



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

2020

Monday 27th January-

Tuesday 28th January

Yr 13 Leadership Camp

Wednesday 29th – Thursday

30th January

Teacher only days

Friday 31st January

Yr 9 and Yr 13s

Monday 3rd February

Whole School

Thursday 6th February

Waitangi Day – School closed

Thursday 13th February

Commissioning Mass

Monday 17th February

Athletics Sports

Wednesday 19th February

Parents Evening Yr 9 – Yr 11

Monday 2nd March

Swimming Sports

Wed 11th – Fri 13th March

Year 9 Camp

Dear family and friends of St. John's College.

Seasons greetings to you all!

2019 has been a busy and successful year at the College. Our senior students sat NCEA examinations over the November/December period, and our junior students sat their end of year examinations early in December.

On the 28th November we celebrated the annual Academic Prizegiving. It was wonderful to see the support you gave our students and the College. This year's Dux was Gurjas Sekhon. He has been a great example to our students in the way that he always worked hard at his academic studies, yet he still contributed in many other aspects of College life. We wish all our College leavers all the best in their future careers.

In the last two weeks of the term our Year 9 and Year 10 students participated in outdoor activities. The Year 10 students spent four days at the Guthrie Smith Outdoor Camp, Tutira, participating in activities such as canoeing, high ropes, caving, over-night stays in a shelter which they had to build and tramping. My thanks to all the staff and Mr Christopher Wilson who organised the camp in an efficient manner. Our Year 9 students spent a day at Splash Planet, this was followed by a day at Ocean Beach where they were taken through a number of activities related to water safety in the surf. Most of the instruction was carried out by the life-saving staff at Ocean Beach. Many thanks to Tony McBride who organised these two days and staff who supported our students.

Please read the rest of the newsletter which has the important dates for term one. Next year will be a busy year with term one being stacked with events.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a blessed and happy Christmas with family and friends. For those of you travelling, I wish you a safe journey. I look forward to working with you all in 2020.

God bless
Rob Ferreira
Acting Principal

FAREWELL Mr Melloy

Huge thanks to Paul Melloy for your hard work and dedication to St. John's College over the past 6 (5¾) years.

Paul arrived with a vision to grow the role, strengthen outcomes and strive for excellence in all areas of College life.

Under Paul's leadership, there have been countless successes and he now leaves our College in a strong position.

Paul and Lorraine, we wish you every happiness and success as you start life and your new role in Alice Springs.

Thank you for leading our school in enabling our boys to *"become the best possible version of who God meant us to be"* and amazing St. John's Men.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRINCIPAL

The Board would like to thank everyone; staff, students and our school community for your contributions to our process in the search for a new Principal.

We were blessed to have a good number of high calibre applicants to choose from.

Our specialist principal advisor for this process told me the other day that our Board had run a marathon at sprint speed. But that we had done it well and with a great outcome.

We are delighted to confirm that Rob Ferreira has accepted the position of Principal starting Term 1 next year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Inaugural BP Innovation Scholarships for Young Enterprise students - Jamie Nicolls

Great news at the Yr 9 Ocean Beach Trip on Tuesday where Jamie Nichols (Year 13) was performing life guard duties/supporting students he had just been told, via call from Wellington – followed by email, he is one of five students nationally who has secured a BP Innovation Scholarship award plus \$1,000 to go towards study-related costs for their first year of tertiary education in 2020. In essence he told the Environ-Crete story and his involvement plus his passion for design and graphics. Jamie is very happy and said it has provided 'hope' for next year.

Jamie is studying Commerce and Product Design at University of Canterbury next year.

<http://youngenterprise.org.nz/news/young-enterprise-and-bp-launch-stem-scholarship-for-students/>

YEAR 9 AND YEAR 10

Year 10s went to Guthrie Smith Outdoor Centre from Tuesday 3rd December to Friday 6th December. They had a fabulous 4 days. The weather was great and the boys experienced some amazing activities and learnt a lot about themselves.



Year 9's had 2 days of activities. Monday 9th December they spent the day at Splash Planet and on Tuesday 10th December they went to Ocean Beach and had the Lifeguards teach them some lifesaving skills.



REPORTS

Junior Reports have been posted. These should give you a good summary of your son's academic progress during 2019. Please take the time to discuss this report with your son.

YEAR 9 YEAR 10 OPTION FORMS - 2019

If you have not returned your son's option sheet please send these into the office by the end of term.

OFFICE HOURS

Our office will close for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 19th December and re-open on Wednesday 15th January 2020

Office hours will be 9am – 3pm until the start of the school term.

PRE-ORDERED UNIFORM for 2020

Our uniform for new Year 9s has been ordered and we hope to have the order arriving on or about 15th January, 2020. We will then pack each individual student order and notify parents when it is ready to be collected. Please note that uniform must be paid for when collecting.

If you would like to set up an Automatic Payment the bank details are

St Johns College – ANZ

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Reference to show on our Statement: Surname and first name of your son.

SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR 2020

School uniform is sold from St. John's College. Whilst there will be a range of uniform available for purchase it is limited and there could potentially be a 7 week wait for uniform if you haven't placed an order.

There will be a block indent order taken in Term 1 2020 for winter uniform.

Summer Uniform – Terms 1 and 4

Grey Shorts, College Short Sleeve white shirt (untucked),

Black Roman Sandals

Jersey or Jacket

Dress Uniform (winter uniform) – all students

Shorts (long pants for seniors optional), long sleeve white shirt (tucked in), College tie. Jersey or Jacket. Grey school socks with Black school shoes/business shoes – **no canvas or skateboard shoes**

STATIONERY FOR 2020

Our stationery will be available from **Office Products**. They have a fabulous on-line ordering system and delivery service and their store is set up really well to help parents with your son's stationery.

To order your stationery online go to:

www.theschoolstore.co.nz and select St. John's College from the drop down box by typing St John's College until our name appears. Please see attached information letter with all the answers for ordering stationery.

Their shop is at 44 Wakefield Street Onekawa, Napier.

Year 9 students in 2020 will have a pack which contains stationery requirements for their core subjects. Once their option subjects have been confirmed you can purchase their stationery for the option subjects. The boys will be told what their options are on the first day of school.

All other year levels will purchase their stationery off a list that Office Products hold at their shop or online.

Please see attached letter which outlines the ordering process.

SWIMMING GOOGLES

We would like Year 9's next year to have goggles for their swimming PE classes.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

To all parents. Please note that St. John's College has arrangements with Harvey Norman and Noel Leeming, whereby parents of St. John's College students can purchase devices and associated gear at educational prices. All you need to do is inform the staff, at whichever retailer you choose to use, that you are from St John's and would like the education pricing.

Regarding recommended devices, we recommend windows based machines with the following specifications:

Minimum of 4GB RAM

Minimum of 64GB storage

Minimum battery life of 6 hours

External keyboard (comes with all laptops but may need to be extra in the case of tablets)

Minimum screen size of 10.1", recommended 11.6".

If your budget can handle the extra cost, we recommend a touch screen because this allows students to use a stylus to write on the screen to annotate notes and diagrams instead of only having the typing option.

Each device must have a protective case to minimize the risk of damage.

While we recommend Windows based machines,

Apple Macbooks work equally well on our school system. Android tablets and iPads also work, but there may be limitations regarding printing and the use of the Microsoft Office software. Finally, while Chromebooks will work with the school's Microsoft 365 system, all applications have to be accessed online. The online applications do not have the same level of functionality as the device based ones, which may cause limitations with formatting and presentation. The Chromebook is our least favoured option. However, if you already have a Chromebook you are welcome to use it, but please be aware of the limitations.

You do not need to purchase Microsoft 365.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you for your contributions in 2019. They have helped achieve many of the programmes we have provided this year. As much as possible, please ensure all school fees are paid by *Friday 20th December*. If you need any assistance with fees, please phone the office and talk with Deb Smith.

PAYMENT OF ATTENDANCE DUES

All parents are expected to pay Attendance Dues to the Palmerston Diocesan. 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 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.

PLANNING FOR 2020

We are spending a lot of time now planning for next year.

MISSING ITEMS – School Property

Can parents please check their son's rooms and return to school any books, uniform, sports equipment, library books, musical instruments that belong to St John's College.

ADVENT

The season of Advent has started. It marks the start of the Church's year. Advent is a time when we are asked to prepare ourselves for the anniversary of Jesus' birth at Christmas. There are four Sundays of Advent each marked in the church with the Advent candles. I would encourage everyone in our community to take some time over the busy end of year to prepare for Christmas.

At this special time of the year, enjoy time with your families at Christmas and may the peace of Christ be with you in the holidays.

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

Rob Ferreira
ACTING PRINCIPAL



**The Board of Trustees and staff
of St. John's College wish you a
safe and happy Christmas**

Coming Events

| 2020 | |
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| Monday 27 th – Tuesday 28 th January | Year 13 Leadership Camp |
| Wednesday 29 th – Thursday 30 th January | Teacher only days |
| Friday 31 st January | Year 9 and Year 13 students – |
| Monday 3 rd February | Whole School - Powhiri |
| Thursday 6 th February | WAITANGI DAY – College closed |
| Thursday 13 th February | Commissioning Mass – Sacred Heart Church - 10am |
| Monday 17 th February | Athletics Sports |
| Wednesday 19 th February | Parent Evening – Years 9 - 11 |
| Monday 2 nd March | Swimming Sports |
| Friday 6 th March | PFA – Eats Beats and Treats |
| Wednesday 11 th March to Friday 13 th March | Year 9 Camp |
| Monday 16 th March | WORK DAY – Teacher only day |
| Friday 20 th March | Fia Fia Night |
| Thursday 9 th April | End of Term 1 |
| Tuesday 28 th April | Start of Term 2 (Note: ANZAC DAY commemorated Monday) |

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

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Parents please continue to support our sponsors.



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www.delaterre.co.nz

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\$1000.

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THANK YOU



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.