

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whanau

A New Face on the Old: Improving Our Digital Communication

Parental participation can be seen as a continuum from involvement to engagement to empowerment and can influence a child's motivation and their enthusiasm to learn. We are wanting to increase parental engagement in what future learning looks like. Students are using a variety of learning processes, competencies and language compared with rote learning which previous generations demonstrated and is not for everybody. Activities beyond the classroom is part of learning too. Student agency is greater than it has ever been before. We are now using several digital mediums to communicate school information, celebration of the many successes and achievements as well as many other aspects of learning going into the future.

Our channels of communication include:

Parent Portal

The **Parent Portal** has been in place for several years. This is the space where parents can engage in areas of their child's learning. Parents can find their child's timetable, current and past academic reports, assessment results and attendance, as well as the daily notices, annual school calendar with all events, and personal contact details (*should these have changed, please contact Jenny Fisher on j.fisher@sanctamaria.school.nz*).

The **Parent Portal** can be accessed via our website by clicking the **Parent Portal** tab under **Quicklinks** on the **home page** (<https://portal.sanctamaria.school.nz/student/index.php>).

Your log-in details for the Parent Portal were emailed to you in February and will be re-emailed to you at the start of September.

Schoology (Learning Management System for students)

In this space, teachers and students interact with a focus on supporting learning. Resources, course materials and learning activities are stored here for students to access both in class and at home. Parents do not have a Schoology profile, but you can **ask your son or daughter to take you through their courses via their log in details**.

Facebook Page

We have recently introduced an official **Facebook Page** (www.facebook.com/sanctamariacollege) as an additional form of communication. On this page you will find important updates, upcoming events and recognition of the outstanding achievements of our students in areas of college life.



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>

August

- 23-29 Senior Exams
- 25 Daffodil Day
- 28 BOT Meeting

September

- 4 Winter Tournament Week
- 10 Year 7/8 AIMS Games
- 11-15 Year 13PES Camp
- 15 Mufti Day
- 20 6.00 pm - Family Mass (Year 12 & 13)
- 25 BOT Meeting
- 26-29 Year 8 Camp
- 28 Senior Parent/Teacher Evening
- 29 Last Day of Term



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The Sancta Maria Catholic College School App

The School App can be downloaded free on your mobile device from your App store (Google Play / Apple iTunes). On the App you can find all the News Centre articles, school contact details, school calendar, daily notices and newsletters, as well as report a student absentee (with one click) and access KAMAR (our Student Management System) where you can track your child's academic results and, where relevant, NCEA progress. Useful links on the App include our website, Facebook page and Schoology access (for students).

Website

Our website (<http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/>) holds all the information about our college such as Vision, Values and College history. Enrolment details, contact lists and information on uniform, buses and the canteen also feature. The Latest News tab opens up articles written by our News Centre team and is updated nearly every day with the latest news about college life and the achievements of our students.

Principal, Board of Trustees and College Chaplain Messages

Access to the above communication channels mean there will be a significant change to the current Newsletter published each month. Regular Principal, Board of Trustees and Chaplain's Corner messages can be found on the Website and Facebook but up-to-the minute information, news articles, events, successes and achievements etc. will be posted on the applicable digital communication site (Facebook Page, The Sancta Maria Catholic College School App, The Parent Portal, Schoology, KAMAR and the Website.)

Family Mass

On **Wednesday, 20 September at St Luke's Parish**, Fr Kevin, School Chaplain will lead us in our Family Mass that commences at 6 pm. On this occasion, we are focussing on inviting families of Year 12 and Year 13 students particularly as a good number of these senior students are close to completing their schooling journey at SMC. There will be high involvement in the Mass from students from all year levels and parents of these students are very welcome to support them and celebrate Mass with us.

We are asking that all students wear school uniform for the Mass and that Senior students also wear their jacket & tie. We look forward to seeing a full Auditorium for our Family Mass this year.

2018 Enrolments

The college regrets that it is unable to accept all applicants who have applied for enrolment especially at Year 7 for 2018. There has been significantly more applications than there has been places available.

We were very impressed with the calibre of students applying who hold the qualities and values we would wish to find in a Sancta Maria College student. We also acknowledge the wonderful Catholic families, some of which have family members already attending the college. We are engaging with the Diocese about this matter and it is our desire to work with the Diocese to grow the roll in future years.

The college has had to use the enrolment priorities agreed to in consultation with the Diocese and Ministry of Education at the time the enrolment scheme was established.

Thank you for your understanding.

With Blessings

Louise Moore

Principal

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Chapel Road Carpark – For College Staff Use Only

Reminder: Vehicular access to Sancta Maria College for parents/caregivers to pick and drop off students is via the main driveway off Te Irirangi Drive. The Chapel Road access to the College is not for use by parents to drop off or pick up students. Council consent is for College staff only and contractors, **please use the Te Irirangi Drive access at all times.** Thanks for your support and cooperation around this matter.



WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK AT SCHOOL

Please can we ask for your support in reminding your child(ren) about the following procedures, so that very busy parents / caregivers are not summoned unnecessarily to the College?

- If a student feels unwell at school, they should tell their teacher and then visit our sickbay to see our qualified school nurse
- The school nurse will see them and as our medical professional, she will make a decision as to whether we need to notify a parent / caregiver. We appreciate that you are busy people and we do not request that you come to school at short notice unless absolutely necessary.
- As students are in our care during the day at school, we notify parents / caregivers about such matters.
- Students are NOT permitted to call/text/email you to come and get them. For the past week through daily notices and a verbal reminder as part of this week's full school assembly, we have been reminding the students of the mentioned procedures.
- **Thank you for your support in this matter. If you receive a communication from your child, asking to be picked up due to sickness, in the first instance please contact Laura Brown, School Nurse on 09 274 4081 Ext 283, before thinking about heading to the school.**



Visit <http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/> for student achievements and events



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CHAT FROM THE CHAIR

St Francis Block

We are pleased with the progress of the new St Francis Block as it nears completion. This will be a major asset to the school providing the additional space needs for our RE Department.

Activities

When we see, and read about the various activities and achievements happening in our school from sporting achievements through to hosting the East Auckland Young Enterprise Night Market, speech competition success plus much more I feel we have to stop sometimes and take a moment to say what a great school we have, that we all contribute to. Congratulations, feel proud and celebrate our many successes and achievements.

Policy Review

The Board carries out the regular review of policies as part of its governance role. Our Human Resources Committee reviews the detail contained in each policy and makes recommendations to the board. The Board considers the recommendations, asks questions and gives the final approval of the policy. We are currently working through a schedule of review for all school policies.

Board Professional Development

Board members continue to attend training provided by the New Zealand School Trustees Association. These courses are very beneficial and include such topics as Student Achievement, Health and Safety, Vulnerable Children's Act, Effective Financial Governance, The Boards Responsibility as an Employer and many more.

School Fees

We are now well into term three, and if you pay by term, 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. Invoices are being sent out monthly to assist parents.

Warren Brabant
Chairperson
Board of Trustees

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Grandparents....."Unrecognized Pearls of great price"

The Grandmother was unhappy with her position in life. One day she passed a wealthy persons house and through the open door saw many important people and rich possessions. "Oh how easy is must be in life for that rich person I wish I could be like them."

To her great surprise, she suddenly became rich and just like the person of wealth she had seen. It was a hot summers day, the next day and she felt uncomfortable in the sun without air con and all the wealthy clothes she had on she looked up at the sun and said ' I wish I could be like the sun ' Then she became the sun shining down on everyone. Now that was POWER! But at that moment a Huge black cloud moved in front of her, blocking out all her light and heat oh how powerful is that cloud she thought I wish I could be like that cloud, and you guessed it...she became that cloud..(Be careful what you wish for!)

But as soon as she was the big black cloud, she found herself being pushed away by a great force and she realised the wind was pushing her all over the place, and she said to herself," how powerful that wind is, I wish I was the wind," and suddenly she was that wind.

Then she was the wind and she ran up against something that would not move, no matter how hard she blew. A huge towering stone, stood unmoving in front of her," oh how I wish I was that stone", and once again she changed into what she thought was better that she had been. As she listened to being that big stone she heard the sound of a stonecutter using her chisel to transform the stone into a work of art...'.Oh I want to be a stonecutter' she said and she became that stone cutter.

The stone cutter then became aware of a little y7 girl watching her create the sculpture, and noticed the girl was smiling, happy and very well behaved. The stonecutter said to the girl, "Why are you so happy and cheerful?"

The little girl said, "That's because I have GRANDPARENTS who love me, who listen to me and who make me laugh each day..."

The stone cutter thought to herself, "All the time I had that gift of being a grandparent and didn't realise the power of Hope and Healing, was mine to share. I didn't appreciate the gift of who I was Please God, can I have a second chance I will be the best grandmother that God created me to be."

And she was.

Father Kevin Murphy *sm*



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SPECIAL CHARACTER

*FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 2017*



The College celebrated the occasion with Mass in the auditorium. Being International Languages Week the Mass also celebrated the many cultures who make up our school community.

In his homily Fr Brian reminded the students they are all created by God, and as such their lives are of great value as they prepare to take their place in a challenging world.

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Calling on young New Zealanders to share their voice with the Vatican

Young New Zealanders are being called to share their views about life, faith, and their experience of Church through an online survey published today by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops. The Catholic Church is launching a nation-wide survey for all youth. The survey is part of an international effort by Pope Francis to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of young people around the world, in the lead up to the Synod on "Young people, faith and vocational discernment" in Rome, October 2018.

New Zealanders aged 16 – 29 years old are encouraged to answer the survey and tell their friends about it and share the link with their networks. The survey will go live on 23 July and will run for five weeks, with the closing date for responses midnight on Sunday, 27 August 2017.

The survey will be found on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/voicetovaticanNZ) (<https://www.facebook.com/voicetovaticanNZ>) and on the home page of the [New Zealand Catholic Bishops' website](http://www.catholic.org.nz/): <http://www.catholic.org.nz/>

Thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



+ Patrick J Dunn

Bishop of Auckland
PRESIDENT – NZCBC
Te Huinga o ngā Pīhopa Katorika o Aotearoa

THE CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION'S CARING MASS AND CARING AWARDS

Our students, [Danielle Mudgway](#), [Henry Elliott](#) and [Olivia Wright](#) were awarded a Caring Award by Bishop Patrick Dunn at the Catholic Caring Foundation's Caring Mass and Caring Awards at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday July 26th, for their outstanding care and commitment to caring for others in our community.

The Foundation, through donations and bequests, has been supporting communities in need with grants for emergency housing, domestic violence prevention, elderly support, growth programmes for youth, foodbanks, refugee, migrant and new settler support services and families in crisis for over 25 years. Please support our annual July Appeal and help those in desperate need in our community.

www.caringfoundation.org.nz



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PARENT INFORMATION

SUPERVISERS for External NCEA examinations are required to supervise Sancta Maria College students (9th November to 1st December). If you are interested in taking up this role, please email David Morris at morsim@xtra.co.nz

This is a paid role and each examination timeframe is a 3 hour time period. You will be given a break through this period of time. Thank you. Louise Stickland Principal's Nominee.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

'Never Give Up' wins 3 Awards at J-Rock

In the last week of Term 2, all the hard work and time put in to prepare for J-Rock since Term 1 really paid off with Sancta Maria College winning 3 Awards at J-Rock for 'choreography', 'soundtrack' and 'set design and function' with our theme 'Never Give Up'.

J-Rock is the perfect opportunity for those who enjoy dancing, performing and living a healthy lifestyle. The year 7's and 8's put on an extra ordinary performance that night. Every student had amazing commitment and dedication, giving up their lunchtimes, afterschool, weekends and class time to prepare for our big day. We couldn't have done it without all the help and support from our two wonderful teachers; Miss Shen and Mrs Croxford.

Our performance was about a girl (Ella) who experiences failure and embarrassment during her dance class. She goes through a phase of mind battles and then experiences depression. But when Ella's positive mind-set wins the final battle, she decides to work hard and eventually becomes a successful dancer.

This year's J-Rock performance was choreographed by Berlin Mangu (Hip Hop), Paige Turner (Hip Hop), Nathaniel Vaimoso (Hip Hop), Louisa Nelson (Contemporary), Abby Tay-Morrison (Jazz), Claudia Little (Jazz) and Sydney Causer (Contemporary). There were four different groups; Hip hop, jazz and two contemporary groups. The group truly did themselves proud. *Sydney Causer*



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East Auckland Young Enterprise Night Market

On Thursday 17 August, Sancta Maria took on the massive but rewarding challenge of hosting the annual East Auckland Young Enterprise Night Market. With over 70 teams from schools all over the Auckland region, it proved to be a wildly successful and diverse night full of enthusiasm and innovation. As you can see in the pictures, by 6:00pm the school auditorium was buzzing with proud parents and potential customers. The creativity and innovation on display was something the students can all be proud of, and we're excited to see what the future holds for their businesses.





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CAREERS DEPARTMENT

This is a busy term for our senior students. Year 13's are busy applying for courses or working on what their next step out of school maybe. We are interviewing all of Year 12 students to assist them with their careers planning and hope to have this completed by the end of the term. As we approach option time any student is welcome to make an appointment with Mrs Rogers and discuss their option choice and career pathway.

Off-site Tertiary/ Industry Events 2017

The aim of these events 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, and talk to staff and to find out what it is like to study the different courses offered or to work in a particular industry.

Saturday 26 August	UNITEC Open Day Register: www.unitec.ac.nz/openday
Saturday 2 September	The University of Auckland courses and careers day. www.openday.ac.nz AUT open day LIVE www.aut.ac.nz/live
Friday 3 November	V8 Supercar on Track Event for Schools *** (Year 10 students)
Saturday 4 November	International Travel College Open Day http://www.itc.co.nz/campus-locations/open-days/
Saturday 2 December	International Travel College Open Day http://www.itc.co.nz/campus-locations/open-days/


CATHEDRAL RACE DAY - GREAT RACING, GREAT FOOD, GREAT FUN

On Saturday 30 September 2017 the Cathedral Heritage Foundation is holding a Charity Race Day at Ellerslie to raise funds for the restoration of the Cathedral Presbytery.

There will be eight races run, a sumptuous luncheon served, raffles held, mystery bags for sale and silent auction items to bid on.

Tickets are \$95 each or \$950 for a table of 10.

Registration forms are available at the school office or can be downloaded at www.stpatricks.org.nz
Let's get 10 people from the school together, support a good cause and have some fun!



CANS FOR CHRISTMAS

CAN DRIVE

IN SUPPORT OF:
St Vincent de Paul & The Mercy Hospice
cans4christmas@gmail.com

Cans for Christmas 2017

This year has seen the project grow to include 38 Catholic Schools around Auckland.

This will see us collect over 14000 cans for St Vincent de Paul Society.

We are in need of your help.

Please donate at
www.cans4christmas.com

Thank you for your support.



We would like to encourage students and families to support Mexicali as their business supports our hockey and football teams with player of the day vouchers.