

Newsletter No. 05 August 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whanau

Taking Stock Of How Far We Have Come And Going Forward

For our senior students, we are well through the academic year. Talking with many students, the half-year break was timely for some relaxation, refreshment and preparation for internals and the upcoming school exams in Week 7 (7-13 September). I spoke to students in assembly last week about prioritising commitments. EVERYTHING cannot be a priority at this time! Achievement towards academic goals must be the highest priority.

Students in the junior school were reminded of the importance to focus on the learning happening in their classroom and how it is unhelpful for them to be getting involved in issues that take them away from what is important and of priority. I hope they have been taking full advantage of being involved in the many co-curricular activities that the college offers.

For the parents of students in Years 7 and 8 who recently received feedback about the progress of their child, I hope this was valuable and productive.

Welcome Sister Schools

Upcoming Events

August

- 11 Professional Learning Late start – Yr 9-13
- 12 7.00 pm Jazz Band, Concert Band, Orchestra & Choir Performance in the Auditorium
- 16 ICAS Mathematics
- 17 Feast of the Assumption Mass at 10.15 am
- 25 Professional Learning Late start – Yr 9-13

September

- 5 BOT Meeting 6.00 pm
- 7-13 Senior Exams
- 20-23 Year 8 Camp
- 22 Professional Learning Late start Yr 9-13
- 23 Last Day Term 3

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

Over the last two weeks we have had the privilege of hosting our sister-schools from China. Shanghai Jin Cai Experimental Middle School has been visiting Sancta Maria College for a few years now and it was the inaugural visit for Su Zhou Full Middle School from a rural area near Shanghai. Students were aged 13 - 15 years old. Cultural exchanges are an opportunity for students to experience and learn more about other cultures and peoples. We look forward to developing and strengthening our relationship with both schools in ways that are mutually satisfying. Longer-term, I hope that through these connections that we are able to build collaborations and engage in real global issues that are impacting on our young people and the world in which we live.



Student Drop-offs and Pick-ups at the Start and End of the School Day

There are increasing concerns about the number of students (including younger siblings from the Primary School) being dropped off at the college as early as 7 am and not being picked up until after 5 pm. It is very dark at these times, especially through the winter months. Staff do not arrive to work until 8 am onwards and can leave promptly at the end of the school day to participate in professional learning and development work at other schools and support extra and co-curricular commitments. College students are encouraged to go to the library for shelter and do work until it closes at 5 pm. However, for health and safety reasons we cannot accommodate students not on our school roll, including younger siblings from the Primary School.

For safety reasons, please support the college by making alternative arrangements for your child(ren) to be dropped off at school closer towards 8 am and picked up by 4.15 pm, unless they are involved in a formal after-school event. Perhaps they can use the bus or be given a lift home with a friend and their parent. I thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Special Catholic Character Recognition

As a school community we are very proud of Niel Kulkarni, Jane Kubala and Angelica Tienzo who were recognised at the Catholic Caring Foundation Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dunn at St Patrick's Cathedral for their contribution to the Special Catholic Character of the Sancta Maria College Community together with representatives from other schools and community organisations.

Organisation is underway for The Assumption Day Mass that recognises The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dunn in the College Auditorium on **Wednesday 17th August at 10.15 am.** The expectation is that ALL students join in this celebration and therefore attend school on this day. If you wish to join us for this special Mass, you are most welcome.

Sancta Maria College Students Shining On Stage

Sancta Maria College students have been experiencing great success at several events recently. Of significance was the outstanding performance of the Year 7 and 8 students who performed at J Rock in the Aotea Centre, Helen Pahulu, (Year 11) performed her own composition at Stand Up Stand Out (Auckland School's Music Competition) and has been asked to submit the song for the competition compilation CD. Helen also performed in the group



category with Lauren Chalk (Year 13) and Adora Rodrigues (Year 13), Catherine Vaiangina (Year 13) and Anton Vargas (Year 13) and have won a place in the finals at the Vodafone Events Centre on 26th August.



There will be a **Musical Event** in the College Auditorium on **Friday 12th August at 7 pm** featuring Orchestra, Choir, Jazz Band and Concert Band. This will be a vital warm-up concert for the prestigious KBB Secondary Schools' Music Festival. We welcome as many people as possible to join us for this evening that starts at 7 pm and be finished by 8.30 pm.

Sport

Congratulations to Roanne Apalisok (Year 8) and Clive Luna (Year 9) who were selected and represented New Zealand in the U15 Badminton Trans-Tasman Test series in Sydney prior to the school holidays. Roanne was also winner of the Girls Singles title for the individual events.

There are only a few weeks remaining in the winter sports season where we've seen a number of outstanding performances and achievements by our teams. This is a result of the commitment, talent and resilience demonstrated by our students and coaches who began their training in Term 1.



Our U17 Girls and U15 Boys basketball teams have both qualified for the Greater Auckland Championships. The U15 Boys play their Division 1 Final against Aorere College on Tuesday 9th August, while the U17 Girls lost their final on Thursday 4th August earning them 2nd place in the competition.

Both of our boys' rugby teams are firmly in the hunt for a Semi Finals berth with a couple of rounds remaining. Both are currently sitting in 3rd place in their respective grades.

Thanks to all those who give continual support of our co-curricular sports activities. We appreciate all our volunteer coaches, managers and transporters who have supported teams throughout the winter season.

With Blessings

Louise Moore PRINCIPAL



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Jesus, our model for growth

When I say I model myself on Jesus, I mean:

- ✓ I feel compassion;
- ✓ I see life differently;
- ✓ I feel courage;
- ✓ I acknowledge;
- ✓ I choose right over wrong;
- ✓ I speak out for goodness' sake;
- ✓ I encourage;
- ✓ I believe;
- ✓ I trust in God's plan for us;
- ✓ I love;
- ✓ I forgive.

When I say I model myself on Jesus: Jesus is at the centre of all I do, all I say, and all I think. Amen.

Father Kevin Murphy SM School Chaplain

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Catholic Caring Foundation Awards

Sancta Maria College had a proud moment when three of our Year 13's (as voted by their year group) were put forward as recipients of the Catholic Caring Foundation awards. Niel Kulkarni, Jane Kubala and Angelika Tienzo were recognised for their outstanding leadership and dedication towards growing the Catholic Character of our College in a Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dunn. All three of them have contributed to the Special Character of Sancta Maria College in a massive way and their generosity of time and spirit is very much appreciated by us all.





Year 12 Retreat A Time To Reflect

After a busy first half of the school year the students welcomed the opportunity to relax, reflect and recharge both mind and body.

Sessions focused on meditation, affirmation, personal health and personal fitness while there was also the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Kev. This time away from the classroom was welcomed by the students who eagerly grasped the opportunity to assess their progress and to plan new goals and prepare for the next two terms.



Retreats are an integral and important part of the College programme and are much looked forward to by the students.

Young Sancta Maria College Student Shines

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At the award ceremony Minju was recognised as displaying leadership qualities that Sir Peter himself would have recognised.



Shelley Campbell, CEO of the Sir Peter Blake Trust says,

"Minju Kim is a fantastic young leader. She takes on new challenges day to day and always puts her hand up to lead these new challenges. She is a respectful leader, who acknowledges and incorporates different ideas of others in her team work. All students enjoy working with her. She uses her initiative and kindness to help others when in need. For example, when seeing her teacher carrying heavy loads, she is always one of the first to notice and offer a helping hand.

Minju Kim is involved in a range of orchestra bands for the school. She shows genuine care for the environment through her participation in rewarding activities the environmental team offers. She has also taken part in many competitive athletic events. You can trust that her keen hand will be up when a presentation speaker for the school is needed. She is confident and willing to share her positive experiences with the school community. She is a worthy recipient of this award."

460 schools from Northland to Bluff celebrated their aspiring Year 5 to 8 leaders. The Young Leader Awards, in association with Westpac, acknowledge young people whose outstanding leadership uplifts the school community.

Supporting Te Puea Marae

The Year 10 Social Studies classes decided they should act and take 'the learning' outside of the classroom and into their community, answering the question – how can our learning positively influence others?

For the last 6 weeks they have been working through a population unit and in particular rapid population growth, its effects and government policy. The context of learning has been in China, India and Africa. However, last week our government in an attempt to address homelessness and the housing shortage

offered families up to \$5000 to move to empty state homes outside of Auckland. Of course, in the interim families in South Auckland have been seeking refuge at Te Puea Marae in Mangere Bridge. This is where our students stepped in to help and to develop a connection to their learning.

They collected sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, sheets, towels, jackets, clothes, shoes and food. They delivered these items in the school van to Te Puea Marae (with a very full trailer on the back due to the amount collected). Students felt good about the support they were giving and enjoyed the time they spent at the Marae.





Fundraising For The 40 Hour Famine

WHAT A SUCCESS!!! Our 40 Hour Famine day was a huge success with various activities being staged, ranging from the facilitation of the mufti-day collection; the setting up; the colourful face painting; the delicious bake sale; the brave souls on the receiving end of pie-throwing; the funky jazz music; the vibrant and vivacious singing performances and electrifying rap.

We thank you from the bottom of our 40 Hour Famine Committee hearts for all the time and effort that everybody put into making it the success that it was. We were able to collectively raise \$1476.50, which is an outstanding outcome to such a joyous day.

Also, the job of fasting or giving up something important to you for 40 hours was completed. Over and done with. Finished. The participants of the 40 Hour Famine were able to endure their long hours of pain and sacrifice, whether it be no eating, no talking and even the one weekend, one backpack challenge. Now it is time to collect the donations that they have been asking for so that they are able to help the Syrian refugees who are not able to help themselves.

All of this, however, would not have been possible without the wonderful Sancta Maria College staff, who have been supporting the students involved in the 40 Hour Famine and for all the students who signed up. I can't wait to see what next year holds. It is such an incredible opportunity to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Bake Sale Fundraising For Lifepods



The College prefects ran a bake sale in the C Block courtyard, to raise funds for Sir Ray Avery's incubator project.

Sir Ray Avery is a renowned New Zealand scientist who has invented an incubator for premature babies that only costs \$2000 to make and maintain, compared to the \$40,000, the average incubator costs. Together with several East Auckland Schools, we saw this as a wonderful initiative to support by fundraising within our individual schools and then putting the money together to contribute a significant amount to this worthwhile cause. The money will sponsor incubators that can save babies lives all over the world.

The bake sale was a grand success, with the delicious treats being snapped up quickly. Primarily, through the support of students and staff, we were able to raise around \$300, with the chance to donate more, with upcoming events such as the Prefect vs Teacher Netball Game and Sausage Sizzle.



Careers Department

We are coming up to a busy time of year when students are starting to make choices about what they will be undertaking in 2017 and beyond. This is not only for our school leavers but also for students deciding which subjects to select. Completing on line research is one avenue. Visit <u>www.careers.govt.nz</u> for detailed information about all the possible careers and study options.

Below is a list of the main events you may wish to attend in August. Email Lucy Rogers the Careers Advisor at <u>l.rogers@sanctamaria.school.nz</u> if you have any questions or phone school then extension 227.

10 August 2016	Auckland University Engineering Futures Evening 6-8pm Fisher and Paykel Auditorium, Owen G Glenn Building 12 Grafton Road Auckland. Must Register to attend: <u>www.auckland.ac.nz/efe</u>
11 August 2016	Defence Force Info Evening http://www.defencecareers.mil.nz/events
13 August 2016	UNITEC Performing and Screen Arts Open Day 10am – 2pm. Entry 1, 139 Carrington Road, Mt Albert The Dance Studio – Building 007 <u>www.unitec.ac.nz/perform</u>
19 August 2016	Manukau Institute of Technology Engineering (civil, mechanical and Electrical) Experience Day
20 August 2016	Massey University Auckland Open Day 10am – 3pm MASSEY.AC.NZ/OPENDAYS
25 August 2016	Massey University Auckland Speech and Language Therapy Experience Day – Year 12 students – see Careers for more information
25 August 2016	Pilot Career event – Air New Zealand Aviation Institute 7 Rennie Drive, Mangere, Auckland 4pm – 9pm – no registration required
26 August 2016	Massey University Wellington Open Day 8.30 am – 1.30 pm MASSEY.AC.NZ/OPENDAYS
26 August 2016	Victoria University Open Day – Wellington www.victoria.ac.nz/study/events



26 August 2016	Pilot Careers Event – 4pm – 9pm Air New Zealand Aviation Institute 7 Rennie Drive, Mangere
27 August 2016	The University of Auckland On Campus Day <u>www.coursesandcareersday.ac.nz</u>
27 August 2016	AUT Open Day City Campus

Career Interviews for Year 12 and 13

These are now almost complete. Topics in the half hour career interview include:

- Refinement of career direction in preparation for 2017/2018.
- Information and suggested research of tertiary courses or work options.
- Entry requirements and application procedures.
- Action steps

Year 13

Year 13 in particular are busy preparing for next year. Here are some pointers to help them with their preparation especially if they are planning on going onto tertiary study.

- 1. Choose what you want to do next year- if you don't know (or have changed your mind..) come and make an appointment at the Careers Centre.
- 2. Apply for courses for next year- check application dates and entry requirements.
- 3. Make sure you have back up options and you have applied for more than one provider.
- 4. Research and apply for scholarships (check you meet the criteria). There is lots of information on schoology for students.
- 5. Apply for Halls of Residence (if you are planning on studying out of Auckland).
- 6. If going to university or polytechnic plan your course- tertiary providers are coming into school in the next couple of weeks to help students and talk about applications, scholarships etc.
- 7. Get your supporting documents together-, copy of birth certificate, passport etc. These need to be certified by a Justice of the Peace.
- 8. Apply to study link <u>http://www.studylink.govt.nz/</u> for loans and allowances. Mrs Rogers will be running workshops on this later in the term.
- 9. There is a wealth of information on schoology to help students with their career planning. Keep checking the updates.
- 10. Come into the Careers Centre at any time if you need help with anything.



EVENTS

Music Concert 12th August – A Night To Remember

You won't want to miss the College Music Concert on the evening of Friday 12th August in the auditorium. Featuring the concert orchestra, concert band, jazz band and choir there will be something for everyone. At only \$5 for adults and \$2 for children it is not to be missed. Read on to find out about one of our talented musicians, Vincent Brzozowski.

The coming two weeks will be very busy for one of Sancta Maria College's key musicians. Vincent Brzozowski will be applying his talents as our principal trumpet player to not just the Orchestra, but also the Jazz Band and Concert Band.

By the end of the month, Vincent will have performed with the Orchestra at Mission Heights Primary School, as well as in two warm up concerts here at the College. The second show will be on Friday, the 12th August, at 7pm in our Auditorium and will be the last concert before we embark on our programme of performances at the KBB Festival.

The Orchestra will play some pieces from their recent successful production of The Sound of Music, whilst also playing two pieces that were chosen specifically to feature Vincent as a soloist: Charpentier's 'Te Deum' and Faure's 'Pie Jesu'.



After the Orchestra's KBB performance on the 16th August, Vincent will return to the Festival on the 19th August to play with both the Jazz Band and with the Concert Band (but for the latter he will be playing the euphonium).

If that is not enough, the rest of the year will see Vincent completing his musical studies and working on a scholarship that will focus on his piano playing.

Sancta Maria College Take Out Spirit Of J Rock Award

Auckland's ASB Theatre witnessed Sancta Maria College win the Spirit of J Rock Award with their performance Mirror, Mirror Will Show All.

J Rock Year 7 and 8 girls produced a wonderful performance, dancing their little hearts out. They won best drama, costumes and spirit. Three awards for our very first J Rock!

Senior students Morgan Williams, Nathaniel Vaimoso, Cameron Carter Chan, Martina Buzak and Natasha Green Thompson trained the groups and ran and managed pretty much all of the preparation for the event. Their enthusiasm and talent was reflected in the stunning performance of the younger students on the night.

J Rock offers the perfect platform for students to develop self-belief, confidence and resilience, as the safe, fun and exciting atmosphere upholds key values of attending school, working towards realistic education goals, and staying fit and healthy.

Production Judge, Braydon Priest said: "Sancta Maria had a well thought out, strong performance. Nice work! "Performance Judge, Abby Christodoulou said: "Sancta Maria put a lot of thought and passion into their performance."

College Students Shine On Stage

Sancta Maria College has been making itself known at two of the premier competitions for New Zealand schools. Smokefree Rock Quest and Pacifika Beats are highly competitive events and the College has entered both.

Jarryd Zimri entered our solo and duo round of Rock Quest and gave a fine performance of his own composition, 'Because of you', in which he utilized a sampler pedal on his electric guitar (in the manner of Ed Sheeran).

Not content with that, Jarryd was back at Pasifika Beats a week later with Helen Pahulu, performing a beautiful song of Helen's entitled 'My Identity'. This was Sancta Maria College first time in the competition and our students came away with the award for Best Song (not to mention Jarryd picking up second place for Best Dressed Performer!) so we can be very proud of our performers and their talents.









Environment Week

We welcomed Te Radar as our guest speaker to our assembly.

He entertained us with stories of his attempts at living a sustainable existence for the television programme 'Off The Radar'.

His final message was to make a difference. It does not matter if the action you take seems small, remember that you make a difference to your own world and in the long run we can make a huge difference to the planet.



On Thursday last week two speakers spoke to students on importance of taking care of our environment.

The first speaker was Ishie from One Tree Hill College, who amazed us with her moving slam poem. Through her powerful speech, she was able to inspire us and stir us from our nonchalant attitudes towards improving our environment. Her words, 'Do not be afraid to be the first to change' rings true to us all.

The second speaker was Nina Santos from Auckland Girls' Grammar School. This vivacious and charismatic speaker was part of the Young Blake Expedition, a two week trip where 14 individuals were taken to the Sub-Antarctic islands to study climate change. Like Ishie, she was able to inspire us to act upon our role as caretakers of our environment. She explained to us how interesting it was for her to study soil, seaweed and plankton, which surprisingly caught all of our attention.



Overall, these two amazing speakers allowed us to realise that now is the time to change our world and that every single one of us has a part to play. They allowed us to realise that our part begins with improving and caring for our environment, which we so often take for granted.

Angelika Bilbao



11 Science At Rainbows End



On 17th June our Year 11 Science class had a great opportunity to attend Rainbow's End for the afternoon. We not only got to go on all the rides available but learnt about different motions to do with physics.

We also encountered a surprise of a "meet and greet" with a mystery special guest. It turned out to be



our Prime Minister, John Key. Some of our class mates got to speak to him face to face, particularly Andrew. Major press interviewers and photographers crowded round as Andrew asked his questions, giving a good impression of Sancta Maria students. It was an action packed day and we were very grateful for the opportunity. Big thanks to our teacher Mr Harrison and science technician Mrs Muir for making the day out possible. *Alice Stonehouse*





Science Roadshow Informs And Entertains Students

The students from Years 7, 8 and 9 received a visit from The Science Roadshow. The day was jam packed full of fun and educational activities that taught the students plenty of new information about science. We learnt that the average human can hear sounds between 20-20,000 hertz and you cannot make any sound when there is no air.

Students also got the chance to interact with different science experiments. They could discover the insides of the human body, learn



about their sense of touch by feeling objects with their eyes closed, get blown around by strong gusts of wind and much more!

The Science Roadshow was a big success with all of the students learning new facts and information.

Stella Cranwell, Hannah Dangatan and Thomas George

New Zealand Schools Japanese Trivia Championship – Success!

2016 was the second year of the New Zealand Schools Japanese Trivia Championships competition. This joint initiative between NZAJLT (New Zealand Association of Japanese Language Teachers) and JSANZ (Japanese Studies Aotearoa New Zealand) attracted 87 teams from seven regions (Auckland, Waikato, Manawatu, Wellington, Nelson, Otago and Southland).

Sancta Maria College fielded two teams. We are very proud of the teams as they have done extremely well regionally and nationally. Our special congratulations to Sancta Maria College Team 2 for gaining second place in the Auckland Region and third nationally.



It was a fun-filled night as many students and teachers also took the opportunity to dress up for this special occasion. Venues were filled with participants dressed in a variety of outfits such as yukata, cosplay, martial arts, or as ninja and samurai warriors, all adding to the colourful spectacle.



Year 10 Market Day = learning, fun and success

On Monday 4th July, future business men and women were able to put their skills to the test during Market Day. After weeks of planning and hard work, Mr Cho and Mrs Du Burgess' Year 10 business classes were able to sell amazing things to the school at lunch time. They set up stalls around the courtyard for their end of semester project.

They sold many interesting things such as sherbet, necklaces and even candy floss! Aislinn Manuyag, one of the Year 10s involved said, "It turned out pretty well, I think you start to realise what sells and what people like after a while. The market day was a way to interact with people and a learning experience."



Their efforts surely paid off, as many students from all year levels flocked to the courtyard to purchase their goods! Overall, the day was full of learning, fun and success.

Angelika Bilbao

International Student Study Group

In the first week of term we welcomed a study group from China which included 17 students, two teachers and two representatives from our sister school Shanghai Jin Cai Experimental Middle School. This is the first visit to New Zealand for these students who are keen to experience school life in New Zealand and learn about our culture.

The Study Group were officially welcomed with a Powhiri and performance by the Kapa Haka group at the full school assembly on and then given buddies from the Year 7, 8 & 9 classes to follow through the week and join in their classroom timetable. Thank you to these students who have made the visitors so welcome.







The students were taken on a Farm Experience trip to Kiwi Valley in Henderson. The students enjoyed learning about farming in New Zealand and were able to pat animals, feed the lambs, horse ride and get lost in the farm maze. The students were then taken up Mt Eden to take photos and see Auckland from the best possible vantage point. Our thanks go to three senior international students Bruce Chen, Kobe Liu and Annice Ng for coming on the trip to help and translate for the students.

The students have been staying with host families throughout the week and we thank them for their care of these visitors. The study group will next head off to Rotorua to experience more of New Zealand. We wish them a safe and enjoyable journey and thank them for visiting Sancta Maria College. We will welcome a second group of students from Su Zhou Full Middle School who arrive this week.











SPORTS NEWS

Year 7 and 8 Cross Country Results

A strong, blustery wind and increasingly difficult underfoot conditions did not dampen the enthusiasm of the Year 7 and 8s as they participated in their annual cross country run.

After very competitive racing the following students gained first, second and third placings in their year groups:

Year 7 Girls

Trelise Dance
Keely-Maria Samuel

3. Sophia Milantoni

Year 8 Girls

Alex Dougherty
Victoria Heald
Rebekah Massey

Year 7 Boys

Jeremy Dreyer
Mason Chadfield
Tyler Halliday

Year 8 Boys

Zachary Saunders
Enzo Roper
Glen Fromont





Under 14 and Under 16 Cross Country Results

A few hardy Y9-11 students also competed in last week's cross country event and their results are now available.

- Under 14 Girls 1st Jade Faulkner 2nd Erica Lim
- Under 14 Boys 1st Clive Luna
- Under 16 Girls 1st Anna Faulkner 2nd Ellen Fromont
- Under 16 Boys 1st Caleb Oliver
 - 2nd Dominic Stolten 3rd Timothy Hunt



Former Student to Represent New Zealand

Daniel Foliaki, a current University of Auckland student and **past student of Sancta Maria College** has been playing wheelchair basketball for Auckland Wheelbreakers since 2012.



Last year he made the New Zealand's Men's under 23 team and was selected to represent New Zealand in Australia with seven other young men at the Sydney Institute of Sport on 31st July. Daniel looked forward to representing his country.

The team won their final game against Illawarra, who have been the champions for 5 years' running, after a thrilling game in which the final score was 33-27.

It was a great experience for the team and Daniel, who thoroughly enjoyed himself.



Student Driving Licence

If any student had their driver's licence revoked from AA Meadowlands recently, can parents please contact Louise Moore by email at principal@sanctamaria.school.nz with your contact details. Thank you.

Mobile Phone Appeal:

Love Your Water? Then bring in your unwanted and unloved mobile phones and support Sustainable Coastlines to keep our waterways and coastlines clean. Drop off boxes outside the college chapel and at the student centre.

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: <u>www.catholicschools.org.nz</u> (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 2016 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2016.**

Parent or University student volunteers needed for Reader/Writers in the College

A small team of dedicated Teacher-aides at Sancta Maria College offers students with diagnosed learning difficulties the opportunity to have Special Assessment Conditions (SAC) for internals and assessments.

I am currently looking at recruiting eight or more volunteers to assist in the Learning Support Department during tests. A Reader/writer needs to have a legible handwriting, and good literacy skills. To express an interest, kindly email Lucretia Bell, HOD of Learning Support at <u>l.bell@sanctamaria.school.nz</u> . Training and support will be offered.