



# SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I wish to bring to your attention that there is a significant amount of important information in this Newsletter and I ask that you read it carefully and make a note of dates etc that relate to you or your family.

Points of interest include:

Art Department Folio Completion Dates and Exhibitions, Cultural Festival on Saturday 1 October, meeting of Maori and Pasifika families tomorrow evening (Wednesday) and 'End of Year' schedule for senior students. There is also information from the Religious Education Department and the Careers Department.

We congratulate our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Boys Football Team on winning the Auckland A4 competition and for their superb performance at the National tournament in Tauranga.

Congratulations also to the Senior A Girls Netball Team on winning the HPNC Senior Championship.

They also performed at the highest level in Tauranga.

**From Monday 26 September a new Traffic Management Plan** will operate at the end of the school day. Details will be handed out to drivers throughout this week. The critical times are:

### 3.15 pm

No vehicles will be allowed to go up the Driveway beyond the College car park ie all vehicles will need to turn left into the lower car park.

### 3.20 pm

No vehicles will be allowed to exit the top (Primary School) car park for approximately 15 minutes.

We thank you for your co-operation as we strive to make the pickup both safe and efficient.

God Bless

Paul Daley  
Principal

## SPECIAL CHARACTER REPORT

Term 3 has been a very busy term for Sancta Maria College. In Week 5, we welcomed Linda McQuade and Mr Brendan Schollum from the Catholic School's Office as they carried out a Review on the Special Catholic Character of the College. Although we have not yet received the written report, the initial verbal feedback has been positive.

During their visit, Miss McQuade and Mr Schollum met with a wide range of students and were most impressed with their behaviour, appearance and integrity. They described our students as being articulate, confident young men and women who have a good understanding of the College's Special Character and who clearly strive to live out the school's values in their lives.

I would like to thank all those students and parents who met with the Special Character Review team and I would particularly like to congratulate our students. We look forward to receiving the full report.

### St Vinnies

In Week 5, the St Vinnie's group organised an appeal for students to bring used clothing and bedding. This was sent onto the St Vincent de Paul Society in Otahuhu. This was an extremely successful initiative. The St Vinnie's leaders from Auckland were very impressed and pleased with the results. I

would like to thank all of you who contributed so generously. These efforts have made life easier for people living close to our community.

### Retreats

The Year 8 students will be having their Retreat on Monday 3 October. This is the first time this year group will have such an experience and I would urge all students to make the most of this day. The Retreat will be facilitated by Fr Bernie Thomas. There will be a letter sent home with more details later.

Due to ill health the Year 10 Retreat was postponed and will now be held on Thursday 27 October. Again, a letter will be sent home later.

The Year 9 Retreat will be held on Thursday 17 November. More information will be sent home closer to this date.

### Values

The Value for the next three weeks is Resilience. Resilience is the power or ability to recover readily from life's challenges. It is the ability to adapt to new and sometimes unwanted situations. It is not necessarily about being tough but rather demonstrates the ability to accept your feelings, to give yourself time and to look after yourself in a difficult situation or period.

At times of adversity, we turn to God, a constant companion in our life journey. Asking God's help or intercession is something we all do in times of trouble. Sometimes, the desired outcome does not eventuate, but through prayer, it seems we are granted an acceptance and peace about our situation together with the resilience to overcome it.

Our greatest glory is in never falling but in rising every time we fall. **Confucius**

Some men do not succeed because their wishbone is where their backbone ought to be. **Anonymous**

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday during the Term break.

Geraldine Devoy  
DRS

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

In an attempt to encourage dinner time discussion of the topics covered at school, the Religious Education Department will begin to offer regular updates on some of the topics being studied at present. Along with the topic title will be some possible discussion questions for you to engage in with your child.

#### Year 7 – Signs and Sacramental Realities

What signs are there of God in this world? How do the sacraments make God's love present?

#### Year 8 – God Strand

How is the Church the body of Christ? What does the "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic" Church mean?

#### Year 9 – Creation and Co-Creation

What similarities and differences are there between scientific and religious creation stories? How can we be faithful stewards of God's creation?

**Year 10** – Ask your child what topic their class is currently studying

#### Year 11 – Understanding the Gospel Stories

What different types of truth are in the scriptures? Who wrote the different gospels and why do they emphasise different things?

#### Year 12 – Loss, Death, Grief and Dying

How do you handle grief? Are there significant losses you have suffered that you're yet to grieve for? What are the key Catholic beliefs about life after death?

#### Year 13 – Finding Meaning

Why is there evil in the world? How did we get here? Does the big bang answer all questions about the beginning of the universe?

## PTFA

### TRIVIAL PURSUIT

Our annual Trivial Pursuit evening at Sancta Maria College was a great night with a good turnout. The trophy was again closely contested and went to the winning team "The Try Hard Nations", who took out first prize for the second year in a row. The BBQ raffle was won by Mrs Davis on reception and the Auction for the 32"LCD TV donated by Sharp produced a great result. All of our sponsors are on the website, so please support them where you can. All in all a great night was had and we raised \$700 for Catholic Cathedral College and over \$3,000 for "Shade & Seating" for the school.

### CULTURAL FESTIVAL - 1 OCTOBER - 10AM - 2PM

We are still looking for helpers and hands on for the day. Please watch out for the flyers, check the website or ring Tracey Monaghan on 535 7609 or 021658700. We need your support, this is a great family day and our biggest fundraiser. Please help us reach our target of \$10,000.

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Debbie Wakker - HOD Science has been elected to the position of Pistol New Zealand President. Ms Wakker has been involved with shooting for a number of years, competing and being involved in the administration at an international level. The role involves overseeing all the different disciplines of Pistol shooting within NZ, as well as being part of the selection process for International events such as the Commonwealth Games and World Cups, she will liaise with the Police and other bodies regarding the safe use of firearms in NZ. Ms Wakker is the first woman to ever be elected or appointed as President for any shooting organisation within NZ so this is both an honour and an outstanding achievement. We congratulate her.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### ART

Recently Year 11 Art students spent time at the Wallace Trust Collection at Pah House. It's a fabulous historical house that holds some of the James Wallace private collection. The students enjoyed seeing some of the contemporary NZ artists they are studying in class, exposure to new art-making ideas to inform their own work and the opportunity to see the historical architectural features of the homestead.

Prior to the visit, two collectors of Andrew McLeod's artwork brought their personal collections to the art room for Year 11 Art students to see and learn more about one of their major artist model influences for their folio work. The combined collections provided a fabulous overview of his paintings from his beginnings in School Certificate to current paintings worth thousands of dollars!! Students also had the opportunity to ask about investing and collecting in art, what it takes to have a career as a painter and to hear personal stories about Andrew's life and career.

### Important dates for Art Folios:

#### Weekend workshop:

Saturday 1 October 11am - 5pm

#### Holiday workshops will also be provided:

Monday 10 October 10.30 - 5.30pm

Thursday 20 October 1 - 4pm

#### Folio Due Dates:

Level 1 Monday 3 October 8.30am. To the Auditorium

Level 2 Photography Wednesday 5 October 8.30 am. To the Art Office

Level 2 Painting and Sculpture Tuesday 25 October 8.30 am. To the Auditorium

Level 3 Design, Painting, Photography, Sculpture Thursday 3 November 8.30 am. Art Teacher to confirm  
Scholarship Workbooks Monday 7 November 8.30 am. To the Art Office

### Folio Exhibitions

We will hold folio exhibitions again this year. They are a valuable opportunity to celebrate all the hard work and talent of our art students. It is also a fabulous opportunity to view art folios in subjects and year levels that may be a new subject choice for son/daughter next year. Nibbles and refreshments are provided. All are welcome.

### Level 1 Art, L2 Painting, Photography and Sculpture

Tuesday 25 October (first day back Term 4)

4-6pm Staffroom

### Level 3 Design, Painting, Photography and Sculpture

Thursday 3 November

Prior to the senior Prizegiving (come early to Prizegiving for refreshments, nibbles and great Art) Drama room AM1

## CAREERS

### The University of Auckland school leaver admission requirements-changes for 2012.

All undergraduate applicants applying are given a rank score. If they meet the University Entrance Standard, the rank score and the other requirements for the programme, they will be offered a place. The guaranteed entry score for each programme is set on past enrolments and the academic performance of the applicants. Some programmes select largely on the basis of auditions and portfolios.

### Five programmes have increased entry scores for 2012.

These are listed below. All other programmes remain as listed in 2012 Undergraduate Prospectus on pages 60-61. The scores are calculated on the best 80 credits at Level 3 from up to 5 University approved subjects.

2= Achieved, 3 =Merit, 4= Excellence.

Programme	NCEA (Level 3 ) Revised rank score for 2012
Bachelor of Commerce	180
Bachelor of Business and Information Management	180
Bachelor of Property	180
Bachelor of Music	140 (an Audition is required)
Bachelor of Nursing	210

## GATEWAY PROGRAMME 2012

This is an invitation for our senior students to apply to participate in next year's Gateway Programme.

The Gateway Programme has been available for the last four years and has been very beneficial to the participants.

The Programme is fully funded by the Government and will not cost you any money.

Students who are accepted into the programme have the opportunity to work in a real company with a real employer of their chosen industry. We ask the students to go to work for 10 full working days. (Usually one day a week for the duration of the programme). Where appropriate students may be asked to complete a portion of this during the school holidays. Students undertake industry based Unit Standards and achieve at least 10 credits that count towards their NCEA results.

Since the programme runs predominantly during school time, students need to be motivated to catch up on missed school work during their days in the work place.

This year's Gateway students worked in the following industries:

**Hospitality, Fashion, Retail, Banking, Equine, Electrical, Carpentry, Automotive, Hairdressing and Nursing.**

If you would like to know more about our Gateway Programme please contact our Gateway Coordinator Mrs Anderson Tel 274 4081 ext 244 or r.anderson@sanctamaria.school.nz

## MATHEMATICS

### Numeracy Strategy – MULTIPLICATION STRATEGY

Previous newsletters have outlined addition and subtraction strategies that your child should be able to use comfortably. Multiplication and division strategies will be explained in future newsletters.

It is important for students to have excellent basic facts recall and be very familiar with their times tables in order to operate at a higher level. By having instant recall of their tables, time can be better spent applying the strategy rather than struggling to work out easy multiplication facts.

It is very helpful for your child's Mathematics teacher if parents are able to drill basic facts at home. Using flashcards may be a helpful way to practice these.

### Doubling and Halving or Trebling and Thirding

$24 \times 5 = (24 \div 2) \times (5 \times 2)$ $= 12 \times 10$ $= 120$	$\$3.50 \times 18 = (\$3.50 \times 2) \times (18 \div 2)$ $= \$7 \times 9$ $= \$63$
$27 \times 3 = (27 \div 3) \times (3 \times 3)$ $= 9 \times 9$	

### NETBALL – Rotorua (Kurangaituku 2011) Tournament

This year saw three teams travel to the Kurangaituku Tournament in Rotorua.

12 games were played and only one loss. 9A lost a tough game, but gave it their all till the last whistle.

College 1 and 8A went into Sunday's games unbeaten, knowing they would face their toughest competition in the coming games. 8A lost a close game early on Sunday morning, while College 1 went through the round robin undefeated. College 1 would face Mangere Hawks in their section final, while 8A knew they had to win their remaining games to come Runners Up in theirs. With a solid win in their last game, 8A were successful in securing the Runners Up Trophy.

College 1 lost their final against Hawks Unstoppables, but as winners of their section, still gained a trophy. 8A were also awarded a trophy for their results.

9A were nominated for the Sportsmanship award, which was pleasing for all in the club.

Teams from all over the North Island attended this tournament, as well as three teams from Australia.

All players represented the school and club with pride, supporting each other to achieve to their fullest potential.

It was a rewarding and successful time.

### CYCLING

Friday 26 August, Scott Ambrose won the NZ Secondary School Individuals Time Trial, ahead of the next best by 13 seconds. This win means that Scott has won the General Classification – Yellow Jersey on points. He also came second in the Hill Climb and first in two sprints in the 10 lap sprint race and placed second in two others. Scott has retained his General Classification lead.

Scott Ambrose continues his excellent form in 2011 with success at the recent NZ Secondary Schools Individual Cycling Championships. He won Gold in the Time trial on day one and he won Silver in the Hill Climb on day two.

On day three he competed in the Criterion where he picked up a lot of sprint points and finished in the bunch.

He was the overall winner and now holds the U17 NZ Secondary Schools Title.

He represented the school really well as the lone rider against some very big schools like Auckland Grammar, St Kents and other schools from around the country.

Our congratulations go to Scott for this outstanding achievement!

## FOOTBALL REPORT

### 1st XI Boys Football

The 1st XI Boys Football Team completed a memorable season by winning the Auckland Secondary Schools A4 Championship, earning them promotion into A3 division for 2012. This is a fantastic accomplishment for such a young school. The team played 13 games, won 11, drew 1 and lost 1, amassing 47 goals for and 12 goals against.

Top goal scorers for the team were; Nathan Noble Campbell (15), and Callum McKenzie (12).



The team went on to compete at the recently held Malcolm Cowie Football Tournament at Papamoa, Tauranga. In the group stages, Sancta Maria put together a number of outstanding performances which saw them win their group, putting them into a top 8 quarter final placing. In their quarter final they comprehensively beat Gisborne Boys High School 3-0. In the semi-final they took on Long Bay College, narrowly losing 3-2. Their last match was a battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> against Rosmini College, which they narrowly lost 1-0.

The team put together a fantastic campaign, finishing 4th which is wonderful achievement for a school that had entered into this competition for the first time.

The core of the team was formed around eight Year 13 students, who in 2009 were in the team that won the Auckland 15a Championship. These players leave the college having established a legacy and a solid foundation for future generations of footballers who come through Sancta Maria College to aspire to.

Mr Wannamaker  
Coach

Mr Bidwell Manager  
Manager

### Junior Boys Football

The Junior Boys Football team finished middle of the table this season. They won several games comprehensively, and narrowly lost other games.

Top goal scorers for the team were; Matthew Steedman (6), Lukas Gordon (4) and James Moore (4). The team were well captained by Adam Petch who held the teams backline together superbly as centre back. Overall a very good season with some promising talent emerging.

Alex Rooza Coach

Mr Bidwell Manager

### 2011 ICAS RESULTS – SMC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Science Department wishes to congratulate the following students who have attained great results in this year's ICAS Science Assessment. You should be very proud of your efforts.

Distinction: Top 10% of NZ

### 2011 NEW SOUTH WALES INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENTS SCIENCE

#### Distinction

Kelly Feng	Year 7
Marc Guerzon	Year 8
Niel Kulkarni	Year 8
Liqi Lin	Year 8
Jordan Sim-Smith	Year 8
Lucy Darby	Year 9
Kerry Lam-Po-Tang	Year 10

Marcus Wong Year 10  
 Sam Foliaki Year 11  
 Phillip Walker Year 13

Through the English Department the following students gained Distinction in:

### 2011 NEW SOUTH WALES INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENTS WRITING

Kate Edwards Year 7  
 Kelly Feng Year 7  
 Elizabeth Leaning Year 7  
 Theresa Dempsey Year 8  
 Olivia Murphy Year 8  
 Rebecca Tonacao Year 8  
 Gabrielle Murti Year 9  
 Sidney Piggin Year 9  
 Tania Thamrin Year 9  
 Olivia Brown Year 10  
 Breann Dias Year 10  
 Kerry Lam-Po-Tang Year 10

### YEAR 7 AND 8 SPEECH FINALS

On Tuesday 6 September the Year 7 and 8 students assembled to hear the class finalists deliver their speeches. The quality of the presentations were outstanding and all participants should be exceptionally proud of their achievements.

We are pleased to announce that Luke Oliver, 8BRN, will go forward to the Eastern Zone Speech Finals at Farm Cove later this month.

Congratulations to all the finalists.

Cuan Pillay, Francis Lee, Stephen Redman, Natasha Griffin, Julia Tenedero, Kendra Williams, Olivia Murphy, Alyssa Llorando, Theresa Dempsey, Nicola Kippen, Luke Oliver.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Scott Ambrose** - NZ Secondary Schools U17 Individual Cycling Champion. Scott will also be included in the Bike NZ Road and Track (BRT) Development Team for the Oceania Championships.

### Senior A Netball HPNC 2011 Champions

Amelia Mafi; Kirsty Lakay; Emily Stonehouse; Patria Harris; Kelly Paulin; Jessie Wilson; Paige Widelko; Nicola Wing; Simone Morrogh; Makayla Samaeli.

### NOTICES

#### MAORI and PASIFIKA PARENTS MEETING Wednesday 21 September at 7pm

Sancta Maria College staffroom The Sancta Maria College Maori and Pasifika parents group strongly encourage all Maori and Pasifika parents and students to attend a hui/fono in the Sancta Maria College staffroom on Wednesday 21 September, at 7pm.

For further enquiries, contact Paul Speechlay email - [pspeechlay@vodafone.net.nz](mailto:pspeechlay@vodafone.net.nz) or mobile 021849479

### KEY DATES

#### SEE BOX BELOW FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON END OF YEAR TIMES FOR SENIOR SCHOOL

Monday	21 Sept	Maori and Pasifika Parents Meeting - 7.00pm
Saturday	01 Oct	Cultural Festival - 10am - 2pm
Monday	03 Oct	Year 8 Retreat
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 10 Retreat
Thursday	03 Nov	Thanksgiving Mass Year 12 - 13 Prize Giving Last Day for Year 12 and 13 prior to study leave
Friday	04 Nov	Year 11 Prize Giving - 9.30am
Monday	14 Nov	NCEA / Scholarship Begin
Wednesday	16 Nov	2012 New Enrolment Evening
Thursday	01 Dec	Clearance Day Year 13 Leaver's Dinner 5.30pm Mass
Tuesday	06 Dec	Middle School Prize Giving
Thursday	08 Dec	End Term 4

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

END OF YEAR TIMES FOR SENIOR SCHOOL	
<b>Year 12 / 13</b>	
Last Day prior to study Leave	
Thursday	3 November
Thanksgiving Mass	10.15am
Leave School	12.00 mid day
Return for Prize Giving	7.00pm
<b>Clearance Day</b>	
Thursday	1 December
<b>Year 11</b>	
Prize Giving Friday	4 November - 9.30am
Remain at school all day	
<b>At School</b>	
Monday	7 November
Tuesday	8 November
Wednesday	9 November - last school day
<b>Study Leave for Year 11 starts on</b>	
Thursday	10 November
<b>NCEA Begins</b>	
Monday	14 November
<b>Clearance Day</b>	
Thursday	01 December