



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

Thursday 7th November

NCEA Exams begin

Thursday 28th November

Academic Prizegiving – 7pm

Tuesday 3rd December –

Friday 6th December

Year 10 Camp

Monday 9th December –

Tuesday 10th December

Year 9 End of Year Activities

Tuesday 10th December

END OF TERM 4

2020

Friday 31st January 2020

Yr 9s and Yr 13s

Monday 3rd February 2020

Whole School

Dear Parents,

We are rapidly approaching the end of the year. Our senior students are currently sitting their final NCEA external exams. We wish them all the best and hope they attain the grades they deserve. Our juniors are actively involved with their own programmes and enjoying the extra space in the school grounds. After their exams, which finished 8th November, our Year 9's will sit their PAT tests and participate in the Brainwave programme. Our Year 10's will also attend the Brainwave programme and their Retreat before preparing for their four day camp starting on 3rd December.

Brainwave – The school's Brainwave programme promotes how important healthy experiences are in the life and development of a young child. It also reflects on the huge impact our young men have on the growth of the brain of babies and children with whom they associate. This excellent holistic programme is presented by an external provider, Bronwyn Gardner.

Please keep in mind our Academic Prizegiving on Thursday 28th November at 7pm. I look forward to celebrating the end of this year with all of you on this special occasion.

PRIZEGIVING

Our Annual Academic Prizegiving takes place on Thursday 28th November at 7pm in the Barry O'Connor Centre (Gym) at the College .

This is a dress uniform occasion for students. Please be seated by 6.50pm.

Prizegiving is always a wonderful evening so it is really important all students and their families attend.

Please put this important event on your calendar

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following senior students who gained Excellence in recent internal assessments:

LEVEL 1

Level 1 Biochem

Joel McIlvenny, Cameron McLeod, Hamish Scurr

Level 1 Design and Visual Communications

Louis Gaffaney, Jamie Chamberlain, Ethan Johns, Gagan Mall, Julian Nielo, Cameron McLeod, Ishan Parmar, Lochlan Stent

Level 1 English

James Barr, Bradley Campbell, Bhrt Dugh, Alexander Finlayson, Louis Gaffaney, Oliver Gardiner, Kyle Groner, Shea Hughes, Nikorima Kaukau-Watson, Hugh Mackintosh, Josiah McFarland, Joel McIlvenny, Tony Mildon, Joseph Mooney, Julian Nielo, Ishan Parmar, Isaac Pilcher, Clayton Sayers, Jonty Unwin, Dylan Wijaya, Ayden Wilson

Level 1 Geography

Kyle Groner, Joel McIlvenny, Gagan Mall, Gaurav Mall, Bhrt Dugh

Level 1 Physics

Ishan Parmar, Jonty Unwin

Level 1 Religious Education

James Barr, Jamie Chamberlain, Louis Gaffaney, Oliver Gardiner, Hamish Gibson, Kyle Groner, Liam Halpin, Shea Hughes, Joel McIlvenny, Cameron McLeod, Joseph Mooney, Parnil Naiker, Ishan Parmar, Hamish Scurr, Lochlan Stent, Jonty Unwin, Dylan Wijaya, Ayden Wilson

Level 1 Visual Arts

Jamie Chamberlain, Cameron McLeod, Julian Nielo, Declan O'Brien, Hamish Scurr, Lochlan Stent

LEVEL 2

Level 2 English

Timothy Donkin, Matthew McIvor, Caleb Melchers, Jared Melchers, Andrew Oliver, Zachary Picone, Bede Powell, Jack Ryan, Alan Uthup, Josh Villanueva, Paul Watson

Level 2 History

Christopher Cacho-Bevin, Jayden Gordon

Level 2 Music

Kyle Groner, Josiah McFarland, Joel McIlvenny, Parnil Naiker, Clayton Sayers

Level 2 Religious Education

Christopher Cacho-Bevin, Timothy Donkin, Phoenix Fox, Jayden Gordon, Joshua Honnor, Matthew McIvor, Caleb Melchers, Caden Mouat-Harvey, Zachary Picone, Bede Powell, Jack Ryan, Sukhmaan Singh, Alan Uthup, Josh Villanueva

Level 2 Visual Arts

Sailem Matthews

LEVEL 3

Level 3 English

Liam Brown, Caleb Burke, Ben Evans, Ben Gardiner, Keighlyb Hodges, Sam Lynskey, Isaac Powell

Level 3 Geography

Gurjas Sekhon

Level 3 History

Liam Brown

Level 3 Music

Jameel Geor, Talo Tuanaki

Level 3 Religious Education

Zach Barrett, Liam Brown, Ben Evans, Ben Gardiner, Max Ireland, Samuel Lunny, Sam Lynskey, Kitt McEvoy, Mitchell McLeod, Liam O'Brien, Isaac Powell, Gurjas Sekhon, Brad Selwood, Daniel Wilson

Level 3 Visual Arts

Ben Evans, Tayden Lemalu, Mitchell McLeod

CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday 20th October three of our students performed in *Beneath the Surface*. **Louis Gaffaney, Jemlin Garay and Noah Kaio** auditioned and were selected to be part of an Ambassador Programme for youth drama development in the area. This opportunity was part of the HB Arts Festival.

SPEECH FINALS

Our Speech Finals were held on Tuesday 29th October and we would like to congratulate the following students who won their sections:

Year 9: Thomas Jenson

Year 10: Angus Ross

Year 11: James Barr

Senior: Gurjas Sekhon

These cups will be awarded at Prizegiving. We would like to thank Mrs Margie Griffiths for her fine adjudication and positive feedback given to all competitors.

CRICKET

Lachlan Gouder was selected for the Hawke's Bay Men's Cricket team that played in a T20 tournament in Tauranga on October 26 and 27. This was a great honour to be selected for the HB Men's team while still at school.

Lachlan also achieved the rare accolade of taking 100 wickets for St. John's College. Many congratulations, Lachlan.

CYCLING

Max Williams



Max was invited to race in China by Team Tank Guy Bike Box Racing. The race was a 2 stage event. On the start line there were 110 riders in the elite category (Max was one of the youngest riders at 17) and there were riders 10 years older than him. The first day they had a 54km criterion, and averaged 46kmph. Racing was very fast over there. The next day they had a 86km point to point road race where they also averaged 46kmph. The team had a 15hr flight in total; first flying to Beijing then to Xi'an, followed by a 2hr drive to Weinan where the race was held. The trip was all paid for. The team was put up in 4 star hotels about a kilometre from the race start. It was an amazing experience racing and travelling to China for 5 days and it was an experience that Max couldn't get in New Zealand. Max was grateful for the experience and says it has opened his eyes to many further opportunities available.

OLD BOYS SUCCESSES



Greg Foran

Greg was recently named the new Air New Zealand CEO. Greg is a very successful businessman having been CEO of Walmart in the US for many years.

Congratulations Greg - SJC is a school of excellence that produces and shapes young men who go on and succeed from that 'small school in Hastings'.



Jaaron Fritz was placed 3rd in the ICN World Championships held in Melbourne last week. Jaaron is an Old Boy

and a former world junior waterski racing champion. He showed discipline and courage when recovering from serious leg injuries, the first of which was in 2009 while playing for the St John's College 1st XV. This has served him well in his bodybuilding pursuits.

Darren Manning



(Global Albatross) has been awarded Best Adviser for Individual Clients at the 2019 Health Insurance and Protection Awards in London. Global Albatross is the only NZ company to ever have been shortlisted for these global awards.

Students develop an innovative use for waste plastic



Students at St. John's College in Hastings NZ were delivered the first of the special concrete seats they have

commissioned. The seat they designed contains the equivalent of 4,000 plastic water bottles locked up into the mass concrete forever. They've branded it "Environcrete".

The boys worked on this project as part of a social enterprise project. They challenged themselves with how to use waste in the manufacture of building materials. The students came up with the idea of sequestering waste plastic into concrete, removing it from landfill and offsetting the equivalent volume of aggregate. They experimented with how this would affect strength, developed the seat design and then commissioned its construction.

Thanks goes out to #Worley (mentoring), #Lattey Group (precast construction), #Bridgeman Concrete (concrete), #Alto Packaging Ltd (shredded waste plastic) and Hawke's Bay Machinery Movers (transportation) for supporting their initiative.

Business Mentor: Mike Finlayson

UPCOMING EVENTS

YEAR 10 CAMP

The information letter, gear list and permission forms have been sent out for the Year 10 Camp - 3rd – 6th December. Please send the permission slips back as soon as possible either physically or electronically. (There are two permission slips – one for SJC and one for Guthrie Smith Camp) The cost per student was originally \$340, which is actually very good value for the professional guides, activities, accommodation and food, etc. **We have now been able to reduce the cost to \$225 per student due to successfully gaining a grant.** To make payments via internet banking: 06-0645-0326366-000; Field 1 – Surname Name; Field 2 – First Name; Field 3 – Year 10 Camp.

Please email Mr Wilson on cwilson@stjohns.school.nz with any queries if you require more information.

NCEA EXTERNAL EXAMS

NCEA external examinations started on Thursday 7th November. Students should come to exams in their school uniform and clean shaven.

YEAR 9 END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES

Monday 9th December – a day at Splash Planet
Tuesday 10th December – a day at Ocean Beach
The cost will be \$45 which covers the transport to Ocean Beach, an Education course run by the Surf Life Saving Association and entry into Splash Planet.

Notices have been sent out with the Year 9 boys and the permission slips need to be returned to the office.

END OF TERM 4

The College closes on Tuesday 10th December.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY – Year 12 and Year 13 students

We are very excited and grateful to a family who are offering a \$1000 Scholarship at the end of the 2020 Academic year to a Year 12 or Year 13 student who will be enrolling in tertiary studies or entering the Priesthood.

For more information about this new Scholarship, please contact the office.

HATS, SUNSCREEN, HYDRATION

The weather is starting to warm up. We advise your sons to use sunscreen in the morning before school, wear a hat, bring a drink bottle and if they have problems with bee stings – wear sports shoes for PE. We have sunscreen in the office.

NEW BLAZER ORDERS – time extended

We are looking to place an order for blazers. Any students wanting to purchase a blazer will need to come to the office to be sized.

The blazer cost is \$215.

Year 11 – Year 13 students are able to wear the blazer as part of their uniform.

Before we can order the blazers we need a minimum order of 25. We would encourage senior students to have their own blazer, especially those involved in top sports teams.

Due to the minimum order of 25 blazers, we only place an order every two years.

We would like to place the order ASAP. Please contact the office if you want to order one.

PAYMENT OF ATTENDANCE DUES

All parents are expected to pay Attendance Dues to the Palmerston North Diocese. Please respond to their requests for payment or ensure you have an automatic payment set up to cover these costs. If you cannot meet all of these costs, you must come in and talk to us so that we can work out an arrangement for you.

These Attendance Dues cover building costs and insurance costs for our school. As you will see, we have had a lot of building work. This has been paid for by your Attendance Dues.

ACCOUNTS

An updated account for your son's school fees has been emailed. Please ensure that your account is paid by the end of November or have an automatic payment set up. Many thanks for your support.

May Jesus watch over us, may Mary be at our side, and may St. John bless us every day.

PAUL MELLOY
PRINCIPAL

Coming Events

2019	
Thursday 7 th November – Monday 2 nd December	NCEA Exams begin NCEA Exams finish
Thursday 28 th November	Academic Prizegiving
Tuesday 3 rd December – Friday 6 th December	Year 10 Camp
Monday 9 th December – Tuesday 10 th December	Year 9 End-of-Year activities
Tuesday 10 th December	END OF TERM 4

TERM DATES 2020

Term One

Friday 31st January – **Year 9s and Year 13s only**
Monday 3rd February – **All students**
Thursday 9th April – **End of Term 1**

Term Two

Tuesday 28th April – Friday 3rd July

Term Three

Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September

Term Four

Monday 12th October – To be announced

Resignation of Bishop Charles Drennan

Bishop Charles Drennan has resigned as Bishop of Palmerston North.

His resignation follows a complaint that was made by a young woman regarding behaviour that is unacceptable in the eyes of the Church. The young woman who made the complaint has requested that the detail is not shared publicly to protect her privacy. It was not a criminal matter.

Information and support are being provided to all organisations that are members of the Palmerston North diocese, including Catholic churches and schools.

Information about this resignation and the complaint was shared in Sunday mass on 6 October and support is being offered to parishioners. Likewise, Catholic school teaching staff have had a meeting to ensure that staff are well equipped to manage any situation where a young person may be affected by this matter.

Students have been spoken to. We are taking this action to ensure that all students are fully supported.

***This notice has been sent from the Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North.
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on (06) 878 6853 or
pmelloy@stjohns.school.nz***

Yours faithfully



**PAUL MELLOU
PRINCIPAL**

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Thank you to Peter Holley, CEO of the Mission Estate, for your continued support of the College, through your donation of wine. We use the wine as thank-you gifts.



We would like to say a big thank-you to Paul Paynter from the Yummy Fruit Company for supplying us with fresh fruit for our camps. The students and teachers really appreciate the donation of fresh fruit.