



SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whanau

Deus Tempus Retreat

A new retreat experience has been completed over the holiday period by some Year 12 and 13 students. The voluntary retreat, known as 'Deus Tempus' (Latin for 'God's Time') is a four day experience of Christian Community for senior students. Students learn more about themselves, their relationships and their faith. Our RE Department was given this very effective model by St Peter's College in Epsom, who have three similar retreats each year. The retreat is student-led and to assist us with our first-time experience, former prefect leaders from St Peter's College and St Mary's College gave generously of their time to lead the 24 students involved. We acknowledge and thank Pelasio Iaseto-Filo, Gene Paul Kiely, Nierensche Perese-Kuil and Hayley Gordon. These students were expertly supported by four college staff, Mr Cedric Piggin, Mrs Amber Stevens, Mr Omar Tamayo and Ms Makayla Samaeli. We also welcomed and thank Fr Austin Fernanes, Parish Priest at St Mark's Pakuranga who was our Retreat Chaplain. Students from this first retreat will be selected to run the next Sancta Maria Deus Tempus Retreat.

Parents are encouraged to support their sons and daughters who are considering applying to attend the next retreat. It was a remarkable Spirit-filled experience for all involved.

Rosary

In the month of May, Catholics traditionally honour 'The Blessed Virgin Mary'. The Special Character Leadership Group are leading a 10-minute rosary in the Chapel on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays at 8 am and again at 11.05 am, throughout May. There are spare rosary beads and 'How to pray the Rosary' leaflets available. Parents are welcome!

Discussing Your Child's Progress at Parent-Teacher Conference

Thank you to all those that attended. The college is keen to maintain positive relationships with parents, as parents are our important partners in ensuring the best educational outcomes. We aim to make the occasion as productive as possible and hope you left feeling satisfied in knowing the progress of your child(ren) and their achievement so far this year and how they are tracking towards their academic goals, assessments and credits towards their end-of-year qualification. **If you have any concerns about your child's learning, please be in contact with the subject teacher or Year Level Dean. Do not wait until the next Parent-Teacher Conferencing opportunity.**

NCEA Information Evening

The NCEA Information Evening was well attended and provided an opportunity for parents to understand more about NZQA, internal and external assessments, course endorsement, Literacy and Numeracy requirements, GPA's and what your child needs to pass. I trust this was informative.



Upcoming Significant Events

NB: Click the link below for Sancta Maria College Website Portal for calendar details of schoolwide events

<https://portal.sanctamaria.school.nz/student/index.php>

May

31 Feast Day

June

5 Queen's Birthday
6 Teacher Only Day
9 Mufti Day
16 Sancta Maria Day
21 Family Mass
26 BOT Meeting

July

7 End of Term 2



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College Sport

The winter sports programme is well underway and I wish to acknowledge and thank all those volunteers who are supporting a code this season. We wish all our teams competing a successful season.

We have recently compared our 2016 Participation Sports Data with 2017 and are pleased to inform you that there has been an increase in student participation in general, staff and teachers involved in sport and school representatives. Of the 15 codes students are involved in there has been an overall increase in 13 of those sports codes offered. This is promising and shows the positive shift that has occurred since 2016.

Other progress includes further engagement with some identified sports organisations and clubs (Marist Eastern (Years 7/8 age), Auckland and University Hockey, ABSL, Auckland Football/Futsal, Auckland Badminton). There has also been increased coaching education made available to students through the 'Growing Coaches' (Basketball) and 'Coach Development Programme' provided through Sport Auckland and Active. Congratulations and thanks to the Sports Department who have worked hard to achieve this.

The Loves-Me-Not Programme

Forming and maintaining healthy relationships is an educative journey for adolescents. Part of this journey is learning to build on positive relationships with friends and family.

In consultation with our Community Police Liaison, Mr Matt Green (Ormiston Police), Year 12 will participate in a workshop delivered by NZ Police on **Friday 2nd June** that will focus on the student's own Haurora/Wellbeing. If you require more information please contact Mr Rogers (Director of Pastoral Care) on j.rogers@sanctamaria.school.nz

With Blessings

Louise Moore
Principal

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CHAT FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome back! I trust families had a nice holiday and are looking forward to an exciting and productive Term 2.

Further to the school closure on Thursday 13th April that resulted from the heavy and prolonged rain on Wednesday 12th April, and the drains on the driveway entrance to the Campus again experiencing significant flooding, I am pleased to inform you that Auckland Council have found the cause of the blocked drain and removed a pohutukawa tree root that has been growing in the drain. We trust that this has been the core reason for the flooding and are hopeful that the problem has now been resolved.



Thank you for your understanding.

Warren Brabant
Chairman, BOT

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

God Understands

God knows all about you.
He has access to the Real You
That No one else can see or know
Unless you let them in.

God knows you.
He knows your heart.
He understands your
Hurts and disappointments,
Your fears and apprehensions.

He know how you
Struggle
In bondage to sin, and
He understands.

He can be your most intimate friend.
Talk to Him
Listen to Him.

He really does understand.

"The best part of you, is who you are inside".



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SPECIAL CHARACTER

ANZAC Parade

The College prefects gathered in formal school uniform on Stockade Hill to recognize ANZAC Day.



Together with members of staff – Ms Moore, Mr Vickers and Mrs Heffernan, the prefects paid tribute to those who fell in battle and those who served their country in time of war. During the moving ceremony John and Gemma our Head Boy and Head Girl laid a wreath at the foot of the cenotaph.

They joined in the service held on Stockade Hill, Howick, recognizing the heroism and sacrifice of so many, that we might live in peace today.

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Mufti day and bake sale – every \$1 makes a difference

Mufti day is a day when all students are able to come to school in casual wear instead of their usual school uniform. For this privilege each student is asked to donate a gold coin to a good cause.

The money that has been raised by this mufti day will go toward helping to bring disabled children from Iran to St Addai church in north Auckland. Over here these young people will be educated and helped with their disabilities so that they can have a better future and be integrated into society.

The proceeds from the very successful bake sale are to be shared between the St John ambulance service, which is so vital to the wider community, and our College Environment Team, who are raising funds for a new filtered water station for the school. *Raynah D'silva*



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Kayla's A Country Star

Musicians from Sancta Maria College took part in the inaugural Young Star Music Awards, a competition organized by the Eastern Districts Country Music Club. After a qualifying round, our best seven acts took part in the finals at Buckland's Beach Memorial Hall.

A real mix of ages were represented by our acts: High Voltage (Rad Atienza, Rueben Ferguson, Sean Hancock and Laurence Stewart) played a Johnny Cash song called 'One piece at a time', Erin Wahl gave a fine rendition of Dolly Parton's 'Jolene', then members of our Junior Choir performed Taylor Swift's 'Our Song' under the guise of The Junior Singers.



Four other choristers, Maddi Blincoe, Hannah Dangan, Jade Pereira and Paris Stephens sang John Denver's classic 'Country Roads', then three of our senior choristers (Maris Balili, Audrie Mamaradlo, Anna Nguyen) sang the Dixie Chicks' song 'Travellin' Soldier'. Not to be outdone were Jewel Kimi, who sang 'The Climb' and Kayla Kippen who gave a country twang to Lady Gaga's 'A Million Reasons'.

All performances were well received by a large audience of country music enthusiasts who saw Kayla take home the first prize and a trophy that will sit in the school's cabinet with pride of place. We would like to thank the organizers for making this such a marvellous event and Sancta Maria College can be very proud of its fine young musicians. We look forward to competing again in 2018.

Stuart Gibbs
Head of Music

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Debating

The Zonta debate is an annual debate held between Sancta Maria College and Botany College, and hosted by Zonta International. The debate is always on a women's issue, and Sancta Maria College had not won in the last eight years.

However, this year, our team changed that. Danica Loulie-Wijtenburg (Year 11), Julia Tenedero (Year 13) and Elizabeth Leaning (Year 13) made up our team that was negating the topic that "Issues for women in America are not issues for women in New Zealand".

Although the team agreed strongly with the position they'd been given, they were also severely disadvantaged due to the makeup of the team. They would be against Botany's team of Year 13s who compete in the Premier Advanced Grade (one grade above our highest competitor). Nevertheless, the team made strong points about the universality of women's rights, and were given a little bit of an edge by the fact that the opposing team only had one girl in it.



The adjudicators unanimously determined Sancta Maria College as the winners by an extensive margin, securing the Zonta Shield for our school. The team was incredibly proud of their success, and hopes to continue working with Zonta to bring some of their initiatives into the school environment. *Elizabeth Leaning*

Nicola Bebelman, a natural at figure skating

Most people like to play the usual sports like netball, basketball or soccer. However, Year 11 student Nicola Bebelman participates in a sport that isn't so popular – Figure skating. Yes it is a sport and in fact is part of the Winter Olympics. Nicola is an exceptionally talented skater and is currently a part of the Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club (AIFSC).

She joined skate school at the age of 10 and when she was 11 years old joined synchronized ice skating which is when there are 8-20 skaters, depending on the level, skating together in a team. They usually move together as one whilst doing different types of footwork. Her teams name is 'Black Ice' and most of them have been skating together for 4 years. Nicola works very hard in order to be at her best and trains not only on Wednesday mornings and Friday nights, but also when everyone else is still sleeping she trains from 6am-8:45am every Saturday.

When training off the ice her team works on lifts, strength and flexibility. It sounds like a gruelling job to get up early to train on the weekend but Nicola has the passion and drive and is definitely reaping the rewards. Just last year she competed in her first overseas competition with her synchro team in Sydney. She has also skated for the opening of the famous 'Disney on Ice' three times.

The main skills in skating include spins, jumps and turns and for solo skating Nicola is currently working on her routine for when competitions begin and on the skills for her next test.



In synchro she is practicing the choreography for this year's programme and is training towards qualifying for the Nationals in Dunedin. *Shontelle Matano*



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PARENT INFORMATION

2017 | 2018 Entertainment Book Available Now

Support Sancta Maria College by buying the NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Membership. Filled with hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, your purchase will also be helping our fundraising at the same time. Follow the link to the Sancta Maria page, <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/966n29> or you can call into the Uniform Shop and purchase a book there. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**
Robyn Leaning

ALONE AGAIN? Widowed, Separated or Divorced? The Beginning Experience's is a non-profit organization with the motto a "Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. The participants find new hope, increased emotional health and renewed energy. Date Friday evening 19-21 May 2017. Cost \$245 or early bird price of \$195 if paid by 5 May. Includes accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol evenings 09 428-4445 or visit www.beginningexperience.org.nz

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CONDITIONS- Learning support department

Volunteers Needed For Reader/Writers At The College

A small team of dedicated Teacher-aides and volunteers at Sancta Maria College offer students with diagnosed learning difficulties the opportunity to have Special Assessment Conditions (SAC) for internals and assessments. I am currently need to recruit more volunteers to assist in the Learning Support Department during tests. A Reader/writer needs to have a legible handwriting, and good literacy skills. To express an interest, kindly email Lucretia Bell, HOD of Learning Support at l.bell@sanctamaria.school.nz. Training and support will be offered.

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CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Careers Evening Cancellation

We were disappointed that we had to cancel our Careers Fair last term. We have a number of opportunities in place so that the students are not disadvantaged with their career planning.

Careers Information Evening Tuesday 30th May Ormiston College.

Ormiston College has kindly invited students and parents from Year 12 upwards from Sancta Maria College to attend their evening. This event runs from 6pm to 8pm and there will also be presentations from various institutions. More details will follow. If you would like to attend this event please rsvp to Lucy Rogers l.rogers@sanctamaria.school.nz by Tuesday 23rd May.

NZ Careers Expo

The NZ Careers Expo is at ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane from 25th- 27th May. For more information please see www.careersexpo.org.nz.

Tertiary Presentations

The year 13 students will be invited to attend presentations from various tertiary providers during their study periods this term. The following have been booked and confirmed but there will be more to follow. Year 12 students may attend these presentations. Year 12 students need to register their interest at The Careers Centre.

Provider	Date and Time	Venue
The University of Auckland	Friday 19 th May -9am	Auditorium
Victoria University	Weds 24 th May- 2.15pm	Quiet Room Library
AUT University	Friday 2 nd June-9am	Auditorium

Please note for students year 11 and below we will be holding the Careers Fair next year. If you have any questions about these opportunities please contact Lucy Rogers on 274- 4081 ext 227 or email l.rogers@sanctamaria.school.nz

Off-site Tertiary/ Industry Events 2017

The aim is to provide first-hand experience and up to date information to students, parents and whanau. They are an opportunity to look around campuses and companies, find out about the support services, talk to staff and to find out what it is like to study the different courses offered or to work in a particular industry. The dates for these events will be added as they are confirmed. Mrs Munday in the Career Centre has the registration forms and information for any events that have *** next to them. These require permission slips from parents and teachers for students to attend.

Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 May	Massey University Information Evenings http://bit.ly/2pQBZAY
Friday 19 May	Waikato University Open Day www.waikato.ac.nz/events/openday/
Friday 19 May	MIT Sport and Exercise Science Experience Day ***
Wednesday 24 May	Year 12 KATTI "Leadership" Programme ***
Thursday 25 May	University of Canterbury Info Evening www.canterbury.ac.nz/liaison ASB Showgrounds 6.30pm
Thursday 25 May – Saturday 27 May	NZ Careers Expo ASB Showgrounds Auckland http://worldofwork.org.nz
Tuesday 13 June	MIT Trades Experience Day ***
Wednesday 21 June	MIT Nautical Science / Marine Engineering Experience Day ***
Tuesday 23 June	MIT Sport and Exercise Science Experience Day ***

The University of Auckland MĀORI AND PACIFIC PARENTS' EVENING

Thursday 1 June 2017, 6:30-8:30pm

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Bula vinaka and warm Pacific greetings.

Māori and Pacific Year 12 and 13 students and their whānau and families are invited to an information evening hosted by the University of Auckland.

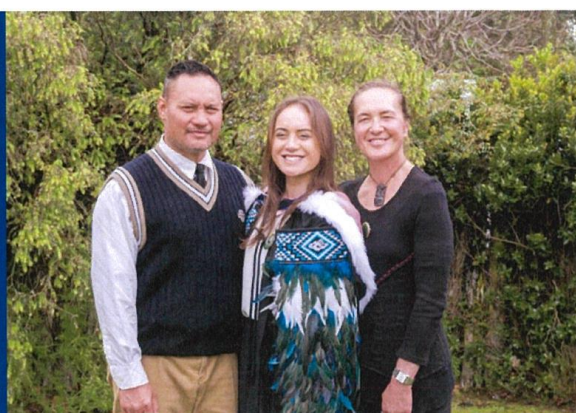
Come and hear about our degree programmes, entry requirements, scholarships, and on-campus support for our Māori and Pacific students. Haere mai, afio mai!

RSVP at:
auckland.ac.nz/parentsevening
Enquiries to **equity@auckland.ac.nz**
at least 24 hours before the event.

Location:

OGGB4, Level 0
Owen G Glenn Building
12 Grafton Road
University of Auckland

Registration opens at 6pm
Presentation at 6.30pm
Refreshments provided



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SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Cross Country Winners Announced

On Friday, Year 7, 8, and 9 students ran their way across 3km of mud-filled fields and slippery slopes in the annual cross country run. They were joined and encouraged by very competitive Year 10 and 11s and a few senior students who ran through the course with them. Those runners who had been serious in their training for this event had a definite advantage over other competitors. A big thank you to all the Sport Committee members, teachers and other volunteers for their organisation and assistance in making the event run smoothly. *Lorenzo Cruz*

The winning runners were:

Year 7 girls – Georgia Moore

Year 7 boys – Xavier Saunders

Year 8 girls – Trelise Dance

Year 8 boys – Reuben Cooper

Year 9 girls – Gemma Holt

Year 9 boys – Zachary Saunders

Under 16 girls – Anna Faulkner

Under 16 boys – Caleb Oliver

Under 19 girls – Rebecca Wallen

Under 19 boys – Timothy Hunt

House winners - Kororareka



Let's Coach Basketball

The inaugural Growing Basketball Coaches Programme took place at Unitec Institute of Technology with tremendous attendance by students from a number of Auckland's top basketball schools. The day's content was a merge of Sport New Zealand's Growing Coaches Programme and the Kiwi Hoops Programme. The target audience was students who were interested in coaching basketball and the course enabled them to learn the essentials of coaching while also providing them some key games and skills that related specifically to basketball.



While the content these students learned was outstanding, it was the overall theme and message that stood out for me. The day was centred around student leadership, building a positive culture within their respective groups or teams and discovering the importance of character and self-discipline in all aspects of their lives.

Part 2 is scheduled for early June and students are welcome to join this even if they missed Part 1. If this is something you're interested in, please contact me at j.crummer@sanctamaria.school.nz or call the school office.

Mr Crummer

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It Was A Rain-Soaked Day At The Sevens

There was treacherous weather conditions but that wasn't going to stop the Girls Rugby 7s team from going hard, at the annual Auckland Secondary Schools 7s competition which was held at the Waitemata Rugby Club.

Altogether eight girls from Sancta Maria College played in the tournament and seven out of the eight had never played a game of rugby before. Despite their inexperience the girls stayed confident in themselves and the belief showed as the team improved in each game.

The first game we played was against Waitakere College and it was a game where everyone was still trying to get used to tackling and becoming familiar with the rules of the game. Unfortunately we lost that game but the mindset going into the next match was much better and we were able to follow up with an improved game against Avondale College, managing to score our first try of the tournament when Yr 12 speedster Abby Noble-Campbell raced to the try-line, fending off 3 players to grab the 5 pointer. It was a remarkable effort and it was only going to get better.

As the girls fronted up for the last game, it felt like everything just clicked. Adrenalin was pumping, the tackling was brilliant, the girls weren't scared to take the ball and run, and everyone knew that we didn't go all that way to give up. So in that last match all the girls did their best and with all guns blazing Abby Noble-Campbell scored two fantastic tries and Sophie Ruka, also a Yr 12 student, scored a beautiful try as well. There was a lot to celebrate and we went out on a high, beating Rutherford College.

Overall it was a really enjoyable day learning so much about the game, whilst getting to play alongside girls who we had never played with before or even met. It was an experience that we'll definitely never forget.

A big thank you goes to Mr Bacon and Yr 12 Dominic Stolten who did a great job of coaching us and gave up their time to run our training sessions. Also many thanks to Mr Crummer who came out to support us. *Shontelle Matano*



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Student Coach Development Day

Last week, seven Sancta Maria College students, Alice Stonehouse, Claire Barbafiera, Dominic Stolten, Katrina Chan, Megan Seddon, Mia Gilchrist and Orla Edwards, attended a coach development day at Alexandra Park, Greenlane.

The objective of this day was for each of us to go back to school having gained new knowledge and resources to better our coaching skills.

The day began with a generic coaching course in which we were presented videos displaying different types of coaching. We also had a chance to reflect on what we would personally expect from coaches as an athlete.

Later we had the opportunity to go outside and watch the Blues train on the field. When lunch came, we went back indoors into the meeting room to be welcomed with mini burgers, potato fritters, fruit kebabs and chicken skewers.

In the next session, we got taught to do ACC's performance enhancement warm up programme on the field. To top off this day, when all the learning sunk in, we had the opportunity to use our new skills practically and attempt to teach other students who attended this day some sport-specific drills and games.

We ended up having experienced many different perspectives and we developed our communication skills. Sport Auckland managed to provide us with an educational day while keeping it fun. *Katrina Chan, Photographer: Mia Gilchrist*



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SMC Premier Netball Results

Grading day brought mixed fortunes for the College's Premier team. In the morning games at Morrin Road the girls gave their best efforts in all their games, losing only to Pakuranga College's Premier team by 7 goals. Despite that loss, the girls were able to pull through with three well-earned wins.

After an already physically demanding morning, the girls had to muster up all the energy that they had left heading into their fifth game of the day. The afternoon brought a tough battle against Pohutukawa Coast.



With an injury to Hannah Ralph Smith minutes into the second quarter and a shuffle of positions, the team struggled to adjust to these changes. Fighting until the very end, the Sancta Maria College Premier netball squad lost by the small margin of 3 goals. With 3 wins out of 5 we hope to see more promising results from these girls. *Martina Kleis*