



SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Newsletter No. 11
Tuesday 24 November 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Senior students are well into their NCEA and Scholarship Exams. As a result of the commitment and focus each has given to their studies through the year, I am confident they will do well.



This week students will travel to Ngaruawahia for the annual Year 10 Camp where they will participate in rock climbing, abseiling, a 283 metre flying fox, archery, waka ama and kayaking. Mass will be celebrated with Fr Kevin later the week and we wish them a pleasant camp experience.

Academic Excellence

There has been several events held recently to recognise students achieving at the highest levels. Congratulations to all those who have been recognised for outstanding achievements recently. In particular, congratulations to Dennise Palpal-Latoc, Navigator Trophy, Senior School and King To Yeung, Saint Catherine Trophy for Academic Excellence (Year 13) and Dux Award.



Upcoming Events

November

- 24-27 Year 10 Camp
- 24 PTFA Meeting 7pm
- 27 Clearance Day 9am – 10am
- 28 Uniform Sale Day 10 am – 1pm
- 29 Family Mass 10.30 am

December

- 3 Leaver's Mass & Dinner
- 4 Mufti Day
- 7 Year 7 & 8 Prizegiving – **1.30 pm**
- 8 Year 9 & 10 Prizegiving – **1.30 pm**
- 9 Advent Liturgy
End of Term 4 – School Finishes
12.15 pm

Family Mass

This year, the annual Family Mass will be held on Sunday, 29th November at 10.30 am, St Luke's. The Mass was moved to this weekend to enable families to join us at the school parish. We hope that you can come along and support it. Fr Kevin Murphy, School Chaplain will be the celebrant for our Mass.

Towards 2016

Planning and organisation are well under way towards 2016. New students and families to the college recently attended an information evening and Year 6 attended an Orientation Day to support them with their transition from primary school to the College. The Term 1 College Calendar will be confirmed and made available on the website before the end of the school year.

New Website

The new college website has been developed and will be in use for 2016.

Louise Moore
Principal



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2015 PRIZEGIVING RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following major prizegiving recipients for 2015.

NAME	TROPHY
Dennise Palpal-Latoc	Navigator Trophy – Senior School
King To Yeung	Saint Catherine Trophy for Academic Excellence – Year 13 (DUX)
April Zhang	Proxime Accessit
Callum Laroche	Nicky McHugh Memorial Scholarship
James Beach	Saint Catherine Trophy for Academic Excellence – Year 12
Elizabeth Leaning	Saint Catherine Trophy for Academic Excellence – Year 11
Carl Bascug	Catherine Cooney Memorial Scholarship Academic Excellence in Business Studies – Year 13
Michelle Coutts	Delvin Godinet Award
Jakob Ambrose	Sportsman of the Year – Senior School
Tysha Ikenasio	Sportswoman of the Year – Senior School
Matthew Laguda	Cultural Trophy for Boys – Senior School
Imeleta Afamasaga	Cultural Trophy for Girls – Senior School
Kyle Guarin	Service to Community
Waitemata	Interhouse Trophy

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SPECIAL CHARACTER AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Year 8 Retreat

Our students are coming up to the end of their time in the Junior School and are about to enter Sancta Maria College properly as Year 9's next year. It is for this reason that we wanted to run a retreat that is focused on journeying and acting in a way that shows those around us that they are loved and cared for and special to us. We wanted to emphasise the message that Jesus to Catholics is "The Messiah" – the Chosen One to whom we are all called to develop a relationship with and to act on his behalf in the world today.

Leadership was an important theme of this retreat for we wished to help our students recognise the different ways in which they can be leaders at Sancta Maria College. This does not always mean taking the lead, or highlighting themselves and their work, but rather, taking guidance from Christ in that "those who put themselves last for my sake, shall be put first". Their relationship with God is foundational to who we are as a College family. Retreat provides us with an opportunity to explore our relationship with God, to reconnect with our friends and fellow students and to see each other (staff and student) in a different light.

Students experienced a variety of workshops including Taize, Meditation, Religious Drama, Validation, Footprints, Images of Jesus and Mass which gave them a day out of school to interact.



WORLD VISION SANITARIUM SCHOLARSHIP: STUDENTS' EXPERIENCES

WORLD VISION SANITARIUM SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

In the last week of the holidays of Term Three of this year, I had the absolute privilege to be part of the Sanitarium World Vision Scholarship. With the sole focus being on the Syrian refugee crisis we embraced the social justice issues in our world and in our own home. With disconcerting facts like one in four kiwi children live in poverty, how can we sit back and allow this to continue? During the week students found their voice, and realised what a difference one drop in the ocean can make. A quote that really stood out for me throughout the week was, "A leader's courage to fulfil his vision comes from passion, not position." John C Maxwell. I look forward to next year's 40 hour famine! *Theresa Dempsey*



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YEAR 8 WORLD VISION SCHOLARSHIP DAY: A REPORT BACK..

On Wednesday 16 September 2015, 4 students from Year 8 were selected to represent Sancta Maria College at the World Vision 40hr Famine Scholarship Day. The students selected to represent Sancta Maria College were Miyuki Muraki, Lorenzo Cruz, Eseta Verheyen and Josh Riddle. We had the opportunity to realise what life is like in Bangladesh and how it is to survive. We got to see behind the scenes of what World Vision does to make all these things possible.

Going to the Year 8 World Vision Scholarship Day was an eye opener for us because it shows how we simply take a lot of things for granted and to see how our lives are totally different from children in Bangladesh. We were inspired by Uppi and her story because she had the opportunity to go to the main countries that World Vision supports. She told us many stories and experiences that she has been through. We had to play a simulation game where all the students had to experience what life is like in Bangladesh and how hard it is to work, to live, to get medical care and to go to school. In Bangladesh there are many harmful diseases that kill a hundred people each day including children. Many children and adults have a mixture of wheat and water each day as a main meal. This isn't a proper meal because it's only carbohydrates and they get a very small amount. In Bangladesh, most children go to school without breakfast and lunch due to lack of food and water. We learnt that entering borders is an extremely difficult thing because there are so many rules and doing something slightly wrong will get you put into jail instantly. Even cutting in line will get you into jail.

Miyuki: *"At the 40hr Famine Scholarship Day I learnt a range of information about what 40hr famine does and where all the money goes to. I also was able to see a range of perspectives on what people think about the children in Bangladesh. I was really inspired by all the stories and experiences that the World Vision volunteered had shared."*

Lorenzo: *"I thought it was pretty amazing experience to learn a range of experiences that the volunteers have shared and how hard it is to survive with all the harsh diseases and rules."*

Eseta: *"It was an amazing experience and I learnt how our lives are completely different to how we live here. We learnt that we take a lot of things for granted. I learnt that children in Bangladesh goes to school where there is no desks, no chairs, no books or any stationary. I personally learnt that just taking part in the 40hr famine change many how many people live in Bangladesh."*

Josh: *"I learnt and experienced how people in Bangladesh live because during the simulation game it taught me that people have to live by very harsh rules. In Bangladesh there aren't a large amount of clean food, proper food, stationary and simple needs that we have everyday."*

Please see link for photos and video clip

<https://goo.gl/TPjx7o> (video clip)

<https://goo.gl/7qjang> (photos)

**DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS
AND PRESENTATION OF TU KAHIKATEA AWARDS**

AM I READY?

HOSTED BY:
East Region

WHEN:
7:00pm
29 November 2015

WHERE:
St Patrick's Cathedral

CELEBRANT:
Monsignor Bernard Kiely
Cathedral Administrator & Vicar General



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2016 START DATES

The following are the start dates for teachers for 2016: (Schools cannot legally start until 1 February for 2016).

Wednesday 27 January	New Staff Induction morning – selected staff
Thursday 28 January	Teacher only day
Monday 1 February	Auckland Anniversary Day
Tuesday 2 February	Year 12&13 students 9am – 2pm; Year 7 & 8 parent student conferences
Wednesday 3 February	Year 11-13 students 9am – 2pm; Year 7 & 8 parent student conferences
Thursday 4 February	All Year 7 – 13 students 8.30am – 3.15pm (welcome powhiri)
Friday 5 February	All Year 7 – 13 students 8.30am – 3.15pm
Monday 8 February	Waitangi Day Observance
Friday 25– Tues 29 March	Easter
Friday 15 April	Last day of term.

The last day of the year will be around Wednesday 14 December - to be confirmed.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

This year has been a good one for the Guidance Department with Caroline Emery as our second counsellor, and Heinrich Makkink as our intern. This has given students more choice and we see by the numbers of students who self-refer, and students who refer or bring friends to see us, that we are continuing to make ourselves more accessible.

Bullying is in the News a lot these days so it is high on our list of priorities. It relates to developmental factors as students grow and learn new social skills in the school setting. Issues for each year group are predictable and often relate to a falling out between friends. Most difficulties resolve by Year 11 by which time a measure of maturity is attained and friendship groups have settled into comfortable routines. There are many initiatives in the school that contribute to a more peaceful social environment, from anti-bullying surveys to special assemblies and clever homeroom teachers who know their students and often manage to defuse tensions. In Guidance we constantly check if students feel they are being harassed or bullied. Almost invariably they say they are not. When I asked a student recently why he thought this was so, he replied, "Oh it's the values Miss. The values we learn at this school."

In 2016 we will introduce a programme, Friends for Life, in Years 7 and 8, that is used around the world to build Emotional Literacy and Positive Social Skills. This programme is recommended by the Education Review Office and has been subject to many studies demonstrating effectiveness. We hope this will upskill our students and prevent many of the tensions that arise. It should also help to prepare them for confident entry into the senior school. At home parents can help by being aware of their children's on-line lives, as this is where many problems originate.

We wish you all an orderly end to the school year and a restful and happy time with your families over the summer break.



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PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMME

2016 has seen another year of fun-filled and hard work from our Year 11 and 12 Peer Support Student Leaders.

At the start of this, Year 12 Peer Support Student Leaders took part in a full day of training with the Peace Foundation on peer mediation skills as well as reinforcing key values of the Peer Support Programme. Students learnt to how to build a sense of rapport with their peers and younger peers; how to communicate; how to listen and how to become mediators. It was a fun-filled and learning day the Student Leaders.

While Year 11 Peer Support Leaders had their own after school training where they have worked on group building, group-leading, peer-mentoring with teachers in charge. Students were introduced to the principle and values of the Peer Support Programme. They were set with high expectation and challenge for the year.

Marking the end of the year programme were the Year 11 Peer Support Sing-Off competition where all Year 7s had made their Homeroom teachers and their Peer Support Leaders proud by belting out hearty tunes of meaningful and heart-felt lyrics with artistry swinging and swaying to the rhythm of their songs. Each determined to be the best! It was an inspiring experience to watch and a 'speechlessly proud' moment for the teachers in charge.

Not to be out-done, the Year 12 Peer Support Dance-Off was a dynamic, groovy and electrifying atmosphere. Each Homeroom along with their Student Leaders and Homeroom teacher, was ready to thrill their audience and their Homeroom peer competitors with their performance that designed to show-off their creative flair of rhythm and steps and their Homeroom togetherness moment. Each Homeroom resolved to be the winner of 2015 Year 12 Peer Support Dance Off trophy, beautifully crafted by a senior student, Christopher Maher. It was a breath-taking experience to watch that has inspired a greater sense of 'ALL OF US'. We were proud of them all!

OUR WARM CONGRATULATIONS THE WINNING HOMEROOMS

2015 Winner of Year 11 Peer Support 'Sing-off' is **7BRN**

<https://goo.gl/dNzjo9>

2015 Winner of Year 12 Peer Support 'Dance-Off' is **8CLE**

<https://goo.gl/o4pidd>





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NETBALL 2016

Preparations are under way for the 2016 netball season. The club is unable to provide top quality coaching for our teams without the support of parents. If you would like to coach or manage a team in 2016, could you please contact Janet Williams (j.williams@sanctamaria.school.nz) or Janette Vercoe (j.vercoe@sanctamaria.school.nz) to obtain an application form. We look forward to hearing from new and existing netball parents.

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

Wallace Trust Secondary Schools Art Awards

Congratulations to Jamie-Anne Dick and Dean Talavera for getting through to the finalist exhibition for the Wallace Trust Art Awards. The awards ceremony took place on Monday 21st September at the Pah Homestead. This was an inspiring event that was attended by students from all over NZ with their families and friends.



Auckland Art Teachers Exhibition

All of the SMC Art Department Staff submitted work into the Auckland Art Teachers Exhibition this year. This was held at Te Uru Gallery at Titirangi which is a beautiful new space in Titirangi Village.

Senior Art Folio Board Display

We are celebrating the immense amount of effort, organization and creativity that senior Art students put into their Art folio boards by showcasing them all in a large group exhibition. You are warmly invited to join us in this celebration. This event will take place on Tuesday 8th December from 4pm till 7pm, in the Art Department. All NCEA Levels will be on display. We look forward to seeing you all there.





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LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Assessment Language Competence Certificates (ALC) in Japanese/French: LEARNING SUCCESS

The Assessment of Language Competence Certificates is a program designed to celebrate and enhance the learning of Languages in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region with the focus on reading and listening comprehension skills.

A warm CONGRATULATIONS to the following students:

Assessment of Languages Competence Certificate 1

High Distinction Christopher Dee (French) Joshua Fernandes (Japanese) Hayley Kevern (Japanese) Gabriel Nito (Japanese) Dale Sasis (Japanese)	Distinction Kelvin Chan (Japanese) Yang Hong Chen (Japanese) Kate Gaabucayan (Japanese) Alex Lam Po Tang (Japanese)
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DEPARTMENT

SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE IS LOOKING FOR WARM, WELCOMING HOST FAMILIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

You can host for short periods of a few weeks or for a year or more. Some of our students are on short-term tours while others are at the College to study through to the end of their schooling.

WHAT HOSTING IS ABOUT?

Sancta Maria College believes that the best way to learn another language and culture is by complete immersion. Our school based programmes are complemented by the Homestay experience. Rather than being treated as a guest, we ask that students be treated as a member of the host family participating fully in their host family's life. We are committed to providing our students with outstanding, quality host families. All potential host families must complete Police Vetting Forms. An in-home interview is conducted, preferably with all members of the family and the interviewer also ensures that the accommodation is acceptable. Our coordinators provide support to host families and students throughout the duration of the programme.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR?

Families who:

- Have a genuine interest in learning about other cultures.
- Have space to include another family member.
- Have enough time for appropriate supervision and regular interaction with the student. Are flexible and able to maintain a sense of humour.
- Are willing to promote NZ by providing opportunities for international students to discover and experience our culture first hand.
- Consist of at least two related family members.
- Use English as their first language.
- Will provide three meals per day and snacks. This includes a packed lunch on school days.
- Can provide a private bedroom for the student.



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DIFFERENT KINDS OF HOMESTAY

Our short-term students are generally from Japan and China and are part of groups visiting NZ. Our long term students are on exchange from their home country. They have self-selected because of their interest in New Zealand and in the English language. They have been accepted as an international student only after careful screening both in their home country and by Sancta Maria College.

SUPPORTING THE HOMESTAY SITUATION

Rosemary Gillies, Director of International Students and Regina Anderson, Homestay Co-ordinator oversee the homestay for the duration of the student's stay. Rosemary and Regina select the homestay and then provide pastoral care overseeing the welfare of the student(s) in addition to maintaining regular contact with the family and school. It is important to remember that students are teenagers and may occasionally need guidance and advice. They are bound by strict rules and guidelines.

We also provide a brief report on the student and their progress which is sent to our overseas agent and then to their parents.

If you are interested in hosting, please contact our Homestay Co-Ordinator Regina Anderson by email r.anderson@sanctamaria.school.nz.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Summer Reading – free for students to sign up

Following on from the success of last year's programme, the library will offer students the opportunity to borrow library books and keep up their reading habit over the upcoming summer holidays.

This year the programme is free to all students. Follow this link for further information <http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/WebSpace/7946/>. Registration forms can be downloaded from this page or collected from the library. Students have the option of selecting their own books or requesting a mystery selection which will be issued at the end of term.

If you have any queries, please contact the library staff by phone or email library@sanctamaria.school.nz

LIBRARY CLOSES FOR REMAINDER of 2015

From Monday 30 November until 9 December, the library will be completely closed to students. This will affect everyone who uses the library before and after school.

All books are now due back and can be left in the returns bin by the library entrance.



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CAREERS DEPARTMENT NEWS

From Study Link

Information on applying for Student Loans and Allowances for our school leavers:

It is recommended Year 13 students planning on tertiary study next year to apply before 16 December. Click on www.studylink.govt.nz to find out more information and see the links below for verifying identity.

When someone applies to us for the first time, we require a range of information – this includes proving identity. First time applicants can do this by using [RealMe](#). Students can sign up online for their [RealMe verified identity](#) and then get a free photo taken to complete the process at [participating PostShops](#). This means students can prove who they are without having to provide copies of a passport or birth certificate.

By applying early, students will allow enough time for all the steps in the application process to be completed before their course starts.

It's not necessary for students to have their NCEA results or have locked down all their study plans. Their application can be updated as things are confirmed.

StudyLink Team

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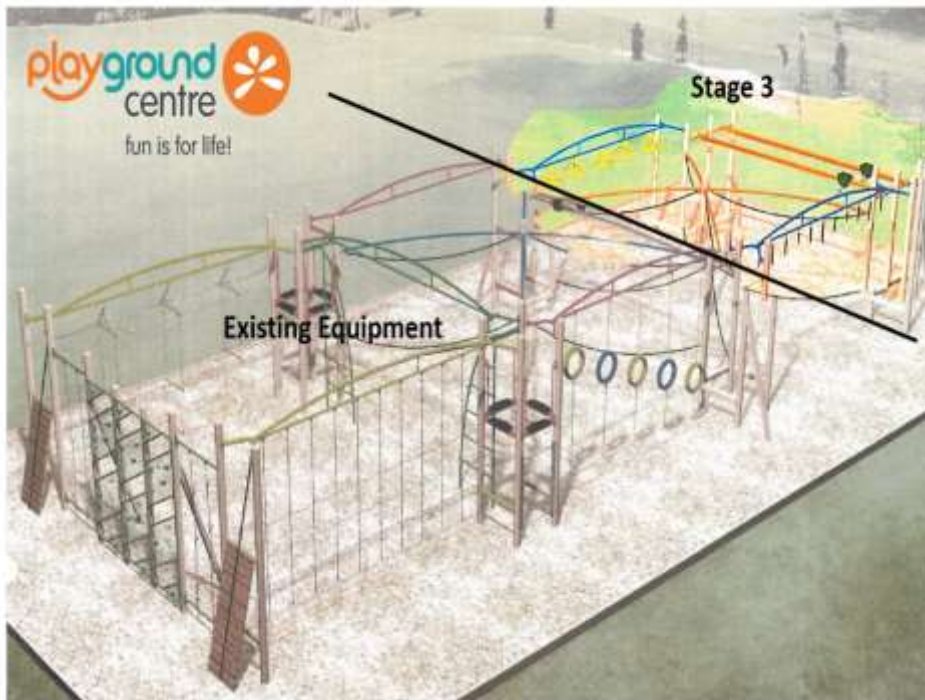


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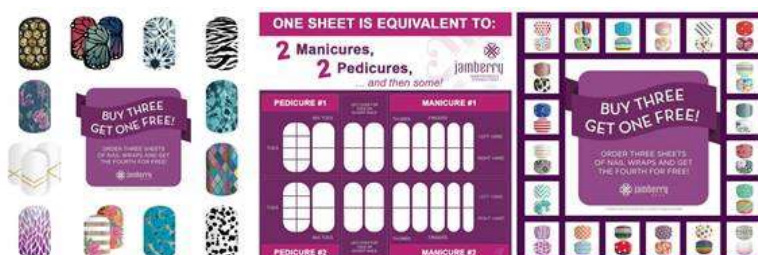
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