



# SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The year has started extremely well with the outstanding performances by our students with their academic achievements in 2011. We have a larger than expected number of students in the Senior School. This has resulted in a number of timetable changes in recent weeks as we try to balance class size. I thank you all for your patience.

The Year 7's and other new students to the school have settled in well and already feel 'part of' our College. The school roll is close to 990 and I have now closed the roll for 2012.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Congestion, in the Car Park particularly at the end of the school day continues to be of concern and I ask for your assistance and patience as we strive to keep our children safe. Please remember:

1. In the mornings, all students are to be dropped off using the front car park.
2. At the end of the school day all College students are to be picked up at the front car park. If you have both College and Primary School students please also use the front car park.
3. The top car park is for those parents who have Primary School students only. The exit from this car park will be closed at 3.15pm until the last bus leaves the school grounds. This gives priority exit to the parents who are parked in the front car park.

Your co-operation will assist with the safety, not only the students but also of the staff who control the entrance / exit.

God Bless

Paul Daley  
Principal

## SPECIAL CHARACTER REPORT

This week sees the first of the Retreats, starting with Year 13. The theme of this Retreat is based on Catholic Values and decisions faced by our students as they make their way into an ever changing world. The activities, in which the students participate, address these issues and give our students tools and strategies to cope as they face new challenges.

One of the aspects of the Retreat is that we eat together as a community and to further this, it is important that we have parental help. If you are available to assist with Retreat lunches, can you please contact me on 274 4081 extension 226.

Our Opening Mass was held today (Wednesday 15 February). The theme for this Mass was "Food for the Journey." This is an important message for our students as it emphasises the need for spiritual as well as physical nourishment. We aim to be well rounded people and to achieve this goal; we must ensure we pay attention to all aspects of our lives, not just the material.

The expression of interest in assisting at the Mass was overwhelming. I will be calling for volunteers for the Liturgy

Committee over the next week and a half. In past years, the students who make up this committee have impressed with their initiative, their commitment and their dedication and I am sure that this will continue.

At this Mass, we also inducted our new Prefect body. This is always a moving moment, as for many students, it is an ambition that many of the students have aspired to attain throughout their time at the College. Service is an important part of the College and as part of the ceremony and of this commitment, the new Head Boy and Girl, along with their Deputies, will take part in the washing and drying of the hands of junior students.

Next week on the 22 February, we enter the Lenten season as we celebrate Ash Wednesday. This marks a period of austerity in the Church. Lent is often a time when we recall Christ's journey to Jerusalem. As he made a sacrifice for us, so too do we now take the opportunity to make a sacrifice for him. This is sometimes in the form of giving up something or forgoing something that is dear to us.

Lent is an opportunity for us to reflect on aspects of our lives that are not in harmony and balance and make efforts to put them right. On Ash Wednesday, we will receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads which remind us of our imperfections. Let this Lenten period be the time when we make efforts to overcome our imperfections and be more like Christ in our love for one another.

We continue with our current Value: Faith, and I would like to leave you with this quote:

*The present is not the future. Faith is what gives us a future that is different from the present we have today. Unknown.*

Blessings

Geraldine Devoy  
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## FROM THE DEANS DESK

By now all students would have received their diaries. It is compulsory that every student has the school diary which will assist them in getting organised.

A reminder that senior diaries cost \$10.00. The diaries have been designed according to student requests from 2011 and we are sure the seniors will benefit from the information presented in it. Claire O'Connell and Taylor Shrimpton are commended on their outstanding artwork being selected for the senior diary cover.

The Junior diaries are free and students are encouraged to write in their homework and commitments. Angela Pathoumphanh is congratulated for her artwork being selected for the diary cover. Junior diaries are signed weekly by the Homeroom teachers and should be signed by parents the previous evening. Parents are welcome to communicate with teachers in the space provided in the diary.

Currently all Homeroom Teachers and Deans are working together with students on Goal setting. The goals are constructed by students which have to be signed by parents.

More information on how to create SMART goals can be found on the Pastoral page on the school Ultranet, as well as specific information for year levels.

Taniya Bassi  
Head of Pastoral Care

## NOTICE TO ALL NEW FAMILIES

If you are collecting students at the end of the school day, it would be greatly appreciated if you could arrange to meet outside the auditorium. Please refrain from waiting outside the classrooms or in the courtyard as this can distract our learners.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### CAREERS DEPARTMENT

#### Career Services and Events

Each year there are a series of events organised at school and off site that assist students in making informed choices about possible careers and the various study options available. We encourage our senior students especially to take advantage of these opportunities and to note any relevant dates in their diaries. These will be advertised in the school newsletters and in the Careers Advisory section of the school web site as they become available, and on the DreamCatcher website.

**The annual Careers Evening for all year 10–13 students and their families is booked for the 16 August starting at 7pm. Mark this date on your calendars.**

#### Term 1 Career Events:

23 March 8.40–9.40: Year 12 Presentation: The University of Auckland– Courses and student services offered, and life at university.

#### Career Interviews

These are conducted with all Year 12 and 13 students. Students in Years 10 and 11 can request an interview by completing the forms available in the Career Centre. Parents and caregivers can also contact Mrs Keegan on extn 227 or email [p.keegan@sanctamaria.school.nz](mailto:p.keegan@sanctamaria.school.nz) if they have any questions or wish to make an appointment.

We will endeavour to interview all year 13 students by the end of Term One and all Year 12 students by the end of Term Two.

Topics in the half hour career goal setting interview include.

- Refinement of career direction in preparation for 2013.
- Information and suggested research of tertiary courses or work options.
- Entry requirements and application procedures.
- Action steps for 2012.

All Year 12 and 13 students will leave with the outcomes of the interview recorded in the Careers and Guidance Section located near the front of the student diaries. They will be encouraged to discuss the outcomes with parents and caregivers.

#### DreamCatcher for Years 7–13

This year we are continuing to introduce a new web based Career Development Programme called DreamCatcher. This programme is designed to help our students in their Career Development Process following them from Year 7 to Year 13. A major feature is that parents can have direct input from home.

This term all Year 13 students are being introduced to the programme by Mrs Keegan the Careers Advisor during their study periods. Workshops will also run in Terms 1–2 for all students in Year 12. The current Year 9–11 students were introduced to this programme in 2011. Year 7 and 8 students will attend workshops in Term 3. Students can access this web site 24/7 using their school user name (4–5 digit code) and a password issued by Kamar. If they have misplaced these they can contact Mrs Keegan.

Benefits of using DreamCatcher for students are

- Student Driven resulting in ownership and responsibility is with the student
- Live Document with a focus on 'Self Assessment'
- Captures Career Dreams with a reality check
- Easy Structure to follow for Career Pathway Planning

Benefits for Parents:

- Accessible at home enabling collaborative research and decision making
- Opportunity to see and discuss how their child views themselves, using self-analysis
- Communication of key dates, opportunities and relevant concepts that require consideration by your child within their year level
- Helps show the relationship between subjects, level of study and career aspiration entry requirements

Parents and caregivers wishing to talk to Mrs Keegan are welcome to call direct on extension 227 or email [p.keegan@sanctamaria.school.nz](mailto:p.keegan@sanctamaria.school.nz).

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

### Requirements for University Entrance Literacy

1. Level 1 Literacy
2. 8 credits from Level 2 English or above:
  - 4 Reading Credits
  - 4 Writing Credits

The following Achievement count towards UE Literacy from the Year 12 English courses here at Sancta Maria College:

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2.1 Written Texts	4 credits Reading OR Writing
2.2 Visual Texts	4 credits Reading OR Writing
2.3 Unfamiliar Texts	4 credits Reading OR Writing
2.4 Writing Portfolio	6 credits Writing
2.9 Reading Logs	4 credits Reading

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2.4 Writing Portfolio	6 credits Writing
2.7 Connections across Texts	4 credits Reading

NB: 1. For standards that can be used for Reading OR Writing students cannot use the credits for both. However, they may 'split' the credits e.g. 2.2 Visual Texts worth 4 credits – 1 credit could be used for Writing and the other 3 credits could be used for Reading.

2. University Entrance requirements will change from 2014 – this will affect students currently in Year 12. From 2013 students will need 10 literacy credits for U.E. We are in a transition phase – students who do not gain their UE Literacy credits this year may be affected by this in 2013.

This information will be given to all Year 12 students in a Level assembly and through Homerooms.

## SPORTS DEPARTMENT

### Cricket

Our First XI has started the season well, beating Northcote College on Saturday 4 February at Sancta Maria. Northcote were bowled out for 91 runs and Sancta Maria cruised to an easy five wicket win. Shaneel Nyawo top scored with 48 runs. On Saturday 11 February our First XI travelled to Rangitoto College to play their Second XI. Sancta Maria bowled first and Rangitoto scored 182 in 44 overs, unfortunately we lost some early wickets and were bowled out for 120 runs in 35 overs. The team will look to build on this result when they come up against Long Bay College this Saturday.

Our Second XI, Colts and Junior teams will all be playing fixtures in the next week and these results will be posted on the sports section of the school website.

### Cycling

A huge congratulations to Scott Ambrose who has been selected to represent New Zealand at the UCI Oceania road championships to be held in Queenstown, 16–18 March. This is an U19 team and is a tremendous achievement for Scott who only turned 17 last month. Congratulations Scott!

Many of our other summer sports begin this week such as touch and tag. We will keep you updated on the results in these codes.

Although we are only just through the start of our summer sports program, the school will be having a winter sports muster in mid-March for all codes. Students are reminded to listen out for announcements and notices regarding these dates.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### SAILING

Congratulations to Joseph Kearney who sailed in the National Youth Training week at Kawau Island in December representing Buckland's Beach Yacht Club. As a result of the team doing so well they have received an invitation to sail in the Harken International Match Racing Championships this month.

### KIWI TAG TEAM

Congratulations to Richard Nui who was selected for the New Zealand Under 20's Kiwi Tag Team. They played in the Pacific Cup in February 2012 against other Pacific Nations. The New Zealand team made the finals. They will now represent New Zealand in a Gold Coast tournament at the end of the year.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

On Saturday 21 January at Telstra Stadium celebrating the Chinese New Year with over forty thousand people attending, including Dignitaries. Samantha Teinakore, Charlotte Ambrose, Brendan and Cameron Carter-Chan (with Carter-Chan Dance studio) did Sancta Maria very proud as Samantha opened with an amazing solo Karanga, leading the Kapa Haka Cultural Dance Group straight into a poi followed by a Haka. Samantha Teinakore also performed as a part of a trio with harmonies and solo parts in a beautiful gospel number (How Great tho Art). All the Sancta Maria College Students performing were held in high regard.

## ELIZABETH MICHAEL SCHOOL UNIFORM INFORMATION

### Long Sleeve Junior Sancta Maria Shirts & Blouses 2012

The Junior Long Sleeve shirts for Sancta Maria College are optional and available by order only. If you would like a Junior Long Sleeve Blouse or Shirt for Term 2 you must place your order by 17 March 2012. If you do not place your order by this date, we cannot guarantee we will have your size available.

**Size:** the long sleeve shirts and blouses are the same as the short sleeve version. Please order your size.

### Placing an order:

**PHONE** the Elizabeth Michael uniform shop and place an order over the phone. Ph: 358 1680 ext 1

**VISIT** the Elizabeth Michael uniform shop in Kingsland and place your order. 357 New North Road.

**EMAIL** [uniforms@emcw.co.nz](mailto:uniforms@emcw.co.nz) and place your order, including your name and phone number. We will phone you back to confirm.

\*\*\* Orders cannot be placed with the Sancta Maria Uniform shop \*\*\*

### Payment

A deposit of at least 50% will be required at the time of ordering. You can pay by credit card over the phone. If ordering in the shop, you can pay by credit card, eftpos or cash.

### Delivery

The shirts will be available in the last week of the school holidays. You can collect your shirt from the Elizabeth Michael uniform shop or Uniform shop at the school. The balance must be paid in full before the orders will be sent out.

We can courier your order to a home or work address, please note there is an extra courier charge of \$6.50 for this service.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or would like to discuss the long sleeve shirt & blouse option.

Thank you, EMCW – Customer services

## SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE SPORT

### Sports Coaches Required

Do you have a passion for sport?

Due to a significant growth in our co-curricular programme we require assistance with coaching in Badminton; Basketball; Cricket; Hockey; Football and Tennis before or after school.

If you have experience in coaching any of these sports we would love to hear from you. While we are looking for volunteers, all personal expenses in relation to the role will be covered.

### Contact the Director of Sport:

**Michael Marnewick**

[m.marnewick@sanctamaria.school.nz](mailto:m.marnewick@sanctamaria.school.nz)

## KEY DATES

Thursday	16 Feb	Year 13 Retreat
Monday	20 Feb	Academic Honours Assembly For NCEA Level 1 and 2
Wednesday	22 Feb	Ash Wednesday
Friday	24 Feb	Year 9 – 13 Athletics Day
Monday	27 Feb	Year 11 Retreat
Thursday	01 March	Year 11 Retreat Year 7 Parents Evening – 7pm
Saturday	03 March	Sancta Maria Primary School Fair
Tuesday	06 March	Dedication Mass at the Cathedral 7pm
Wednesday	07 March	12PES Camp
Saturday	10 March	Maori / Pasifika Marae Weekend <b>NOTE CHANGE IN DATE</b>
Wednesday	14 March	Newsletter
Thursday	15 March	Class Photos and Portraits
Thursday	22 March	Open Day for 2013 Enrolments
Monday	26 March	Year 12 Retreat
Thursday	29 March	Year 12 Retreat
Friday	30 March	Production Camp Newsletter
Thursday	05 April	End of Term 1
Friday	06 April	Good Friday – School Closed
Monday	23 April	Term 2 Begins
Wednesday	25 April	ANZAC Day



## SANCTA MARIA CAMPUS

### TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SCHOOL DAYS

#### **Phase A (Primary School Departure) 2.45 – 3.15 pm**

All access points and roads are open. Vehicles picking up only students from the Primary school may use the Top Car Park. Vehicles to pick up students from the College or both schools must park in the Lower Car Park. Priority at this time is for vehicles carrying students from the Primary school to depart the Campus.

#### **Phase B (Transition) 3.15 – 3.20 pm or until the last school bus departs**

Vehicles arriving at the Campus at this time will not be allowed to travel up the driveway but must enter the Lower Car Park. All vehicles will be allowed departure from the Top and Lower Car Parks until all the school buses depart.

#### **Phase C (College Departure) 3.20 – 3.35 pm**

Vehicles arriving at the Campus at this time will not be allowed to travel up the driveway but must enter the Lower Car Park. Once all the buses have departed, vehicle departure from the Top Car Park will not be permitted for the next 15 minutes. Priority access to depart the Campus will then be given to vehicles leaving the Lower Car Park carrying students from the College.

**From approximately 3.35 pm, all access and roads will be opened up again.**

#### **\*\*\*\*\*Summary of the Critical Times\*\*\*\*\***

3.15 pm : No vehicles will be allowed to go up the Driveway beyond the College car park i.e 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.

**THE NZ ROAD CODE RULES APPLY ON CAMPUS GROUNDS**

**NO PARKING ON YELLOW LINES**