

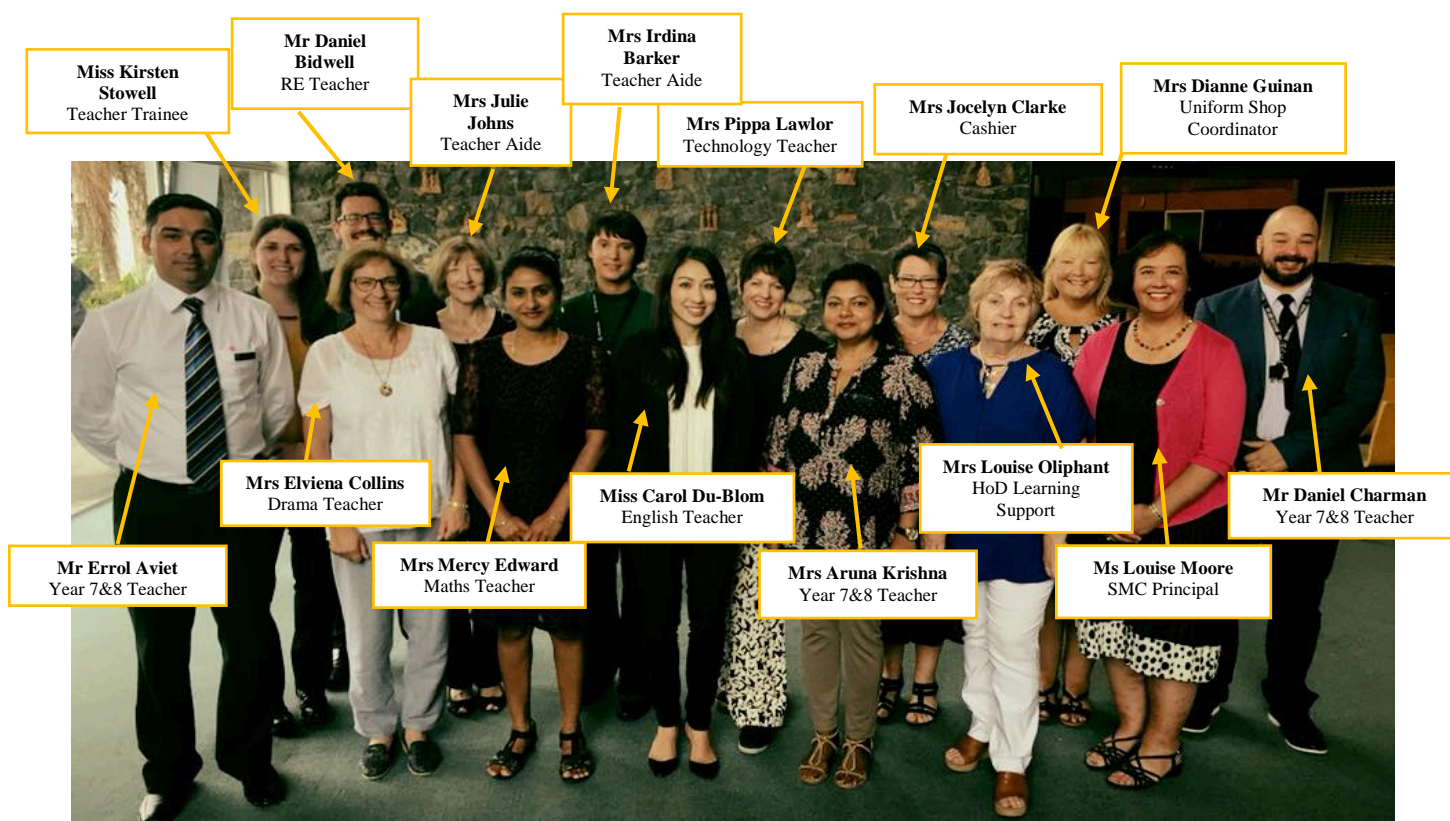
FROM THE EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL LEADER

Nau mai, haere mai



I hope all our families had a blessed Christmas and wonderful holiday break. Since the College opened in late January, we have warmly welcomed back returning students, new students joining us for the first time, international students and new staff. Inspired by Mary (Mother of God) and a belief in 'Faith is our compass', new students and staff begin their journey to grow in faith and spiritual understanding to discover God's love and purpose in every aspect of daily living, as well as embracing the future shaped by strong Christian values.

I encourage all new students to make the most of the opportunities offered by the College in and beyond the classroom. Your involvement and commitment will see you thrive during your time with us.



New Staff with Ms Louise Moore, SMC Principal

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Year 7 Family BBQ Picnic

Last week, the parents of Year 7 gathered together to enjoy a picnic dinner in the Olive Grove. Sporting activities were organized and led by the Peer Support Leaders for the younger children while parents mingled with school staff and listened to background music from Mr Cho playing the double bass and Jenna Aspelng (Year 10) playing the saxophone. Following dinner, some key information was given to parents as part of the transition process before they joined the Homeroom Teacher of each Year 7 class to learn more about the learning that goes on in the classroom.



SMC Pōwhiri Welcome

We were delighted to see the increased involvement of students taking part in our Pōwhiri welcome this year. Especially pleasing are the large number of Year 7 students joining the Kapa Haka group. New arrivals (Manuhiri) were called into the school by Martina Kleis (Head Girl) and Helen Pahulu (Cultural Prefect). New Staff member, Mr Daniel Charman spoke on behalf of the Manuhiri while Mr Ray Green (Deputy Principal) spoke for the Mana Whenua (hosts). Special thanks must go to Mrs Judd for helping to prepare the students to lead the Pōwhiri.



Upcoming Significant Events

NB: Click the link below for Sancta Maria College Website Portal for calendar details of schoolwide events
<https://portal.sanctamaria.school.nz/student/index.php>

February

- 21 Opening Mass 10 am
- 23 Athletics Day
- 27 Yr 12 PES Camp
(27 Feb to 2 March)
- 27 Dedication Mass 7 pm
- 28 Year 12 Retreat

March

- 1 Late start for Students 9.30am
- 6 Academic and Prefect Leaders Recognition Assembly
- 6 Yr 7 & 8 Parent Teacher Interviews (4.00-6.00pm)
- 7 Yr 7 & 8 Parent Teacher Interviews (4.00-8.00pm)
- 14 Year 8 Retreat
- 15 Late start for Students 9.30am
- 22-23 Geo Camp
- 29 Late start for Students 9.30am
- 29 Holy Liturgy
- 30 Good Friday

April

- 2 Easter Monday
- 3 Easter Tuesday
- 5 Careers Evening
- 9 Summer Sports Photos
- 11 Mufti Day for Production
- 11-26 Japan trip
- 12 Late start for Students 9.30am
- 13 End of Term 1

To keep up with our latest News items, visit our Latest News here:
<http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/latest-news2>



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2017 Preliminary NCEA Results

While we still await for confirmation of the final NCEA results from NZQA, I am pleased to provide the preliminary results that highlights our continued outstanding consistent success as in other years.

Level 1 (Year 11)	95.6%
Level 2 (Year 12)	97.9%
Level 3 (Year 13)	93.5%

These results reflect the conscientious effort our students make, supported by the excellent work of staff and parents.

Scholarship Results

There were 11 scholarships and we acknowledge the outstanding efforts of **Kelly Feng** (Dux 2017) on achieving scholarship in five subjects (English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Calculus). This entitles Kelly to receive a Scholarship Award making her eligible to receive \$2,000 each year for up to three years for as long as she maintains at least a 'B' grade average each year of her tertiary study. **Elizabeth Leaning** is acknowledged for receiving an Outstanding Scholarship for English.

Other students to be congratulated are:

Single Subject Area

Timothy Chua	Sculpture
Liam Sutherland	Economics
Kendra Williams	Physical Education
Liam Mooney	Photography
Ma Julia Tenedero	Biology

Student Prefect Leaders

The 2018 student leaders recently attended leadership training that included a personality workshop and learning how to recognize different personalities and how best to leverage this to strengthen team dynamics based on that knowledge. They also participated in a team building activity conducted by 'Escapade' where they had to solve problems collaboratively in order to gain exit from the room. You can find the list of all 2018 SMC Prefect Leaders in this newsletter. I wish our new leaders a successful year full of wonderful ideas and the opportunity to further develop and grow in areas of leadership.

Staff Professional Learning 2018 (Late Start for Students 9.30am)

By now, you would have received information from Mr Ray Green (Deputy Principal) regarding the Staff Professional Learning Programme and the Late Start Schedule for Students. Please ensure that you familiarise yourself with the dates. It is preferable that students arrive for a 9.30am start on these days. However for any student who arrives before this time, there will be adult supervision provided.

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Kāhui Ako – Communities of Learning (COL) ‘Forward in Faith Together’

The day before Waitangi Day, SMC hosted 300 teaching and administrative staff, Ministry of Education staff and other invited guests to attend the inaugural gathering of SMC, Elim Christian College, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St Mark’s Pakuranga and KingsGate School in Pukekohe that make up the South Eastern Kāhui Ako.



Our Kapa Haka Group performed a Pōwhiri welcome and each school candle was lit, bringing presence to our work for the day followed by a short liturgy. The purpose of the day (Investing in Educational Success) was explained and each Principal shared key work that has been going on behind the scenes for the past 18 months. These included: The place of our special character and faith going forward, values and vision; data and inquiry; building a relationship with each school; Board of Trustees involvement; the appointment process of the Kāhui Ako Leaders (within and across schools).

Dr Howard Youngs (AUT) addressed the audience on managing change and working in a collaborative space, while Dr Brian Annan (Infinity Learning) spoke of his role as the Expert Partner assisting the Kāhui Ako with their achievement challenges.



It was a highly successful day and an important one for us as we move forward developing our relationship with each other and ensuring there is a shared understanding of the work and commitment required of everyone in this collaborative space.

Visit from Former Students



On 14th February, former students of Sancta Maria College: Niel Kulkarni, Meggie Cruz, Gabby Mendoza, Lynn Mascarenhas and Martina Buzak, came back to share their experience of the first year at a tertiary institution (University of Auckland and AUT) with Levels 2 and 3 Biology students. They shared study strategies including planning ahead by setting up a detailed calendar of upcoming assignments/exams, forming study groups, and studying smarter. Niel particularly expressed his discovery of mindfulness to become a successful individual on a holistic level. He has gained entrance to Medicine after a very competitive and challenging first year studying Biomedicine. The student guests advised current students to become independent learners with a growth mindset as opposed to a fixed mindset. We wish them all the best for 2018. Lynn has been accepted into Optometry at the University of Auckland, Meggie is continuing her biochemical degree at the same institution while Gabby and Martina are pursuing their physiotherapy studies at AUT.

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Athletics Day

This Friday, our first major sporting event of the year is being held. We are hoping for good weather.

Please remind your child to bring their sunhat, apply sunblock before arriving to school and bring a water bottle. Students are expected to wear their PE shorts, a top in House colours and sports shoes. You can read more about the event in the Director's Chair part of this newsletter. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend. Please sign in at reception and collect your visitors badge before making your way to the field.



With Blessings

Louise Moore

Principal



SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE OPEN DAY and ENROLMENTS for 2019

WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018
3.30pm – 5.30pm – meet at the School Auditorium

Enrolment applications for 2019 for all year levels

Enrolments open on Wednesday, 14 March 2018 and close on Friday, 18 May 2018.

All are welcome to walk around our school or join one of **the guided tours taking place from 3.30pm until 4.30pm** and collect an Enrolment Application Pack for 2019.

The Principal's presentation will commence at 4.45pm in the Auditorium.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Thankfulness

Many people find it easy to be thankful, when things go well,
But they find it hard to be thankful, when things go wrong.

They quickly forget, their years of good health
After a few days of illness.
They quickly forget, their years of freedom
After a few days of confinement.

And thankfulness drains away
Along with their, declining strength.

Do not lose your thankful spirit
When you lose your health.
God has not left you;
His love has not failed you.
God still wants the best for you,
No matter how little, you may understand that right now.

Do not focus on what you have lost.
Learn to give thanks for what you have!



SPECIAL CHARACTER

It is with much gratitude that we thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Caring Foundation throughout 2017, and ask that you continue that support again in 2018 so the Foundation can continue to have a positive impact within our community.

We appreciate you placing our news in your school newsletters, collecting donations on our behalf, remembering us in your prayers, joining us for our Caring Mass, and displaying our latest newsletters so that your school community can see where their donations are meeting the need of our community.

All these caring acts of support, mean a great deal to the Foundation, and to the over 50 community organisations to whom we are able to give grants. We simply could not help our community in this way without your support.

You helped us raise \$650,000 to give to our community

In 2017, the Foundation, through your support was able to invest \$650,000 into community services throughout the Auckland diocese, to help strengthen and help individuals and families struggling with the effects of poverty and hardship. We hope that with your help we can continue to do this again in 2018.

Catholic Caring Foundation's Grant Applications for 2018 now open

The Foundation is now accepting applications for grants from organisations that strengthen or support families, individuals and communities in need, or suffering from the effects of poverty within the Auckland Diocese.

All grant applications close on **Fri, April 13th, 2018 at 5.00 p.m.** To download an application form please visit our website: www.caringfoundation.org.nz



Prefects 2018

HEAD BOY

Dominic Stolten (13LIS)

HEAD GIRL

Martina Kleis (13BRN)

DEPUTY HEAD PREFECTS

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Brent De Vera (13BRN)

Deputy Head Boy Special Character

Fiat Siasoco (13DNN)

Deputy Head Girl Special Character

COMMUNITY

Gabriel Nito (13GNS)

Deputy Head Boy School Community

Angelika Bilbao (13CLE)

Deputy Head Girl School Community

PREFECTS

Academic

Manvis Wong (13CLE)

Alex Venn-Brown (13CLE)

Cultural

Cameron Carter-Chan (13GNS)

Helen Pahulu (13LIS)

International

Henry Yu (13DNN)

Hayley Kevern (13LIS)

Performing Arts

Samuel Munday (13BRN)

Sophie Ruka (13LIS)

Service

Adrian Suva (13GNS)

Angelica Villegas (13GNS)

Student Ambassador/Leadership

Daniel Connery (13LIS)

Mikayla Dance (13LIS)

Sport

Luke O'Connell (13BRN)

Abby Noble-Campbell (13LIS)

Well-being

Jack Reidy (13GNS)

Angelique Castro (13LIS)

Alice Stonehouse (13BRN)

HOUSE PREFECTS

Akaroa

Sean Dempsey (13DNN)

Lisa Greenhead (13BRN)

Hokianga

Jess Botherway (13GNS)

Isaiah Gepiga (13DNN)

Kororareka

Caleb Oliver (13GNS)

Niamh Walsh (13LIS)

Waitemata

Bernice Carlos (13CLE)

Seth Fernandez (13GNS)



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SPORTS DEPARTMENT

THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Happy New Year and welcome to our new and returning staff, students, parents and wider school community. Our 2018 sports calendar is jam packed with weekly competitions, one day tournaments and in-house school events so it's important that you tune into what's happening each week. Our Term 1 Summer programme is already underway with senior touch rugby and volleyball, along with orienteering, ultimate frisbee and tennis for all ages. The first tournament for our Year 7 & 8s is South Eastern Zone cricket (27 February), followed by South Eastern Zone Softball on the 13th and 14th of March. Trials for our Winter programme are also underway and we are still taking registrations for anyone wanting to get involved.

COACHES! We need you! We are searching for adult and student coaches for several of our winter sports teams, especially our Year 7 & 8 programme. If you're interested in learning more please contact our sports department ASAP.

Sports codes that need help:

- Basketball: Year 7&8, Year 9&10, U17
- Football: Year 7&8, senior girls
- Hockey

Our Sports Department moved office over the summer break and we are now located in AU3 which overlooks our sports fields. For further information on our programme and how to get involved, contact our Sports Coordinator, Mr Gene Te Amo, g.teamo@sanctamaria.school.nz or myself, j.crummer@sanctamaria.school.nz. I look forward to seeing you on the sidelines.

Mr Jason Crummer
Director of Sport

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

The first major sporting event of the year is being held on Friday 23 February and is our Athletics Day. This event involves a little more than 1000 staff and students who will have 9 track and field events to compete in over the course of the day. Defending Champions, Akaroa House are well placed to retain their title with some highly talented individuals and mass participation numbers. Waitemata's Tristan Tualagi and Hokianga's Abby Noble-Campbell are the clear favourites to win the Senior Boys and Girls Individual Championships this year.

FRENCH DEPARTMENT

Je m'appelle Astrid. J'ai 24 ans. Je viens de Lyon, France. Je suis la nouvelle assistante de français pour l'année. J'espère pouvoir aider au maximum Mme Read et faire passer mon amour pour les langues aux étudiants de Sancta Maria College.

My name is Astrid. I am 24. I am from Lyon, France. I'm the new French language assistant for the year. I hope to be able to help Madame Read as much as possible and to share my love for languages to Sancta Maria College's students.



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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Guitar and Piano Lessons at SMC for 2018

Starting this year, Sancta Maria College is offering piano and guitar lessons in collaboration with Lewis Eady Music.

Guitar lessons will take place on Tuesdays during school time, with teacher Craig Humphries.

Piano lessons will be with Cam Taylor on Thursdays.

30 minute lessons are \$175 per term for group lessons and \$350 per term for individual lessons.

Please contact lewiseady.co.nz for to book your lessons. Please be quick!



INTRODUCING OUR MUSIC TEACHERS AT YOUR SCHOOL

Our teachers are motivated, committed, musically qualified and love sharing their knowledge



CAM TAYLOR

Cam joined Lewis Eady Music School in 2016 and teaches piano and keyboard lessons for us at Maungawhau, Sancta Maria, and Westmere Primary Schools. Recipient of several music awards at Takapuna Grammar School, first in course award for MUS 340 and winner of the Rive Memorial Scholarship, Cam completed his Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Arts at the University of Auckland in 2013. Cam has been tutoring piano, music theory, maths and Japanese in Auckland since 2010 in addition to time spent teaching English in schools in Kobe, Japan. Cam sings and plays in various musical groups around New Zealand including The Blackbird Ensemble, Annah Mac, Ruby Frost and Jackie Thomas. Cam currently plays in the band Human Music and with fellow Lewis Eady tutor, Lucas Hanson in their band the Pyschs.



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SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE CAREERS EVENING

Thursday 5th April 2018

This evening is for all Year 10-13 students and parents/caregivers to provide an overview of the courses and industry sectors, including the career and study options each can provide.



6.30pm – 8.30pm Careers Expo in the Auditorium

Delegates are set up around the auditorium and are available to answer any questions on a one-to-one basis.

Guest Speakers in Anne Block

Throughout the evening there will be a series of 20 minute presentations from various guest speakers for senior students.

Purple Heart Foundation Family Fun Day

The Purple Heart Foundation recently used the school grounds for their annual Purple Heart Family Fun Day in conjunction with Camp Quality. Mark and Carolyn Little whose daughters Charlotte and Claudia attend the college, started the Purple Heart Foundation after Claudia was treated for a Wilms Tumour (cancer of the kidney) when she was 4 years old.

Each year the Purple Heart Foundation runs a Family Fun Day as the start of Camp Quality. This is a camp run by volunteers for kids who have had cancer. The Family Fun Day is a chance for the kids companions to interact with and get to know the family's a little bit better before their child goes off to camp.

The day incorporated an X-Race, the opportunity to try lots of different sports (including netball with some of our Sancta Maria Prem team members), and loads of other fun activities.

The Purple Heart Foundation is extremely appreciative of the use of the school grounds as it is the ideal venue to run an event where the children are safe and the event is kept private.

<https://www.facebook.com/PurpleHeartFoundationNZ/videos/1911897825511294/>