



## News from the Education Leader

### Kia Ora and Welcome Back!

The 2019 school year is well underway and has been a busy and exciting time for all students, especially for new staff, students and whanau joining the Sancta Maria College family. There has already

been an opportunity for me to meet some parents and whanau at recent gatherings and I look forward to meeting others at other occasions through this term.

The first full school assembly where all new students, international students and staff were warmly welcomed with a powhiri that was led by the Kapa Haka group. Head Prefect Leaders Maurice de Jesus and Tahlisa Stevens joined me in giving encouraging messages for the beginning of a new academic year. Students were encouraged to achieve their personal best in what they do and to always carry with them a 'can do attitude'. Working hard in their school journey will bring success and they can also help others to have a rewarding year. Student leaders were reminded that leadership is not always about being in charge, but more about taking care of the people in their charge and teachers were reminded that a good teacher should care about and for their students.

### The Year of Gratitude

We have been inspired to make Gratitude our College Special Character Theme for 2019. I share with you some reflections from Aislin Manuyag, Deputy Head Prefect for Special Character, as she led our school in prayer during our Opening Assembly.

*"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learnt to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (1 Philippians 4:11-13)*

*Why do we always seem to want more? Why is it so hard to accept less? Why are our hearts so easily captivated by the promise of bigger and better? Why is it so difficult to be satisfied? What is the secret of contentment? Actually, Biblical contentment is not about feeling good all of the time. In fact, contentment is not a feeling at all. Rather, it is an attitude of the heart - a mindset. Our school theme for this year is Gratitude. To be thankful and find contentment in the small or big blessings we are given in life. Though we may fall short in our relationships with others, in our studies, in the sport we are passionate about, may we seek to have a mind and heart that find strength through Christ to lead us to more victorious moments with gratitude."*

### 2019 Mother Teresa Service Program

*"If you love Me, feed My sheep."* These words of our Lord to Saint Peter at the end of His earthly ministry illustrate the central role of service in the life of all Christians. Through service, our students will become more Christlike, and encounter Christ in the face of those in need.

## EVENTS

### 27 February -1 March

Yr 12 PES Camp in Tawharanui

### 28 February

Late start (9.30am)

SMC visits Yr 6 at St Marks

### 1 March

SMC Visits Yr 6 at SMCPS and OLSOS

### 4 March

BOT Meeting (6.00pm, Staff Room)

### 5 March

Yr 13 Classics Field Trip to Te Papa

Yrs 7&8 Parent-Teacher Interviews

(4.00-6.00pm in D Block))

### 6 March

Ash Wednesday

Yrs 7&8 Parent-Teacher Interviews

(4.00-8.00pm in D Block)

### 7 March

L1 Geography Fieldtrip to Ōtūataua

Stonefields

### 8 March

Yr 13 class photos; sibling portraits

### 13 March

Yr 11 PES trip to WERO Waterpark

College Open Day (3.30 to-5.30pm)

### 14 March

Late start (9.30am)

### 15 March

Literature Dress-up Day

L2 History Fieldtrip to Waikato

University and the region

### 19 March

Cybersafety Workshop with John

Parsons (7.00pm; venue TBA)

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This year, every student will be required to complete five hours of service each term for a total of at least 15 hours for the year. Students will log their service activities online, and then complete a reflection on how their service was significant - to those they served, to themselves, and to God. Service can be at school or in the community, and could include helping organise a can drive for a foodbank, being a Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, or being a volunteer Surf Lifesaver for example.

The student with the most exemplary quality of service and reflection from each Homeroom will be recognised with a Mother Teresa Medal.

Please use this opportunity to talk to your children about the importance of service, and help them to get their hours completed and logged. If you have any opportunities for service suitable for school aged students, please contact Mr Cedric Piggan, Director of Religious Studies at [c.piggan@sanctamaria.school.nz](mailto:c.piggan@sanctamaria.school.nz)

## Academic Success

I am pleased to inform you that the college continues to maintain outstanding NCEA success in all levels of NCEA. We continue to achieve well above the national average and schools of similar type. It recognises the calibre and hard work of our students, staff and parents/whanau. Congratulations to everyone involved in continuing to achieve at this level of success.

Academic Year	Sancta Maria College				National				Decile 4-7			
	Year 11 NCEA L1	Year 12 NCEA L2	Year 13 NCEA L3	Year 13 UE	Year 11 NCEA L1	Year 12 NCEA L2	Year 13 NCEA L3	Year 13 UE	Year 11 NCEA L1	Year 12 NCEA L2	Year 13 NCEA L3	Year 13 UE
2014	97.2	95.7	92.7	87.3	72.4	75.1	59.6	45.7	74.5	77.6	59.8	43.5
2015	100.0	97.9	92.4	77.1	74.5	76.3	62.5	48.0	77.2	79.7	64.3	48.2
2016	95.5	97.8	94.0	82.7	75.3	78.4	64.0	48.6	78.1	81.4	65.1	47.7
2017	96.6	97.8	94.6	73.1	74.5	78.0	65.2	48.5	77.5	80.8	65.8	46.9
2018	94.8	94.4	92.3	83.8	70.1	76.1	63.7	46.1	72.9	78.6	64.6	45.1

This year, a statistical change to reporting NCEA results has been made. A new enrolment-based measure of NCEA attainment has been implemented this year by NZQA and the Ministry of Education. A summary Fact Sheet will explain the reasons for this change. [To view click here.](#)

**We also congratulate these students who received Scholarship**

Last Name	First Name	Year Level	Subject
Bebelman	Sophia	12	SCHL - Biology
Denham	Alice	13	SCHL - History
Walsh	Niamh	13	SCHL - English
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Ralph-Smith	Elizabeth	13	SCHL - English
Ralph-Smith	Elizabeth	13	SCHL - Photography

## International Recognition

James Karl 9CLE was recently recognised at our assembly and presented with an International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) Gold Medal for Spelling from the University of New South Wales. Congratulations on this outstanding recognition.

## New Deputy Principal – Mrs Courtenay Kilpatrick

I am pleased to welcome and introduce Mrs Courtenay Kilpatrick to the role of Deputy Principal.

Mrs Kilpatrick is an old girl of Baradene and has taught at Alfriston College and Mission Heights Junior College. Mrs Kilpatrick has held a number of management roles including being an acting Assistant Principal prior to moving to Sancta Maria College. She brings a breadth of expertise especially in the junior school (Years 7-10) curriculum.

“I am very excited to have joined the Sancta Maria Whanau, it is wonderful being back in a Catholic school. The values of my Catholic upbringing and education have shaped me into the person I am today. I am someone with a strong sense of social justice who believes in achieving equity and excellence for all students. It brings me great pride to lead in service to the Catholic community”

Outside of school Mrs Kilpatrick is married and a Mother to two young children. Mrs Kilpatrick is a firm believer in strong family-school partnerships so is a member of the PTFA and fundraising committee at her son's primary school. Courtenay is also a team manager for Ardmore Marist rugby.



## New Staff



Mr H Kathnaur  
Technology

Mr M Schollum  
Mathematics

Mr J Henderson  
English

Ms A Whiteford  
Mathematics

Ms F Bracey  
Yrs 7 & 8

Ms M Comé  
Teacher-in-Training

Mrs V Singh  
Mathematics

Mrs C Kilpatrick  
Deputy Principal

Mrs S Founé  
Acting HOD French

*Not in the photo are Mr Jordan Roberts (PE and Health Studies) and Mr Kieran Gutry (Sports Coordinator)*

## Teacher Contract Negotiations and Possible Teacher Strike(s)

Secondary Teachers began contract negotiations with the Ministry of Education in 2018 and are currently far from reaching an agreement. I expect strike action to take place in the term and I will keep you informed of any developments. Take this as an early warning that in the likelihood of a strike in the future, arrangements will need to be made by you for your child(ren's) care during the period of the strike. Information will be communicated to you if there is any strike action.

## Open Day for Upcoming 2020 Enrolments

Planning and organisation is underway as we prepare for the Open Day 13 March 2019 from 3.30-5.30pm. I will be visiting the main contributing schools over the next couple of weeks and speaking to Year 6 students who may be applying for Sancta Maria College in 2020. Accompanying me will be a number of students and staff who will also be speaking to Year 6. Year 6 students will be given letters with Open Day information to bring home.

## Year 7 & 8 Meet-the-Teacher Evening

We place a great value on the on the family-school partnership so it was pleasing to meet so many parents/whanau at the Meet-the-Teacher evening. We hope that you found this time productive and that it provided you with a further understanding of the teaching and learning programmes for 2019, homework expectations, 'Schoology' (our learning management system) and most importantly a chance to connect with your child's Homeroom teacher. We thank everyone who attended.

## International Student Gathering

The gathering for International Students, their homestays and some parents was an opportunity to meet others, share a meal and play some games in the Olive Grove which featured Chinese lanterns and decorations in the trees.



## Year 13 Retreat

On Friday the 15th of February, our Year 13 student had their annual retreat day at Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach. The Theme was "Finding my Vocation". The day started with a Dawn Mass, celebrated by Father Craig Dunford, Parish Priest of St Luke's Catholic Community, who share our Campus. The students shared breakfast before breaking up into various retreat sessions, which included the Sacrament of Reconciliation, team building activities, an Art Legacy Project, and a reflection on their Vocations.

Highlights of the day included Sancta Maria College Alumni from the fields of medicine, aviation and building, come back to give their advice and encouragement to our Class of 2019. They also had the honour of Dame Colleen Bayer, founder of Family Life International NZ, and Sir Brother Pat Lynch, long-time CEO of the Catholic Education Office visiting, to address them on the Vocational Theme.



Jarrold Wood (Aviation), Lewis Monaghan (Building), Neil Kulkani (Medicine)

## Pastoral News

### Let's keep our kids safe online!

#### John Parson's 'Parent Cyber Safety' Workshop

**Tuesday 19th March at 7pm – venue to be announced**

As parents we teach our kids about keeping safe in a number of contexts all the time; water safety, road safety, safety around strangers or Internet safety. Being aware of the risks, having strategies in place to deal with the risks and keeping an open relationship so that children will turn to you when things go wrong, are all key to keeping our children safer online.

Our children are being raised in a society that is radically different to that of just 20 years ago, as the internet has taken a central place in our lives, and with the virtually universal adoption of smart phones and computers by young people. This revolutionary and enormously disruptive technology has created a completely new set of challenges for parents, ones that are entirely different to those of a generation ago.

John Parsons will be presenting his Parent Cyber Safety Workshop at Sancta Maria College on the evening of Tuesday the 19th of March at 7pm.

John Parsons is arguably the country's leading authority on cyber safety for children. He works all over New Zealand with young people and their parents, showing them how they can stay safe in the online world. He also works as a consultant with the police, teachers and the health sector, and individually with children and their families to help them when things go wrong online.

John brings an unparalleled wealth of direct experience to this issue. He has used this to develop a toolbox of highly practical, realistic and effective strategies that enable both children and their parents to deal with the challenges of digital technology, such as maintaining oversight of your child in the digital world, establishing boundaries for acceptable use, and preventing online sexual predation, cyber bullying, and cyber-crime. These strategies do not depend on technological know-how – rather, they simply require you to have a clear set of family values, and then to enable your child to broadcast these into the online world.





## News from the Career Centre

Our aim is to provide first-hand experience and up to date information to students, parents and whanau. This year, there will be opportunities to look around tertiary campuses and companies, find out about the support services, talk to staff and to find out what it is like to study different courses offered or to work in a particular industry.

Our big event of the year is our Careers Expo which will take place on the 4th of April in the school auditorium. This expo is for all Year 10-13 students and parents/caregivers to provide an overview of tertiary courses and industry sectors, including the career and study options each can provide.

We also arrange tertiary providers and industry representatives to come and speak with students, this term we have four universities coming in to speak with Year 13's during their study periods:

**Otago University, Thursday 28th February, AU2 2.15pm**

**The University of Auckland, Thursday 14th March, Auditorium 2.15pm**

**AUT University, Thursday 28th March, AU2 2.15pm**

**Victoria University, Thursday 11th April, AU 2 2.15pm**

<p><b>6 March &amp; 11 April</b> Latitude NZ International Work Experience – Volunteer Abroad/Gap Year Info Night</p>	<p>Are you considering taking a gap year and volunteering overseas in 2020? Here is YOUR chance to live life a little more extraordinary! Come along to our Latitude Global Volunteering Information Night to find out more. Latitude Global Volunteering is a youth development organisation, offering New Zealanders the opportunity to take part in highly supported and structured international volunteer work placements. We specialise in placements for young New Zealanders aged 17-25, offering 4 different workplace roles in 11 countries around the world. Applications are now open for departures in 2020. See the links below for information:</p> <p><b>6th March Info Night:</b> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/international-gap-year-auckland-march-info-night-tickets-53888503966">https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/international-gap-year-auckland-march-info-night-tickets-53888503966</a></p> <p><b>11th April Info Night:</b> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/international-gap-year-auckland-april-info-night-tickets-53888809881">https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/international-gap-year-auckland-april-info-night-tickets-53888809881</a></p>
<p><b>4 April</b> Sancta Maria College Careers EXPO</p>	<p><b>Thursday 4th April, Sancta Maria College Auditorium</b></p> <p>This expo is for all Year 10-13 students and parents/caregivers to provide an overview of the courses and industry sectors, including the career and study options each can provide.</p> <p><b>6.30pm – 8.30pm Careers Expo in the Auditorium</b></p> <p>Delegates are set up around the auditorium and are available to answer any questions on a one-to-one basis.</p> <p><b>Guest Speakers in Anne Block</b></p> <p>Throughout the evening there will be a series of 20 minute presentations from various guest speakers for senior students.</p>
<p><b>5 and 6 May</b> Otago University Open Day</p>	<p><a href="https://www.otago.ac.nz/about/open_days.html">https://www.otago.ac.nz/about/open_days.html</a></p> <p>For any Year 13 student that is considering studying at Otago in 2019, this day is a must. Please click on the above link as you will need to get in early to book flights and plan your day. This is the only opportunity that parents/caregivers have to visit the University Open Day.</p>



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## STREET SMART

Holden Street Smart is a world-class, cognitive based driver programme that aims to positively influence the lives of young kiwis across the country, and help them to become a safer and more aware driver on our roads.

Offering a practical hands-on learning experience, Holden Street Smart is a programme that aims to add to, and compliment, the great work already undertaken by NZTA, NZ Police and others in the area of road safety.

Holden Street Smart is a one-day event providing young drivers and their parents/caregivers the opportunity to undertake supervised driving practice. There is a focus on developing good decision-making strategies for safe driving, including assessing themselves, reading the road environment, resisting peer pressure, managing or eliminating distractions and planning ahead.

The Programme takes place in safe, controlled, off-the-road environments, under the watchful eye of qualified coaches plus the parent/caregiver. This provides the parent the opportunity to also assess themselves, in order to be a better coach and mentor to their teen.

Please feel free to take excerpts from the above programme information. We have also attached images that you would be welcome to use, and below is a You Tube link to our introduction video and also a brief one sentence outline of the Holden Street Programme if you might require a quick reference for use on the likes of digital / social media channels:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oO49nl-gCGU>

Holden Street Smart is a programme that equips young Kiwis with the tools needed to help be a safer and more aware driver on our roads.

Registrations can be completed via the easy to use pages on our website - [www.holdenstreetsmart.co.nz](http://www.holdenstreetsmart.co.nz)

Holden Street Smart will be delivering it's programme throughout the upcoming April School Holidays, and while some dates are already full, locations we'll be visiting along with space availability can be found at: [www.holdenstreetsmart.co.nz](http://www.holdenstreetsmart.co.nz)

## Police Recruitment Evening

If you have wondered about what the job is all about and how to join then come and find out more from police officers at the Tamaki Makaurau Recruitment Seminar. Registration is essential, please email Constable Piho Tuaiti: [TTBW59@police.govt.nz](mailto:TTBW59@police.govt.nz) to register your interest in attending.

**Tuesday 5th March 6.30-7.30pm Manukau Hub - Marae, Corner of Manukau Station rd and Barrowcliffe Place, Manuka.**

## Chaplain's Corner

### **"It's Up to You"**

Source Unknown

One song can spark a moment,  
One flower can wake the dream.

One tree can start a forest,  
One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,  
One handclasp lifts a soul.

One star can guide a ship at sea,  
One word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation,  
One sunbeam lights a room.

One candle wipes out darkness,  
One laugh will conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey,  
One word must start each prayer.

One hope will raise our spirits,  
One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom,  
One heart can know what's true.

One life can make the difference,  
You see, *It's Up to You!*





## EVENTS IN MARCH 2019

<b>1 March</b>	SMC visits OLSOS SMC visits SMCPs	9.30am 11.30am
<b>4 March</b>	BOT Meeting	6.00pm in the Staff Room
<b>5 March</b>	Year 13 Classics Field Trip (day trip)	Te Papa, Wellington
	Years 7 & 8 Parent Interviews	4.00-6.00pm in D Block
<b>6 March</b>	Years 7 & 8 Parent Interviews	4.00-8.00pm in D Block
	Ash Wednesday Liturgy for students	9.00am in the courtyard (gym if it is a rain day)
	<i>Parents may attend Ash Wednesday mass in the chapel at regular community mass time</i>	<i>1.25pm in the chapel</i>
<b>7 March</b>	L1 Geography Ihumatao field trip	Ōtuataua, Stonefields
<b>8 March</b>	Year 13 class photos; sibling photos	
<b>13 March</b>	College Open Day	3.30-5.30pm
	Year 11 Field Trip	WERO Waterpark
<b>14 March</b>	Late start Thursday	
	University of Auckland visits SMC	2.15pm in the Auditorium
<b>15 March</b>	Literature Dress-up day	
	L2 History Field Trip	Waikato University and region
<b>19 March</b>	Cyber Safety Workshop	7.00pm venue TBA
<b>21 March</b>	Caritas Justice Day	
<b>21-22 March</b>	L3 Geography Trip	Rotorua
<b>22 March</b>	Year 8 trip	Mangere Mountain
<b>25 March</b>	Year 8 trip	Mangere Mountain
<b>26 March</b>	Year 8 trip	Mangere Mountain
	Samoan Outreach Mufti Day	
<b>27 March</b>	Year 11 Retreat	
<b>27-29 March</b>	L1 History Field Trip	Rotorua
<b>28 March</b>	AUT visits SMC	2.15pm in AU2

*Calendar of events as at 28 Feb 2019. Events / dates may change.*