

Newsletter No. 06 August 2018

FROM THE EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL LEADER

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We were honoured to have Fr Ezio Blasoni SM lead us in the Assumption Day Mass last week with visitors from the Diocese present along with members of our SMC community. There was a strong student presence in leading the welcome, readings, prayers of the faithful and as Eucharistic Ministers. The Samoan Group brought up the Word.



Our students are learning a welcome entrance hymn that was written and gifted to our school some years ago. This year, the Kapa Haka group led us with singing this hymn and it is being sung at appropriate events more and more. We completed our Mass with the school song 'O Sancta Maria'.

Tenei Te Whanau

Tenei te whanau awhina O Hana Maria E mihi kau ana Ki a koutou katoa

E nga matua Te iwi e Ka mihi tuku roimata e Mai I a matou O Hana Maria

Nau mai whakatau mai ra Ki te reo karanga e Nga mihi tangi aroha Mai I a matou manawa

O Hana Maria Mai I te tumuaki Kaiako rangatahi e E nga iwi

Tena koutou katoa (x3)

We are family From Sancta Maria College We warmly welcome you all

From our hearts

Also our parents The community We share the tears of sorrow and joy From everyone Here at Sancta Maria College

Again, we welcome you all to the celebration With the call The welcome process will continue From the hearts of everyone involved At Sancta Maria College

At Sancta Maria College The principal, teachers and students To the dignitaries and supporters Thank you, thank you, one and all, welcome

Upcoming Significant Events

August

27th - BOT Meeting 30th – Late Start

September

13th – Late Start 20th - Mufti Day 24th - BOT Meeting 27th - Late Start 27th – Senior Parent Teacher Evening 28th - End of Term 3

To keep up with our latest News items, visit our Latest News here: http://www.sanctamaria.s chool.nz/index.php/latestnews2





School Prayer

We also are reminded of our school prayer that we pray increasingly each day.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for gathering us together in faith. We pray that Mary's integrity and humility Will continue to guide us on our journey through Sancta Maria College. May we always open our hearts to Christ, supporting and encouraging each other In our pursuit of excellence. Help us to see the face of Christ In one another. Ake Ake Ake Amene.

Supporting St Luke's Parish

We are excited about the moving forward with plans for the new build of the St Luke's Parish Church. The Church is going to be the spiritual home for the Sancta Maria Campus in the future. Our school together with the Sancta Maria Catholic Primary School is actively supporting the St Luke's fundraising efforts going forward. Fr Craig, Parish Priest presented to the school at a recent assembly, the finalised plans and inform us that we shall see activity towards the build commence later this year.

Each eldest child of each family in Years 7-9 at the College has been given a book of five raffle tickets to sell. We are seeking your support, to encourage the selling of the raffle tickets (\$10 each) to extended family and friends. The students have been given tips on how to successfully do this. All money from the sale of the tickets as well as any tickets that cannot be sold are to be given to the Homeroom Teacher by the end of August.

Please see the attached flyer showing the proposed Church and the prizes to be won. Thank you in advance for your support.





ST. LUKE'S PARISH

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE 2018

1st Prize: 1 Round trip economy class ticket from Auckland to Taipei (Hongkong Airlines)

2nd Prize: Acer Aspire Laptop 14"

3rd Prize: Jumbuck 4 Burner Hooded Comet BBQ with side burner

4th Prize: Nokia 2 Mobile

5th Prize: Gift voucher from Karas Fashion Clothing

TICKET DRAW 9th of September 2018 TICKET PRICE \$10.00

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NCEA Review

The National Certificates of Educational Achievement (NCEA) were introduced into secondary schools over 15 years ago, and are a widely respected qualification both in New Zealand and internationally. Reviewing the NCEA ensures that it remains fit for purpose and continues to support young people to succeed on a diverse range of pathways. Everyone with an interest in NCEA is invited to share their experiences and ideas. The consultation closes on 19 October 2018.

Sancta Maria College has attended several summit meetings held in the sector as part of consultation. We have been discussing with Heads of Department and staff what has been working well, what we should keep doing and what could change. Feedback is being collated in response to six Big Opportunities and we shall be making a collective school response. The Ministerial Advisory Group has presented the following six 'Big Opportunities' to spark discussion around the future of NCEA. We have been asked what we think of the six ideas put forward.

These are:

- 1 Creating space at NCEA Level 1 for powerful learning. (Reduce to 40 credits, strengthen Literacy and Numeracy, and introduce project based learning.)
- 2 Strengthen Literacy and Numeracy. (Clarify and reset expectations and change how requirements are assessed.)
- 3 Ensuring NCEA Levels 2 and 3 support good connections beyond school. (Require 20 credits to be based on pathways opportunities, i.e. future work/study related.)
- 4 Making it easier for teachers, schools and kura to refocus on learning. (Schools to feel supported to co-design coherent courses with learners, families and whanau.)
- 5 Ensuring the Record of Achievement tells us about learners' capabilities. (Transform the RoA into a digital learning portfolio to include information personalised by the learner.)
- 6 Dismantling Barriers to NCEA. (Making the SAC system less complex, provide supports for ESOL students, remove NCEA fees, and the MoE to provide more curriculum support.)

We will provide an opportunity for student voice. Parents can visit the Ministry of Education site to also have a say by clicking into the following link and completing the survey. https://consultation.education.govt.nz/education/korero-matauranga/

Course Selections for 2019

Course selections for 2019 will begin within the next two weeks. Information for parents about the process and how you can access the course selection via the online portal will be sent by email. Be sure that when you are making your selections, you are familiar with what the course offers and the associated costs for taking the subject.



Congratulations Musicians

August has been a big month for our musicians! There has been individual and group performances at several significant events. 21 musicians from our Primo Orchestral, Light Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra had the experience of being part of the APO 'Play in the South' at the Vodafone Events Centre and learnt many new techniques. Congratulations to the Concert Band and Big Band on their achievement of Silver Awards at the Annual KBB Music Festival held at Holy Trinity Cathedral. This was a wonderful result and given we have only been competing for three years. Several students also performed at the Stand Up Stand Out solo vocal event and Cameron Carter-Chan's dance group are through to the grand final on September 1st. Congratulations to all our musicians who performed their personal best at such an outstanding level.

Winter Sports

Well done to the many teams, Basketball, Rugby, Football, Hockey and Orienteering, who have played well and represented their school with pride over this winter. The winter sports season is coming to an end. Thank you to all parents, volunteers, staff and students who have helped to make these and other cocurricular opportunities possible for our students.

Tournament week is approaching. This year, we have five teams involved – Junior Boys Basketball (North Shore Event Centre), Senior Boys Basketball (Bruce Pulman Arena (Papakura), Netball (Mt Maunganui at Harbourside Netball), Girls Football (Western Springs) and Boys Football (McLennan Park Papakura). I wish all the students and staff well for their respective games.

With Blessings Louise Moore Principal

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

What if ...

What if everyone were to envisage God as a friend, not father or mother – but friend? What if God became friend to humanity as a whole?

to each individual?

A friend whose presence means joy and an ever-deepening relationship and love?

A friend who is always available in direct address, in communion and presence?

A friend who is a mystery, inexhaustible, always surprising, yet someone who is familiar, comforting, and at home with us?

A friend who urges our freedom and autonomy in decision, yet who is present in the community of interdependence?

A friend who widens our perspectives daily and who deepens our passion for freedom

- our own and that of others?

What if God was truly our friend? Think of the transformations – think of the expanded horizons!





FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Another busy term is underway with a variety of activities in and outside the college, with some outstanding events such as the successful market day, musical events, Night Market, Junior Mathex, art work selection for publication, recognition of service at the Caring Foundation Mass, a Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award and the list goes on.

The school website, face book page and School App are a great source of information keeping us all informed of what is going on. Our News Centre are doing an outstanding job bringing us up-to-the-minute news.



Education Review Office (ERO) External Review and Report

Further to the letter I sent to parents on behalf of the Board this month. The confirmed ERO report will soon be made available on the ERO website.

We will also put a link to the report on our school website.

The Board was extremely pleased with the external review outcome and the endorsement of the high standard and quality of education our college is providing Sancta Maria College students.

The Board would like to thank Ms Moore our Principal, the Senior Leadership Team and all teachers and administration staff in achieving a 4-5 year return visit and such an outstanding review.

Traffic Management Update

Stage one of the improved traffic management plan was implemented at the beginning of this term. The Board would like to thank all parents for their cooperation and patience with this new change. Feedback we have had to date is positive and overall we are pleased with the changes being made. We met this month with the Traffic Design Group to discuss further options to improve the traffic flow and address some minor complications. We are working these through and will keep you updated.

Warren Brabant Chairperson, BOT Sancta Maria College



FROM THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Year 13 Students - Students are now underway applying for their courses for next year or considering their future plans. Many University scholarship applications are closing soon or have already closed. Students should have visited the Careers Centre to discuss scholarships they may be eligible for.

Year 12 Students – Mrs Rogers is currently interviewing all year 12 students, there are many open days coming up at various providers, students should take advantage of these opportunities especially with subject selection coming up. Please see the below list.

Year 11 Students – If students would like advice about selecting their subjects for next year they should make interview at the Careers Centre. Thank you.

Defence Force	DEFENCE FORCE INFORMATION EVENINGS MANUKAU	
	Defence Careers 1st floor Westfield shopping mall Manukau City. Enter via Leyton Way, take lifts by food court to Level 1. Thu, Sep. 13, 2018 6:00pm - 8:00pm Thu, Oct 11, 2018 6.00pm - 8.00pm If you are considering a career in the New Zealand Defence Force or would like to know more about the career options we offer then come along to our free information night. Careers staff and service personnel will be present to discuss your options and interests. Parents, caregivers, friends & teachers are all welcome. Contact: DefenceCareersManukau@NZDF.mil.nz for more information.	
University of Auckland OPEN DAY	Courses and Careers Open Day Saturday 25 August Discover your learning opportunities and student life at New Zealand's leading university. https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/undergraduate-study-options/courses-and-careers-open-day/plan-your-day.html	
AUT LIVE OPEN DAY	25 August City Campus AUT Live is a great opportunity to meet AUT academics, get degree information, discover their spaces and facilities and get help with enrolment and course planning. https://www.aut.ac.nz/live	



Victoria University	Open Day Friday 31st August 2018 in Wellington
OPEN DAY	https://www.victoria.ac.nz/study/events-visits/open-day
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UNITEC OPEN DAY	Open Day 1 st September 9:30am- 4pm, Saturday 1st September 2018 Unitec Mt Albert campus and Waitākere Campus Come along to our Open Day and get inspired about your future, this is your chance to discover your study options and career opportunities. On the day, we'll have our lecturers, industry experts and student support teams available to answer any questions you have about life at Unitec. Register: http://www.unitec.ac.nz/why-choose-
	unitec/experience-unitec/open-day
Free Parents Seminar Pa 8.3 Th Gu av sei ott the At wii ma Pa 9-3 co	Rarents as Career Educators Thursday 6 th September, 7.00-8.30pm The Parenting Place, 300 Great South Road, Greenlane Guiding teenagers through the various career and study options available to them in the modern world can be a challenge. They see so many choices and hear different views from peers and others – it can be hard to know how to decide what is right for them. At this seminar, a University of Canterbury Career Consultant will talk with parents about how to support their children in making informed decisions about their futures. Parents and caregivers of secondary school aged children (Years 9-13) are invited to attend one of three free seminars which will cover: The world of work: looking forward How to make informed career decisions now and in the future How parents can assist Career development resources Register online at www.canterbury.ac.nz/events Light refreshments will be available after the seminar NOTE: this seminar is NOT about study options at the University of Canterbury – it is designed to help parents to help their teens consider ALL their options whether it is work, university,
	polytechnic, an apprenticeship, private providers or other possibilities.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Winter Sports Wrap Up

Although some of our teams are still playing in local competitions and vying for the knockout rounds of their respective Winter Tournaments, most of our teams have now finished playing for 2018. Here are some honourable mentions and a snap shot of where other teams placed.

Rugby

1st XV boys defeated Glendowie College 19-12 in their 4A Quarter Final. This sets up a tough Semi Final game against Sacred Heart 4A this coming Saturday.

Hockey

2nd XI Girls were promoted into the Open C Grade Plate Playoffs after winning the Open D Grade Championship at the end of Term 2. They continued their impressive form by progressing into the Plate Finals vs. Glendowie College where they were defeated 1-2.

1st XI Girls finished their season in style with a 6-5 win over Epsom Girls Grammar that went into Sudden Death. The game was drawn 2-2 at the end of regulation which meant the teams went into Penalty Strokes. Teams drew again with 3 goals each which put the game into Sudden Death. Alex Dougherty scored the crucial goal to go up by 1 and Sabine Taylor followed that up with a tremendous save to secure the 6-5 win.

1st XI Boys are playing off for 7th/8th in the Open B Grade Championship Playoffs

Basketball

The U19 Girls finished top of the Open Grade Plate Playoffs after defeating Baradene C 25-16 U19 Boys B finished 7th in the Open B Grade Championship Playoffs

Football

The U15 Girls defeated Aorere College 4-0 to claim the Counties Manukau Junior Playoffs Championship. The girls were very close to making it through to the Junior Auckland Premier Championships after the round robin but fell agonisingly short on points to Pakuranga and Botany Downs. This put them through to the Junior Playoffs where they completed a clean sweep for their Championship.

1st XI Girls playing off for 11th/12th spot in Division 2 of the Auckland Premier Championship 1st XI Boys finished 6th in the Counties Manukau Premier Boys Division



Orienteering – A sport on the rise

Although this is a relatively new sport to Sancta (introduced only last year) we have already been achieving at the highest levels in 2018:

Four students (Years 7, 9 & 10) qualified for the Auckland Sprint series final, resulting in a 2nd and 4th place.

The Year 9 boys were successful at the North Island Secondary schools event, picking up 1st, 3rd and 13th place.



Our Year 9 boys also came 1st place in the Auckland Secondary School junior relay event. At the Intermediate championships, Sancta Maria College entered four teams with the Year 7 girls coming 2nd in the South Eastern zone, qualifying for the Auckland Inter Zone event. In addition two girls won their events on the day. As we are a new school to Orienteering, the Year 7 girls entered the Eastern Zone as a training event, here we also placed 2nd by 13 seconds! The first two team times - Baradene A team, 88 minutes 4 seconds, Sancta Maria 88 minutes 17 seconds. Two girls also won their courses on the day again, with one of the Year 7 girls coming 2nd in the entire year, only beaten by one Year 7 boy. Across the two events, the Year 7 girls picked up a total of 9 placings. A brilliant effort.

Basketball

Mr Jason Crummer (Director of Sport) and his Auckland U17 Premier Men's basketball team (with Year 11 student, Matanguihan) Angelo capped off a successful season by taking out a number of awards at the ABSL Senior Prize Giving last week. They won Team of the Year thanks to a season record of 19 wins



from 21 games including the Easter Weekend Championship, Super City bronze, National Auckland qualifier winners and silver at the U17 National Championships. On top of that, two players were recognised for being named into the U17 National Tournament Team, one team member winning the Most Promising Junior Player of the Year award, two players named into the New Zealand U16 "select" team, Manager of the Year and Mr Crummer was named Auckland Basketball Coach of the Year. Mr Crummer also coached the Auckland U23 Premier Men's team who also won silver at the recent U23 National Championships.





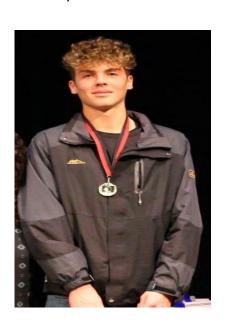


Angelo Matanguihan (in white)

Two other Sancta Maria College students were recognised at prize giving. Thomas Wood (Year 12) who is a member of our school's Open Grade Boys basketball team won the Counties Manukau U17 Premier Men's MVP award. His brother, Isaac Wood (Year 9) was the Most Improved Player with the ABSL Eastern Dragons.



Isaac Wood



Thomas Wood



PARENT INFORMATION

2019 Applications for Sancta Maria Catholic Primary School:

Applications for 2019 close on Friday 31 August 2018. If you have a child who is turning 5 years of age in 2019 now is the time to apply. Application packs are available for collection from the school office, Monday to Friday, 8.15am to 4.00pm. There may also be limited spaces available in other year levels to Year 6. Further information can be found on our website: www.sanctamariaprimary.school.nz

Rummage around for those unwanted mobile phones to donate to Sustainable Coastlines Mobile Phone Appeal



Each year at least 8 million Tonnes of plastic ends up in our oceans, the equivalent of a full garbage truck every minute.

With "Beat Plastic Pollution" as the theme for this year's World Environment day, we ask for your support by bringing into school any unwanted mobile phones you may have and dropping them into the collection box located in the Student

Centre.

Phones collected help raise funds for Sustainable Coastlines – a multi ward wining NZ Charity run by a small team of hard working staff and volunteers. Their mission is to inspire, educate and enable others to look after the natural places we love – our beaches and waterways.

Our school also benefits by gaining valuable rewards from the Mobile Phones we collect.

Many students are currently underway with applying for scholarships for 2019 tertiary study. Last week the Year 13's were invited to a scholarship workshop where they were given a booklet along with a Student Reference Profile that needs to be completed for any student applying for a scholarship. There are many scholarships available and they can be awarded for many reasons including, financial hardship, academic success, overcoming adversity etc. Millions of dollars of scholarships are awarded in New Zealand each year and the big message that the Careers Centre passed on was to START NOW with applications as it can be a lengthy process. If students need a reference or information verified we require 3 weeks' notice.



Sancta Maria College

Lockers are available to rent for terms 3 and 4!

If you're interested, email sales@schoolstorage.co.nz and one of our team members will get back to you:)

The following prices are for terms 3 and 4 (until the end of 2018 school year). The full payment must be made before you receive your key:

Cost for rent	40
Locker bond This will be returned if the locker is not intentionally damaged	40
Key bond This will be returned if the key is not lost	25
Total	105

Alternatively you can rent the locker for a term (The full payment must be made before you receive your key):

Cost for rent	25
Locker bond This will be returned if the locker is not majorly damaged	40
Key bond This will be returned if the key is not lost	25
Total	90

Note: Please disregard this email if you have already rented a locker for 2018

Thanks,

School Storage Solutions Team

www.schoolstorage.co.nz sales@schoolstorage.co.nz

ALONE AGAIN? Widowed, Separated or Divorced? The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization with the motto a "Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. The participants find new hope, increased emotional health and renewed energy. Date Friday evening 5 – 7 October Sunday afternoon.. Cost \$295 or early bird price of \$245 if paid by 2nd September. Includes accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol 022-089-0458 or leave message on (09)360-3054. Visit www.beginningexperience.org.nz



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.

We are looking for volunteer Companions (adult facilitators) who would be willing to assist in the delivery of this program in schools and the community

A 2-day Companion Workshop will be held on Monday 24th and Tuesday, 25th September, 2018

St Columba Centre at

40 Vermont Street

Ponsonby

10.00 ~ 4.00pm

(morning tea will be provided)

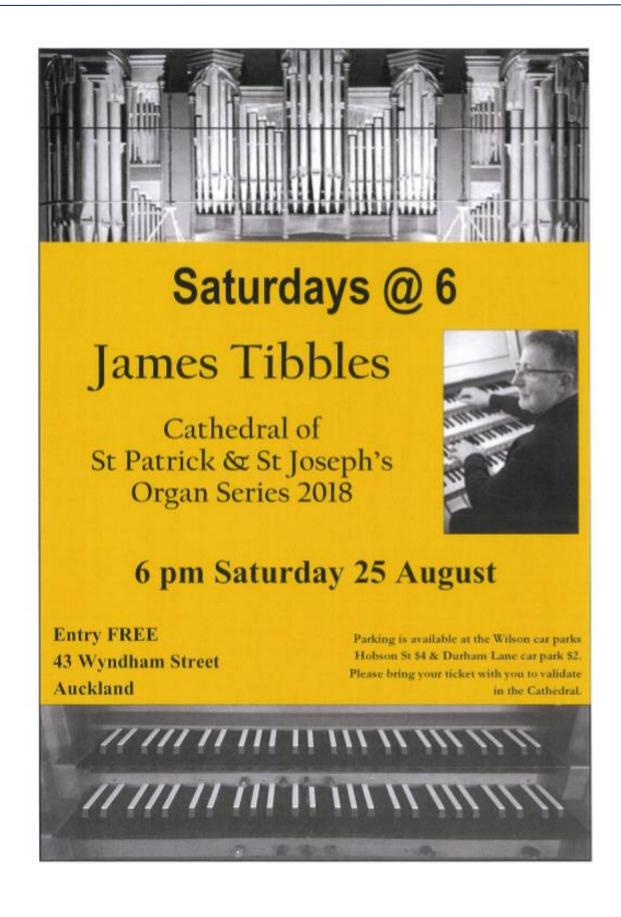
REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL by Wednesday, 19th September

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

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

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/religious-education/seasons-for-growth/









90th Jubilee

Saturday 8th September 2018

Marist Catholic School Herne Bay

82 Kelmarna Ave, Herne Bay

Invites all past pupils, families, PTA, Board members, teachers, priests and school leaders to join in celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the establishment of the school by the Marist Sisters.

2pm Mass

and blessing of the 90th Anniversary Orchard site

3pm - 4.30pm Afternoon tea

Enjoy a complementary glass of bubbles, purchase a commemorative tea towel, visit the classrooms, view old photos, decade photos to be taken

Tickets \$35.00

Current pupils free

Register today

For more information, to register, purchase a ticket or contribute to the 90th Anniversary orchard project please visit maristhernebay.school.nz And click on '90th Jubilee' or email: principal@maristschool.co.nz

