

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whanau

Years 7 & 8 and Years 9 & 10 Prizegiving Ceremonies

The school year was completed with two prizegiving ceremonies to recognize the top scholars and diligence awards from each homeroom class. Students were also recognized for special character, service and commitment. We also congratulated those students who were recipients of special awards. Thank you also to the staff and students involved in these events.



Special thanks must go to the students who gave personal reflections on the 2017 year and I acknowledge Adrian Vargas and Laska Knipe (Years 7 & 8) and Catherine Chan and Adam Martis (Year 9 and 10).

We also heard talented musical performances from the Senior Choir, Junior Jazz Combo, Light Orchestra and Junior Singers and the Junior Kapa Haka Group. Thank you to Mr Cho, Mr Gibbs and Mr Roberson for their time, effort and special skills to supporting our musical performances at these events.

A full list of subject prizewinners can be found by clicking on the links:

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http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/images/Newsletter/2017/prizegiving/Year_9_10_Prizegiving.pdf

Year 13 Leavers Dinner

Just over 300 students and parents shared in the 2017 Leavers Dinner that was held at Alexandra Park in the final week of school and what a truly memorable evening it was.

Students, staff and parents were welcomed by Paul Ngan Woo. The address given by me acknowledged just how far everyone has come in their school journey and how prepared they are for life and its challenges beyond school. Students were thanked for their positive contribution to the college and parents for their support through the years. Mrs Verna Oliver (Year 13 Dean) made a tribute to the 2017 leavers and Aidan Van Heerdan made a tribute to the teachers. The opening prayer was given by Julia Tenedero. Olivia Wright also gave the tribute to parents. Head Prefects, John Purificacion and Gemma Deftereos, gave valediction speeches. The St Francis Assisi Trophy was awarded to Lara Georgis.

Our thanks to all our Year 13 Homeroom Teachers – Mr David Arrowsmith, Miss Kate Bradley, Mrs Rachel Price, Mr Paul Johnson, Mr George McKie, who passed out the Leavers Certificates and Mrs Oliver for the preparation and organization of the evening.

To complete the evening, we were entertained by a dance item choreographed and performed by the Year 13 students and led by Gemma Deftereos.

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Staff Departures

In the final weeks of school the following staff were thanked for the contribution each had made to our school community and were wished well for the future:

Mr Ian Vickers	Deputy Principal
Ms Maria Fouhy	HOD Religious Education
Mr David Arrowsmith	History/Classics
Ms Bernadette Goulding	English
Mrs Allison Croxford	Head of Faculty Year 7&8
Miss Kavindri De Silva	Teacher Aide
Mr Matthew Henderson	Technology Teacher and Specialist Classroom Teacher

We also farewell Miss Samara Doole who has been with us for a year as a Photography Teacher while Mrs Jules Turner undertaken her Sabbatical Leave. We will welcome Mrs Turner back in Term 1 of 2018.

Enhancements To The Current School Uniform

Throughout the year, several enhancements have been made to the current school uniform. This follows consultation and considerable feedback from students and staff about areas for further improvement.

A collaborative group was established and has been working the detail to make the enhancements that are being phased in over next year. I wish to acknowledge especially the students for contributing positively that has led to making informed decisions for change. Thanks also to the BOT Human Resources Committee for their time to giving serious consideration of the enhancements and the BOT who have given final approval of the changes.

The following enhancements and changes being phased in for 2018 are:

- **Junior Girls** navy ankle sock with a light blue strip. These are made to not be folded over and should sit just above the ankle. If they finish mid-calf, a smaller size is more appropriate.
- Navy Blue Soft-Shell School Jacket that has a fleeced lining for warmth, has additional pockets on the inside and is shower and wind-proof.
- **Senior Girls** Black Shoes – introducing a choice between two shoes and sold at Hannahs, Botany Town Branch. This replaces the variety of black shoes currently being worn that from a podiatry perspective the flat variety are not suitable for all feet. **Option 1** is the Hush Puppies shoes - Monica ADC style and **Option 2** is the DF Supersoft shoes - Harding style. The shoes will be available at the Botany Town shop from mid-January 2018.

The expectation is that ALL students will be wearing the enhanced uniform items in the 2019 school year. This means existing uniform items can be worn during 2018 and gives adequate time to plan for 2019.

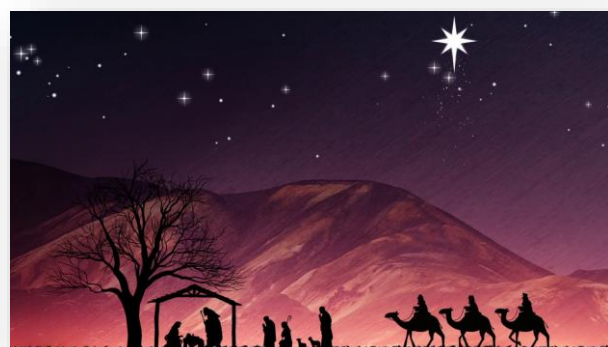
The Uniform Shop hours for the start of the 2018 school year, will be available on the school website from mid-January.

Finally, I wish you and your family and enjoyable and restful summer break.

With blessings for the festive season.



Louise Moore
Principal



JUNIOR PRIZEGIVINGS

Outstanding Scholar Award - Year 7

Angelina Addis Galvez
Anais Bebelman
Isabella Melville
Aimee Smith
Sofia Dela Cruz
Einstein Siao
Nathan Chin
Alanna Santoso
Rachel Chen
Ella Dickens

Outstanding Scholar Award - Year 8

Harrison Edwards
Seamus O'Rourke
Sean Carlos
Stella Cranwell
Arianne Balatero
Andrew Botting
Ethan Siao
Adrian Vargas
Hannah Dangatan
Claudia Mistar
Paris Stephens

Trophy Awards

Intermediate Sports Woman - **Trelise Dance**
Intermediate Sportsman of the Year - **Quintin Wong.**
Ali Afakasi Award - **Eli Lesoa**
Outstanding Scholar in Literacy Award - **Adrian Vargas**
Outstanding Scholar in Numeracy Award **Andrew Botting**

Stella Maris Trophy **8 Liston (8LIS)**
Stella Maris Shield **7 Gaines (7GNS)**

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Outstanding Scholar Award - Year 9

Nasya Chin
Aliyah Suva
Alfonso Dela Cruz
Jenna Aspelung
Amanda Lee
Gemma Holt
Minju Kim
Nathan Pereira
Isabella Chan

Outstanding Scholar Award - Year 10

Jolin Chen
Erica Lim
Francisco Siasoco
Samantha Bottom
Catherine Chan
Jade Faulkner
Francesca Adams

Trophy Awards

Sportswoman of the Year 2017 - **Aerin Henry**
Sportsman of the Year 2017 - **Tristan Tualagi**
Cultural Awards - **Samantha Bottom**
The Cultural Trophy for Boys - **Aiden Chan**
The St Catherine Trophy for Academic Excellence in the Y9/10 - **Erica Lim**
Navigator Trophy **Lorenzo Cruz**

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CHAT FROM THE CHAIR

As the year comes to a close we look back on what has been a successful year.

Sancta Maria is a high performing college that not only consistently achieves outstanding academic results, but also provides an excellent grounding for students to gain life skills, and Catholic values that prepare them for their future.



2017 has seen several highlights including the one million dollar build of the St Francis Building (that will be opened early next year), and will become the new home for Religious Education.

The 'Back to the Future' day was hugely successful, and enabled parents to experience a typical day for students, and gain an insight into how learning has changed since they were at school.

The final stage of the Years 7 & 8 Confidence Course was completed thanks to Fiona Richardson (parent) and the PTFA.

Trustees have continued to participate, in professional development training, to maximise their contribution to our governance role.

The board is committed to ensuring that the school develops and grows to meet the evolving educational landscape.

There are numerous events and activities that the school has embraced this year and has achieved outstanding results that we are all very proud of, many of these celebrated at recent award ceremonies in the last month.

The Board would like to thank The Principal Ms Moore, the Senior Leadership Team Mr Green, Mr Vickers, Mrs Heffernan and Mrs Littlejohn, Business Manager. The Board also would like to thank all teachers and administration staff for their commitment and dedication that contributes to making our school the special place it is.

To our students, the board admires what you have achieved in all aspects be it academic, the arts, sport, service and leadership and we encourage you to keep striving for excellence, keep your goals and values in sight and remain focused on being the best you can be.

To the students who are leaving the college this year to start on their next stage of learning or career, the Board thanks you for your contribution to Sancta Maria College. Best wishes for the future.

On behalf of the Board, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Warren Brabant

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplains Advent and Christmas Reflection

*There is a list of folks, we know, all written in a book
And every year at Christmas time, we go and take a look.
And that is when we realise that these names are a part
Not of the book they are written in, but of our very heart.
For each name stands for SOMEONE who has touched our life sometime
We really feel that we're composed of each remembered name.
And while you may not be aware of any 'special link',
Just meeting you has changed our life a lot more than you think.*

*For once we've met somebody, the years cannot erase,
The memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face.
So never think our Christmas messages are just a mere routine,
Of names upon a Christmas list, to be forgotten in between;
For when we send our Christmas blessings that are addressed to you
It is because you're on the list of folks that we're indebted to.
For we are but the total of many folks we've met.
And you happen to be one of those we prefer not to forget.*

*And whether we've known you many years or even just a few.
In some ways you have had a part in shaping things we do.
So every year when Christmas comes, we just realise anew.
The biggest gift that God can give, is knowing folks like you!
And may the spirit of Christmas that forever endures,
Leave its richest blessings in the heart of YOU and YOURS.*



Wishing you every Christmas blessing and may the Christ Child touch your heart this season of Hope and Love.
Fr Kevin Murphy sm

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS TIMETABLE FOR ST LUKE'S PARISH

December 14	Reconciliation Rite II	7 pm
December 17	Anointing Mass	8.30 am & 10.30 am
December 24	4 th Sunday of Advent	8.30 am & 10.30 am
	First Vigil Carols	6 pm
	Mass	6.30 pm
	Second Carols	11.30 pm
	Midnight Mass	12 am
December 25	Christmas Mass	8.30 am & 10.30 am
December 28/29	Weekday Mass	1.30 pm
December 30	Saturday Mass	9 am
January 1	Morning Mass	9 am



School Term Dates 2018

Start of Term 1 2018

Thursday	25 January	School Office Open 9.00 am – 1.00 pm New Staff Training Prefect Leadership Training Day Student Course Confirmation
Friday	26 January	School Closed
Monday	29 January	School Closed – Auckland Anniversary
Tuesday	30 January	School Closed – Staff Only Day
Wednesday	31 January	School Closed – Staff Only Day
Thursday	1 February	Yr 7 Students 8.40am – 2pm Yr 11-13 students 10am – 2pm Students to attend in full school uniform Buses will not be operating
Friday	2 February	Yr 7-8 Students 8.40am – 2pm Yr 9-10 students 10am – 2pm Students to attend in full school uniform Buses will not be operating
Monday	5 February	School Closed – Staff Only Day <i>Kahui Ako Communities of Learning</i>
Tuesday	6 February	School Closed – Waitangi Day
Wednesday	7 February	Full School All Year Levels Report by 8.40am for normal school day 3.15pm finish School buses will operate at normal times

School Term Dates 2018				Teacher-only days (The school is closed for instruction)
Term 1	See above for different Year group starting dates	To	Friday 13 April	Tuesday 30 January Wednesday 31 January Monday 5 February
Term 2	Monday 30 April	To	Friday 6 July	Tuesday 5 June
Term 3	Tuesday 24 July	To	Friday 28 September	Monday 23 July
Term 4	Monday 15 October	To	Thursday, 13 December	-

Public Holidays in 2018

Term 1

- New Year's Day - 1 January
- Day after New Year's Day - 2 January
- Waitangi Day - 6 February
- Good Friday – 30 March
- Easter Monday – 2 April
- Easter – 3 April
- Anzac Day - 25 April
(during School holidays)

Term 2

- Queen's Birthday - 4 June
Staff Only Day follows 5 June

Term 4

- Labour Day - 22 October
- Christmas Day - 25 December
- Boxing Day - 26 December

The school office will re-open on Thursday, 25 January 2018 from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm.
The canteen will be closed on Thursday, 1 February and Friday, 2 February 2018.

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