

Newsletter No. 03 May 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Celebrating Staff Success

I am pleased to announce the successful promotion of two members of staff to Senior Leadership positions.





Mrs Anita Heffernan joins the Sancta Maria College Senior Leadership Team as Deputy Principal (Curriculum) and in early June Mr Lawrence Naicker will take up his leadership role as Deputy Principal at Manurewa High School.



Mrs Heffernan has led the Physical Education and Health Department since 2012 and Mr Naicker, the Mathematics Department for just over six years. Both senior members of staff are in my view, expert teachers who shape their practice in particular ways that make a difference for their students' learning. At our recent school assembly, the Kapa Haka group acknowledged both staff by performing a haka which was received with much emotion.

Welcome New Staff

At a whole-school powhiri assembly last week we also welcomed new staff joining our college this term. Mrs Ghazala Mohammed (Science and Chemistry), Mr Jason Crummer (Director of Sport) and a special welcome home to Mrs Patricia Schaeller (Year 8 & 9). We wish new staff a long and fulfilling time at the college.



Mr Jason Crummer



Mrs Patricia Schaeller

Upcoming Events

May

- 12 Professional Learning Late start – Yr 9-13
- 16 Catholic Schools' Day
- 19-21 School Production
- 30 BOT Meeting 6.00 pm

June

- 1 Feast Day Mass 10.30 am
- 6 Queen's Birthday School Closed
- 9 Professional Learning Late start – Yr 9-13
- 13 Netsafe Meeting
- 27 BOT Meeting 6.00 pm

July

8 Last Day – Term 2

Please visit the Sancta Maria College Website Portal for details of school events



Mrs Ghazala Mohammed



Co-Curricular Sport

As the Winter Sports Programme gets underway, we are pleased to welcome the appointment of Mr Jason Crummer, Director of Sport. I wish to acknowledge the support of the Board of Trustees to fund this role following the departure of Mr Johnson Goodlet who left for overseas travel.

Co-curricular sport plays a vital role in developing our young men and women by providing them with outstanding leadership opportunities, self-discipline, increased health benefits, making life-long friendships and creating a life-long passion and commitment to sporting activities. Last year was the perfect opportunity to find out about what was working well at the college as well as areas for further improvement. On a number of levels, there is a need and desire to move forward to lift the overall profile, communication and sporting programmes in our school. Mr Crummer brings broad experience, knowledge and skills to the role and a clear vision for taking our school to the next level and we look forward to your continued support as we review systems, procedures and programmes.

Mr Crummer is looking forward to meeting parents and friends of the college who provide support as coaches, managers, transportation and side-line support for players and teams each week. Where there are any concerns we need to hear about, we do appreciate receiving these and it is also very helpful for these to be given first-hand. In the first instance, concerns can be communicated to Mr Crummer on j.crummer@sanctamaria.school.nz and in a respectful manner please.

Last week Mr Crummer, Mr Bacon and Christopher Field were invited to the 1st XV Launch of the 2016 season hosted by Auckland Rugby at Eden Park. We wish all individuals and teams the very best for the season ahead and look forward to some promising results.

School Ball

Thanks to a very hard working committee of students for organising what was a most enjoyable school ball attended by our Year 12 and 13 students at the Ellerslie Convention Centre, Greenlane. The entire venue was impressed with the first two ball-room dances performed by the students where the décor of the venue reflected the Japanese Cherry Blossom theme. Every student presented in wonderful attire and were a credit to both their college and family.

Special congratulations to: Julian Raad (King) and Michaela Ralph-Smith (Queen) Paul Ngan Woo (Prince) and Victoria Brown (Princess)



Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

Thank you for the large attendance at the recent interviews. These three-way conversations are critical in supporting your child's learning. We trust as a parent, you have a shared understanding of the progress being made in your child's learning and areas requiring further development.



Sound of Music Production

I hope you have your family tickets to see this very professional musical performance!

So many students have been spending long hours and weekends preparing for what will be a terrific musical highlight. Many staff and helpers have been working behind the scenes to ensure we are ready for opening night. Thanks to all the business support we have been receiving too.

Social Media Safety – Netsafe (Monday 13th June 6pm-7pm OR Tuesday 14th June 7pm-8pm)

With the wider adoption of technology amongst our young people comes the unfortunate risk of misuse. There have been a number of incidences reported to us involving students and the misuse of social media that concern us. In response to this, we have invited the organisation **Netsafe** to our college to present information and advice to parents on how to keep young people safe.

I hope that as many parents as possible can attend as this will be an informative and beneficial one-hour presentation.

May God Bless You

Louise Moore Principal



CHAT FROM THE CHAIR

We are fast approaching a key time in the cycle of school events. It's time for the elections for Boards of Trustees across New Zealand. This is the opportunity for parent representatives to be elected for the next three years. At Sancta Maria we have five parent representatives on the Board and four Bishop's representatives.

The following link sets out the basic responsibilities of BOT members and is well worth watching to gain an insight into what is required of our representatives.

http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/

The following is our timetable for the elections:

Close Roll	Wednesday 4 May 2016
Call for nominations by	Friday 6 May 2016
Close supplementary roll	Noon : Wednesday 18 May 2016
Close nominations	Noon: Friday 20 May 2016
Issue Voting Papers by	Wednesday 25 May 2016
Close Poll	Noon : Friday 3 June 2016 Election Day
Count Votes	Thursday 9 June 2016
Declare results	As soon as result is known

Please think seriously about this opportunity. The Board has important responsibilities relating to the governance of the school. It's NOT about day to day management. That is in the hands of our staff. It is about governance and oversight. For me in particular it's been about ensuring we provide the best possible level of support for our staff to carry out their functions – in the particular context of Sancta Maria's special character.

Regards Brendan Ryan Chairperson Board of Trustees





SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

All eligible parents/caregivers have been sent an Election information and nomination form for the electing of 5 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

Nominations close: Friday 20 May. If you require another nomination form please contact the office.

M Littlejohn Returning Officer

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We have just finished celebrating Mother's Day, last Sunday. These snippets on Mothers help us appreciate all mums, especially our own.

Father Kevin Murphy SM

Beatitudes for Mothers

Blessed are mothers... who did without for us; they will be rewarded.

Blessed are mothers... who lost sleep when we were sick; they will find rest.

Blessed are mothers... who taught us how to pray; they will share God's kingdom.

Blessed are mothers... who comforted us; they shall be comforted.

Blessed are mothers... who taught us right from wrong; they will know justice.

Blessed are mothers... who showed us the Christian life by example; they will live forever.

Blessed are mothers... who shared with us the meaning of peace; they shall know peace.

Blessed are mothers... who taught us the importance of loving God and each other; they shall see God.



"When God Created Mothers"

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when an angel appeared and said. "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specifications on this order?" She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can heal anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said. "Six pairs of hands.... no way."

It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. The Lord nodded.

One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he gets himself into trouble and say. 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel touching his sleeve quitely, "Go to bed, tomorrow is another day."

I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close now. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on half a kilo of mince...and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You can imagine what this mother can do or endure."

Can she think?" Said the angel.

Not only think, but she can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

There's a leak," she pronounced.

It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear."

"What's it for?" said the angel.

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride." said the Lord.

You are a genius, "said the angel.

The Lord look sombre, "I didn't put it there."



SPECIAL CHARACTER



Pope Francis has called for this year to be a Jubilee of Mercy. This year began on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 2015 and will conclude on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, 20 November 2016.

In the words of our Faithful Leader: "I am confident that the whole Church, which is in such need of mercy for we are sinners, will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and

rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time. Do not forget that God forgives all, and God forgives always. Let us never tire of asking forgiveness. Let us henceforth entrust this Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey: our penitential journey, our year-long journey with an open heart, to receive the indulgence of God, to receive the mercy of God."

We invite you as a family to pray together and to recognise the beautiful simplicity of letting go of old hurts and past grievances and joining together as family – united in Christ and bonded by love.

MERCY IS INCLUSIVE

Let us ask the Lord; Lord grant that we be more and more united, never to be instruments of division; enable us to commit ourselves, as the beautiful Franciscan prayer says, to sowing love where there is hatred; where there is injury, pardon; and union where there is discord. **Pope Francis**

God of Mercy, Each day you walk with us Present in every aspect of our human existence. Help us to pour out mercy on those we meet The abandoned and forgotten Those who struggle Friends and family Work colleagues and strangers May we embrace all With your tenderness and compassion AMEN.







Presenter Lee Chisholm

This presentation will be extremely beneficial to **all** parents and caregivers

Topics to be covered include:

- Proactive digi-parenting
- Information to become better connected with the digital age
- Create your own family IT policy
- Keep young people safe and reporting issues

When:

Monday 13th June 6pm – 7pm **OR** Tuesday 14th June 7pm – 8pm **Where:** SMC Auditorium

Light refreshments will be served beforehand



YEAR 13 RETREAT

As Year 13s of Sancta Maria College, we have a lot more privileges than we used to. This year, for our year level retreat, we were fortunate enough to go to Willow Park Christian Convention Centre along with Father Kevin, Ms Fouhy, Mr Piggin and many more staff members who would lead us through the day's activities <u>www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/year-13s-make-the-most-of-their-retreat</u>



SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE OPEN AFTERNOON

Over 400 parents and primary school pupils were shown around the College by our senior students on our annual Open Afternoon <u>http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/large-number-of-visitors-on-open-afternoon</u>









EASTER LITURGY TOUCHES HEARTS AND MINDS

Music and drama provided by senior students of the College were the main ingredients of our annual Easter liturgy. The script, based on the Gospels, took us on a journey with Jesus Christ, from the Last Supper in the upper room to his death on the cross on Calvary

http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/easter-liturgy-touches-hearts-and-minds



http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/purple-cupcake-day

PURPLE CUPCAKE DAY

"Kids helping kids through celebration, education and fundraising" was what we aimed to accomplish when organising this event. Purple cupcake day is a chance for students to learn about generosity and compassion.

It's a day when we recognise the unfortunate and the needy who are in serious need of our help

THE GET AHEAD EXPERIENCE DAY 2016

Four senior students had a great time finding out more about the huge range of careers available and technology used in the agricultural industry



http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/the-get-ahead-experience-day-2016



YEAR 13 PHYSICS TRIP



While experiencing the thrill, screams and fun on rides, exploring physics principles could not get any better than taking a trip down to Rainbows End. The Year 13 Physics students were lucky enough to apply physics concepts that they have learnt in class into action while observing various rides in a theme park. While using concepts such as centre of mass, momentum, rotational motion and simple harmonic motion, the physics students were able to investigate why certain parts of the rides go faster and more! Students could say that their experience with learning physics has never

been better than this excursion to the theme park which gave them the opportunity to apply their knowledge to real life situations.

Emily Tjhan

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY

The Year 11 Geography students had the opportunity to travel down to the wonderful Waitomo Caves accompanied by their teacher, Mrs Stickland and Mr Fawkner. In the field students learnt about the sustainability of the Waitomo Caves environment and the impact of tourism on the area. We did this acting as geographers travelling underneath the Waitomo landscape, walking through amazing cave structures in the Aranui and Ruakauri caves and seeing glow-worm grottos on a small boat trip.



The students had an amazing experience and a lot of fun as well. It was like Minecraft in real life but better!" said Jethro Magsalay-Downie. On behalf of the geography students I would like to thank Mrs Stickland and Mr Fawkner for making this a great trip and I can recommend this trip to those wanting to take Geography next year.

Caleb Oliver





PEER SUPPORT UNDER WAY

WOW! Who would have thought that being a part of peer support would bring so much joy, not only into our lives, but into the lives of the new Year 7 students,

www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/peer-support-underway

YEAR 10 PÉTANQUE

The team, Breanna Jury, Danica Loulie-Wijtenburg and Katrina Chan, left school early morning to arrive on time. They filled their day with French quizzes, challenging activities and of course the Pétanque. Many of the teams were dressed in the iconic and typical French attire - striped shirts and berets. Delicious French baguettes were served for lunch, a welcome surprise for the day,

www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/petanque-more-than-just-a-game





BUDDY WALK 2016

Volunteers from Sancta Maria College and other schools helped out throughout the day making it a fun and memorable day for the families and kids who came to support this charity event. The event also had a costume theme and many of our volunteers joined in the fun which brought in a livelier atmosphere to the day.



SPORTS NEWS

ROWING

Despite windy and sometimes wet conditions Chris McGrath and Reuben Crocker-Corlett achieved their best ever results at the North Island rowing championships boys under 16 double skulls at Lake Karapiro. After finishing second in their heat and fourth in the semi-final the boys gained a very creditable 7th position in the top 8 final

www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/chris-and-reuben-aimto-build-on-success



SWIMMING

Winning the 50m breast stroke final was a moment Trelise Dance will remember for a long time. Trelise who trains for two hours a day, five times a week says, "I am really glad to have won, it was a close and tough race. The 50m breast stroke is my favourite event."

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Alicia Choo also reached her final, finishing ninth in the 50m fly event. Next target is the AIMS Games later in the year when Trelise hopes to win a medal.

BASKETBALL

JL Lopez and Gerard Domingo are two young basketballers already making an impact on the court. The two Year 9 students, are part of the U15 Counties Manukau Black representative team who won 2nd place in the U15 Boys Division 2 in the 3-day Easter Tournament. <u>http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/making-animpact-on-the-court</u>





THE ARTS

TE TUHI YOUTH ART AWARD

Lucy Devonshire's exceptional photography work has won her a place in the Te Tuhi Youth Art Awards 2016. She submitted five of her photographs and wrote a small abstract about her work in order to gain this award.

As a winner she will be given, art supply vouchers courtesy of Gordon Harris, one year's subscription to NZ's leading art magazine Artnews, a three day intensive studio workshop with



experienced art tutors and artists, one day working with current university art students and she will exhibit her work during the winners exhibition at Te Tuhi Art Centre, Pakuranga. Congratulations to Lucy and we all look forward to seeing her work at the up and coming exhibition.

PARENT INFORMATION

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 downloaded 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 phone 3603069 at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2016 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2016.**

For further information visit

http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/about/enrolment/attendance-dues-sponsorship-scheme



SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE IS LOOKING FOR WARM, WELCOMING HOST FAMILIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

You can host for short periods of a few weeks or for a year or more. Some of our students are on shortterm tours while others are at the College to study through to the end of their schooling. If you are interested in hosting, please contact our Homestay Co-ordinator Margaret Gorski by email <u>homestay@sanctamaria.school.nz</u>.

Visit <u>www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/international/home-stay-families</u> for more information.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS OR EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please keep the college informed of any changes to address, telephone numbers or email addresses throughout the year.

Please email <u>admin@sanctamaria.school.nz</u> or <u>j.fisher@sanctamaria.school.nz</u> to inform the school of changes.

TRIPLE PARENTING GROUP MEETINGS:

Tuesday 24th May: Managing Fighting and Aggression

This course is being held at Howick Primary School and the time is 9.20am to 11.50am. Parents need to register with us first by emailing Jenny Naley on <u>sowers@hcc.co.nz</u> or phoning 09 538 0624.



SCHOOL PAPER RECYCLING CHANGES

In the past our school has promoted bringing paper from home to recycle at school. The company that offered this service no longer provides our school with a payment for paper. In order to reduce our rubbish costs we have decided to use Council's free recycling collection. From now on we will no longer be collecting paper from home for recycling at school. The easiest way to recycle your paper is by using your yellow-lid recycling bin at home.

Recycling paper at home:

Remember that the fortnightly Council kerbside recycling collection accepts packaging from the kitchen bathroom and laundry, including glass bottles and jars; plastic bottles and containers; food and drink cans; milk and juice cartons; and all your paper and cardboard from home.

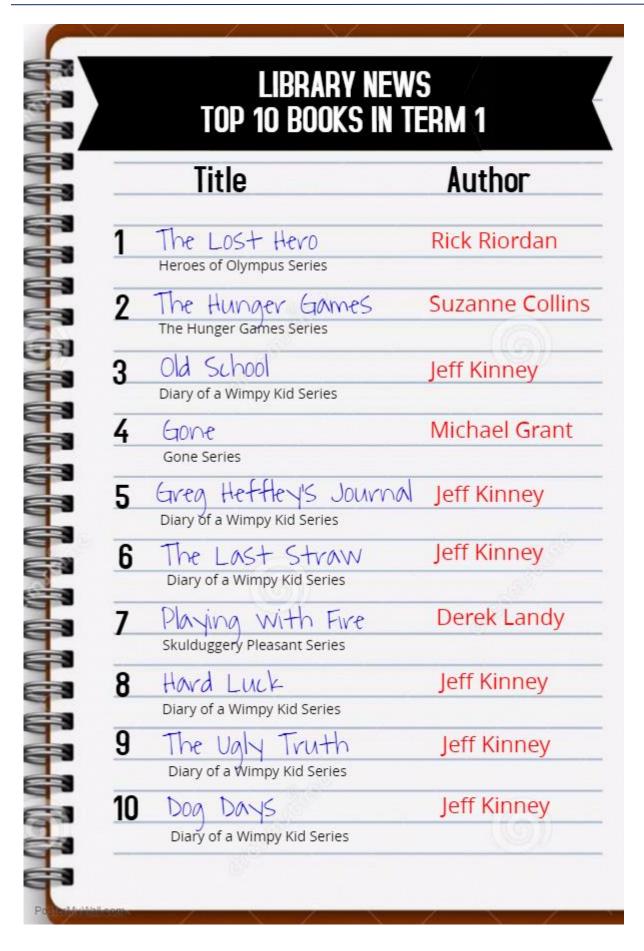
There are three easy ways to check what can and can't go into your recycling bins at home so that you *Recycle Right*:

- use the online recycling search at <u>www.makethemostofwaste.co.nz</u> enter any packaging item you want to check
- check the sticker on the underneath of your recycling bin lid, or
- refer to the *Recycling made easy* flyer.

If you need a new recycling bin or want to check your collection day visit <u>www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz</u> or phone council on 3010101.





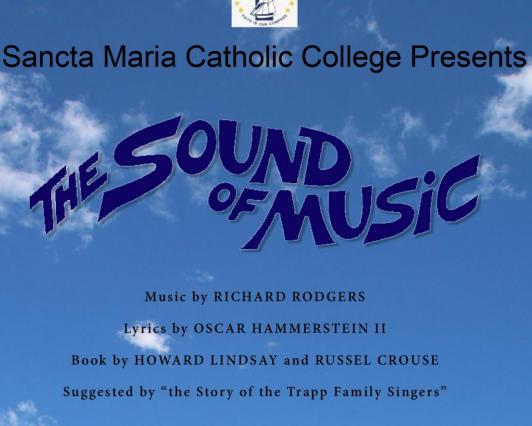






Sancta Maria College received a donation from ASB in relation to this programme during the month of March; this is a great way to assist the school get extra resourcing.





DATES 19 May 2016 to 21 May 2016

VENUE The Genesis Theatre, Vodafone Event Centre

TICKET PRICE Adults \$20 Children \$12 Family \$50 Senior Citizens \$10 - matinee only

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