



Newsletter No. 10 16 December 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whanau

It has been a busy and fun year as our students have participated and been involved in a wide range of co-curricular and wider school initiatives, projects, fundraising, sports, arts, cultural and leadership activities. As well, students have excelled in academic studies including national and international subject competitions.



Last week we enjoyed a wonderful Leavers' Dinner to farewell Year 13 students from this year and acknowledge the support we have had from their families for the past seven years. It was the largest number of families attending this event on record. This week we said farewell to Years 7-10 students at their respective prizegivings.

There have been many highlights during the year and I thank our supportive parent community and all the staff who have been involved in leading and supporting all these school activities alongside capable student leaders. Sancta Maria College is a high performing Catholic College that has opportunities available to students to enjoy. The staff are to be thanked for their hard work, commitment and professionalism that enables our students to achieve so much and makes our college such a wonderful school.

'As we prepare for Christmas and wait for the coming and birth of the Christ Child, it's a time when we should be thinking and putting others first instead of self. It's also a time for letting go of any grudges we bare, bitterness we may feel and heal any hurt or damage we may have caused to others, especially those closest to us. Through spending time with our family and friends and doing acts of kindness for others, we are opening our hearts to God and sharing his wonderful love that he has for each of us.'

Finally, I wish you and your families a blessed and peace-filled Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Louise Moore **Principal**



Sancta Maria College School Term Dates 2017



Start of Term 1 2017

Thursday 2 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 3 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

Tuesday 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 I Sancta Maria	Teacher-only days		
Term 1	See above for different Year group starting dates	То	Thursday 13 April	Tuesday 31January and Wednesday 1 February
Term 2	Monday 1 May	То	Friday 7 July	Tuesday 6 June
Term 3	Monday 24 July	То	Friday 29 September	Friday 4 August
Term 4	Monday 16 October	То	Friday 8 December	22

Public Holidays in 2017:

Term 1 • New Year's Day - 1 January

Day after New Year's Day - 2 January
Waitangi Day - 6 February (Monday)

Good Friday – 14 April
Easter Monday – 17 April
Anzac Day - 25 April

Term 2 • Queen's Birthday - 5 June (Monday)

Term 3 • Labour Day - 23 October (Monday)

Christmas Day - 25 December
 Boxing Day - 26 December

The school office will re-open on Thursday, 26 January 2017 and Friday, 27 January 2017 from 9.30am to 2pm. Students starting on Thursday, 2 February and Friday, 3 February 2007 will need to bring morning tea and lunch. The canteen will be closed.



CHAT FROM THE CHAIR

Yes it is that time of year! Our last newsletter for 2016.

This has been another successful year in many respects. For me, one of the highlights was our school production of the Sound of Music. This production really demonstrated just what our school is capable of. It provided opportunities for our students to demonstrate their abilities. It brought together staff and parents working behind the scenes to support the production. It was a true team event and the result was truly outstanding. Congratulations to everyone concerned.

In a similar way our Thanksgiving Mass also exposed not just the talent of so many but also the true meaning of our Special Character. At this Mass we took time to thanks and acknowledge Kevin Saunders who has dedicated his working life to teaching. Sancta Maria was lucky enough to have him conclude his career with us but not before he contributed so much to our College. Kevin is an example of someone who never asked for recognition for all the extra things he did for us. He just got on and did it – often from behind his camera. A huge thanks from all of us and all the best for your retirement.

Another long serving staff member we are fare-welling is Jocelyn Beaumont. Jocelyn has been a much loved mathematics teacher. Not always an easy thing to achieve but she did. Again all our love and blessings for her retirement.

Which really just leaves me to thank everyone else for all they have done this year. To my friends and fellow Board members your contributions go unseen by most. Our Board works as a single team. I cannot recall a time where we have not had a united voice on any important issue.

And to our Senior Leadership Team who put in so many extra hours on the job our thanks as well. You lead a great cohort of staff who deliver superb teaching outcomes year after year. The support staff ensure the wheels of the organisation turn effortlessly and smoothly.

May I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year. You all deserve it.

Cheers
Brendan Ryan
Chairperson
Sancta Maria Board of Trustees





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The Twelve Days of Christmas

There is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me. What in the world do leaping Lords, French hens, swimming swans and especially the patridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface

> meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality, which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

The four birds calling were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The **five** golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans-a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.

The eight maids-a-milking wer ethe eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.

The ten Lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

Fr Kevin Murphy sm Chaplain





















SPECIAL CHARACTER

Family Mass

On Sunday 13 November students and their families had a chance to go to St Luke's Parish for a special Mass. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Kevin Murphy, our College chaplain. This was a somewhat sad Mass because Fr Ezio Blasoni is retiring from being the priest of St Luke's Parish.

Fr Ezio is such an exceptional priest to have. He is a kind, loving, hopeful and faithful priest to have in both our school and St Luke's Parish. However, it is time for us to say our final goodbyes to him and wish him good luck for the future. Getting to know Fr Ezio was such a blessing for me to have in my life. He would say nice things to everyone and is always helpful and positive to everyone in every way possible.



I am so glad that I had the opportunity to know this wonderful priest. Goodbye Fr Ezio. Our love and prayers go with you. *Lorenzo Cruz*

Year 8 Retreat

The Year 8 students went into their retreat looking forward to a day away from the classroom.

The retreat destination was the local Korean church near the school and was run by Logos. Gabrielle Murti, a former student of the College, was a member of the Logos Team who ran the retreat.

The Year 8 students who attended the retreat said that they enjoyed their time spent planning out their personal goals and how to achieve them as well as their time spent learning about God and Jesus.



They particularly enjoyed working in teams to build the tallest tower they could and spending time with each other, creating new bonds and friendships.

Overall it was an amazing and successful retreat! Lars Bosales





Year 7 retreat inspires students

The Year 7s experienced their first retreat on Friday, and said it was a blast! It was held at the Korean church just around the corner from the school, and was run by a group called Logos. The company organised many activities and games for the Year 7s to play that were exciting and educational.

Many of the activities were fun to play and to learn about, as they involved cooperating with other students while still maintaining their religious values. The activities included acting out the life of Jesus and how it would look like in the present, making crests based on the student's personalities, and making personalised bookmarks based upon scriptures. "There was so much to do!" said one Year 7. Overall the



whole experience of the retreat for the Year 7s was an inspiring and educational encounter, as it drew them closer to understanding Christ and his teachings, while still bonding and making friendships with their peers.

In the end, the Year 7 retreat was a success with many educational and religious teachings, and the students thoroughly enjoyed their first retreat experience at Sancta Maria College! Francesca Adams

Young Scientists At Work – An End Or A New Beginning?

It was an exciting day for 9GNS and 9BRN when they finally handed their well designed food parcels to Tonia Geatbatch (South Auckland district president, St Vincent de Paul society) and Delphina Soti (Operations manager, St Vincent de Paul society) as part of a Year 9 assembly on 17 November.

The project started in Term 3, in the classroom where students needed to think about either breakfast or lunch meals to provide for a family of 4.



The first challenge the students encountered was to plan for the balanced meals. Working in a group was the second big challenge as often students were in disagreement and they had to compromise, reminding each other of their roles. They learnt a lot as a group. They developed their social skills, planning skills and decision-making skills.

After so many ups and downs, students were proud to present 15 parcels to Ms Greatbatch and Ms Soti. The food parcels are a new beginning for each recipient as they will have something healthy and yummy to eat for 5 or 7 days!





2016 Year 7-10 Prizegiving - Special Awards



Zoe Chou St Catherine's Trophy Academic Excellence Middle School



Faith Cruz Navigator Trophy Middle School



Clive Luna Sportsman of the Year Middle School



Tanya Murray Sportswoman of the Year Middle School



Patrick De Vera Cultural Trophy For Boys Middle School



Danica Loulie-Wijtenburg Cultural Trophy For Girls Middle School





Roanne Apalisok Ali Afakasi Trophy Sport and Academic Excellence



Alfonso Dela Cruz Paul Daley Award Outstanding Scholar Year 8 Literacy



Josue Badenas Paul Daley Award Outstanding Scholar Year 8 Numeracy



Trelise Dance Sportsperson of the Year Intermediate School

2016 Stella Maris Shield (first place) Awarded to 8DNN 2016 Stella Maris Trophy (runner up) Awarded to 7LIS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with certificates for Outstanding Top Scholar in their Year Level

Year 7

Harrison Edwards
Marie Patlong
Jeremy Sasis
Kathleen Shi
Eli Lesoa
Paris Stephens
Trelise Dance
Adrian Vargas
Hannah Dangatan
Ethan Rogacion

Year 9

Samantha Bottom Jade Faulkner Thea Garcia Catherine Chan Erica Lim Francesca Adams Harrison Munday Lars Bosales Jolin Chen

Year 8

Nasya Chin Gemma Holt Sydney Causer Mikayla Killip Mazelle Chuardy Nathan Pereira Alex McGivern Renee Tabunot Alfonso Dela Cruz Maria Zaugg

Year 10

Sophia Bebelman Danica Loulie-Wijtenburg Zoe Chou Kelly Mascarenhas Patricia Dela Cruz

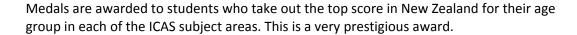




STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Elizabeth wins ICAS award

Congratulations to Elizabeth Leaning (Yr12) who was presented with an ICAS medal for Writing at an awards ceremony on Saturday 3rd December.





SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Sport coaches wanted. Can you help?

The Sancta Maria College Sports Management Team are seeking passionate and self-motivated volunteer coaches for the 2017 Summer and Winter Year 7 – 13 sports season.

These volunteers should have excellent organisational and communication skills, along with the ability to create a positive and enjoyable environment in school sport.

Although these positions are all voluntary, the school fully supports helping coaches with personal development opportunities in their chosen sports code

Basketball

Cricket

Football

Futsal

Hockey

Rugby (15s and 7s)

Softball

Squash

Tennis

Touch Rugby

Volleyball



Please contact our Director of Sport, Jason Crummer by email <u>j.crummer@sanctamaria.school.nz</u> or mobile 021 730 546 expressing your interest



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Junior Choir Shines at the Town Hall

Last Wednesday evening saw our Junior Choir give their grand performance as part of the mass choir in the Auckland Primary Principal's Association Festival.

Twenty one of our students sang a diverse set of songs, ranging from a traditional African tune called 'Siyahumba', Bruckner's 'Locus Iste' and Petula Clarke's 'Colour My World'. Jade Pereira sang as a soloist during the National Anthem and the evening was crowned by a rousing rendition of Rodgers and Hammerstein's 'You'll Never Walk Alone'.

We can be very proud of all of our students, who sang with heart and energy, having spent most of the year learning the repertoire, many of which had difficult harmony parts.

The concert was a superb climax to what has been a very busy and successful year for our Music Department at Sancta Maria College - in which all of our year groups have performed in major events.







FRENCH DEPARTMENT

Au Revoir Et Merci Pauline Fuchs (Notre Assistante Française)

Bonjour tout le monde!

My time in New Zealand is soon to be over and I wanted to thank you all for a truly wonderful year! It was always a pleasure to come and see you and I was glad to see how much progress you made throughout the year. I hope you enjoyed getting to know France as much as I enjoyed getting to know New Zealand. I'm going to miss teaching all of you!

Passez de bonnes vacances d'été! And see you back in France for those going next year!!

Pauline



France 2017!

Next year students in Years 11-13 French and History will be going to France in April 2017. We will be staying in the south of France, visiting places such as Montpellier, Nîmes, Pont du Gard, Arles and Baux de Provence. From there we will spend a few days in Paris and then meet up with our exchange school, Baudimont St Charles in Arras, one hour north of Paris. We will stay with our host families, experience a French school and visit places in the region.

Baudimont St Charles students come to Sancta Maria College!

Host Families needed for the two weeks 13th – 27th February 2017.

The students from Arras will be arriving to stay with us from Monday, February 13th until Monday February 27th 2017.

The French students will be staying with our students who are going to France. However, we will need a few extra host families to host students from France. The students are here to learn English and learn about our culture. So, don't worry if you can't speak French! You will soon learn some basics and have a wonderful opportunity to get to know someone from France. If you would like to consider hosting please email Sue Read, HOD French s.read@sanctamaria.school.nz or phone her on 2744081 Ext: 252 Merci!





Next Meeting To Prepare For French Students' Arrival

Reminder of the meeting Wednesday, 1st February (first week back) Staffroom 5.30-6.15pm

Year 10 French Class At The Zoo

Why was the French class at the zoo? Interviewing the animals in French of course! This Year 10 French students spent a great day at the zoo practising their French, having a French picnic and making a movie to show at their next French breakfast. Merci beaucoup to Madame Williams for accompanying the students and Madame Read.



More On French Food...

Year 8 and 9 French classes have all been learning about French food and enjoying le petit déjeuner français with their mystery guests. (other staff members) Their tables look amazing and the food is délicieux. Merci to the students (and parents) for all their hard work.

Joyeux Noël!
Bonnes Vacances!
Madame Read, Madame Laux et Monsieur Double-V





TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Taste Buds Tempted By Delicious Food

Thursday's lunch time was one to look forward to for some of the teachers as they were able to try the many types of food made by the Year 9 Food Tech class.

One of their tasks was to make finger food that was simple, tasty and looked good.

They then invited some lucky teachers who had the pleasure of tasting the tantalising treats. Some of the foods on offer were cupcakes, mini sandwiches, crostini (which is an Italian appetizer with toasted bread and toppings) and much more.

The lunch was a great success and I'm sure the students were very happy with what they had achieved.

As Christmas is just around the corner, it will hopefully gave them confidence to try some of these recipes and serve them to their families over the festive season.

Shontelle Matano.





Year 10 Camp – A Review

Towards the end of November, Year 10s got the opportunity to go to Ngaruawahia for camp.

It was a chance for us to bond with our peers as well as our teachers. We got to do activities that encouraged us to step out of our comfort zone as well as to have fun out of the classroom!

Despite having to wake up at 6:30 in the morning for our daily exercises and getting sprayed by water guns, we got to bond as a year group with various activities such as rowing as one in Waka Ama and raft building where our construction skills were put to the test.

We also did activities that encouraged us to face our fears such as rock climbing (on actual rocks!) and soaring through the air on the extreme flying fox.

We were also able to share our uniquely individual talents during our skit night. From well-choreographed dances to hilarious impromptus, we had the time of our lives!

All good things must come to an end, and we were all very sad to have to leave camp. It was our last camp as a year group, and we took the time to bond with our peers as well as our teachers.

From this, we learnt that we need to live life to the fullest and that we need to step out of our comfort zone once in a while!

Faith Cruz





Market day draws large crowd

The main courtyard was filled with sounds of excitement as the 2016 Market Day got under way and the first visitors were students from Sancta Maria Primary.

The area filled even more when the College lunchtime began and more boys and girls came to buy.

Year 7 and 8 pupils and Year 10 Business Studies students showed their inventiveness and creativity through the wide range of goods for sale and entertainment on offer.

Money rapidly changed hands as items were purchased and games played. An air of fun and enjoyment was prevalent.

The hours and hours of effort put in by students was justly rewarded by the skills they had learned as much as the money they had made, a percentage of which will be donated to charity.





Environmental awareness good, but not perfect

Being environmentally friendly isn't always easy and for Christie Kean, a member of the Waste Wise council and 6 students this was proved correct as they sorted rubbish into separate bins for the waste audit on Thursday.

This was held underneath the library to see if our school is using the classroom landfill bins correctly. They did this by collecting one days' worth of rubbish from landfill bins in C and D block classrooms. They then sorted the rubbish into sections to find the amount of waste.

The total waste collected was 9.83kg and only 1.65kg of this should have been in the landfill bins. So a staggering 8.18kg of the other rubbish could have gone to food or recycling bins.

It was a big learning curve where the students realised that we aren't being as careful as we should, and that we need to take into consideration which bins we are putting our rubbish into.

It not only affects the environment but it also puts a lot of work onto our caretakers' shoulders, who have to sort through everything, whereas we could have made their job easier by making the right choices.

The 6 students who helped out got to experience what it's like to sort through the bins and it became clear to them that some aspects weren't very pleasant with all the waste that it contained. But overall it was a great initiative to be involved with and a positive was that they were able to find out what Sancta Maria College needs to do to move forward and become more environmentally aware.

Shontelle Matano





Year 10 Careers Day

A day off timetable may sometimes be a day to relax. However, this was not the case for the Year 10s as they experienced a day of planning for their future.

The students were kept busy all day, each class rotating around five important sessions. They were challenged to start thinking about what they like and don't like by getting to know themselves and know what careers are out there in the world of work.

The University of Auckland ran a session looking at study options and university life. A second workshop focussed on budgeting, goal setting, expenditure and saving. Workshop 3 introduced the students to the requirements of NCEA, while number 4 got them thinking about where they would like to be in the future. The fifth session concentrated on team building activities.

All in all a very busy and rewarding day for our Year 10 students.







PARENT INFORMATION

SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP

- The Uniform Shop accepts cash, cheques, EFTPOS and credit cards (Visa & Mastercard).
- All items are to be paid in full at the time of ordering. We do not offer lay-bys and we are not currently registered with WINZ, although we are happy to provide a quote for WINZ.
- The items listed below are available through the Sancta Maria College Uniform Shop. All prices include GST.

Description	Uniform Item	Price
Girl's junior blouse		\$50.50
Girl's junior skirt		\$91
Boy's junior shirt		\$47
Boy's shorts		\$63
Jumper	all sizes	\$92
PE Uniform	top	\$46
	shorts	\$34
Socks, girls (yrs 7-11)	pack of 3 pairs	\$20
Socks, boys (yrs 7-11)	per pair	\$10
Tights	per pair	\$8
Rain jacket	size 10 only	\$113
Tracksuit jacket	all sizes	\$75
Tracksuit pants	all sizes	\$55
PE Studies (yrs 12-13)	top	\$52
	shorts	\$33
School scarf (optional)		\$26
School cap (optional)		\$21
Rugby shorts		\$36
Sports socks	hockey, rugby & socce	\$15
School sports bag		200

NEW JUNIOR UNIFORM ORDERS

We carry a limited stock of junior uniforms but we have sample sizes of junior blouses, skirts, shorts and shirts that can be tried on, and then ordered on your behalf with the school's uniform supplier, Elizabeth Michael Uniforms. Alternatively, you can purchase uniforms directly from the Elizabeth Michael shop at 357 New North Rd, Kingsland.

MCKINLAYS SANDALS are available from Elizabeth Michael Uniforms, and from John Russell Uniforms or Stomp in Howick. The Uniform Shop does not hold samples of sandals.

ELIZABETH MICHAEL UNIFORMS

357 New North Rd, Kingsland ph. 358 1680

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES TERM 1 2017

Term 1, 2017 (commences Thu 2 Feb)

Sat 21 Jan	9.30am-12pm			
Mon 23 Jan	5.30pm -6.30pm			
Tue 24 Jan	8.00am-9.00am			
Wed 25 Jan	5.30pm-6.30pm			
Thu 26 Jan	8.00am-9.00am			
Shop is closed on Sat 28 January				
Tue 31 Jan	5.30pm-6.30pm			
Wed 1 Feb	8.00am-9.00am			
& Wed 1 Feb	5.30pm-6.30pm			
Thu 2 Feb	8.00am-9.00am			
Shop is closed on Sat 4 February				
And thereafter, each week:				
Tue & Wed	8.15-9am			
Sat	9.30-11am			

PLEASE NOTE

The Uniform Shop is staffed by volunteers who make every effort to have the shop open at the advertised hours. However, the shop may be closed without notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

> **Uniform Shop phone** 09 272 5601 **Uniform Shop email**

uniformshop@sanctamaria.school.nz

Please do not use the Chapel Rd entrance to access the Uniform Shop on weekdays during the school term.

NEW SENIOR UNIFORMS are purchased directly from Elizabeth Michael. The Uniform Shop holds second hand stock only.

WE ARE KEEN TO BUY (AND SELL) GOOD QUALITY SECONDHAND JUNIOR & SENIOR UNIFORMS.

When you bring your secondhand items into the Uniform Shop please bring your bank account details with you.





School Library

The library will close for 2016 at 5pm on Friday 2 December. It will be completely unavailable to students during its normal opening hours. This will enable staff to complete the annual stock take before the end of term. From Monday 5th, AU3 will be made available to students who would benefit from having a quiet supervised space during break times. Several computers and board games are available for student use. Please direct questions about this arrangement to Mrs Rachel Price – <u>r.price@sanctamaria.school.nz</u>

Study Link

Students Planning To Go To Tertiary Study After They Leave School Should Apply For Their Student Allowance Or Loan By 16 December.

StudyLink expects around 180,000 students to apply for their Student Allowance or Loan for the 2017 academic year.

Applying by 16 December means StudyLink can get everything sorted so that the student receives their funding from the start of their course. Students don't need to have their NCEA results or have locked down all their plans in order to apply.



Their application can be updated as things are confirmed. It's more important to allow enough time for all the steps in the application process to be completed.

Students can find out more about applying for a Student Allowance or Loan on the StudyLink website. Pop a reminder in your calendar, or even better – go straight to studylink.govt.nz to apply now.







YOUR FUTURE IN WORK

designed to give a job search advantage

Pakuranga Rotary presents a free one-off evening designed to greatly lift your personal chances of securing entry level employment when you hit the job market. You are

Monday 27 February 2017 6:45—9:00 pm, Waipuna Hotel, Mt Wellington. Limited places requires a booking. Contact your college careers advisor.









EXTENDED

SHOP HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

We close for Christmas at 1pm on Wednesday 21 December 2016 We open in the New Year on Saturday 7 January 2017 at 9am

Mon-Thurs	9am-5pm
Fri	9am-4pm
Sat	9am-12pm

 Sat
 9am-3pm
 10,17 December 2016

 Sat
 9am-3pm
 7,14,21,28 January 2017

 Sat
 9am-3pm
 4,11 February 2017

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