

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Who do I contact when I have a concern?

The college welcomes parents/caregivers to be in contact with us when you have a concern, wish to check out information or want to know about the progress of your child(ren).



To assist you with your request or concern, the school contacts have recently been revised and will be available on the website early next week. I hope this improved information will help direct you to the right staff to communicate with in the first instance.

Upcoming Events

June

- 23 Late start – Yr 9-13
- 24 Year 11 Retreat
- 27 BOT Meeting – 6.00 pm

July

- 1 Year 12 Retreat
- 8 Last Day – Term 2

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

School Musical Production 'Sound of Music'

Congratulations again to everyone who was involved in this year's musical production. It was another stunning success and showcased our students performing to a high level. It was a pleasure to acknowledge all those students involved in the show at a recent assembly.

Behind the scenes, there were a number of staff, parents and local business organisations that supported the show too. Special thanks for the amazing costumes designed and created by Mrs Tracey Monaghan, and to those who gave up their time or provided monetary support to enable the show to go ahead and be the success that it was. In particular, thank you:

ATEL Limited
Orix NZ Limited
Murdoch Price Lawyers
Janet Kulkarni
Compass Building

Visique Botany
Steine BT Ltd/T/A Just
Tempur NZ
Just Dance NZ, Xin Song

Harris Road Tyre Power
Millhouse Integrative
SEO Zealand
Swayne McDonald

Special thanks must go to Mrs Verna Oliver (Creative Director) and Mr Stuart Gibbs (Musical Director) for the many hours and energy they put into the production for our school community to enjoy.

God Bless
Louise Moore
PRINCIPAL

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Netsafe Presentations to Parents

This week, Lee Chisholm, the educational advisor from Netsafe delivered a well-received presentation to our parent community about proactive parenting in this ever changing digital age. She provided a wealth of tips and advice around many of the issues that concern our parent community. She provided specific parent guidance around the various social media platforms that young people engage with and the dangers of posting personal photographic images. She informed us that a considerable number of high school girls nationwide are posting online personal images of themselves and Lee used the phrase 'Digital Tattoo' as a reference to how difficult it is to remove information and images, once posted online.



We will be running more parent information sessions later this year and the main powerpoint slides from this week's presentations will be posted on the College website in due course. You might also like to visit the parent portal on the Netsafe website. <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/>

Ian Vickers, Deputy Principal

CHAT FROM THE CHAIR

This is an important time for the Board of Trustees with the elections now completed. It was very pleasing to have more candidates than positions available but unfortunately not everyone can attain a spot on the Board. This election we needed to find two new Parent Representatives as Cyril Siasoco and Siale Foliaki both decided to stand down from the Board. Cyril and Siale have both made significant contributions to the Board over their years of membership. They will be missed but we appreciate that they both have many demands on their time.

The Parent representatives are now as follows:

- Saira Boyle
- Amelia Chambers
- Warren Brabant
- Hazel Dela Cruz
- Brendan Ryan

Amelia and Hazel are our new members and I would like to welcome them to the Board table. I am sure they will inject new energy into the Board and represent parents very effectively.

Our Bishop's representatives remain unchanged.

- Sue Kubala
- Mark Sim-Smith
- Llewellyn McGivern
- Janet Kulkarni

Our student representative is Aerial Florendo and our new Staff Representative is Janet Williams. Janet replaces Mark Glasse who has done an excellent job of keeping the Board informed of staff matters. He has participated in all the selection panels for the Senior Leadership Team appointments over the last year or so, ensuring that the panels have made fully informed decisions. It is an exciting prospect having new members on the Board of Trustees. I have no doubt that our community will be well cared for under their stewardship.

Brendan Ryan
Current Chairperson

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS



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Board of Trustee Elections : 2016

Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

Parent Representatives:

Votes:

BOYLE, Saira	182
BRABANT, Warren	133
CHAMBERS, Amelia	131
D'CRUZE, Hubert	96
DELA CRUZ, Hazel	162
KNIPE, Carmen	51
RYAN, Brendan	170

No. of invalid votes: 9

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Saira Boyle
Warren Brabant
Amelia Chambers
Hazel Dela Cruz
Brendan Ryan

Staff Representative:

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received I hereby declare:

Janet Williams duly elected

Margaret Littlejohn
Returning Officer

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Feast day reminds us of the importance of service

The student body, teachers and guests gathered together to celebrate our school's Feast Day.

This special day is very important to our school because it remembers the Visitation, when Mary (Sancta Maria), our school's patron, selflessly went to help her cousin Elizabeth.

The day commenced with the celebration of Mass, led by Father Kevin. Not only was the school given the opportunity to gather together as one on this very special day, but a few students also took on their role as servants of the community by being commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers.

However, the blessings of the day didn't stop there. The school was split up into the junior, middle and senior schools in order to participate in fun-filled house activities, such as tug of war and dodgeball. Not only was it enjoyable for students, but also for teachers (who, by the way, lost the tug of war)!

Overall, the day was a huge success. Many thanks are owed to the teachers and students who took part in organising this wonderful day! *By Angelika Bilbao*



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Feast Day Celebrations





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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A few years ago at the Seattle Special Olympics, nine contestants, all physically or mentally disabled, assembled at the starting line for the 100-yard dash. At the gun, they all started out, not exactly in a dash, but with a relish to run the race to the finish and win.

All, that is, except one boy who stumbled on the asphalt, tumbled over a couple of times and began to cry.

The other eight heard the boy cry. They slowed down and looked back. They all turned around and went back. Every one of them.

One girl with Down's Syndrome bent down and kissed him and said, "This will make it better." All nine linked arms and walked across the finish line together.

Everyone in the stadium stood, and the cheering went on for several minutes. People who were there are still telling the story. Why? Because deep down we know this one thing:

What matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What truly matters in this life is helping others win, even if it means slowing down and changing our course.

Are you up for the challenge?

Fr Kevin Murphy SM
College Chaplin

"Stick Your Neck Out" by Dr Karl A Menninger

"People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centred. Love them anyway.

"If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway.

"If you are successful you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.

"The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

"Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.

"People favour underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for some underdogs anyway.

"What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.

"People really need help but may attack you if you help them. Help people anyway.

"Give the world the best you can and you'll be kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you've got anyway."

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Dear Lord,

*Every single evening As I'm lying here in bed, This tiny little Prayer Keeps running through my head:
God bless all my family Wherever they may be, Keep them warm and safe from harm For they're so close to me.
And God, there is one more thing I wish that you could do; Hope you don't mind me asking, Please bless my computer too..*

*Now I know that it's unusual To Bless a motherboard, But listen just a second While I explain it to you, Lord.
You see, that little metal box Holds more than odds and ends; Inside those small compartments Rest so many of my friends.*

I know so much about them By the kindness that they give, And this little scrap of metal Takes me in to where they live.

By faith is how I know them Much the same as you. We share in what life brings us And from that our friendships grew.

Please take an extra minute

From your duties up above,

To bless those in my address book That's filled with so much love.

Wherever else this prayer may reach To each and every friend, Bless each e-mail inbox And each person who I send'.

When you update your Heavenly list On your own Great CD-ROM, Bless everyone who says this prayer Sent up to GOD.com

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Pompallier Shield

Sancta Maria College was narrowly beaten in its attempt to defend the Pompallier Shield won last year from five time winners Sacred heart College. A highlight of the night was Henry Elliot winning the Maori Scripture reading top prize. Cuan Pillay came third in the Senior Scripture section.

The Pompallier Shield is a scripture reading and oratory contest between secondary schools of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Out of a strong field of fifteen schools, Sancta Maria College can feel very pleased with their overall second placing.

Congratulations to our team:

Senior Oratory – Aldrina Polataivao

Junior Speech – Patrick Dempsey

Maori Scripture – Henry Elliot

Senior Scripture – Cuan Pillay

Junior Scripture – Meggy Laguda

Drama Team: Natalie Vercoe, Henry Elliot, Steven Shamas, Gemma Deftereos, Natasha Griffin.



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Young Vinnies and Mini Vinnies visit the Bruce McLaren retirement village



For Term Two, the St Vincent de Paul society, “The Young Vinnies and the Mini Vinnies”, are voluntarily committing to rest home visits after school on Wednesday. This is to provide a sense of service to the community where they learn to grow out of their comfort zones and be ideal leaders by giving service to others.

The students involved operate in a simple manner that creates a big impact. They give the residents of the Bruce McLaren retirement village happiness and joy in more ways than we can imagine. These visits help give back to the citizens who have now retired and by being with them we offer them companionship and entertain them with jokes. The students take time getting to know their story and learn the important lesson that listening is often more important than talking.

This outreach program will continue until Term Three and will hopefully make a big difference to the lives of the students and rest home residents alike. *By Dean Talavera*

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Catholic Schools' Day

In celebration of Catholic Schools' Day, approx. 50 students supported by staff went to Christ the King where a number of students from other primary/intermediate schools in the area also joined this event that saw SMC students lead workshop activities (Creative Poetry and Prayer; Gospel Choir; Cultural Dance; School Painting; Trust Walk; Validation; Karakia; Worship Band; Kapa Haka; Arts and Crafts; Physical Fun; Mindfulness Meditation). It was most successful.

In the evening, at the invitation of Rosmini and Carmel College's, the student leaders attended the Mass taken by The Bishop at The Cathedral and shared pizza after mass in Liston Hall. Students enjoyed sharing time together where the focus was on 'the mercy of God'.

Christ the King Primary School, St Mary's Avondale, St Therese Primary School, and Sancta Maria College came together to celebrate Catholic Schools' Day; approximately 400 students from the primary schools joined 65 students from Sancta Maria College. This joint celebration of the four Catholic schools was made possible by Christ the King Primary School, who kindly hosted this special day.

The day began with Mass, celebrated by Pa Peter Tipane. Morning tea followed which allowed the students to get to know each other before the workshops which came after. These workshops included: worship band, gospel choir, kapa haka, karakia, physical fun, drama, and cultural dance which included Indian and Polynesian. After a couple of fun filled hours came lunch provided by Christ the King all paid and sponsored by The Mad Butcher.



Sancta Maria College has a previous connection with Christ the King Principal, Tracey Kopua. Tracey Kopua was one of the foundation staff of our College and had been a teacher of the Sancta Maria students who presented the workshops. This was the first time Catholic Schools' Day was celebrated in this way and it was an absolute success and the day was well received. It was wonderful to have college and primary schools working together.



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Caritas Challenge 2016

With the wet grounds of the school to run on and countless terrorists to avoid, approximately 60 senior students spent the night on school grounds to fight for survival.

Well, not quite but close enough. These senior students took part in this year's Caritas Challenge to show solidarity with those experiencing hardships in Cambodia. In addition to a draining 7 hours at school, students stayed the night to learn more about not only the Cambodians' struggles but also the struggles of those living in other third world countries.

Participants also engaged in various activities which enabled them to more deeply empathise with those in Cambodia. Of course, very minimal sleep and food for 24 hours is nothing compared to what actually happens. However, it was a little insight into refugees' lives and was worthwhile opportunity for a very worthy cause.

The experience ended with a Mass, and despite the tired eyes and hungry stomachs, it was a rejuvenating time to reflect and give thanks for all the blessings we have.

"Blessed is he who considers the poor; The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." – Psalm 41:1

40 Hour Challenge 2016 – June 10-12

This term, the World Vision 40 hour famine Student Committee is inviting the Sancta Maria College community – students, parents, staff and teachers, to once again join them in supporting the "40 Hour Famine One weekend One backpack" challenge. It's a great activity for the entire family to get involved in! If the backpack challenge isn't for you, choose a more traditional 40 hour challenge like not talking, going without technology or giving up food for 20 to 40 hours. The money raised will go to support children and their families affected by conflict in Syria by providing them with child friendly spaces in Jordan.

A number of fundraising activities have been undertaken during the early part of this term such as a bake sale and sausage sizzle. A series of exciting events are being planned for next week such as 40 Hour Famine mufti day, Colour Run, and the 40 Hour Famine One weekend One backpack challenge stay-over for seniors.

Everyone can help out by supporting these activities and by gathering sponsors for the main event.

EVENTS

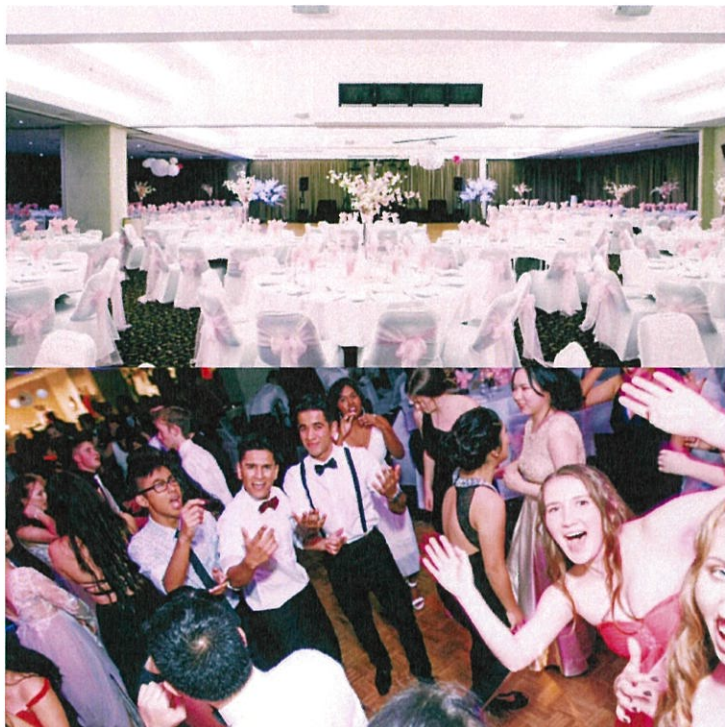
School Ball

May 7 is the day many Seniors have been looking forward to since the very beginning of the year. It was not just because it's Saturday, but because it was our annual Sancta Maria College ball.

The excitement had been building since the date of the ball was announced and after months of planning their outfits and organizing the event, the day finally arrived.

Sancta Maria College's Year 12 and 13 students ditched their school uniforms and attended the very formal, annual school ball.

The event was held at Ellerslie Events Centre. The ball committee, consisting of Morgan Williams, Stephanie Santana-Drago, Savannah Roque, Brunelle Dias and Niel Kulkarni, had transformed the third floor of the venue into a Japanese-themed location.



Everything was perfect, turning every boy and girl into a prince and a princess for the night. The Ball Royalties were announced after the scrumptious dinner. The Year 12 Princess and Prince were awarded to Victoria Brown and Paul Ngan Woo, respectively, while the Year 13 Queen and King were awarded to Michaela Ralph-Smith and Julian Raad.

After this, a large group of Year 13 students were finally able to show the rest of the guests the waltz and the tango they had been working very hard on for the past two months. Many others joined them on the dance floor and danced their hearts out until the night ended.

A huge thanks to the Ball Committee and the staff who were involved with organizing the ball. Everyone who attended had the most wonderful and magical night! *By Meggue Cruz*

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Kelly Tarltons

The Year 13 biology students took a trip to Kelly Tarlton's to observe the astonishing sea life. While looking in awe at the penguins, stingray and shark feed as well as a whole lot more, the students were able to view each animal's way of behaviour. Accompanied by a lecture about innate and learned behaviours, it enhanced the students' knowledge about what they had learnt so far during the year. All the Year 13 biology students were intrigued by each animal's behaviour and the way they act in certain circumstances.

By Emily Tjhan



Five days in the Art World

I was lucky enough to be chosen, amongst 15 other students, by Te Tuhi Centre for the Arts, to participate in the 'Five days in the Art World' programme. This was such a valuable experience in which to participate.

It helped me determine if visual arts is the right career path for me. I was able to immerse myself in artistic environments such as Elam School of Fine Arts, AUT School of Art and Design, Auckland City Art Gallery, The McCahon house, Rannoch and Corban Estate Arts Centre. I engaged with many artists who gave me an insight into the art world, and showed me different ways of developing my own art practice. I found this 5 day experience totally worthwhile and I would encourage interested students to apply for this next year. *By Lucy Devonshire*



The Sound of Music a stunning success

The hills were alive in Sancta Maria College's best production yet. Performing at the Vodafone Events Centre with two matinees and three evening performances, the hard work of the talented cast, orchestra, backstage crew, technicians and staff created a sparkling and entertaining show. Together, these dedicated and talented performers climbed every mountain to reach the heights of success. The performances by Michaela Ralph-Smith (Maria), Neil Kulkarni (Captain Von Trapp), Anneliese Simpson (Mother Abbess), the Von Trapp Children, other lead casts and the ensemble cast, surely puts the Do Re Mi into a sure fire stunning production. Read more www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/the-sound-of-music-a-stunning-success



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Year 13 History Trip to Wellington

Through the blustery, breezy weather, the Year 13 History students took a trip down to windy Wellington which lived up to its name.

While visiting various sites such as the Petone Settlers Museum, the National Library of New Zealand, the National Archives, Te Rua Kua, Te Papa, the Wellington Museum and more, the Year 13 History students were able to explore and discover the history of Wellington and its early settlement.

Whilst being able to see primary evidence and first-hand experience of early immigrants, the students were able to enhance their knowledge of the Wakefield settlement, how it affected the Maori at the time and how New Zealand has developed over time.

Overall, the time in Wellington gave students an engaging learning experience while enhancing their knowledge about New Zealand history. *By Emily Tjhan*



A day with the birds on Tiritiri Matangi Island

With beautiful skies, scenery and birds, the Year 13 Biology students were lucky enough to take a trip to Tiritiri Matangi Island. On the trip, the students were offered a lecture about evolutionary processes leading to speciation, specifically about the birds that are found on the island and how they developed their characteristics.

A guided bushwalk was also a highlight where the students had the opportunity to walk around the island and explore its unique features while learning about the various species of birds and the history of Tiritiri Matangi Island.



Overall, the trip was indeed a splendid one where the students were able to enjoy the scenery while enhancing their knowledge about evolution and speciation. *By Emily Tjhan*

Wastewise workshop shows we all must be involved

Dr Laux and four members of the environmental team (Daniel West, Niamh Walsh, Kelly Mascarenhas and Lorenzo Cruz) attended the Wastewise Schools secondary workshop held at the Fickling convention centre in Three Kings. The day was fully packed with activities based around the most efficient ways to reduce waste around your school.

This was an amazing workshop where students and teachers interacted with each other and realized that inspiration to be waste wise was shared by so many people. Participants all acknowledged that waste reduction is not just a matter for the environmental team but is an issue that could be tackled by all subject areas from Mathematics to Social Studies through the Arts and many more. The group came back to school equipped with a new proposal for the waste system at Sancta Maria College that they will forward to the senior leadership team for consideration. Watch this space and in the meantime, do your bit to maintain our grounds as a waste wise environment.



First Aid course enjoyable and instructive

Nineteen students recently had the opportunity to participate in a two day first aid experience. They became proficient in basic positions for recovery, C.P.R., as well as being able to assess and treat accident casualties.

The course ranged from classroom theory to hands on practice on dummies, to fully staged scenarios of accidents and car crashes. Tim O'Connell's portrayal of a crash victim amputee was particularly memorable. It was a valuable course, giving the students confidence in dealing with stressful and demanding situations. Overall it was an enjoyable and very instructive programme



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Big Bands Out East Concert & Smokefree Rock Quest

Fresh from their fine performances in the school's production of *The Sound of Music*, our Orchestra is now gearing up for the KBB Music Festival in August, which will also feature our Jazz Band and Concert Band. All three ensembles will be representing the school at a competitive level.

Mr Cho took our Jazz Band to the Big Bands Out East concert at St Andrew's Church in Howick, which included a barnstorming rendition of the Aretha Franklin classic, *Respect*.



Also representing Sancta Maria College recently was Jarryd Zimri, who entered the solo and duo round of Smokefree Rock Quest at Auckland Girls' Grammar School. Jarryd performed his own composition, 'Because of you' and received a warm reception from the crowd, doing the school proud.



This coming Saturday will see Jarryd return to the stage with Helen Pahulu and Jeremy D'Cruz, who will be performing and competing in the Smokefree Pacifica Beats competition with a song composed by Helen. Let us wish them well.

SPORTS NEWS

Finn and Eli Murphy were announced as winners of the award for the **Best Male Club Crew** at the Auckland Rowing Association Awards over the weekend. This outstanding result and their success this season is the culmination of hundreds of hours dedicated by the boys, coaches and parents.

Anna Faulkner has performed extremely well in her running events this season, especially in cross country. She finished 5th in the Central/Eastern Zone Championships and recently finished 2nd in the Auckland Championships, only 8 seconds behind 1st place. Anna's next event is the National Secondary School Cross Country Championships which is being held in Rotorua on the 18th of June. We wish her all the very best.





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Entertainment Books

If you are interested in purchasing a 2016/2017 Entertainment Book please support Our Lady Star of the Sea School by ordering via the link <http://www.entbook.co.nz/990f07>

The Book and Digital Memberships sell for \$65 and Our Lady Star of the Sea receive \$13 from each sale, which will be contributed to the School. The Entertainment Book gives you access to thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for Auckland's best restaurants, movies, takeaways, café, attractions and theme parks. Plus it has best in market prices for over 2,000 hotels and resorts that you can use whenever you like until 1 June 2017. There are two ways of purchasing either BOOK or DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP that put all the offer on your smartphone to redeem at the touch of a button.

GO ONLINE AND VIEW THE VIRTUAL BOOK BEFORE PURCHASING.

This year EMIRATES ALSO HAVE COME ON BOARD WITH A PERCENTAGE DISCOUNT ALONG WITH MANY EXCELLENT DEALS ON TRAVEL ACCOMODATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

To purchase a book or your digital membership securely online visit <http://www.entbook.co.nz/990f07> (All digital Memberships must be purchased online)

40 HOUR FAMINE 2016 ONE WEEKEND, ONE BACKPACK 40 HOURS FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN 10 - 12 JUNE

On Monday 21st March 2016, 30 Sancta Maria College students attended the World Vision's one day student leadership event - Global Leadership Symposium where students learnt about global issues; empowering them to become inspiring leaders and take action. The events embrace innovative ways of learning about inequalities and global hunger, including:

- Multimedia presentations
- Interactive simulation games
- Problem-solving exercises
- Debates and open discussions

While the program does have ties with the 40 Hour Famine, its main purpose is to encourage young leaders to:

- *LEARN* about global issues
- *ACT* and make a difference, using their influence to motivate others
- *SHARE* their knowledge and skills with students, schools and their community."

From the symposium an SMC 40 Hour Famine Committee was formed with membership above 30 students. *Together we raised \$1.8 million in the 2015 40 Hour Famine. More than 120,000 caring Kiwis registered in 2015 for the 40 Hour Famine to help kids like Oli in Bangladesh break the cycle of poverty. **And Sancta Maria College has been part of that journey.***

This term, this Student Committee is inviting Sancta Maria College communities – students, parents, staff and teachers to once again join them in supporting the **"40 Hour Famine One weekend One backpack' challenge**. It's a great activity for the entire family to get involved in! If the backpack challenge isn't for you, choose a more traditional 40 hour challenge like not talking, going without technology or giving up food for 20 to 40 hours. The money raised will go to support children and their families affected by conflict in Syria. The money raised will be used to fund child friendly spaces in Jordan.

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WHAT CAN I DO? Join us and sign-up or sponsor us! Booklet are available from TG3 every lunch time. Or you can sign-up online <https://www.worldvision.org.nz/40-hour-famine> choose Sancta Maria College for your sign-up group. See this sign-up guide for help <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Byx3rm81Zl2VUpwUEX1bjhPUGc/view?usp=sharing>

WHAT CAN MY BUSINESS DO? Sponsor us! Please contact us at a.kevern@sanctamaria.school.nz ask for Amara.

More information visit us at Schoology group 'SMC 40 Hour Famine for Refugee Children' code: NZHWB-KFFH9

Special THANK YOU for the following businesses for sponsoring some of our planned events:



Companion Training Workshop

Seasons for Growth is a peer support program which assists people of all ages to understand and manage the changes they experience when a significant loss occurs.



Who is a **COMPANION**?

An effective Companion is a person who:

- cares deeply about supporting people to understand and accept their grief
- can listen deeply and effectively
- is not burdened by their own unresolved grief
- can act supportively
- respects the uniqueness of each person's life story
- is willing to participate fully in the Companion training

Through this program we recognize....

The innate **dignity** of every human being.

The **value** of each person's unique experience.

The **importance** of building networks of support.

The **strength** of psychology and education working together.

A 2 day Companion Workshop will be held on

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July, 2016

at St Columba Centre
40 Vermont Street
Ponsonby

10.00 ~ 4.00pm

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL by Thursday, 14th July

To register or find out more about this program,
contact:

Delia 09-360 3027, or deliar@cda.org.nz

Seasons for Growth is dedicated to the spirit of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. A woman who believed in the dignity of every human being and encouraged all she met to, *"never see a need without trying to do something about it."* The writing of Seasons for Growth was inspired by this challenge.



Side-by-Side Mentoring

Faith communities connecting with their families who have young children
Side-by-Side Mentoring trains everyday people to be the link between
our young families and our church community. It affirms parents/carers
in their most important role of raising children, and offers the love, wisdom,
and the experience of the faith community to support them.

It is a voluntary ministry and so works around the time each mentor
has available, as well as their preferred way of approaching and supporting
people.

An information session for those interested in learning more about this
program can be held at your parish or school at a time which best suits you.

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