



Pink Shirt Day, Anti-Bullying Week 2019



From the Spiritual and Educational Leader

Kia ora Tātou, Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

"Gratitude is a flower that blooms in noble souls." (Pope Francis)

In the words of St Paul 'Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'

In school assemblies, we take time to pray, sing praise and understand the scripture message that has been conveyed. We also take time to unpack a school value and/or virtue and relate it to what we can all do on a daily basis to live and act out that value and virtue. Recently, the focus has been on 'gratitude.' Giving thanks, being appreciative and being grateful can turn any situation around and makes us examine our outlook and attitude, what we give of ourselves to others. There is power in a thankful heart.

We concluded with the Five Finger Prayer (Pope Francis)

1. The thumb is the closest finger to you. Start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember.
2. The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
3. The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick, or those plagued by problems. They need our prayers.
5. Our smallest finger, our 'pinkie' should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.

With Gratitude, we thank the Outgoing Board of Trustees

At a special event held recently, we acknowledged the contribution made by the outgoing Board of Trustees and Proprietor's Representatives.

In particular, we farewelled two longer-serving members, Mrs Sue Kubala and Mr Mark Sim-Smith. Sue has given 15 years of wonderful service to our school community. For the past fifteen years, Sue has been a Proprietor's Representative and served on the Special Character and Human Resources Committees. Mark Sim-Smith, a Proprietor's Representative for the past six years, has seen him serving on the Special Character, Finance and Property Committees.

We thank all Trustees and Proprietor Representatives for their responsible stewardship which each has carried out with a high level of commitment and energy. Recent reviews have commented on the board being highly functional and highly effective. They leave us in a very healthy position for moving forward.

To those leaving, 'thank you' and we wish you well Sue Kubala, Mark Sim-Smith, Llewellyn McGivern, Hazel dela Cruz, Soo Park, and Llewellyn McGivern.



NZQA Managing National Assessment Review

Recently, our school has undergone its usual 3-year cycle of review and we are awaiting the draft report. Special thanks to Mrs Anita Heffernan (Deputy Principal, Curriculum) who has oversight of this review and Mrs Stickland who is the Principal's Nominee. The review is very thorough and extensive documentation was prepared. Meetings with Senior Leadership, Heads of Department and other staff was part of this process.

The purpose and scope of the review, seeks to establish that the school maintains effective assessment systems and ensures valid assessment for national qualifications, NCEA especially. In combination with our most recent Education Review Office report, the review will confirm whether the school is meeting the expected requirements. The report will make suggestions for the school to consider in order to enhance good assessment practice and any agreed actions where an issue may have been identified.

The verbal report back to us was very positive and we look forward to receiving the draft report soon.

Tomorrow's Schools Update

Cabinet has decided to extend the tenure of the Tomorrow's Schools Independent Taskforce. Its report back time that was to be delivered by 30 April is now due later this month. The Secretariat received well in excess of 5,000 responses from the public consultation coming from written submissions, online survey, using the 0800 number and a petition with over 600 signatories.

The Minister of Education recently addressed the Auckland Secondary Principal's group, and in response to the consultation, has expressed that there will be some further thinking around some of the ideas that were part of the consultation.

The NCEA Review

The National Certificates of Educational Achievement (NCEA) was introduced between 2002-2004. They are our major school leaving qualification. While NCEA is traditionally seen as a schooling qualification, many learners get NCEA in other settings, like tertiary education organisations, or in work places through industry training.

In 2018, a review took place. Sector meetings are taking place to understand more fully and discuss the changes being proposed. There has been a real effort to bring together as many people to help co-design the future of NCEA for our young people. The big ideas include:

- Keep NCEA Level 1 as an optional level.
- Show clearer pathways to further education and employment.
- Simplify NCEA's structure.
- Have fewer, larger standards.
- Make NCEA more accessible.
- Equal status for matauranga Maori in NCEA.
- Strengthen literacy and numeracy requirements.

The guiding principles for this work will see a set of criteria against which to assess proposals for change:

- Wellbeing – assessing what learners know is balanced with the right workload for both students and teachers.
- Inclusion and equity – every student deserves the same high quality learning opportunities to succeed.
- Coherence – learning helps students develop the knowledge, core skills, and capabilities they need so that they can succeed in life.
- Pathways – students, families and whanau can make informed choices about individual pathways through education.
- Credibility – students will have a meaningful qualification that employers, tertiary providers and the community can trust.

Teacher Only Day (Monday 22 July)

You will note from your start of year information that our Term 3 Teacher Only Day is the first Monday following the July-Holiday break. The purpose of this day is for staff to engage in a Special Character focus.

With Blessings

Louise Moore

From the the Board Chairperson

Following the recent election, we warmly welcome the following:



(Back) Francesca Adams (Student Rep), Joanne Al-Rubaie (Staff Rep), David Smith (Parent Rep), Dominic Carlos (Bishop's Rep), Stuart Zhi-Sheng (Parent Rep), Kane Raukura

(Front) Ilona Bokuniewicz (Parent Rep), Warren Brabant (Chairperson), Louise Moore (Principal), Leanne Farmer (Parent Rep), Amelia Chambers (Parent Rep)

At the Board Meeting this week, I was re-elected Chairperson and Mrs Amelia Chambers was elected Deputy Chairperson. Following discussion on the work carried out by committees, the following representatives will serve on the following:

Finance & Property:	Warren Brabant, Louise Moore, Ilona Bokuniewicz, Joanne Al-rubaie, David Smith, Stuart Zhi-Sheng
Human Resources:	Amelia Chambers, Louise Moore, Leanne Farmer, Stuart Zhi-sheng
Special Character:	Amelia Chambers, Louise Moore, Dominic Carlos, Kane Raukara
Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)	Amelia Chambers and Leanne Farmer
Health and Safety	David Smith

The SMC School Board works in partnership with the Ministry of Education and are accountable for student achievement first and foremost. They achieve this by providing an environment for the delivery of quality educational outcomes. Boards are responsible for ensuring they focus their strategic planning on improving student achievement and teaching and learning programmes for all students, especially for those students who are not achieving to their full potential.

We were delighted with the quality of people who came forward for these elections, and thank everyone for their interest in the college and wishing to serve for the greater good of those involved, particularly our young people.

Warren Brabant

Chairperson

Special Character

Newly commissioned Ministers of the Eucharist

At our recent Feast Day Mass Father Kevin Murphy SM and Father Craig Dunford commissioned 24 new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from our senior student body. Each new minister has made a commitment to serve both our Eucharistic Community and their own parish as well.

Feast Day Mass



Updates on Mother Teresa Service Awards

The Mother Teresa Service Program is gaining momentum, with over three thousand hours of school and neighbourhood service logged so far by our students! Parents, please encourage your children to complete their five hours of service per term. If any parents have any service opportunities they would like to publicise, please forward them to me at c.piggin@sanctamaria.school.nz or to Mr Piggin at c.piggin@sanctamaria.school.nz

Service to OSLOS on Catholic Schools Day

This Catholic Schools Day our Yr Seven students travelled to Our Lady Star of the Sea School to join with Sancta Maria Catholic Primary and St Mark's School for a special Mass to celebrate unity in Christ. Students then shared lunch, games, and our students gave out personalised book marks to the Year One and Two classes.



Congratulations to all new Ministers!

Francesca Abesamis	Stella Kwon
Francesca Adams	Kaya Lal
Kristel Balatero	Eden Lucas
Chloe Capati	Alex McGivern
Sydney Causar	Joseph Muckada
Anthony Chen	Angelo Rodrigues
Gerard Domingo	Allyson Ropati
Alleana Eustaquio	Maverick Ryan
Herschele Hendricks	Christian Stolten
Jean Joseph	Owen Tamayo
Jerome Joseph	Ofelia Taulisi
Anisa Konelio	Angelo Tienzo
	Kendall Warren

Comparative Religion Speakers

The College recently welcomed representatives of our local Buddhist and Muslim faith communities to talk to our Year 12 students to support their learning in the World Religions topic of the National Curriculum. Our students learned a lot about their perspectives, and this allowed them to reflect more on our Catholic faith tradition as well.



Year 12 Retreat

Year 12 students gathered for their Annual Retreat at the Holy Family Catholic Centre on Wednesday the 12th of June. Our theme for the retreat was “With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive”, and the students completed both group activities and individual reflection to help them to see they are a gift from God to the world, and that the world needs their gifts!



The Pope’s Astronomer addresses senior students

Brother Guy Consolmagno SJ, Director of the Vatican Observatory came to Sancta Maria College to address senior students from East and South Auckland Catholic Schools



Fundraising Concert for St. Luke’s Parish



Welcome ceremony for the Catholic Review Team



Chaplain's Corner

Fr Kevin Murphy, s.m.

Let There Be Light

In the beginning
God said, 'Let there be light' and there were colours.
The technicolour world was created;
Blue seas, green trees, and red sunsets.

In the image of light,
God created humanity, male and female in all colours.
And God said, "It is very good."

One day, God said, "Let there be love."
And child was born whose name was Light.
"I am the light of the world," He said,
"If you love me you shall not walk in darkness."
By this light, humanity was liberated.
The blind received sight
And to the poor, the Good News came.

In the image of Light, God created hearts.
One day a heart was strangely warmed and enlarged.
Large enough to embrace the globe.
Warm enough to make the world a parish.
An inclusive church was born.

Today, God says, "Let there be hope."
Beholding the rainbow of covenant
Suspended from the cross to the empty tomb
The light of the dawn is here.
Giving hope to all.

Today we celebrate the light, celebrate the hope
In unity and diversity
Because of the Light, the Cross, and the Heart,
For the Shalom of the world.
Together we will build the future in hope.

Today we sing songs in all tongues
We dance in the movement of all cultures
We pray the prayer of all races
We celebrate the diversity, affirm our oneness
In Christ, the Light, in whom
There is no east of west, black or white,
But one people of the technicolour world.

For God makes all things new, and all things good.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
Amen.

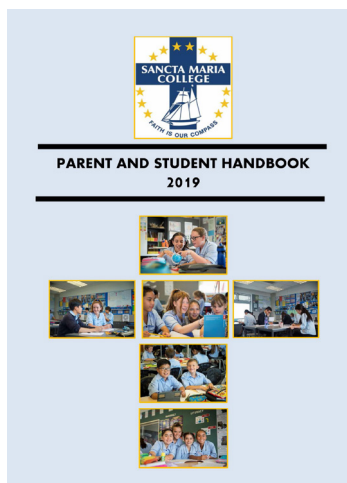


Pastoral Corner

Be an Upstander, not a Bystander!

As you can see from the pictures, Sancta Maria held a highly successful Bullying Free New Zealand Week, culminating with our amazing Pink Shirt Day on the Friday.

Did you know that young people have 50% more chance of stopping bullying at school than a teacher does, by standing up and telling the bully that it's not ok? Therefore our theme this year was "put a stop to bullying ... be an upstander not a bystander". Upstanders are the people who know that what is happening is wrong and they do something to make it right. We all know it takes real courage to speak up on someone else's behalf! During the week, Year Level Deans developed and coordinated activities for students to learn for themselves how to be effective upstanders.



Parent and Student Handbook

The handbook has been developed as a reference resource for parents, caregivers and students and contains key information about our college.

It is recommended that you take the time to go through the handbook with your child so that all of us have a clear and shared understanding of our college's values, standards and expectations.

Any questions or clarifications please get back to me at the email listed below.

John Rogers, Senior Leader - Pastoral Care
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Career Central

There are a number of information evenings and events coming up that relate to tertiary and trades study for students. We encourage parents/care-givers to go to these events with students to gain a better understanding of what they have to offer.

Victoria University Wellington	Information Evening: Wednesday 3 July – 6.30–8.30PM Ellerslie Event Centre, 80 Ascot Ave, Remuera, Auckland https://www.victoria.ac.nz/study/events-visits/first-year-information-evenings
University of Auckland	Thursday 4th & Friday 5th July, Women in Engineering - Enginuity 2019 A new 2-day programme for Y13 students https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/engineering/study-with-us/women-in-engineering.html
Techtorium Open Day	Saturday 6th July Level 3, 182 Broadway, Newmarket www.techtorium.ac.nz
AUT Art & Portfolio Day	AUT IGNITE - North Campus 9 July - South Campus 10 July - City Campus 11 July www.aut.ac.nz/future-students-events
University of Canterbury Open Day	Thursday 11 July 2019, Time: 9am – 5pm The University of Canterbury invites all future students and their families to the 2019 UC Open Day. Come and learn how we help our students become graduates who are prepared to make a difference. Register Online - https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/open-days/
Auckland University Faculty of Education and Social Experience Day	Epsom Campus Thursday 8 August 9.30 – 2pm Faculty of Education and Social Experience Day at our Epsom Campus, University of Auckland. Experience Day is a practical and engaging way for secondary school students who have an interest in primary and early childhood teaching, social work or sports, health and PE, to get a taste of life as a University student. This event will give participants the chance to visit our campus, experience different subjects in a day and meet some of our current students. Students are welcome to register any time: https://experience-day-edsw.eventbrite.co.nz
Massey University Albany Campus	Albany Campus Open Day – Saturday 24 August 9.00-3.00 Located on the North Shore, this campus is the home of innovation. As a student here, you're just a short drive away from the city lights and downtown lifestyle of central Auckland, New Zealand's largest and most exciting city. Register: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/about-massey/events/open-days/open-days_home.cfm
Auckland University Open Day	Saturday 31st August - Auckland University OPEN DAY https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/about-us/about-the-university/equity-at-the-university/about-equity/equity-news-and-events/student-events-.html
AUT Open Day	AUT Open Day Saturday 31st August – AUT LIVE Open Day www.aut.ac.nz/future-students-events
UNITEC Open Day	MT Albert Campus Open Day, Saturday 7TH September 9.30-3.00 https://www.unitec.ac.nz/about-us/open-day
Univeristy of Auckland	Engineer her Future #2: On the Job Thursday 12th September 6:00 - 8:00 pm https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/engineering/study-with-us/women-in-engineering.html
NZ College of Chiropractic Open Day	12 October, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm http://chiropractic.ac.nz/event/open-day-october-2019/ Open days are an opportunity for prospective students and their friends and families to learn more about a career in chiropractic and find out what it's like to study at the New Zealand College of Chiropractic. What you can look forward to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about chiropractic and how it works • Find out all you need to know to apply • Take a tour of the campus • Attend a technique class to see chiropractic in action • Meet our faculty and students, and get the inside scoop on what it's like to study at the College • Find out about student clubs and associations

Events

2-Jul	History Scholarship Day, Auckland University
3-13 Jul	Samoa Outreach Fieldtrip, Samoa
5-Jul	End of Term 2
21-26 Jul	Y 13 PES Camp, Raurimu, Mt Ruapehu
22-Jul	Staff only day
25-Jul	Late Start
25-Jul	Y 7 - 10 Parent Teacher Meetings
26-Jul	Year 11 Retreat Whole Cohort Korean Catholic Centre
31-Jul	STAND UP STAND OUT Solo Vocal Heat 3
31-Jul	Yr 8 Retreat - 1/2 cohort, Korean Catholic Centre
2-Aug	Year 8 Retreat (1/2 cohort), Korean Catholic Centre
6-Aug	SEZ Netball Champs, Auckland Netball Centre – Morrin Road, Mt Wellington
8-Aug	Mufti Day
8-Aug	Late Start
12-15 Aug	KBB Festival, Parnell Cathedral
14-Aug	Assumption Mass
15-Aug	SEZCross Country Champs, Barry Curtis Park, Flat Bush
13-23 Aug	Senior Practice Exams
23-25 Aug	NZSS Orienteering Champs, Woodhill Forrest, Auckland
19-Aug	STAND UP STAND OUT Semi Final 1, OMAC Otara
19-Aug	APO Big Play, Town Hall
20-Aug	STAND UP STAND OUT Semi Final 2, OMAC Otara
21-22 Aug	Matthex
22-Aug	Late Start
24-Aug	STAND UP STAND OUT Finalist Workshop 1, OMAC Otara
26-6 Aug	Cans for Christmas Collection
27-Aug	SEZ Boys Basketball Champs, Tangaroa College, Otara
29-Aug	SEZ Girls Basketball Champs, Tangaroa College, Otara
30-Aug	Interzone Gymnastics Champs, Waitakere
31-Aug	STAND UP STAND OUT Finalist Workshop 2, OMAC Otara
31 Aug - 7 Sep	Winter Sports Tournament Week
	1st XI Girls Hockey – NZSS Champs, Wanganui
	Premier (U19) Boys Basketball – NZSS AA Premierships, Auckland
	Junior Premier Boys Basketball – NZSS Junior Premierships, Auckland
	Premier Girls Netball – NZSS Upper North Island Champs, Auckland
5-Sep	Late Start
9-13 Sep	New Zealand AIMS Games (Badminton, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Gymnastics, Mountain Biking, Multisport, Netball, Swimming, Table Tennis)
11-Sep	Year 10 Retreat (1/2 Cohort), Korean Catholic Centre
12-15 Sep	NZSS Swimming Champs, Waterworld, Hamilton
13-Sep	Year 10 Retreat (1/2 Cohort), Korean Catholic Centre
13-15 Sep	Rotorua Netball Tournament
17-Sep	Mathematics Common Assessment Task (MCAT)
18-Sep	Family Mass
19-Sep	Piano Fundraiser #3
19-Sep	Late Start
19-Sep	Year 13 Auckland University Course Planning, Auditorium
20-Sep	Team Photos, Auditorium
24-27 Sep	YMCA Camp Adair, Hunua
26-Sep	Y 11 - 13 Parent Teacher Interviews
27-Sep	End Term 3

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