



SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

We have now completed the school year and congratulations again to all those students who were recognised at our recent Prizegiving Ceremonies. I acknowledge and thank staff and parents who have also put a lot of extra work in helping our students succeed.



2016 Starting Back Arrangements and Term 1 Dates

With this communication is the confirmed starting back arrangements and key calendar dates for Term 1. These will also be placed on the website so they can be referred to at any time.

Year 7 & 8 Conferences (9th and 10th March)

This has been shifted from the start of the year to the **9th and 10th March**. The reasons for this are to enable teachers to gather more data in relation to learning and to get to know their students better before meeting with you. The data gathering will help inform the goal setting process. In late February, there will be a communication from the college regarding the arrangements for making an appointment on the 9th or 10th March.

Year 7 Parent Evening (11th March)

Families of Year 7 are invited to a presentation on BYOD, Transition for Students, Meet the Homeroom Teacher, Dean and other key personnel. Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner and join The Senior Leadership Team, Year 7 Homeroom Teachers, Deans and other staff on the grassed area at 5.00 pm. BBQ Sausages will be available (Fundraiser) from this time onwards. At 6.15 pm the presentation will commence in the Auditorium and will finish with the Homeroom Teacher taking you to visit the classroom of your son/daughter. The evening will conclude no later than 7.00 pm.

Staff Farewelled

The following staff are finishing their time at the college and we acknowledge the contribution they have made and wish them well for the future.

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| • Tracy Robins | Overseas Travel |
| • Tim Manson | Returns to Uganda |
| • Michelle Holly | Promotion to Principalship, St Mary's, Northcote |
| • Tony Giles | Promotion to Associate Principal, Rangitoto College |
| • Eileen Allen | Promotion to HOD Chemistry, St Kentigern College |
| • Pam Keegan | Shifting to Whangarei |
| • Roxanne English | St Kentigern College |
| • Brenda Richards | Farm Cove Intermediate |
| • Kristin Roscherr | Marcellin College |
| • Dan Bidwell | Marcellin College |
| • Sherilyn Fraei | St Anne's, Manurewa |
| • Richard Gyde | Retirement |

Finally, I thank you all for your interest through this year, wish you a Blessed Christmas and quality family time throughout the Christmas holiday break and look forward to your continued support next year.

Louise Moore
Principal



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CHAT FROM THE CHAIR DECEMBER 2015

Well what an interesting year this has been! If we were to describe it “business as usual” or “same old, same old” we would be telling fibs.

It has been a year that has rocketed past and along the way we welcomed our new Principal Louise Moore into the school. To keep Louise on her toes she was confronted with an ERO review and a special character review! In addition, the Board and Senior Leadership Team met together one weekend to review our strategic direction and while all this was going on staff and students kept on doing what they do best – teaching and learning.

From the Boards perspective we are very satisfied with the direction the school is taking. We are now moving on from our establishment days and have a distinct future focus. We are addressing contemporary pedagogic issues to ensure our students are provided with the best learning styles and opportunities possible. For our staff, there has been an emphasis on professional learning and development to best equip them in their core business - education. This will continue in 2016.

During the year the college has farewelled a number of staff who have taken up new developmental opportunities in other schools or are moving overseas. While it is always regrettable to lose staff that have made such a contribution to the school, it also reflects positively on the school that their experiences, have prepared them well for promotion and development opportunities within the education sector.

The Human Resources Committee of the Board of Trustees monitor staff recruitment and exiting of staff to ensure we don't have underlying issues leading to resignations and we would always move quickly to address such issues, were they to be identified.

Exams are now over and students, parents and staff all await the results of this year's hard work. At our Leavers' Dinner last week, we officially farewelled our group of year 13 students. It was interesting to note the intended career pathways of these young adults. It confirmed for me that we have an environment in our school which is without doubt giving them the confidence to choose meaningful and challenging careers. The choices appeared to cover a significant range of professions and trades. I am encouraged that they have the confidence to make these choices and I wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Finally then, my thanks to everyone for your support of the College this year. On behalf of the Board I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas. We will continue to look for your support and involvement with the College in 2016.

Season's Greetings.

Brendan Ryan
Chairperson
Sancta Maria College
Board of Trustees.



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2016 STARTING BACK ARRANGEMENTS AND KEY TERM 1 DATES

January

16	Uniform Shop Opens and details below for other days/times
25	College Office Opens (9 am to 3 pm)
28	Teacher Only Day (8.30 am)

February

1	Auckland Anniversary Day
2	Yrs 12 & 13 students (9 am to 2 pm) Assemble in Auditorium Buses will not be operating
3	Yrs 11-13 students (9am to 2 pm) Assemble in Auditorium Buses will not be operating
4	ALL STUDENTS (8.40 am to 3.15 pm) On Timetable School buses will operate at usual times Welcome Powhiri – Kapa Haka; Prefect Leaders
5	All students (8.40 am to 3.15 pm)
8	Waitangi Day Observance
9	ID, Portrait and Class Photo's (Correct and Tidy Uniform)
10	Ash Wednesday
11	Year 7 Parent Picnic-Dinner and Presentation (5.00 pm start)
16	Celebrating Academic Honours Recipients (8.40 am to 9.05) Parents Welcome
18	Full School Athletics (Parents Welcome throughout the day)
24	Opening Day Mass (10.15 am) Parents Welcome

March

4	Year 13 Retreat Day
9	Yrs 7 & 8 Parent Conferences (2 pm to 5pm)
10	Yrs 7 & 8 Parent Conferences (2 pm to 5 pm)
12	Year 9 Retreat Day
17	Year 8 Retreat Day
23	Open Day
24	College Opening Day Mass (10.15 am)
25-29	Easter

April

8-10	Production Camp (Willow Park)
9	Proposed Aquinas Exchange, Sporting Exchange (Tauranga)
15	Last Day of Term 1

(These dates are subject to change)



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UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES JANUARY 2016

Saturday	16 January	9.30am – 11.00am
Tuesday	19 January	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday	20 January	9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday	21 January	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Saturday	23 January	9.30am – 11.00am**
Tuesday	26 January	7.00am – 8.00am
Wednesday	27 January	8.15am – 9.00am
Thursday	28 January	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Saturday	30 January	9.30am – 11.00am

** The last day for ordering a new uniform through the Uniform Shop is Sat 23rd January. After this date uniforms will need to be purchased directly from the Elizabeth Michael shop at 357 New North Road, Kingsland, ph. 09 358 1680.

PLEASE NOTE

The Uniform Shop is staffed by parent 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

Regular shop hours commence Tue 2 February:

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 8.15-8.45am

Saturdays, 9.30am – 11.00am