Resources, Subject Selection, Study Skills and Tertiary Study- A Beginner's Guide. Subject selection forms will then be due by Thursday 8 September at the latest.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Eastern Zone Speech Competition

Three of our students represented the college in the Eastern Zone Speech Competition at Howick College on Tuesday 23 August. Gabrielle Murti was 2nd in the Year 9 category and Angela Harvey 2nd in the Year 10 category. Congratulations to these girls and to Grace Devarajah who took part in the Year 11 category.

College Herald

Congratulations to Christiana David whose poem was published in The College Herald on Tuesday 23 August.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Numeracy Strategy

ALGORITHM DECOMPOSITION - SUBTRACTION

Many students are under the misconception that the algorithm is not considered a valid strategy. It is a strategy that can be used, but the students must be careful that there is not a faster strategy that can be used instead of the algorithm. If there is a quicker, easier method to calculate the answer then they should use it. They need to be open to using many methods.

This strategy is used when numbers are too difficult to find the answer mentally but it is important that students understand place value while doing the algorithm.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Niel Kulkarni, Year 8 student has won 2 silver medals in Ballroom dancing. Niel danced in the Ballroom Dancing New Zealand Open in the last weekend of the holidays and was placed second in the Junior Level 1 Latin and Junior Level 1 New Vogue.

Iyrin Quigley has been selected to represent New Zealand in the forthcoming Winter Games Ice Skating Championships in Dunedin. In doing so Iyrin will gain her first world ranking.

Jakob Ambrose – U15 Hockey, Auckland Representative

Madison Milne is the Junior Women's Aerobic Champion for New Zealand.

Georgia Dance achieved 2nd place in the Cadet Aerobic Championships.

Luke Dobbs was 3rd in the Top 10 CIK (Go-Carts) for NZ and has been invited to compete at the World Championships.

Leilani Jamieson Auckland Rep Netball Team
Under 15 Counties Manukau Maori Rep Team

Maia Speechlay has just had a Shotokan Karate-Do exam She has been awarded her yellow belt. We congratulate you on your fine performance.

CROSS COUNTRY

Here are the results from the Years 7 & 8 Cross Country held on Thursday 11 August.

Year 7 Girls

1st – Brooke Burns
2nd – Aleisha Mahy
3rd – Natasha Griffin

Year 7 Boys

1st – Kurt Stokes
2nd – Calvin Quezet
3rd – Joseph Tamase

Year 8 Girls

1st – Victoria Kurtovich
2nd – Georgia Dance
3rd – Angela Pathoumphanh

Year 8 Boys

1st – Luke Oliver
2nd – Nicholas Fromont
3rd – Christopher Field

SOUTH EASTERN ZONES NETBALL COMPETITION

On Wednesday 3 August six Year 7 & 8 netball teams attended this competition at Morrin Rd.

The Year 8A Girls got 4th in their division, the Year 8B girls got 2nd in their division. The Year 7 Boys came 3rd and the Year 8 boys took out the competition winning all 8 games.

The Year 8 boys represented the South Eastern Zones at the Auckland Interzone Competition which took place on Wednesday 24 August. Great coaching Sian and Tysha.

GIRLS HOCKEY

The girls hockey team has had a good season this year with some results that the girls are extremely proud about. The highlight of the season had to be the 2-2 draw with Howick College just before the end of Term 2. We were the only team in the whole competition to take points away from this team, a truly awesome effort. Special mention to Victoria Kurtovich in Year 8 who made the Auckland Collier Cup team. This is the top Year 7 and 8 players from all over Auckland. I wish her luck when she heads off to tournament in October. Thanks to all the parents who supported us during the season.

Well done to Izaak Tele, Blair Yate and Jakob Ambrose for their selection into representative hockey teams for the 2011 season. These young players are proving valuable to SMC hockey and their commitment next year will be huge for SMC.

Kate Bradley
Girls Hockey Coach

BASKETBALL

The U19 Boys and U17 Girls have done really well this season, both finishing second in their division. They will both compete in two weeks time in the Greater Auckland Basketball Competition against the top teams from around Auckland.

Year 7 and 8 Girls and Boys competed in the South Eastern Zones competition recently. Both teams had a terrific tournament. The boys won all their games which gained them first place in the tournament. The girls gained third place in the tournament, only losing two games out of six.

NOTICES

LEAVE REQUESTS

Parents requesting leave for students **must send a letter in writing to the Principal 10 days prior** to the event.

Parents collecting students from school for appointments must sign them out at the student centre. For Health and Safety reasons students **cannot** wait in the car park to be collected.

PROCEDURE FOR UNWELL STUDENTS

If your child is unwell while at school, they must report to Mrs Davis in the front office. She will then assist or telephone a parent to collect them. **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.

SENIOR SCHOOL TUTORIALS TERMS 3 AND 4

Please see attached sheet for Senior Tutorial Timetable

KEY DATES

Wednesday	31 August	Y7 Hearing/Vision Testing
Friday	02 Sept	School Closed – Staff Only Day NCEA National Standards Planning
Monday	05 Sept	School Closed – Mid Term Break One Day Only
Tuesday	06 Sept	Normal School Day – Day 5
Monday	12 Sept	Senior Exams Start Year 10 Camp
Tuesday	20 Sept	Newsletter
Saturday	01 Oct	Cultural Festival
Tuesday	04 Oct	Year 8 Camp
Friday	07 Oct	Term 3 Ends
Monday	24 Oct	Labour Day (School Closed)
Tuesday	25 Oct	Term 4 Begins – 8.40am
Wednesday	26 Oct	Sports Awards Evening – 5.00–7.00pm
Thursday	27 Oct	Year 8 Retreat
Thursday	03 Nov	Thanksgiving Mass Year 12 – 13 Prize Giving Final Day for Year 12 and 13
Friday	04 Nov	Year 11 Prize Giving – 9.30am Final Day for Year 11
Thursday	10 Nov	NCEA / Scholarship Begin Year 12 English
Wednesday	16 Nov	2012 New Enrolment Evening
Thursday	01 Dec	Year 13 Leaver’s Dinner 5.30pm Mass
Tuesday	06 Dec	Middle School Prize Giving
Thursday	08 Dec	End Term 4

SENIOR SCHOOL TUTORIALS TERMS 3 AND 4 2011

MONDAY	Art and Photography	Most weeks	3.15 – 4.30	LWE
	Year 11 Multi-Materials	CG10	Lunchtime	HDN
TUESDAY	Mathematics Year 11 – 12	AG2	3.20 – 4.30pm	BMT
	Mathematics Year 13	AG3	3.20 – 5.00pm	WMS
	Geography Year 12	AU1 Every 2 nd Week	7.30 – 8.30am	BDY
	Geography Year 13	AU1 Every 2 nd Week	3.20 –	BDY
	Art & Photography Scholarship	Most Weeks	3.15 – 4.30pm	LWE
	Classics Year 13	AU2	7.45 – 8.15am	MSN
	Classics Year 13 Scholarship	AU2 Fortnightly	1.30 –	MSN
	English Year 13 Scholarship	AM4	3.20 –	GYE
	French Year 11 – 13	DG8	3.20 –	RAD
	English Year 11	AM2 From Week 10	3.20 –	RBN
	English Year 12	AM4 From Week 9	3.20 –	LFG
	English Year 13	AM6 From Week 9	3.20 –	RDN
	Food Technology Year 11	CG6	3.20 –	MCH
	Multi-Materials Year 11	CG10	lunchtimes	HDN
Fabrics Year 11 – 13	CG3	lunchtimes & 3.20 –	MCL	
Food Tech Year 12 – 13	CG7	Lunchtimes & 3.20 –	MCL	
ICT Year 11 – 13	BU2	lunchtimes	GLS	
Science Year 11	CU6 From Week 8	3.15 – 4.00pm	WKR	
WEDNESDAY	Mathematics Year 11 – 13	AG5	3.20 – 4.30pm	NKR
	Drama	AM1 From Term 4	3.30 – 5.30pm	OVR
	Japanese Year 13 Scholarship	AU3	3.30 – 4.30pm	KVN
	French Year 11 – 13	DG8	3.20 –	RAD
	Food Tech Year 11	CG6	3.20 –	MCH
	Multi-Materials Year 11	CG10	Lunchtime	HDN
	Graphics Year 11	CG9	Lunchtime & 3.20 –	VZL
	Multi-Materials Year 12 – 13	CG10	Lunchtime & 3.20 –	VZL
	Fabrics Year 11 – 13	CG3	Lunchtime & 3.20 –	MCL
	Food Tech Year 12 – 13	CG7	Lunchtime & 3.20 –	MCL
	Biology Year 12 – 13	CU6	7.30 – 8.00am 3.15 – 4.00pm	WKR/MLM WKR/MLM
	Chemistry Year 12 – 13	CU9	Lunchtime Day 3 & 3.15 – 4.00pm	STN/ELS
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THURSDAY	Mathematics Year 11 - 13	AG1	1.30 - 2.00pm	SXN
	Japanese Year 11 - 12	AU3	3.30 - 4.30pm	KVN
	RE Year 13	BU2	3.20 - 4.30pm	GRM
	RE Year 12	BU2 From 8 Sept	3.20 - 4.30pm	GRM
	PE Year 13 Scholarship	Gym	7.00am	OTR
	Art & Photography Moving Image	Most Weeks	3.15 - 4.30pm	LWE
	French Year 13 Scholarship	DG8	3.20 -	RAD
	Multi-Materials Year 11	CG10	Lunchtime	HDN
	Graphics Year 11	CG9	Lunchtime & 3.20 -	VZL
	Multi-Materials Year 12 - 13	CG10	Lunchtime & 3.20 -	VZL
	Fabrics Year 11 - 13	CG3	Lunchtime & 3.20 -	MCL
	Food Tech Year 12 - 13	CG7	Lunchtime & 3.20 -	MCL
	ICT Year 11 - 13	BU2	Lunchtime	GLS
	History Year 13 Scholarship	AU4	3.30 - 4.30pm	ARW
FRIDAY	Multi-Materials Year 11	CG10	Lunchtime	HDN
SATURDAY	Art & Photography	Some Weeks	See	LWE
DAY 6	Physics Year 12 - 13	CU7	Lunchtime	MTL/HRR

Possible holiday workshops / tutorials in Drama, Art and Photography.

See your teachers re specific dates and times.

FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

The measles outbreaks in Auckland and Waikato are mainly affecting unimmunised school children.

By 8 August, 175 measles cases had been reported this year, including 19 who needed hospital treatment. Most cases were in the Auckland region, although 24 cases were reported in Hawke's Bay this year. In the past week, 12 cases have been reported in the Waikato region, mainly around Te Awamutu.

Measles symptoms

Measles is a highly infectious disease and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, and then a rash which develops after about three days. Complications can include middle ear infections, pneumonia, and, more rarely, encephalitis or brain inflammation. About one in ten people infected need to be hospitalised.

The best measles prevention is the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine which is free for all New Zealand children.

What schools can do

Prevent measles from spreading by:

1. **Telling staff, parents and caregivers** about the measles outbreaks and that measles may spread to other parts of the country.
2. **Updating your immunisation register.** All primary schools must keep an immunisation register under the Health (Immunisation) Regulations 1995. This means you can quickly identify unimmunised children who have been in contact with someone with measles and help reduce the risk of measles spreading.
3. **Ask parents and caregivers to make sure that their children's immunisations are up-to-date.** Staff born during or after 1969 should also be vaccinated for measles.
4. **For school teams attending Tournament Week (Aug 22–26).** All students and adults attending should check their measles immunisation status. If they are not fully vaccinated (ie 2 MMR vaccinations) and are born after 1969, they should see their doctor or nurse to get immunised as soon as possible before the event. Unimmunised students who were exposed to measles in the two weeks prior to the event should not attend.

Measles at your school

If a child becomes unwell at your school:

Separate unwell children

If a child becomes unwell with possible measles, separate any unwell child from other children while waiting to be taken home. This helps minimise the risk of measles spreading.

GP will notify medical officer of health

GPs and health professionals must notify the local medical officer of health of any suspected measles cases. When a notification is confirmed as measles, public health staff will give you information and advice.

People with measles must stay home

Any student or teacher with measles must stay away from school for seven days from the appearance of the rash and until recovery, depending on the advice of the medical officer of health. Unimmunised students, or those with no immunity to measles, who have been in close contact with a measles case during the infectious stages should stay away from school for 14 days from their last contact. This requirement is under the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 1966 (Regulation 14). These exclusions also apply to students taking part in sporting events. Please follow the advice of the medical officer of health.

More information

Visit the Ministry of Health website <http://www.moh.govt.nz> or the Immunisation Advisory Centre website <http://www.immune.org.nz>.

You can also phone the Immunisation Advisory Centre toll-free line 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) for advice.

If you would like to discuss these issues, please contact your local public health service. You can find more information at <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/contact-us-public-health-services>.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Dr Mark Jacobs
Director of Public Health
Ministry of Health

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FROM:

NZ Transport Agency

Dear Parent/Caregiver

If your teenager is learning to drive (or about to start), please read on. This can be a stressful time for both of you. But don't worry, help is at hand.

- www.safeteendriver.co.nz is a new FREE website to help parents and caregivers like you
- The resource was put together by the NZ Transport Agency in collaboration with a parent/teen relationship psychologist and an expert in driving psychology
- The website has lots of great tips to help you connect with your teenager and tools to teach them how to become a safer driver.

The Graduated Driver Licence System (GDLS) is a three-step process. So the things you need to teach your teenager will change as they progress from Learner through the Restricted phase to their Full Licence.

At the Learner stage:

- Teach them the practical driving skills (in a range of conditions and situations) using the tools on the website
- In February 2012, the restricted driving test is getting harder to encourage around 120 hours of supervised practice.

At the Restricted stage:

- Young drivers are most at risk during the first 6–12 months of driving solo
- If your teenager has friends in the car with them, they're ten times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash
- Learn how to manage the risks using the tools on the website
- It may be convenient for you to let your teen break their Restricted Licence conditions but:
 - your insurance may be compromised if they breach their Restricted Licence and cause a crash
 - they could be fined \$100 and receive 35 demerit points (licence suspended for three months if they get 100 or more demerit points within two years).

Your teenager still needs you

It can be hard communicating with teenagers. But you're still a positive influence on them, even though it might not feel like it at times.

So it's important you get involved with your teenager's driving education and stay involved until they have a Full Licence.

Visit www.safeteendriver.co.nz to use the tools and help your teenager become a safer driver.

If you don't have the internet, you can order hard copy resources.

For the Learner phase call 0800 772 284 to sign up to Practice.

For the Restricted phase call 0800 822 422 for a Safe Teen Driver pack.