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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whanau

2017 – The Year of Grace

The rationale behind the Sancta Maria College Special Character Theme is to integrate both The Catholic Church's 'Year of Grace' and to remember 500 years since the Catholic Church's Reformation. The shortened version of our theme is "For by grace you have been saved through faith." During the year, we are examining how well we are living this in our Sancta Maria College community.



Ephesians 2:4-9 (NRSVCE)

*"⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸**For by grace you have been saved through faith,** and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast."*

Kāhui Ako (Communities of Learning)

The Board recently approved our school to join with our contributing schools (St Marks, Sancta Maria Catholic Primary, Our Lady Star of the Sea), Elim Christian College and Kingsgate Christian Primary School as a Kāhui Ako In Action. The intended purpose of schools working together in this way, is to help raise achievement by:

- improving teaching practice
- enabling teachers to work together and benefit from each other's knowledge and experience
- helping all children benefit from the skills and knowledge of great teachers from across a group of schools/early learning services
- helping schools work together so it is easier for children to transition through the education system pathway.

We know that the most important influence on student achievement and progress is the effectiveness of teaching. The evidence tells us that there is a difference between experienced and expert teachers and that some teaching practices have a higher probability of being successful in promoting learning than others. One way of addressing the challenge of variability is to shift the system and organisational focus to collaborative expertise and student progression.

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>

April

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| 5 | Year 11-13 Careers Evening – 6.30 pm |
| 13 | Last Day of Term 1 |
| 14 | Good Friday |
| 16 | Easter Sunday |
| 25 | Anzac Day ⁷ |

May

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| 1 | First Day of Term 2 |
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In collaborative cultures, responsibility for the success of all students is shared among all members of the community. Provision of the necessary support, time and resources enables teachers to work collaboratively to diagnose students' learning needs, determine what they need to focus on, plan effective programmes and teaching interventions and evaluate how successful these are in promoting achievement across the learning pathway.

The process takes time and, if done well, provides a sound foundation from which Kāhui Ako can begin to work collaboratively to build an infrastructure, theory of improvement and operating principles to support high quality teaching practices and improved achievement. We have been meeting on a regular basis with Ministry of Education support to progress the establishment of our Kāhui Ako and are in the development stage.

CAREERS EXPO AND NCEA INFORMATION MEETING

I encourage students and parents of **Year 11-13 students** to put **5th April** in your diaries to attend the Bi-Annual Careers Event at **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm in the Auditorium**. At this event, will be a wide range of delegates from Universities, Industry Training Organisations, Private Training Enterprises and other Employee Organisations. Collating information for courses is an important part of preparing students for transitioning on from Sancta Maria College when they leave. Being informed will enable wise decisions and choices for that next step.

There will be a session for those interested in finding out more about NCEA. This is the calendar event that was initially planned for 29th March and has been moved to 5th April.

With Blessings

Louise Moore
Principal

CHAT FROM THE CHAIR

Traffic Incident

You were informed of the serious traffic incident on the Campus grounds on the morning of Friday, 17th March, resulting in a staff member of the College being hit by a car and being badly injured. The staff member is on leave and making steady progress with his recovery from two fractures and continues to be supported by school personnel.



Please be assured that the board has taken this matter seriously and has written to the Diocese to engage with them to find a solution to improve traffic management on the Campus. The Police are supporting the College with ongoing safety training and advice. The Board requests everyone to drive safely when on the Campus grounds and limit their speed to 15 km. Speed of vehicles has been contributing to the traffic issues.

Back to The Future

I was one of the parents that attended the 'Back to the Future' event at the school this month. The day started off with Ms Moore, Mr Green & Mr Vickers giving us an overview of what we had let ourselves in for and it was interesting to acknowledge how the learning environment had changed since we went to school.

We split into groups and some Year 13 students gave us a guided tour of the classrooms and we dropped in on some classes to see learning in action, and talk to the students. When we joined the business studies class you could feel the brain power of innovation and tomorrow's leaders as students were working through developing a business model.

We then attended two lessons that we could choose from Japanese, Digital Photography, Social Studies, English, Mathematics, Media Studies, Digital Technologies and Religious Studies. I chose Photography and Media Studies, both very informative and it was good to interact in today's learning environment that empowers students to enquire, research and come to conclusions in a supportive way.

We had a shared lunch where we talked about the day, what we had experienced and then attended the school lunchtime mass that was very rewarding.

It was a very informative and enjoyable event that gave us an insight into today's modern learning environment and the resources we have as a school to provide our children with the best educational opportunities.

Congratulations to the staff and students for organising this event.

School Fees

As we come to the end of term one please ensure that you have paid your Dues and Contributions for this period. As a Board we rely heavily on your contributions to provide a high level of education for our children.

Warren Brabant
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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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!



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SPECIAL CHARACTER

This year Caritas New Zealand hosted a leadership camp to inspire and encourage us to do what we can as leaders in our community and motivate people around us to join in our mission to reach peace and justice.

Seven lucky senior Sancta Maria College students, accompanied by Miss Goulding, were privileged to attend this wonderful event. Arriving at Te Unga Waka Marae at 5 o'clock on Monday evening, the students were welcomed with a breathtaking powhiri by the tangata whenua encompassing the beautiful culture and spirit of our native people, leading the students to be enthused for what was to take place over the next 24 hours.



Starting with a version of the Amazing Race and ending with writing our own versions of a 'Pepeha', the students were able to learn that they should accept all people with different backgrounds to come together in unity to make this world a better place.

The students awoke to the beautiful singing of Sister Makareta and a prayer, making it a beautiful way to start the morning. The rest of the day included fun-filled activities, such as the 'Challenges in the Pacific' game and inspirational group talks by Sister Makareta and Michael Stewart. These inspired the students and motivated them to be stewards of the earth and look after God's creation.

Climate change is the main focus for 2017. Over the course of the event, the attendees were made to understand the effects of climate change and how we can start in our own communities to make this world better and decrease global warming.

The hosts helped the students realise that the more privileged and wealthy countries are the main perpetrators of this problem and the victims of their actions are the most underprivileged countries.

From meeting many new people from different Catholic schools to learning the importance of accepting all cultures and identities, to understanding the effects of climate change in the Pacific, not only did the Sancta Maria College students attending the event form new lifelong bonds with people from other schools, they also took away valuable lessons.

They are now able to take this newly found information and inspire the rest of the College community.

Marco Tam and Martina Kleis

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Buddy Walk 2017

With the buzz of live music resonating in our ears and the crisp morning air filling our lungs, the Buddy Walk 2017 event started off in the best way possible.

Soon the 'Down Right Perfect' down-syndrome people of all ages came rolling in with their families. The atmosphere of the event escalated to that of exhilaration and excitement. With their muscles warmed-up and their hearts pumping, the end of the jump-jam signified the beginning of the Buddy Walk for 2017.

As the walkers headed off on their adventure, the Sancta Maria College volunteers stayed behind to make sure that all the stalls and activities were set-up and ready to go for when the buddy walkers got back.

The Auckland Down Syndrome Association did an amazing job in organising this event and the Sancta Maria College students could not have been happier with the outcome of the event. From assisting at the climbing wall to playing with the children on the bouncy castles to filling everyone's tummies with scrumptious sausages, the SMC buddy walk crew tried to help out everywhere they could and make the most of the day.

With smiles all around the park, it was hard not to be happy and excited, making this a day to remember.

Martina Kleis



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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Tanya Murray - Counties Manukau Sportswoman of the Year

Our very own Tanya Murray, who competes in Javelin and Shotput, has just achieved an extremely impressive feat, gaining the 'Sportswoman of the Year' award at the Counties Manukau Sports Awards Ceremony.

Tanya was the most worthy recipient of this award, training for over 16 hours a week, varying from early morning strength training and conditioning sessions to spending evenings at throwing and fitness trainings. With barely any time to spare during the weekdays, she tops this all off with either competitions during the weekend or more training sessions.



Only finding out she was nominated a few days before the night of the ceremony, it took a while for the whole idea to dawn on her. With anxiety taking over, wondering who the other nominees were for both Junior Coach of the Year and the Under 16 Sportswoman of the Year, Tanya had an Oscars-type moment, with the presenter initially calling out the wrong name and, realising their mistake, creating a moment of slight awkwardness. Tanya walked slowly to the stage, not fully realising what she had just achieved. With this amazing success, Tanya was also gifted a brand-new javelin to replace the old, worn out one she had been using, by her undoubtedly proud coach.

This is just the beginning for this superstar. Her short-term goal for this year is to conquer the 40 metre barrier that has been evading her due to the change in her technique one month ago. Her long-term goal is to be short-listed for the Junior Commonwealth Games in the Bahamas later this year, where she hopes to compete in her first ever international competition. Here, she would be able to fulfil her childhood dream of wearing the silver fern and representing New Zealand through her sport. *Martina Kleis*

PARENT INFORMATION

STUDENT ENQUIRIES FOR OUR SPORTS PROGRAMME

We've seen a tremendous increase in the number of students who are participating in sport at our school this year. The biggest movers so far have been in basketball (+70 students), badminton (+56) and tennis (+43) compared to our 2016 numbers. We do anticipate a small drop off throughout the season due to student schedules and academic demands becoming a challenge for some, but these are incredibly encouraging signs for our sports programme.

Although this increase is excellent news, it does create some added challenges for our small team of two sports staff. We are receiving a huge number of enquiries from students and parents each day, in particular during morning interval and lunch times. While we endeavour to be available for students to speak with us during these times, sometimes it's just not possible and the office is empty. If you have a sports related question please follow this process:

Student enquiries

- 1) Visit the Sports office and speak to Mrs Cummings or Mr Crummer
- 2) Contact us by email, phone or through Schoology (info is available online)
- 3) Chat to us around school

If the Sports office is unattended

- 1) Come back at another time
- 2) Follow the above "Student enquiries" steps

If your query is about a practice session or something related to your team:

- 1) Contact your coach and/or manager
- 2) Follow the above "Student enquiries" steps

Thank you for your understanding

Mr Jason Crummer

Director of Sport

Got teenagers? Worried about teaching them to drive? Need some guidance? Come along to our free half hour talk for parents to find out how you can help your teen become a safe and legal driver. This talk will cover:

- Why teenagers do risky things
- The licensing process
- The role of the parent
- Resources to help both teen drivers and parents.

To receive a free e-ticket to this event, visit www.at.govt.nz/youngdrivers





SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website: www.catholicschools.org.nz (go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues)

If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2017 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2017**.

Host Families Needed for International Students

Sancta Maria College is looking for new homestay families to host long as well as short term international students. You would have to provide a private bedroom and three meals per day and a friendly, caring environment. The current weekly fee is \$260 per student. If you have space to include another family member and a genuine interest in learning about other cultures please contact Margaret Gorski on homestay@sanctamaria.school.nz.

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Junior Debaters Start With A Win

The Junior debating team were successful as they argued their way to victory. Coming up against other schools at Tangaroa College about how either “Maori should be Compulsory in school” or “Maori should not be Compulsory in school”, four Year 10 Groups had to battle their way through by debating in front of parents and judges.

Congratulations to all the competing students and we will see them in a few weeks for round two. *Lorenzo Cruz*



CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Bi-Annual Careers Evening Wednesday 5 April 2017

This evening is for all Year 11-13 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.

Time	Speaker	Classroom
7.05pm	The University of Auckland	AM 1-2
7.30pm	The University of Auckland	AM 1-2
7.30pm	Otago University	AM 4/5
7.50pm	Skills Organisation Trades Talk	AM 4/5
8.10pm	AUT University	AM 1-2

Delegates in the Auditorium from 6.30pm -8.30pm

UNIVERSITIES
Auckland, AUT, Canterbury, Massey, Otago, Victoria, Waikato
TECHNICAL INSTITUTES
Manukau Institute of Technology, UNITEC
Industry Training Organisations (ITOs)
ETCO - electrical training organisation
G&H Training – building and construction
Skills Organisation – trades
Private Training Enterprises (PTEs)
CTC Aviation
Cut Above Academy- Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy
International College of Camille- Beauty Therapy (TBC)
ITC - International Travel College
Media Design School
New Zealand College of Chiropractic
New Zealand Fashion Tech (TBC)
New Zealand College of Massage (TBC)
New Zealand Institute of Sport



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PIHMS - Pacific International Hotel Management School.
Servilles Hair Academy
South Seas Film and Television School
SAE Institute- Film Making and Sound Engineering
Techtorium - IT Courses
MAINZ - Music and Audio Institute of New Zealand
Vet Nurse Plus LTD
Whitecliffe College of Art and Design
Yoobee - Design School
OTHERS
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand
EMPLOYER ORGANISATIONS
Combined Forces Representatives – Army, Navy, Air Force
New Zealand Police
New Zealand Defence Force

Refreshments

Tea and coffee will be available for all parents from 6.30pm from the kitchen in the Auditorium.

Lucy Rogers, Head of Careers and Transition.

Off-Site Tertiary/ Industry Events 2017

The aim is to provide first-hand experience and up to date information to students, parents and whanau. They are an opportunity to look around campuses and companies, find out about the support services, talk to staff and to find out what it is like to study s the different courses offered or to work in a particular industry.

The dates for these events will be added as they are confirmed. Mrs Munday in the Career Centre has the registration forms and information for any events that have *** next to them. These require permission slips from parents and teachers for students to attend.

5 April	Year 13 PILOT Programme ***
5 April	Sancta Maria College Careers Evening School Auditorium 6.30pm – 8.30pm
18 - 21 April	Pacific International Hotel Management School – Career Week. http://www.pihms.ac.nz/career-week.html
7 - 11 May	Otago University On Campus Experience www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/maori/
8 May	Dunedin Tertiary Day and Otago Polytechnic www.otago.ac.nz/about/open_days.html
16 - 17 May	Massey University Auckland Information Evenings www.massey.ac.nz
19 May	Waikato University Open Day www.waikato.ac.nz/events/openday/
20 May	New Zealand College of Chiropractic College Open Day Admissions.assist@nzchiro.co.nz to make a booking www.chiropractic.ac.nz
25 May - 27 May	NZ Careers Expo ASB Showgrounds Auckland http://worldofwork.org.nz

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P.E. DEPARTMENT

Year 12 PE Studies Enjoy Camp

The PE Studies students had an amazing time at Tawharanui for a camp that will be remembered for a long time.

It was an extremely warm and sunny week for all the students; making everyone at least a shade darker when they came back! They enjoyed many fun activities such as snorkelling, paddle boarding, surfing and kayaking that made everyone get involved.

There were also engaging quizzes and scary stories on the beach at night which made them all bond together and have a lot of laughs. A favourite moment for Sophie Ruka was surfing for the first time.

Everyone enjoyed the wide range of activities. They shared many laughs and wish they could go back to relive the experience.



Angelique Castro and Adam Salamoun Photos - Alice Stonehouse

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

SMC Goes Country!

Members of the Eastern Districts Country Music Club came to Sancta Maria College to give a lunch time concert and promote the Young Star Awards competition, into which our school will be entering.

The show was well received by our students, many of whom have signed up to take part in this first 'X Factor' style competition for country music. Mr Gibbs can be seen holding the trophy that will hopefully come back to Sancta Maria College when the finals take place in April. Between now and then, there is much rehearsing to be done for all of our budding Country Music artists.



Watch this space and y'all have a nice day.

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Back To The Future

“A wonderful and inspiring experience and insight into the world of our students/children. Thank you.”

This was the reaction when twenty four members of our parent community saw for themselves what it is like to be a student at Sancta Maria College in the 21st century. Before heading into classrooms, our principal Ms Moore and deputy principal Mr Green spoke to the parents about the changes in educational approaches since the last century. The classroom is a far different environment today than it was two or three decades ago.

“Extremely fun and informative day. So interesting to learn how students today are exposed to modern ways of learning. Would have loved to attend more classes during the day.”

After a brief tour of the school lead by a group of prefects, the parents headed to classes of their choice. These ranged from English to Japanese, Media Studies to Photography, and Social Studies to Religious Education, with a few more in between. Having experienced the modern approach to teaching these subjects by posing as students (with a welcome break for interval between classes when they were invited to sample delicacies provided by senior Food Technology students) the parents made their way to the auditorium for lunch and a chance to discuss their experiences.

“It was a very insightful experience.
Very happy and feel reassured
that our kids are in the right
environment.”

The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. It had been both a learning and reassuring experience for the parents who very much appreciated the opportunity to discover the teaching methods used by skilled teaching practitioners in the classroom today. After assembling for a ‘class’ photograph the parents joined the students for lunch time Mass in the chapel, before being dismissed at the end of an eye-opening day.

Look out for ‘Back to the future 2’. Coming to a Sancta Maria classroom sometime in 2018.



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SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Volleyball Success

Congratulations to our Senior Boys Gold Volleyball team for winning the Senior East Blue Division on Monday. We played our final vs. Macleans College B and it was an epic encounter. Macleans defeated us in a close match during Round 3 so it was always going to be challenging.

We won the 1st set 25-19 even though we got off to a shocking start, being down 4-8 early on. Macleans won the 2nd set 25-17 thanks to an improved energy from their part and some simple serve errors by us.

The deciding set saw Macleans with a lead of 8-5 and then 14-11..... a timeout was called and the team refocused. Receive, pass, hit and let the outcome decide itself. The boys sounded confident and we won the next point, 12-14. We were fully engaged now and grabbed match point with a 15-14 lead. Service error! 15-15. Controversial call! 15-16 to Macleans and another timeout. Service error by Macleans! 16-16.

Step up, Year 10 Roniti Teiwaki. He smashed his 1st serve and Macleans struggled to control it, giving us an easy possession. Receive, pass, hit, POINT! 17-16 to us and match point once again. Roniti smashed his 2nd serve even harder and it dipped late to cause Macleans to make a mess and the ball went sailing out of court and the match was won.

A great victory and the boys are champions.

Team members:

Cheong, Brian 13DNN
Florendo, Patrick 11GNS
Godinet, Sam 13GNS
Grant, Genesis 11GNS
Halafihi, Peter 12BRN
Ioane, Isaac 13GNS
Locquiao, Franz 12DNN
Ngan Woo, Paul 13CLE
Tangifua, Philip 13LIS
Teiwaki, Roniti Jnr 10GNS
Tualagi, Tristan 10CLE



Tennis

Following on from last week's 5-4 win over Lynfield College, the girls' senior tennis team next came up against Baradene College. This proved a harder task and the girls came up just short losing by 4 matches to 5. However, with a win and a loss to start the season there is a positive attitude within the team for the contests to come.

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Futsal

On Wednesday with the sun shining bright, anticipation grew for what was going to be a great day of futsal as seven schools from around East Auckland took part in an annual Year 7 & 8 one day tournament, which this year was hosted by Sancta Maria College.

Futsal is basically a faster form of football, and is played on a harder and smaller surface, with smaller goals and 5 players in each team.

There was so much talent and amazing play showcased by the players and notable competition from the likes of Bucklands Beach Intermediate and Sommerville Intermediate. There was also some awesome feedback from our players who, despite facing some tough opponents, really enjoyed the event.

“Even though we lost most of our games it was really fun,” Year 8 Ethan Siao said.

Zach Willcocks and Thomas George, also Year 8 students, talked about how the competition was really exciting as well.

There were also many people from coaches to referees and scorekeepers who played a huge part in making the day what it was. Six Year 11 students from our school helped to coach the teams. Those students were Tremaine Blake-Havea, Jamie Fell, Martin Ibrahim, Anthony Nelson, Samuel O’Neil and Finn Taylor. Also 5 Year 12 students were referees for the games and did a great job.

Overall it was a spectacular day and was one that everybody thoroughly enjoyed. Many will be looking forward to next year to be a part of the action once again.

Shontelle Matano



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Rowing Their Way To The Top

Two of our stellar rowers, Reuben Corlett and Christopher McGrath, achieved a mean feat at the Head of Harbour rowing competition.

With a lot of athletes needing to get out on the water and demonstrate the hard work that they put into this race, the water conditions were making it hard for them to display their best efforts. "The atmosphere was buzzing," as Mr. Corlett explained. "A lot of schools were excited and pumped".

Focusing on the medals at stake, the nerves started to kick in. Fortunately, they ended up winning the overall competition and were over the moon at their performance. With a 3-5 second lead over the other boats, it was an amazing effort and a well-earned victory for Reuben and Chris.

Moving on to the North Island Championship, the nerves ran deeper than at Head of Harbour, as there were approximately 1000 athletes competing in this competition. While the North Island competition did not bring victory, these two athletes were pleased with their results, reaching the A final for the Under 17 double and the B final for the Under 18.

Reuben and Chris are now working towards the Maadi Cup Rowing Regatta this coming week and hope to do well. Based on their results in the past two competitions, the outcome is looking promising.



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Orienteering

A highlight of our season is the news that Harrison Edwards and Ryan Clifford have been invited to take part in the School Sprint Orienteering Final on Saturday April 1. Harrison and Ryan have consistently been in the top 10 of approximately 150 Y8 boys in the Tuesday afternoon competitions.

It has been great to see Sancta Maria College students giving the sport of orienteering a go, and enjoying themselves.



This week our group of 16 students took part in the last round of weekly competition for the term at Pakuranga College. They celebrated the last week of competition with a cake baked by Mrs Churton. It sure made running around the school with a map more rewarding by having a lovely chocolate cake to tuck into at the end.

However, this is not quite the end. Our next event will be the South Eastern Zone School Orienteering Championship on the April 4 at Lloyd Elsmore Park. We are planning to enter 2 mixed boys and girls teams. Parents are welcome to attend.

A big thank you to all the parents who have turned up after school to help out. It would not have been possible without your support.

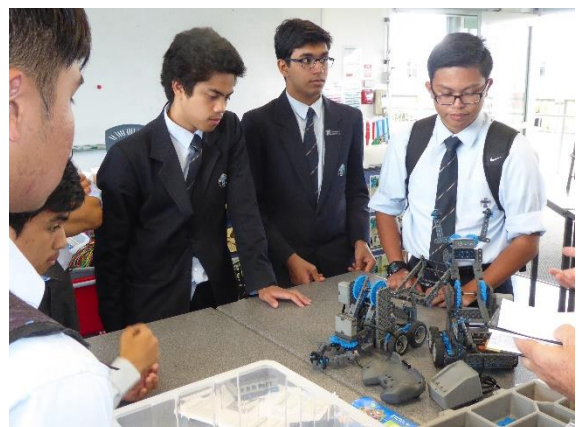
We look forward to next year when the senior students will be invited to join in as well.

Would You Like To Build A Robot?

Robotics is set to be a major industry in today's world and being part of the Robotics Club will be a great opportunity for those interested in this, or a closely related field.

It is a club for students between Years 7 and 10. Guided by senior students members will learn how to make a robot and how to program it.

Activities will be completed in groups, so either come along by yourself and you will be placed in a team or join with friends you enjoy working with. There is a robotics competition that the school will hopefully be entering. The rules for this competition are to be released in April this year. The first meeting for the club is Tuesday, March 28. Listen to notices for further information.



Sign up for the club will begin this week. *Jacob Mukkada*

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BBQ

The table was filled with exquisite cuisine from many different cultures such as fried rice, noodles, roast duck dumplings, sausages, cake and ice cream. When the international students, along with their families and homestays, arrived at Sancta Maria College last Friday evening, they were not only greeted with the aroma of food, but were also able to enjoy numerous entertaining games. These ranged from sack racing to balancing an egg on a spoon as you walked. There were even activities such as walking as best as you can with a balloon between your legs. Not only was the food delectable, but the weather was also just right. A slight breeze but overall quite comfortable. Many of the students found the dinner very enjoyable.

"I think it was good...we were able to take a lot of selfies."

Many of the new international students found the barbeque to be an innovating way to socialise with other international students and their families.

"It is a great chance to get to know more about each other."

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by many and the students look forward to another appetising meal and socialising opportunity at the barbeque next year. Zoe Chou

