

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whanau

"I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security". (Pope Francis)

We pray in this Year of Mercy that we may lead our schools to reflect "Mercy", and the love, peace, justice and forgiveness that Jesus shows us in the Gospels.

Welcome Bishop Pat

It is always a privilege to have Bishop Pat visit Sancta Maria College and lead our Assumption Day Mass. At our celebration, three staff members were received as full members of the Catholic Church (Mrs Stickland, Mrs Sullivan, and Miss Bradley) through the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Miss Bradley was Baptised during our Mass. Joining staff, students and parents were student leaders from other Eastern schools.

Preparation for Practice and External Exams

Preparation towards the upcoming senior exams should be well underway. The following tips will lead to better exam results:

- Plan your study time efficiently
- Practice old exam papers
- Seek help and clarity from your teachers if you need to
- Treat your Practice/Mock exams seriously
- Research shows studying in small short bursts can be very effective

Senior students have been briefed on the expectations surrounding the upcoming exams. Please ensure students know when they are to be at school and that they arrive with at least 20 mins before their scheduled exam and that they have the correct equipment. Students will manage their exams better if they have eaten before taking an exam.

International Languages Week

Language games, colouring competitions, poetry in different languages, quizzes, cuisine, greetings and other competitions were activities organised for staff and students to participate in during International Languages week. Thank you to Mrs Kevern and other staff who organised events during the week.

Upcoming Events

September

- 5 BOT Meeting – 6.00 pm
- 7-13 Senior Exams
- 13 Paid Union Meeting
School finishes 1.15 pm for
Year 7-10 students
- 20-23 Year 8 Camp
- 22 Professional Learning
Late start Yr 9-13
- 22 Senior Parent/Teacher
Evening
- 23 Last Day – Term 3

October

- 10 Term 4 begins
- 20 Sports Prizegiving
- 24 Labour Day – School closed
- 25 BOT Meeting – 6.00 pm
- 27 Recognition Merit
Assembly

November

- 2 Thanksgiving Mass
Senior Prizegiving
- 3 Year 11 Prizegiving

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

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Success at KBB Music Festival

Congratulations to our musicians who performed in the KBB music festival. Mr Gibbs, Mr Cho, and Mr Arthur have been working incredibly hard to prepare students for the Auckland Secondary School competition and students have made a sterling effort with their practice.

The college had not participated in the competition since 2011 and we are delighted to be involved again this year. Congratulations to the Stage Band who received a Silver Award and the Concert Band who received a Bronze Award.

Eastern Zone Speech Competition

The 11th annual Eastern Zone speech competition was hosted here at Sancta Maria College on 16th August. All three Sancta Maria College speakers placed in their year levels. Congratulations to Erica Lim (Year 9) who was awarded 2nd place, Kelly Mascarenhas (Year 10) who was awarded 3rd place and Elizabeth Ralph-Smith (Year 11) was awarded 3rd place.



Library Week

Competitions, Where's Wally, Double Jeopardy, Book Art, Origami, Library Kahoot and Staff vs Students Lit Quiz are all activities taking place during Library Week. Special thanks to Mrs Munro and Librarian Staff who have made this possible.

Early Finish on Tuesday 13 September

By now you will have received a letter from the college about the NZEI and PPTA Paid Union Meeting next Tuesday, 13th September. The purpose of the meeting is to inform teachers and support staff of the key proposals in the Government's Funding Review for Schools.

A reminder that school will finish at 1.15 pm on Tuesday. However, senior exams timetabled for that afternoon will carry on with supervision being undertaken by non-PPTA staff. School buses have been rescheduled for the earlier finish. The college apologises for any inconvenience.

Sports Winter Tournament Week

There are a number of teams participating in Winter Tournament Week and we wish all players, coaches and managers a successful week in their respective tournaments:

- First X1 Hockey Girls @ Pakuranga
- First X1 Football Girls @ Western Springs
- Premier Netball Girls @ Papakura
- Junior Y9/10 Basketball Boys @ Rotorua

The winter sports season has almost finished. Thanks to all the coaches, managers and other volunteers who have given their time to make the sports programme happen for our students and for being the terrific supporters on the sideline.

With Blessings

Louise Moore
Principal



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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!

I work, Lord, for many reasons:

- ☐ To pay the bills,
- ☐ To enjoy the rewards,
- ☐ To be recognised for what I do,
- ☐ To pay off the mortgage,
- ☐ To save for my retirement,
- ☐ To support the kids,
- ☐ To sustain my lifestyle.

Lord, sometimes I lose the focus concerning why I really work,

You have given me gifts and talents.

Let the reasons for all our work come from our hearts.

I live, Lord, for many reasons:

- ☐ To make sense of what I do,
- ☐ To make sense of who I am,
- ☐ To make sense of where I am going.

Lord, help me to work so that I may live,

Rather than to live so that I may work.

May I be reminded each day that you worked in your ministry.

I love, Lord, for many reasons:

- ☐ To grow as a person,
- ☐ To teach me to forgive,
- ☐ So that I may hope in the future.

Lord, thank you for the gift of work, life, and love.

Amen.

Father Kevin Murphy SM

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

Assumption Mass



A very special day for a very special figure in each and everyone's hearts today, our mothers.

On one of the important feast days linked to our College's special character, a service held in the Auditorium celebrated these special people, women who, through love and sacrifice, shape us into who we are today. This day was a celebration of mothers, most of all, Mary, the mother of all humankind, and her Assumption into Heaven.

It was also a very special day for three members of the College teaching staff. Mrs Louise Stickland, Mrs Chris Sullivan, and Miss Kate Bradley were received as full members of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Miss Bradley was also Baptized during the Mass, by Bishop Dunn.

This Mass was celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dunn, who was wearing the cross of Bishop Pompallier, who first celebrated Mass in New Zealand on Saturday 13 January 1838 in the Hokianga. It was at this Mass that our first Bishop dedicated Aotearoa to the protection of Mary under the title of her Assumption.

Furthermore, the Mass was attended by the student leaders of various colleges of the east Auckland area, spreading the spirit of our school and the sacredness of this day to our wider community. Combined with a special procession with an African flair to amazing performances from the Choir, Kapa Haka, and Worship Band all adding to a memorable Mass enjoyed by all!





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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For your information, please note the following:

PPTA and NZEI Union Meeting
Tuesday 13 September, 1.15 pm-3.15 pm

The Board Chairperson and Ms Moore have been notified that one of the contracted PPTA Union Meetings will be held on Tuesday 13 September. The meeting will affect staff at Sancta Maria College. The Executives of the Post-Primary Teachers' Association and NZEI has directed its members under Section 26 of the Employment Relations Act 2000 to attend this meeting. As the majority of the teaching staff are PPTA members there will not be sufficient staff to carry on the usual teaching programme.

Year 7 to 10 students will finish school at 1.15 pm. However, the scheduled **Senior Examinations that are on this day will proceed as arranged for Years 11 to 13 students**. So if a Year 11-13 student has an examination in the afternoon (as per published examination timetable), then they need to attend as scheduled.

The school buses have been organised to depart at 1.15 pm, the earlier closing time with the exception of the Beachlands/Maraetai bus which will leave at the usual time of 3.20 pm as it picks up students from other schools. We request that arrangements are made for non-bus students to be collected from school as soon as possible after 1.15 pm.

A study room will be made available and supervised by non-PPTA members of those students who need to remain at school (note that there will not be buses at the usual time of 3.15 pm) for whom no alternative arrangements can be made. The library will not be available for students and will not be open after school.

We appreciate the inconvenience caused by this contracted union meeting and thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

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EVENTS

Students Attend Howick Youth Summit

A group of Sancta Maria College students attended the Howick Youth Summit where we were able to present different ideas to the Auckland Council.

The Howick Youth Summit is an annual conference connecting all the secondary schools in the eastern area (Howick region). This year's theme was "How can we make Howick the World's Most Liveable City at a Local Level?" There were 10 representatives from each of the 9 schools in the area ranging from Year 11-13.

We started the day by splitting into groups of ten, which had to contain people from the different schools, and started to talk about what changes we could implement to make Howick a better place.

After morning tea, each individual had to come up with an action in order to make Howick the most liveable city, and we had to ask for another's opinion by giving each idea a score out of five. In the end, the top eight ideas were selected and each student had to choose an idea to plan for and to later present in front of some members of the Howick and Auckland Councils.

We were also fortunate enough to have Michael Goudie and Ben Dowdle to speak to the whole group of students during the event.

In the end, everyone learned something new, in terms of politics, and made a lot of new friends. We thank Cuan Pillay and Anna George for organising this event.

Meggue Cruz



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Peace Symposium 2016

'Peace Through Dialogue'. This was the theme the Peace Committee followed in order to execute a week full of fun activities to spread peace and love.

Throughout the week, activities such as 'The Peace Chain,' and 'Chalk It Out,' brought students together as they shared peace. The sausage sizzle and bake sale allowed funds to be raised for Nadeem Ghazi who is working to promote peace in Pakistan.

The members of the Peace Committee attended a Peace Symposium in Western Springs in order to share our peace week experience with other schools from around Auckland. A video presentation was shown of Sancta Maria College's peace week which covered our peace week activities and gave an inside look into our peer support system. This presentation was met with enthusiasm from peace leaders and students alike who were extremely impressed with the peaceful environment of Sancta Maria College and our busy peace week.

Throughout the day, there were speeches by inspiring peace ambassadors and even a successful Paralympian who brought the students inspiration and joy by sharing his journey with us.

The day at the Symposium was very beneficial for the Peace Committee at Sancta Maria as they were able to share their views on peace and meet like-minded students brimming with creativity and passion. The committee looks forward to sharing our school's peace presentation at a full school assembly soon!

Kendra Williams



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KBB Awards For Concert And Jazz Bands

After much practice and preparation our Concert Band and Jazz Band took part in the KBB Music Festival at Holy Trinity and St Mary's Churches in Parnell.

Mr Arthur led the Concert Band in the morning session and they played Arabian Dances, First Light and Celtic Air and Dances. The musicians were from across the breadth of our school, featuring students from all year groups. The judges were suitably impressed and awarded them a Bronze Award.

Mr Cho's Jazz Band played Route 66, Horn of Puente, Respect, Splanky and Detroit. Their strong performance won over the judges and resulted in a Silver Award.

It is wonderful for the students and the school to receive such recognition on a grand stage and bodes well for the future of Music at Sancta Maria College.



Jazz Combos Hit The Right Notes

Both our Junior Jazz Combo and Senior Jazz Combo have received awards for their performances in the Auckland Schools Jazz Band Competition, with the Junior's received a Bronze award and the Seniors a Silver.

Mr Cho and Senior Jazz drummer Josh Hunt returned to the venue (Port Chevalier RSA) to receive the awards. This is great recognition for the fine work that Mr Cho and his students have put in over the last few months to create the first Jazz Combos at Sancta Maria College - both of which are a fine complement to our full Jazz Band.



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Orchestra Delights At KBB Festival

Sancta Maria College took a major part in the KBB Music Festival at the Holy Trinity/St Mary's Churches in Parnell. First up was the Orchestra, who like their compatriots in the Concert Band and Jazz Band are in the competitive part of the Festival.



After the success of our production earlier in the year, it made sense to perform some pieces from *The Sound of Music* and we were very grateful to have three of the principal cast members from the musical rejoin us for the Festival. Michaela Ralph-Smith reprised her Maria, opening our set with *The Sound of Music* itself, followed by our Head Boy, Niel Kulkarni who once more became Captain Von Trapp with a rendition of *Edelweiss*. The medley was capped off with our very own Mother Superior, Anneliese Simpson who still had those high A flats handy for another show-stopping rendition of *Climb Every Mountain*. Not content with that, the

Orchestra moved back into an instrumental mode with a delicate version of Faure's beautiful *Pie Jesu* and closed their set with a grand outing of Charpentier's *Te Deum* – both of which featured Vincent Brzozowski on the trumpet.

This new, post-production Orchestra is a fine mix of young talent and experience, with all ages from Years 8 to 13 represented. We clearly had the youngest players on show, but as the saying goes, if you are old enough, you are good enough. Our older students have helped the younger ones settle in and are a credit to the school in the way that they help create a family atmosphere.

One further note from our day in Parnell was that the organisers at KBB have informed me that our Orchestra is now so large that we can no longer be termed a Chamber Orchestra and as of next year we will have to enter as a Symphony Orchestra! My, haven't we grown?

All of our players deserve the highest praise for their hard work, fine performance and for the excellent manner in which they represented Sancta Maria College on a big stage. Well done, all!

Mr Stuart Gibbs
Head of Music

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Festival Concert Impresses The Audience

Friday 12 August saw our three largest musical ensembles prepare for the KBB Festival with a concert of music in the College's Auditorium.

Our Concert Band, newly rebuilt under the baton on Mr. Hamish Arthur, opened the proceedings, followed by Mr Gibbs' Orchestra and Mr Cho's Jazz Band.

It was a fine work out for all and the Music Department would like to thank all the family and friends who came to the concert and were a supportive and appreciative audience. The proceeds of the concert went towards the refurbishment of our tuba, which is a valuable piece of hardware for the school.



Stand Up Stand Out Sees DMG's Debut On Stage

Monday, 8 August was the third and final day of our participation in the Stand Up Stand Out Competition heats.

This time, it was the bands' heat and one of our Year 8 rock bands, DMG, took to the stage. They were the youngest band at the event and were a credit to the school with their rendition of Kasabian's 'Underdog'. Their use of the large orchestral cymbals for a deafening crash on the song's final chord brought a loud cheer of approval from the crowd.



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Inaugural Korean Night A Big Success

Macleans College hosted the first Korean Night in collaboration with Sancta Maria College and Botany Downs Secondary School. This event was very meaningful because it marked the first collaboration between the three schools.

The night was filled with many talented performers from across the three schools and with the well known and dearly beloved K-pop blasting through the speakers! Our very own Junior Performance Team participated in this event, directed by Ella Lee, and were the youngest out of all the performance groups. The students taking part in this performance group were: Yeun Hee Park (Yr10), Stella Kwon (Yr8), Minju Kim (Yr8), Stephen Ju (Yr8) and Katie Wang (Yr7). We cannot be any prouder of them!



This night brought Sancta Maria College, Botany Down Secondary School and Macleans College together, introduced a different culture to many people, and even brought students together through a common interest!

There is no doubt that Korean Night 2016 was an absolute success. Thanks are owed to Ms Cho for being the teacher organiser and Ella Lee from Year 12 for being the student organiser representing Sancta Maria College in Korean Night. *Angelika Bilbao*

Mathex Competition Keeps Year 7s On The Move

Run, run faster. The Maths classes in Y7 competed against each other in the Mathex competition.

As the classes walked to the auditorium, we got seated in our maths teams. We were all lined up in groups of four. Then 3,2,1 – Go! The runner of each team had to run to their teacher to get the word problem. They had to run back to their group with the problem to try and solve it. Minutes of reading, solving. It was neck and neck between a few groups near the end. The teams' runners raced to their teacher to see if they had got the answer right. If you were lucky and had worked out the problem correctly you could go to the next question. You had 3 attempts at the problem. If you wanted to win those lollies you had to try and work it out!



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Mrs Croxford shouted 'STOP!' The auditorium went quiet as a mouse. We found out the winners of each class and they got some lollies and a certificate.

Overall the Mathex competition was really fun and all the classes enjoyed it. *Elodie Boyle*

Maths Week Prize Winners Announced

Maths, graphs, and problem-solving. All the students from Sancta Maria College placed their heads together during Maths Week to solve many challenging and brain-teasing problems. During each day of the week, each homeroom was given a math problem for students to solve and decode. This activity enabled classes to become closer, as students needed to help each other in order to tackle the difficult questions given to them. However, a competition was also available for daring students who wanted an extra challenge. Each student had to create a picture out of graphs, challenging not only their maths skills but their creativity too! What's more, Casio sponsored this competition and provided over \$700 dollars worth of calculators! These were our lucky winners:

Year 7

Charles Gomes – Scientific calculator
Leticia El-Boutty – Scientific calculator
Marie Patlong – Stationery

Year 8

Marcellin Chan Mow - Scientific calculator
Ali Dela Cruz - Stationery
Stephen Ju - Stationery
Amanda Lee - Stationery

Year 9

Lars Bosales – Graphic calculator
Karl Guarin – Stationery
J L Lopez – Stationery

Year 10

Chryslyn Beltran – Graphic calculator
Ellen Fromont – Graphic calculator
Zoe Chou – Scientific calculator
Jerald Isleta – Voucher
Nicola Bebelman - Voucher
Maurice de Jesus – Stationery
Stacey St George – Stationery

Year 13

Miles Harvey – Voucher



Thanks are owed to Ms Cho who organised this year's Maths Week. Its success and big prizes can hopefully motivate more students to participate next year!

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Women In IT Day

Four of our students attended a one-day event in the heart of Newmarket. The Women in IT initiative held at Techorium was designed for young women who are wanting to pursue tertiary study in the industry of Information Communication Technology (ICT).

The day started with a programming workshop. Here we were given a presentation that opened the doors to programming. We used software called Visual Studios, which was an introduction to the world of programming. We were shown the basics of the program and with the help of present students at Techorium, we were able to create our own program.

This was followed by a presentation by the first guest speaker, Jacinda Ardern, the youngest elected sitting MP in parliament. She shared her challenges as being the "underdog" in politics due to her age and gender, and encouraged us to not let these two factors govern our choices, but to be open to everything and be "boss girls".

The second guest speaker, another inspirational woman, shared her experiences working in several management roles in the telecommunication industry. Akesa Tangitau informed us of the industry of ICT and shared some tips and tricks to dealing with customers!

The second workshop followed where we worked with a current student at Techorium to disassemble a system unit of a computer. This was a hands-on activity that opened our minds to the complexities of the inside of a system unit. We were then challenged to reassemble the unit which left us scratching our heads!

We would like to give special thanks to Mrs Caudy for giving us the opportunity to be a part of this incredibly inspiring and eventful day.

Lara Georgis



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Year 11, 12 & 13 Art and Photography Student Workshops

It is a very busy time ahead for our senior Art and Photography students with their NCEA External Examination due dates fast approaching for Levels 1 – 3 (Please see the final hand in dates below). In anticipation of these dates the Art Department will be running the following workshops for students.

Tuesday – Thursday from 3.15 to 4.30pm in DG7

Please support and encourage your student to take up this opportunity. An Art Teacher will be present during these times to assist your student.

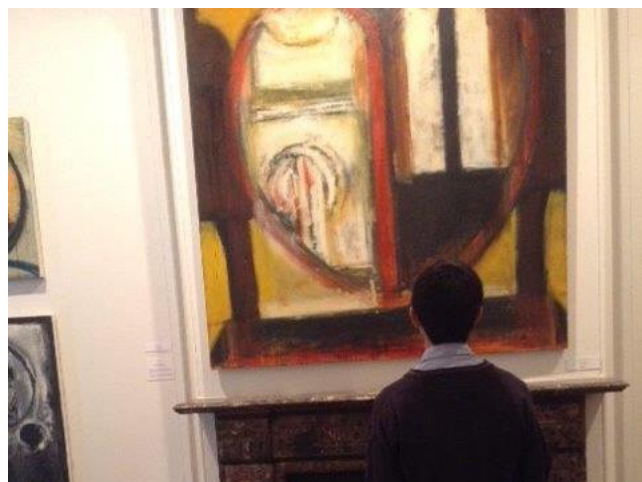
NCEA Level 1 – 3 plus Scholarship (Year 11, 12 and 13) Art and Photography External Folio Board Final Hand in Dates

- Level 1 Art (Year 11) – Friday 23rd September 2016
- Level 2 Photography (Year 12) – Thursday 13th October 2016
- Level 2 Painting and Design (Year 12) – Friday 14th October 2016
- Level 3 Design, Sculpture, and Painting (Year 13) – Monday 24th October 2016
- Level 3 Photography (Year 13) – Tuesday 25th October 2016
- Scholarship Sculpture, Painting, Photography and design – Tuesday 25th October 2016

Year 11 Art Students Visit The Wallace Art Trust At The Pah Homestead, Hillsborough

Sancta Maria College Year 11 Art students visited this exciting venue with an emphasis on the Field of Vision exhibition. They were greeted by an educational officer who guided them through the exhibits by using engaging questions and activities.

One activity involved the students having to form a debate as to why their selected artwork had more meaning and worth over another artwork. Students demonstrated enthusiasm for the challenges that they were set and responded with insight and integrity. They also enjoyed the beautiful building and grounds in which the work is exhibited.



Read more at <http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/year-11-art-students-visit-the-wallace-art-trust-at-the-pah-homestead-hillsborough>

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Art Experience Inspires Students

The Year 11 Art class went to the James Wallace Art Trust Museum in Hillsborough. It was an exciting experience to see all the art we had learnt about in class come to life.

We learnt about how to analyse art and really interpret the meaning of the works that we were seeing. We saw all kinds of art, from abstract to realism, but my favourite was abstract. We also got to see the winner of the Adam Portrait award which was amazing and beautiful. I learnt a lot that day even though we weren't there for as long as I would have liked. I really enjoyed the experience. It was a day to remember. *Claudia Jiminez*



Students Enjoy Fun Language Week Activities

During language week, the Library hosted a fun and interactive learning experience for students of all ages through a French colouring-in competition. The competition was of one of France's most renowned structures: the Eiffel Tower. This was placed inside a love heart, another thing France is well known for. Through this, students spent a fun and interactive lunchtime in the school library, surrounded by friends, colouring in and learning about one of the most popular countries in the world.



Another activity that took place was a lolly and jelly bean picking challenge with chopsticks. The lollies were for beginners as they were the easiest to pick up with their hard-shelled outer coating. Jelly beans were given to experts as even though jelly beans were big, they had a glossy coating, causing them to be slippery. The challenge was that it all had to be done in under 40 seconds, with the student who picked up the most lollies or jelly beans getting a prize.

Through this, students who participated obtained knowledge on how millions of people who live in Asia eat their daily meals through the art of using these wooden utensils. *Raynah D'Silva*

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Kapa Haka Welcome For Visitors From Japanese High School

At the beginning of the term, we welcomed a small group of 20 senior high students and two staff from Itoshima High School for a three-afternoon class exchange with Year 9, 10 and senior Japanese language students. Itoshima High School is located 45 minutes outside Fukuoka City (Auckland Sister City) on Kyushuu Island, Japan.

The exchange has given our students the opportunity to put into practice their Japanese language skills and to learn more about their Japanese students and their way of life. The first afternoon the group was welcomed by Year 9 and senior Japanese students and the College Kapa Haka Group, whose warm welcoming Powhiri caused much excitement and appreciation.

The second afternoon our visitors and Year 10 Japanese language students played a 'football' game that generated much interaction and fun for all the students. The third afternoon, our visitors followed their buddy student to their afternoon classes with the aim for them to have a glimpse of Sancta Maria College students' school life. The cultural, sports and language exchange has proven a great hit; bringing to life authentic learning interactions for both our visitors and our students. We look forwards to more visits in the future.



Crowds Flock To See New Products

The auditorium was packed with students, parents and friends as Young Enterprise teams from 20 South East Auckland colleges launched their wares.

About 50 different vibrant and colourful stalls were set up in the auditorium offering a wide range of products from homeware to gardening equipment, educational toys, and food, to social and charitable appeals. Excited students used a range of selling approaches to gathering potential customers to their tables. The originality of ideas and design of packaging immediately caught the eye. The quality of the finished articles was first class and represented good value for money.

It was a great opportunity for these budding entrepreneurs to interact with a wide audience as they took their first steps into the reality of the business world.



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Saving The Earth One Pedal At A Time - Power To The People!

Four students from the Year 13 Hard Technology (Engineering) class, Ito Magbag, Philip Garcia, Gabby Mendoza and Sage Fernandez, entered their project into a one-day expo at the Vodafone Centre, called TIAKI – guardians of the environment, guardians of Aotearoa. The TIAKI 'Sink or Swim' programme aims to engage secondary school students of South Auckland in developing innovative ideas that will sustain, maintain and develop the NZ environment.



Our concept consisted of exercise stations that will generate electricity through human locomotion. Through education, interaction, and exercise, our plan was to engage people of any age. Our first prototype was a bike that spun the car engine fan (the generator). As you pedal, power is generated which recharges a car battery that can be further used to charge phones and power home appliances. Our group heavily focused on the renewal sustainability of our source of energy. Our whole project outcome was fabricated using recycled materials.

The platform was made from recycled pallets, the bike was recycled and the generator is a fan pulled out of a dismantled BMW! Who thought saving the earth could be such fun as that which the students visiting the expo experienced! The students couldn't wait to jump on the exercise station! It was an inspiring project and event and we can see our career paths leading towards becoming future engineers.

Special Thanks to Dr Henderson (Teacher), Mr Boyle, Mr Shirtliff, Mr Matt Peacock (Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Limited), Mr Mike Stevens (Transpower), and Mr Matthew Ye (Transpower) for the help we needed.

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Year 9 and 10 Speech Competition Results

A wide range of interesting and thought-provoking topics was presented by the finalists in the Year 9 and 10 Speech Competition. In a highly competitive final the judges selected Erica Lim (Y9) and Kelly Mascarenhas (Y10) as this year's winners.

Y9 Results:

- 1st Erica Lim
- 2nd Francesca Adam
- 3rd Elijah Gepiga

Y10 results:

- 1st Kelly Mascarenhas
- 2nd Caprice Newth-Sharman
- 3rd Isabella Foliaki and Mia Gilchrist



Environment Week

The entire school put on their winter woollies for the cold day ahead on "Warm day". This was to top off a successful Enviro week but to also kick off the "Switch it Off!" Campaign.

Students wore warm clothing to school for a good cause. Students should be aware of their electricity consumption as on a warm day! All heaters and lights were asked to be turned off. Throughout the day, there was hot water bottle refills and hot soup served at lunchtime to keep the students from winter chills.



As a result, Enviroweek 2016 ended well. On that day, our electricity consumption was 1443.7 KWH compared with the previous Monday's consumption of 3001.2 KWH. Great result!! A saving of about \$297.00! Amazing for just one day!

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SPORTS NEWS

Claudia Claims National Title

Claudia Shervell placed first on Trampoline at the Auckland Secondary School Gymsport Nationals. Here is a photo of her on the podium receiving her gold medal and certificate.

Claudia, a Year 8 student at the College had a 6 point lead on all the other competitors. This is an excellent achievement for both Claudia and Sancta Maria College.



Badminton On The Rise



A growing sport within our school, Year 9 and 10 have just finished a 6 week after school programme of skills and games coached by Robbie from Auckland Badminton Association and supported by our own A-grade players Clive Luna, Roanne Apalosik, Alistair Lee, Henry Hoh and Calvin Pang.

This has followed a similar activity programme of badminton in Term 1 for Y7 and 8 run by Mrs. Havell. Sixteen senior students have been playing in the ASS

Badminton Competition at Lloyd Elsmore and next term twelve Year 7 and 8 players will compete at Lloyd Elsmore in an Auckland East Intermediate Schools competition.

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 l.bell@sanctamaria.school.nz . Training and support will be offered.

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CAREERS INFORMATION

Students thinking about further study after they leave school, have a lot of choices to make.

Sussed Online is a great way to get thinking about what it will cost to live and study. Will it be broadband and baked beans or dial-up and dining out? Part-time job or parents helping? Hear from students about their experiences and the choices that need to be made. You'll also find out more about StudyLink and what they do along the way.

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Regards
The StudyLink team





KRISTIN WRITERS' WORKSHOP

2016

Middle School Workshop: Years 7 – 10
26-29 September (4-day workshop)



The Writers' Workshop is an opportunity **to improve writing skills** under the **professional tutorage** of an accomplished writer and educator **Brian Falkner**. Kristin teachers will also support the learning and pastoral aspects of the workshop. It is a chance for students to share writing experiences in a multi-age classroom with other young writers from throughout the country. It is an opportunity to find and make friends, and to write with like-minded people. The Workshop includes a balance of quiet individual writing, collaborative writing, whole group interactive tuition sessions and open sharing of work. Young writers all receive individual feedback and guidance on their writing.

Who is Brian Falkner?



Brian Falkner is an acclaimed author who has written 12 books for children and young adults and was the winner of the Sir Julius Vogel Award for a Young Adult Science Fiction book. He is an engaging, highly sought-after speaker in schools, and at literary festivals and conferences. He has run workshops for young writers for many years. We are very excited to have him again at Kristin as the key presenter, guide, and mentor for our Writers' Workshops in 2016.

Enrolments
limited to
40 students

Important Information

Monday 26 September: 9.30am – 4.00pm

Tuesday 27 September: 8.30 – 4.00pm

Wednesday 28 September: 8.30 – 4.00pm

Thursday 29 September: 8.30 – 8.30pm (Parents invited to the celebration ceremony in the Dove Theatre at 7.00pm)

Location

The Library Information Centre at Kristin School campus in Albany, Auckland. Parents, please drive through Gate 1 and park in the bus bay to drop off and pick up students. Registration is at 9.30am in the Library Information Centre foyer.

What to bring

A laptop or iPad and charger if possible, a memory stick, pens, pencils, and paper. Money to buy books from the Kristin bookstand if desired.

Cost

\$265.00 which includes all tuition costs, morning and afternoon tea, lunches and dinner on Thursday evening.

Payment

For online payment, please pay to Account: **03-1322-0696922-000**

Please use Code **8118.03** and student's name in the reference

made out to Kristin School. Post to Kristin School,
0752.

Payments by cheque

PO Box 300 087, Albany, Auckland,

Registration

Click on the link to register [Writers' Camp Registration](#)

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