

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whanau

If you were to walk around our school during class time, you would quickly gain a general sense of an orderly and calm learning environment where students and staff show a mutual respect for each other. However, going inside a classroom there is so much more to experience. I am continually impressed how engaged our students are, the level of their learning and the quality of teaching in our classes.



Winter Tournaments and AIMS Games week



Last week, I visited some of our teams involved in tournament week. Well done to the many teams who have played well and represented our school with pride during tournament week. There were excellent results for our college. Students and volunteers gained valuable experience through competing against the top schools and teams within their codes and age groups. It also allowed for great exposure throughout the sporting community for all our teams and school. The Basketball Teams were played at the Bruce Pulman Arena, Takanini, the Premier Girls Football Team travelled to Whangarei, the 1st XI Girls Hockey Team travelled to Gisborne and the Premier Girls Netball Team played in Mt Wellington. For these superb results please visit the school website.



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>

September

- 25 BOT Meeting (6pm)
- 26-29 Year 8 Camp
- 28 Senior Parent/Teacher Evening (3pm - 7pm)
- 28 Early Finish – School Closes at 2pm)
- 29 Last Day of Term

October

- 16 Term 4 begins
- 20 Cultural Festival (1.30 pm – 3.15pm)
- 24 Prefect Assembly (8.40am – 9.30am)
- 26 Recognition Merit Assembly (9.30am – 11am)
- 26 Sports Awards Evening (6.30 pm – 9pm)

November

- 1 Y13 Thanksgiving Mass (10.30am – 11.30am)
- 1 Senior Prizegiving (Y12&13) (7pm)
- 2 Year 11 Prizegiving (9.30am – 11.30am)
- 9 NCEA Exams start
- 10-13 Junior Exams
- 15 New Parent Evening
- 18 Uniform Sale (10am – 1pm)
- 27 Last BOT Meeting (6pm)

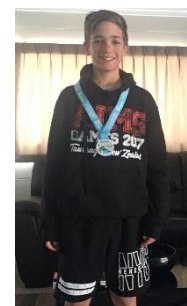
December

- 1 NCEA Exams finish
Clearance Day
- 4 Y13 Leavers Liturgy and Dinner (6.30pm – 10.30pm)
- 6 Merit Assembly (9am)
- 7 Y7-10 Prizegiving (9am)
- 8 Final Day – school closes at 2.00 pm



There were some stunning results at the AIMS Games in swimming and sailing. There were 314 swimmers competing and as a team we were up against 128 schools and we were placed 5th which is amazing. Outstanding achievements included **Quintin Wong 7CLE** winning 8 gold medals, 2 silver medals and broke 2 AIMS Games records and achieved one of the highest medal tallies of all the swimmers at Aims. **Trelise Dance 8BRN** continues her 2016 success with another haul of 2 gold, 1 silver medal and broke 3 AIMS Games records with 1 of them being the New Zealand age grade 50m Breaststroke record that was set back in 1996.

A special mention goes to **Luka Ropers 7CLE** who finished 3rd and 5th in his Sailing races and made it into the Gold Fleet on Finals day. Although his results were good, the special mention is for his awesome example of Fair Play. He admitted an error to the Judging Team which meant that he couldn't compete in one of his races and caused his overall ranking to slide. The Judges didn't notice the error and they awarded him with a Fair Play medal for his efforts. A wonderful example of living and acting out our school values. Well done Luka!



We are very proud of our Boys 1st XV Rugby Team who were crowned champions of the Auckland 1C Grade earning promotion into the B Grade for 2018.

Thank you to all parents, volunteers, staff and students who have helped in the preparation of getting our teams ready for tournament week as well as supporting the many teams who have played over the winter sports season. There has been an increased number of students involved in participating in college sport this year.

Sports Department



Mrs Jan Cummings, Sports Co-ordinator, was recently acknowledged for her commitment to sport at the College at her farewell. Jan has championed the development of sport since the establishment years and her dedication and commitment to individuals and teams during this time has seen many outstanding achievements. Jan was involved in sports development for the Years 7 & 8 programme including competing at regional and national tournaments such as inter-zones championships and the NZ AIMS Games.



We welcomed recently to the Sports Department, Mr Gene Te Amo, Junior Sports Assistant, who has begun to further develop sporting opportunities for students in Years 7 & 8. Working part-time for our college, he brings a breadth of experience having worked with children's holiday sports programmes and coaching rugby union at junior levels.

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KBB Festival



Congratulations to Mr Stuart Gibbs, Mr Thomas Cho, Mr Hamish Arthur and over 100 musicians who participated in the annual spectacular KBB Auckland Secondary School's Music Festival which is an event for musical ensemble groups, Concert Bands, Chamber Orchestras and Big Bands. Our students collected several awards for their impressive performances - Big Band (Silver Award), Concert Band (Bronze Award), and Chamber Orchestra (Commendation Award). After only two years of being involved in the Festival, Sancta Maria College students have achieved admirably.



SMC At An Educational Leadership Forum At AUT



Last Saturday, our school presented at an educational leadership forum held at AUT Southern Campus and attended by academics, Doctoral and Masters' graduates and students, as well as teaching staff from the school sector. The focus was on school practice in the area of collaboration and inquiry. Mr Green (DP) and Mrs Sullivan (HOD English), presented the Sancta Maria College learning journey and the positive impact it is having on teacher practice in our school and student learning outcomes.

Class Visits

This week, I visited a Year 13 business studies class where students were researching and examining why a product they had identified from the market place was performing so well or not. Many were interested in the organisations that promoted themselves as having environmentally sustainable solutions which seems to be of high importance especially to their generation. The discussion and thinking by students was intelligent and articulate, and very well explained by them.

A Year 7 science class was given some straws, a plastic cup, some marsh mellowes, tape, a rubber band and card with the task of building a lunar landing that landed the right way up! There was high energy, excitement and an

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acceptable higher than usual level of noise resulting from students engaging with each other on how to construct this, problem solve and use higher order thinking skills.

I joined 9BRN (Mr Omar Tamayo's) Homeroom time for prayer and reflection. The prayer was student-led and we prayed for each other asking our God that we would all be a better person for our kindness at the end of our day.

Makerspace in the Library



In the Library, Mrs Penny O'Rorke, Head Librarian, launched the first 'Makerspace' initiative. Students participate in creative work, using a variety of objects to create new artefacts. A good number of students attended endorsing that the Library area is multi-functional and for everyone.

Fire Department City of New York Chiefs visit



Some Year 13 students were captivated by the powerful presentation that two Fire Department City of New York Chiefs gave when leading part of the emergency response team in New York during the 9/11 operation. Our visitors complimented me on our students, their questions and genuine concern shown for their acts of leadership during the research and rescue operation.

Apprenticeship Opportunities for School Leavers couldn't be better!

Not all students studying at SMC will be University-bound and we have increasing numbers of our students entering apprenticeships and industry trainings. There continue to be shortages in industries such as building and construction, manufacturing, infrastructure, automotive, retail, aged care, community support, electro-technology to name a few. Trades have a future in New Zealand and employers are becoming the largest provider of post-school education.

The 'Set for Life' project has been a joint approach with the Government, Polytechnics and led by the Industry Training Organisation, The Skills Organisation. The project sets out to engage, connect and support senior school students into work experience and sustainable employment and ideally leading into an apprenticeship. The Skills Organisation works with schools to identify those senior students who are interested in Trades and will support their learning and transition. Students spend three days at school and focus on core Literacy and Numeracy subjects, and two further days either in work experience or at polytechnic. The programme is fully funded by TEC and Industry Training Organisations (ITOs). The programme has enabled industry to support the development of employability and key work readiness skills such as Site Safe Certificate, Elevated Platforms Certificate, First Aid and other credentials that make the next step into paid employment easier for employers.

If you wish to know more about this, please contact Lucy Rogers, Careers and Transition, l.rogers@sanctamaria.school.nz or telephone (09) 274 4081 ext. 227.

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Chapel Road Access to the College is for Staff Only



Please use the Te Irirangi Drive entrance when dropping off/picking up students. Resource consent to use the back carpark was given to the College on the condition that the Chapel Road access is for **staff only**. This is a high risk area for traffic accidents. The road is narrow and will not permit any vehicle to make a right-turn from Chapel Road into the college. Please observe the sign and keep everyone safe.

Facebook, College Website for Up-to-date Information

We hope you are enjoying the up-to-date photos and information coming directly to you via our college Latest News (<http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/latest-news2>) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/sanctamariacollege)

Thank you for the positive feedback we have received so far. If you are not already accessing this medium of communication, we encourage you to visit them. To see all upcoming events, you can do so by downloading our School App: **The Sancta Maria Catholic College School App**. It can be downloaded free on your mobile device from your App store (Google Play / Apple App Store).



Family Mass

I look forward to seeing families of Years 12 and 13 at Family Mass scheduled for Wednesday, 20th August at 6 pm.

With Blessings

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "L. J. Moore".

Louise Moore
Principal

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CHAT FROM THE CHAIR

Purpose

The Board of Trustees works in partnership with the Principal to support and lead the school, provide our students with the very best opportunities to maximise their learning potential and prepare them for the future.



The Board is responsible for the governance of the school, setting the schools strategic direction, recognising and enhancing the Special Catholic Character, compliance, allocating decision-making responsibilities and giving focus to student progress and achievement. It is also the employer of all staff and reports annually to the Proprietor in relation to its legal obligations.

The Board Structure

The structure of the Sancta Maria College Board of Trustees consists of:

- Parent Elected Representatives
- The Principal
- One Staff Elected Representative
- One Student Elected Representative

In addition to this, there are Proprietor's Appointees who also serve on the Board and have all the rights and obligations of other Board members. The Proprietors Appointees are especially responsible for ensuring the school's Special Catholic Character is strengthened.

The Board meets on a Monday evening (at 6 pm), 6-7 times each year and the meeting is held in the staffroom. These are public meetings and parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. If you are interested, please contact Principal's PA, Ms Ilona Bokuniewicz, on i.bokuniewicz@sanctamaria.school.nz so that entry into the Administration Building can be arranged. Board meeting dates are published online.

Board Committees

Board members also choose to be on one or more Board Committees that meet regularly to work through the detail of any matters and policy, and bring recommendations to the Board meetings for discussion and final approval.

There are three committees - Finance and Property, Human Resources and Special Character. As well, special responsibilities are given to the identified committee members for Health and Safety and Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC).

Further information on the role of the Board can be found here: www.minedu.govt.nz/Boards.aspx

The Board can be contacted via email: bot@sanctamaria.school.nz

Warren Brabant

Chairperson

Board of Trustees

Click here for further information: <http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/community/board>

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Sometimes you may wonder if God has abandoned you,
When all the time He has been by your side
Waiting for you to call on Him in prayer;
Prayer is just talking to God. It is a special gift from God to you.

Prayer can help you find direction in your life. And give you ...
Comfort in the midst of sorrow, Peace in the midst of turmoil.
Stability in the midst of change, Forgiveness in the midst of sin,
Love in the midst of hate.

Through prayer, you make yourself Available to God.
Also to hear His voice and the
Direction he wants to lead you in.
Praying is a privilege.
But sometimes you may be too sick to pray,
Or too tired. It is good to know that
Many others are praying for you.
Loved ones, family, friends, your church,
Are lifting you up in prayer before God.



SPECIAL CHARACTER

Auckland's 9/11 Fallen Firefighters Memorial

At the invitation of Deputy Fire Chief Tony Scott, ten of our Sancta Maria College prefects had the privilege of attending the 16th Anniversary Commemoration of 9/11, honouring the 343 American firefighters who lost their lives in the World Trade Centre. The ceremony also celebrated the strong international bond between firefighters, listing the 60 New Zealand firefighters who have lost their lives in active service among the glorified dead.

As the names of the American firefighters who lost their lives on that tragic day, and the names of those New Zealanders who have fallen in the line of duty were read, we were inspired by their courage and bravery in the face of adversity. The way they risked their lives so selflessly in immensely heroic acts stunned us, and were made all the more striking when we realised that these men and women did not see themselves as heroes. The deaths of these firefighters will never be forgotten in our eyes, and we owe them a great debt for all they have done in the name of freedom, and the safety of our great nations.

We have been greatly moved by the strength of the surviving men and women, and by the unfailing patriotism they have developed and maintained over the years. It was an honour to meet and speak with Battalion Chief Steven San Filippo, and the retired Chief of the New York Fire Department, Peter Hayden, who were both stationed at the New York Fire Department during the events of 9/11. Their stories of what they saw, the choices they made and the friends they lost brought us to tears, and again we were astounded by their calm and reserved attitude towards what must be one of the most demanding jobs in the world. As they told us stories about that fateful day, and about how firefighting the world over has changed in its aftermath, we gained a new awareness as to just how important - and underappreciated - firefighters are in the world today.

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However, the Anniversary was a day to remember with pride, not with regret, and we saw this in the presence of the US Ambassador. He represented mayors in the United States, and by extension the American population itself. In these letters were words of gratitude, acknowledgement and recognition, making it clear to us that every American looks back on the actions of its firefighters that day with pride.

New Zealand's support in the aftermath of 9/11 is not often talked about, but we were incredibly honoured to have our input recognised. In respect, a Haka was performed for the Chief and Sergeant, venerating the bravery of firefighters all over the world not only during 9/11, but on every day before and since. These men and women have stood in the face of death, and while others have fled they have stood their ground. They have fought bravely not just to save houses, belongings, or buildings, but to preserve our freedom and our safety. The cost is high, but it is a cost they are willing to pay every day. For this, we at Sancta Maria College know we will be eternally grateful.



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PARENT INFORMATION

ALLERGY SEASON is approaching. If you would like your child to have antihistamines or an inhaler kept in sickbay, which you would be happy for the school nurse to administer if required, please send a box or strip with your child's name, expiry date and instructions to the school office. Thank you.

Laura Brown,
School Nurse/Admin.



Elizabeth Michael Uniforms, the uniform provider for Sancta Maria College, has relocated to 4 Bond Street, Grey Lynn. Their phone number remains the same - 358 1680. If any questions arise from this notice, please email uniformshop@sanctamaria.school.nz.

Uniforms are also available from the College's Uniform Shop at the following times:

- Tuesday, 8.15-9am
- Wednesday, 8.15-9am
- Saturday, 9.30-11am



School Gala - Saturday 28 October from 10 am to 2 pm.
Located at 14 Oakridge Way, Howick.

CAREERS DEPARTMENT

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.

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/



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GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

More and more it is becoming evident that parents have a huge role in their children's lives, not only in loving and raising them, but also acting to keep them safe. There has been a lot of publicity recently about youth suicide, cyber-bullying and other hazards. Our response is to put in the support before problems develop, or support young people with their problems so they can get back on their feet.

GETTING SUPPORT FOR YOURSELVES AS PARENTS

The PARENTING PLACE and their Toolbox Parenting Groups. The Parenting Place has a light-hearted but well-informed approach. Their Café and Resource Centre at 300 Great South Road Greenlane is a delight to visit and there you will find individual counselling services and Toolbox Groups for parents as well as useful talks and other assistance.

<https://www.theparentingplace.com/auckland-parenting-centre/>

Help your child become a problem-solver.

<https://www.theparentingplace.com/building-character/questions-to-help-raise-problem-solvers/>

Five Greatest Parenting Challenges

<https://www.theparentingplace.com/behaviour-and-discipline/five-greatest-challenges-facing-parents-of-teens-today/>

Courses where you can meet other parents. Toolbox Parenting Groups.

<https://www.theparentingplace.com/toolbox-parenting-courses/>

AND Triple PPP. Triple PPP was developed by a New Zealander who is now a Professor of Psychology at Queensland University. Their main rooms are at 15 Sultan Street Ellerslie and they offer a range of well-qualified and competent services. Do look at their website. In addition the Sowers Trust in Howick run their courses from time to time so their site should be visited as well.

<http://www.triplep-parenting.net.nz/nz-uken/find-help/the-triple-p-centre/>

Find a Course

<http://www.triplep-parenting.net.nz/nz-uken/find-help/triple-p-parenting-in-north-island/>

And some videos from Triple PPP

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJRIWt3lxNz38OAxn19nhDg/videos>

For a response to the great parenting challenge of the Internet do visit the NETSAFE site and look at their material.

Netsafe for Parents

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/parenting/>

I wish you well with these endeavours and hope we can work together to keep our young people safe.

Jenny Goddard

School Guidance Counsellor



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Attendance Dues Collections Assistant - Pompallier Centre - Part-time position

This part-time position of 20 hours per week (flexible and includes some evening and Saturday hours), is to provide credit control administration support to the Revenue Manager in the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office.

Key Tasks include: Collection of compulsory school attendance dues; contact with school parents via outbound phone calls; follow up of unpaid accounts and Debtor ledger management.

Ideally applicants should have previous credit control and administration experience, good organisational skills with strong attention to detail, excellent written and oral communication skills and be a team player with integrity and dependability with the ability to work unsupervised. The ability to speak Samoan or Tongan would be advantageous, but not essential. Empathy with and commitment to upholding the values of the Catholic Church would be an advantage.

Please send a cover letter and CV to Leanne Killgour, HR Manager, leannek@cda.org.nz. For more information on the Catholic Diocese of Auckland or to view the full job description please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under staff vacancies.

Applications close 29 September 2017

Part Time Receptionist Pompallier Diocesan Centre – Fixed Term


We are looking for a confident, professional and proactive part time Receptionist to assist our main Receptionist to co-share reception duties at Pompallier Diocesan Centre. This role will require excellent customer service skills along with sound administrative skills and a positive friendly manner is essential. This is a part time 20 hours per week position from 10.00am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday, for a fixed term period of six months.

The successful candidate will need strong interpersonal skills; be approachable; be self-motivated with the ability to demonstrate initiative and have sound computer skills.

Please send cover letter, CV and application form to Leanne Killgour, HR Manager at leannek@cda.org.nz.

To view the full advert and the position description and download an application form, please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz and look under staff vacancies.

Applications close Friday 6 October 2017.



WALKING ALONGSIDE ONE ANOTHER

Mentoring for Mission

Providing everyday parishioners the skills and confidence to walk with fellow pilgrims in their journey of faith so that, together we might

Go!
Make disciples of all

Thursday
12 October 2017
7.00-9.00pm

AND

Saturday
14 October 2017
10.00am-3.00pm

Pompallier Catholic Centre
30 New St Ponsonby

COST
\$25 per participant
BYO Lunch

EMAIL
deliar@cda.org.nz

WEB
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/religious-education/

Need mumps protection?

There's an outbreak of mumps amongst Auckland students not fully vaccinated.

The measles-mumps-rubella vaccine will help protect young people against three serious diseases that are easily spread.

And it is free. Talk to your doctor or nurse today.

For more info call 0800 immune (0800 466 863)
or visit ARPHS.govt.nz



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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.

