



## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

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St John's College provides a high quality education for young men, grounded in Gospel values within the Catholic and Marist traditions.

### IMPORTANT EVENTS

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> April – Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> April**

SJC & SHC Production

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

End of Term 1

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

Start of Term 2

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Wednesday**

**8<sup>th</sup> May**

Parent Conferences

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Prospectus Evening

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May – Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May**

O'Shea Shield

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Junior Social

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

CNR Rugby -v- St John's College

Hamilton – SKY Televised

At SJC

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

School Closed – SJC Holiday Friday

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Senior Ball

Dear Parents

### Attendance and Academic Success

Sometimes it is important to discuss difficult topics as a community, even though they are uncomfortable. St. John's College now has a growing list of pupils who take 'time' off school. Some of this behaviour is enabled by their parents or guardians and it is having a huge effect on their son's education. Last year, we pleaded with parents not to take their sons on holiday during the school term, to no avail. This list in Term 1, 2019 is concerning.

Here are some disturbing facts regarding students in Aotearoa:

- Data available indicates that 700 students change schools three times in one year.
- 40,000 students change school every year.
- 30,000 students are unjustifiably absent for at least 1 hour per day.
- 45,000 are absent with a justified excuse, although 'justified' remains open to interpretation.
- What is not open to interpretation is the obvious link between attendance and academic success. The greatest reason for any pupil failing NCEA in New Zealand is poor attendance.

In the United Kingdom, a more specific study on academic success and attendance was completed. The results are as follows:

- On average, students with a 95% or greater attendance record, have an academic success rate of 73%.
- The following drop-off is staggering, but as an educator, not surprising. For pupils with an attendance record of 80-90%, their success rate is 35%.
- Lastly, pupils with less than 50% attendance rate, have a success rate of 3%.

These facts and figures were supplied by the Association of Boys' Schools in New Zealand (ABSNZ), of which we are a member. The biggest issue with holidaying during school time, in our opinion, is not the actual time off school. It's the priority the holiday is given above school attendance. This, in your son's mind, lowers his perception of the importance of school attendance. This is dangerous.

We are, again, pleading for your support. Please do not let your son take unnecessary days off school. If he is absent, please ensure he catches up on missed work. And please, do not take holidays during school time.

**May you all have a happy and blessed Easter. Enjoy your family time together**

Yours faithfully

Paul Melloy  
Principal

Rob Ferreira  
Deputy Principal

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Canoe Polo - NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Both the Senior and Junior Canoe Polo teams recently competed at the NZ Secondary School Canoe Polo Championships held in Feilding.

With the Juniors taking 2<sup>nd</sup> at qualifying and the Seniors winning the regional qualifiers they travelled with confidence and some high expectations.

The Junior team were drawn with Feilding HS, Otaki College, Freyberg HS and Napier Boys'. A close 6-5 loss to Feilding (the pre-tournament favourite) in the 1<sup>st</sup> round meant that the pressure to perform increased but the team knew they were going to compete.

Convincing wins against Otaki and Freyberg meant the game against Napier would decide who would progress through to the semi-final crossover games and have a chance of medalling. A strong performance from all the players meant that would be a showdown with Karamu in the semi-finals.



Having lost in Golden Goal in the regional final the boys were after redemption. Defensive intensity created pressure and opportunities and another dominant performance continued to see the team build for a final rematch with Feilding.

The final brought all the pressure and excitement that big games bring. The pressure of the occasion and the hype around a good competitive game were evident. Both teams were full of go, there were yellow cards and great plays and the game lived up to the standard of a final.

Feilding thoroughly deserved their 7-2 victory. Their goalkeeper was sensational and saved goals throughout the match. The St. John's boys got off the water knowing they'd played well and that on a different day it could have been a different result.



The Senior boys' team saw them amongst a round robin draw with the 6 best qualifying teams in NZ. As always, the draw and intensity in the Senior boys' competition meant that virtually every game was a final.

Day 1 finished with 2 draws in challenging games. It became obvious very quickly that teams would lift their performance against us and that many were happy to see the opposition succeed. In tournament play draws are better than losses and it kept us in the semi-final race.

The sun rose again on Day 2 and we enjoyed the benefits of our hard work in previous years and this year; 4 wins from 4 games on Day 2 meant that we were now the only unbeaten team left in the Senior draw. These results meant we would play Karamu (repeat of the Regional final).

Finals day started with a hard-fought win against Karamu in the semi-final which saw us set up a Final with Palmerston North Boys' High School. With 8 New Zealand players spread across the 2 teams (4 in each) it guaranteed a high-level game was in store.

SJC jumped out of the gates with a dominating 2-0 half time lead. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half bounce of the ball and momentum favoured PNBHS and the final whistle blew with the score locked at 3-3.

With fatigue setting in, in both teams, the first possession is always something you want. Toby Mills did a great job winning possession on the charge start. After several attempts at goal and corners and restarts Jack Gardner sealed the National Title with a classic goal.



The results of both the Juniors and Seniors were a reflection of the hard work that these boys put into their sport. They are well supported by their families and can be very proud of their achievements.

Topping the weekend off was Ben Evans and Toby Mills being named in the NZSS Tournament Team.

A big thanks must go to everyone involved and we wish Ben Evans, Toby Mills, Jack Gardner and Kalder Woods-Pritchard the best of luck as they head to the Oceania Champs in Australia in April. We know they will play hard and represent SJC and NZ well.

### **Hockey**

Marcus Ambrose has been selected for the Hawke's Bay Men's Hockey team, as a 16-year-old.

### **St. Johns 1<sup>st</sup> XV report**

It has been a busy few months for all those involved in Senior Rugby at SJC. Players from the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and Under 15's have competed in 2 Sevens Tournaments in HB, including the Hawke's Bay Secondary School Sevens Competition for the first time. Both teams did very well in this tournament, both narrowly missing out on qualifying for the National Condor Sevens.

We have also been busy preparing for our upcoming tour to Chile in mid-April. We finished off the huge fundraising drive with a great "Night at the Races" run by the Rugby Foundation. It was great to see many Old Boys turning out for the occasion. Thanks to all involved for such an awesome event, particularly Jay and Anna Campbell. Trainings have now amped up with the anticipation of the Chile trip - we are having 2 skill sessions a week and a Saturday fitness session.



We have also managed to fit in a fantastic pre-season game against the NOBM Colts where SJC impressed with their skill and discipline, and a fantastic team bonding day which really pushed the boys outside of their comfort zone (Musical theatre dancing and speed eating McDonalds were involved).

We look forward to being able to update you on our tour when we return from Chile.

### **Rugby 2019**

The official Rugby Weigh In occurred during Week 9 of Term 1. It was fantastic to see many young men turn up looking to become a part of the St. John's College Rugby whanau.

The trend of recent years has continued with a growth of players and increasing the number of students to 110 (30% of the school). This allows the school to run 5 teams in 2019, 1<sup>st</sup> XV in the Central North Island competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> XV in the Hawke's Bay Unison Cup and three junior teams competing locally.



It has been an exciting year already with the Chile Tour squad training extremely hard getting ready for the Tour. This is an awesome opportunity for the school rugby community.

The good news continues, with the contact of Sky television announcing that they will record the annual fixture with St. John's Hamilton on 18<sup>th</sup> May. We will be hosting this wonderful occasion. It would be delightful to have you all come down, boost the crowd and raise your voices in support.

The rugby season kicks off on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Term 2 Week 1, hosting Hato Paora. This will involve three teams, 1<sup>st</sup> XV, 2<sup>nd</sup> XV and U15.

The rest of the sides will have games on the first weekend back at school, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Practice for rugby will be every Tuesday afterschool, Thursday period 5. A late bus will leave school at 4.30pm on Tuesday for students to be taken home for Flaxmere and Napier students. All students will be able to go home at a normal time on Thursday.

The CNI season kicks off with a home game against St. John's College Hamilton, live on Sky TV!!

### **KPMG Mentoring**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March many of our senior Maori and Pasifika students were introduced to graduates working for KPMG in Auckland and Wellington. These successful young university graduates are from the Maori and Pasifika communities and are keen to mentor our students. We are the only secondary school in the country which this large international firm has chosen for an outreach programme, to specifically assist our young Maori and Pasifika men.



During the day there was group work and an inspirational presentation at assembly and then our guests attended the Fia Fia evening. The visit ended with a commitment from both our students and the visitors to establish a long-term mentoring programme between KPMG and St. John's College. The emphasis will be on setting goals, nurturing self-belief and academic achievement.

By meeting and communicating with the mentors, we aim to empower our students by showing that there are many other Maori and Pasifika studying, working and achieving their goals across the country.

### MP VISIT



**Member of Parliament – Lawrence Yule**, spend the afternoon with a group of Business Studies students from Years 9 and 10.

Both classes have simultaneously been learning and assessed around the proposed Capital Gains Tax from a variety of perspectives. Lawrence talked about the Capital Gains Tax, his perspective and that of the National opposition, regional development, regional business development, the recently adjusted minimum wage, and life as a Member of Parliament. Students had an amazing afternoon listening, asking questions, reflecting, and sharing time with a local MP.



Te tuitui matauranga

**Our Te Reo Social Enterprise Team**, Te tuitui matauranga, is working on a technologically embedded product in conjunction with our partners at Plant and Food.



The exact nature of the product is still confidential while the team asserts their intellectual property

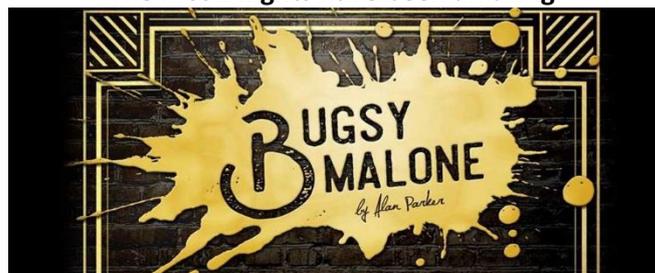
rights. The company is making incredible progress. All work is completed in students' own time.

Teachers involved are Belinda Raskin, Maia Solomon and David Ivory. Students involved are both culturally and age group diverse: Kupa Pohe, Louis Gaffaney, Marcus Ambrose, Bradley Campbell and Max Williams.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**WOW – A sell out –**

**The first 2 nights have been amazing.**



### SJC and SHC PRODUCTION

Our joint production with Sacred Heart this year is the fabulous Buggy Malone: a perfect fit for our special Art Deco cities. **8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

**Where:** HB Theatre, 311 Alexander Street, Hastings  
**Ticket sales** available from the College office from the

**TERM TWO starts on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – it will be Day 1**

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

These very important meetings have been arranged for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 3.30pm – 6.30pm and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 8.45am – 3.30pm. **There will be no classes on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May** because of the large number of interviews booked. A time and date for your interview will be mailed to you with the interim reports. We are aware that these times may be in work hours but really want you to take the time off work for this interview. It is vitally important for your son's progress.

Teachers have put a lot of work into preparing for these interviews so it is important that you take this opportunity to bring your son along to meet with his house teacher at the time that you have been scheduled.

**Letters and reports will be posted by first week of holidays. Please mark this important date on your calendar.**

## CHANGE INTO WINTER UNIFORM – Term 2

The College changes to Winter Uniform in Term 2 and 3. This is the long-sleeve shirt, tucked in and worn with the College tie. Juniors wear their grey shorts and Seniors (Yr 11 upwards) have the option of wearing trousers. Footwear: St. John's College socks and leather school shoes. *Please note that the boys are not to wear canvas shoes.*

We have our own Uniform Shop now at the College. Please do not try to contact Kukri Sport.

## ENROLMENT INFORMATION for YR 8 STUDENTS

### Prospectus Evening - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May - 7pm

Parents, please help us promote our Prospectus Evening at 7pm on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019**. With our recent results, we have much to celebrate and promote. The evening will consist of an introduction, speeches by a Year 9 student and our Head Boy, a video promoting St. John's College, an address by the Principal and a chance to view our Sports Institutes in action. Total time – 50 minutes. Please spread the word in your community, with friends and family.

This evening will be followed by **A Taste of St. John's Day** on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**; a visit by Year 8 students in Hawke's Bay and Year 6 students from Reignier Primary School. They will visit for the day and view the school in action.

Our **Open Day** is on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019, 6pm**.

## CAREERS INFORMATION



**Looking for your pathway?**  
Come to the **HAWKE'S BAY CAREERS EXPO**

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**21st May 4.30-6.30pm**  
Pettigrew.Green Arena, Napier.

**HB Careers Expo** – on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, Y13 students have the opportunity to visit the HB Careers Expo, held at the PGA in Taradale. This is a great chance for the boys to engage directly with tertiary providers so that they can make informed decisions about their future options to study, to gain an apprenticeship or to go directly into employment. Students will receive a letter with a permission slip attached early next term. The cost of the bus is covered by the school.

An evening session is also available to the public – this is a useful opportunity for parents and students at any level to attend the Expo. (Details below)

## Careers visits

Liaison staff from Victoria, AUT, Otago, Massey, Auckland, Waikato, Lincoln and Canterbury universities have all presented to interested students in Y13 this term. We have also had presentations from EIT, Otago University's Surveying School, Pacific International Hotel Management School (PIHMS) and Latitude, an international student exchange programme. Next term we have invited representatives from the Defence Force as well as the Police to outline career opportunities in their organisations for our students. It has been very positive to see the high level of interest and engagement from our boys who have asked pertinent and relevant questions. It is a big decision for school leavers to decide on their future pathway and we want to ensure that it is an informed one. Some 2020 university prospectuses and publications of specific faculty information are now available for the boys to collect from the Careers room. Other material is due to be published in April and early May. These paper resources are useful for the boys to take home to share information with their parents/caregivers. Ask your son to bring home the relevant booklet/s. There is also information available from non-university providers such as the NZ School of Chiropractic and the NZ Institute of Sport.

## University Scholarships for Year 13 Students

MoneyHub, a free to access website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2020. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students. A list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships completes the list. Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success, designed to make the application process less stressful for students. For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the [MoneyHub Scholarship page](#)

## Key University Dates

Key dates for Open Days, local Information evenings, scholarship applications and Halls of Residence applications are all available on the school website. It is up to the boys to ensure that they are organised and that they meet these deadlines. I suggest that they put those dates which are relevant to their areas of interest into their phones as reminders.

**PAUL MELLOY**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## Coming Events

<b>2019</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Combined SJC – SHC Production
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 1
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 2 begins – <u>Day 1</u>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Hato Paora Exchange - Away
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May – 3.30 – 6.30pm	Parent Conferences
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Conferences (note school closed – no students)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Prospectus Evening – 1 <sup>st</sup> Promotional evening for enrolments 2020
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	O’Shea Shield – St Peter’s College, Palmerston North
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	St Patrick’s Exchange @ Wellington
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 9 and Year 10 Junior Social at SJC
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	CNI Rugby v St John’s Hamilton – SKY televised at SJC
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	SJC Holiday – School closed
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Queen’s Birthday
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Taste of St John’s Day
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Senior Ball

## TERM DATES 2019

### Term One

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Year 9s and Year 13s only  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February – All students  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – **End of Term 1**

### Term Two

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

### Term Three

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

### Term Four

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – to be advised

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