



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

Due to COVID 19 we have had to postpone and cancel a number of events

Monday 1st June

Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 2nd June

St. John's College holiday –
School closed

Dear family and whānau

It has been wonderful to finally have our students back at St. John's College. We started off the day with House Class time followed by a junior and then a senior assembly. We will do all we can to ensure your son transitions back into school life as soon as possible. As the weeks progress, we hope that we will be able to begin with other aspects of school activities. Remote learning has been challenging for staff and students. Feedback that we have had from students is that they are happy to be back with their friends and teachers. Thank you for all the support you have shown your son during this period of time. The Alert Level 2 restrictions and the time away from school as a consequence of the lockdown will mean that teaching and assessment programmes along with many of our planned events need to be reconsidered and rescheduled. I hope that you can understand that it will take some time to work through all of the implications so we will not have all the answers at once. We will continue to keep you informed as decisions are made.

We recently received sad news about one of our former students, Josh van Hooijdonk. Josh lost his life in a motor vehicle accident on Saturday 16th May. Josh represented New Zealand in Taekwondo, he was a valued member of the Culinary Arts Institute and a well-respected member of the student body. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family in this difficult time. May you rest in peace, Josh.

Three of our Year 9 students recently competed in a regional chess competition. This online chess competition was a qualifying tournament for a possible place in the forthcoming National Chess Championships. All three students entered in the senior competition. Jeevanjot Singh was placed first, Ivan Roberts was placed fifth, and Hunter Wilson was placed ninth. This was an incredible result given that they won a senior competition. Jeevanjot now qualifies for the individual National Championships and St. John's College is eligible to enter a team of five players in the National Teams Championships.

Over the last several weeks we have watched Tim Donkin's recovery from double transplant surgery. He has progressed well in terms of his post-operative surgery. Please continue to pray for Tim and his family as he continues on his journey to recovery.

The coming weeks should see your son be able to participate in cultural and sporting activities. We would love to see you out supporting him in these activities. I would urge you to encourage your son to make the most of the opportunities the College offers.

Manaakitia te Atua
Rob Ferreira
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THURSDAY SPORTS PRACTICE

Thursday winter sports practice is starting this Thursday 21st May during Period 5 and it is important that we make the most of this opportunity. This Thursday will be used for sports registration. The boys need to ensure they have a change of practice gear (not their playing uniforms) and the correct footwear to be training in.

Due to weather conditions throughout winter we strongly recommend that the boys pack for both sports practice and Period 5 on a Thursday if the weather is looking doubtful.

Sport is an integral part of our boys' education. They are expected to attend trainings, have the correct gear to train and play in and display a positive and respectful attitude towards their teammates, coaches and opposition. By being committed and involved the boys are fulfilling many of the SJC Values and Habits.

With what we have gone through we believe that sport will be an important part of our healing process and your support is greatly appreciated.

SJC HOLIDAY – TUESDAY 2nd June (Queen's Birthday Weekend)

Please Note:

The College will be closed on Monday 1st June and Tuesday 2nd June – Queen's Birthday weekend.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Interim reports were emailed to parents during lockdown.

The Parent Teacher conferences have been postponed and we will keep you updated on a new date.

CHANGE INTO WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 and Term 3

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. **This will be open after school for sales.**

Any enquiries please email Kath Clews kclews@stjohns.school.nz

YEAR 10 CAMP

The Year 10 Camp will be in Term 4 and the cost will be approximately \$300. Parents are asked to start a regular AP into the school account to cover the costs. More information will be supplied later.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION – 2021

Prospectus Evening - This has been postponed

Parents, please help us promote our College. With our recent results, we have much to celebrate and promote. **A new date will be advertised.**

Taste of St. John's Day - Postponed.

This event is 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. **A new date will be advertised**

Open Day is on **Sunday 2nd August 2020, 6pm. – To be confirmed**

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN – please phone the office – 878 6853 to make an appointment

CONGRATULATIONS

PEAR – Social Enterprise

Eight of our students took three weeks during lockdown to work on 'Project Pear', coming up with a \$40 prototype which connects to a bag valve mask.



Lead inventor Dylan Wijaya, a Year 12, said the ventilator had successfully run for two days and they hoped to conduct a clinical test once the lockdown was over.

"We wanted to make it as affordable as possible and to as many people as possible. It's made out of wood joined together by pieces of Lego and run by a hand drill."

When word came their school would close for the Alert Level 4 lockdown there was uncertainty, confusion and sadness, Wijaya said. "But within

hours we decided this is what we wanted to do."

Working remotely had its challenges, but the group met regularly with Zoom meetings, he said.

Now the ventilator was working, calibrations were being adjusted and refined to match standard breathing patterns.

Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/project.pear/>

Attached are some media on PEAR for your information.

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/414972/covid-19-high-school-students-create-working-ventilator-from-wood-lego?fbclid=IwAR1KIJhGKtb6ez0BoHNBIouznJwvS7WZ03NoIo0ER7hhRcGj1qq0-RX2LPQ>

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/hawkes-bay-today/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503462&objectid=12326129&fbclid=IwAR2EeXSIdnzCHMitU-Msepc6y9ifpaH-ow7JOIdGV4DSWx4oY3pVJLCuE00

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/health/coronavirus/121232700/coronavirus-high-school-students-create-working-ventilator-from-wood-lego?cid=app-android>

CHES

Three Year 9 players from St. John's College competed in the recent online regional tournament on 12 May with great success.

- Jeevanjot Singh (RGCI) was placed 1st in the senior category receiving the Gold Medal, along with the Picket Fence and Brave Bishop badges.
- Ivan Roberts (COMO) was placed 5th in the senior category receiving the Quick Knockout badge.
- Hunter Wilson (COGM) was placed 8th in the senior category receiving the Pawn Power badge.

St. John's College now qualify to send a team of 5 to the Nationals in Auckland later in the year.

SJC OLD BOYS IN SPORT

Canoe Polo

NZ Canoe Polo have awarded St. John's Old Boys the following awards



Toby Mills MVP NZ U18



Liam Ward MVP NZU21

This is an outstanding result for these two young men and shows how hard they both worked over their years at St. John's.



Basketball

After captaining the Taranaki Mountaineers in 2019 St. John's Old Boy **Alonzo Burton** has signed with the Southland Sharks for the 2020 Sal's New Zealand National Basketball League and has been selected for the New Zealand Men's 3x3 team.



St. John's Old boy **Jacob Walsh** has signed with the Franklin Bulls Basketball team also in the Sal's New Zealand National Basketball League 2020. Jacob moves north to the Bulls after being with the Wellington Saints team in 2019. Well done, Alonzo and Jacob.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION FOR OUR RECORDS

If you have changed address or phone numbers, don't forget to notify the College. We need to have the latest contact details for our students so that if we need to contact you it won't be a problem.

CAREERS UPDATE

During Term 1 we hosted representatives from a number of tertiary providers as well as those promoting overseas exchange programmes. Liaison staff from other institutions were also booked for later in the term and for early in Term 2 but these were cancelled due to lockdown. The universities have remained in contact with schools throughout this period and I have forwarded information and links to the boys as I received the relevant emails. Some providers will be re-booking to offer a virtual presentation and I will let the boys know of these dates when they are finalised e.g Otago University and the NZDF (Defence Forces).

Regional Information Evenings

Universities usually hold regional information evenings when students, parents and whānau can meet with staff to discuss programmes of study, accommodation, scholarships and other pertinent information. These occasions are still being offered but will be in a **virtual** environment. I have sent information to our Year 13 students about these dates as they have been advertised which include:



Massey University – Thursday 21
May at 4pm [Register Now](#)



Canterbury University – Thursday
28 May at 6pm

[See our website for booking details](#)

Auckland University Business School – online
information session

Tuesday 26 May 4.30-5.30pm [Register here](#)



Otago University school visit
– **Monday 22 June at**
lunchtime

If boys are interested in either of these events, they need to register using the above links.

Year 13 Career Conversations

I completed about 20 individual interviews with Y13 students during Term 1 and will continue to roster these appointments for the boys starting next week. This is an opportunity for each student to meet with me to see where they are at regarding ideas and/or plans for next year. It gives me an opportunity to find out how I can support individuals and also gives the boys some information about what they need to do in order to achieve their goals. Many students will be given information booklets which they will bring home to discuss with you, their parents and whānau. These are exciting and important decisions for the boys and they will appreciate the support you can offer them during this process.

University Scholarships for Year 13 Students



MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any

student planning to start university in 2021. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students. A list of privately-funded, Māori, Pacific and International university scholarships completes the list. Applications close throughout the year. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success. For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the [MoneyHub Scholarship page](#)

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HOD Careers

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Community dental services reopen

Hawke's Bay DHB's community oral health services for tamariki have resumed under Alert Level 2 with dental hubs and mobile dental units open and operational from Monday 18 May.

If your tamariki needs a routine dental check-up, or you have any dental concerns that may require an urgent appointment, please text our team on 027-273-6731 and we will be in touch to arrange a suitable time. Please be advised all tamariki will be verbally screened for COVID-19 and other minor illness prior to appointments, as per Dental Council of New Zealand guidelines.

ST. JOHN'S PHONE APP



IMPORTANT TO STAY UP TO DATE

It is important that you have our school App. You will be kept up to date via email, School App and Facebook.

If you do not have the App - go to the App store on your Apple or Android device and search **School Apps NZ** to download the App to your phone or tablet.

Then it will ask you to search for the school – enter St. Johns College Hastings to download our information. Follow the instructions to subscribe to the appropriate groups and year levels to ensure that you are kept up to date with our alerts and event.

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

Rob Ferreira
PRINCIPAL

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2

Tuesday 26 th May	Careers Expo	Cancelled
Thursday 28 th May	St. Bernard's Exchange	TBA
Monday-Wednesday 1 st - 3 rd June	Commerce Trip	TBA
Wednesday-Saturday 3 rd - 6 th June	Music Trip	TBA
Saturday-Sunday 6 th - 7 th June	HB Culinary Arts	TBA
Saturday 13 th June	School Ball	TBA
Wednesday 10 th June	Taste of St. John's Day	TBA
Term 2 Sport		TBA
Thursday period 5	Sport	Starts Thursday 21/5/20

TERM DATES 2020

Term One

Friday 31st January – **Year 9s and Year 13s only**

Monday 3rd February – **All students**

Friday 27th March – **End of Term 1**

Early Finish due to COVID 19

Term Two

Wednesday 15th April – Friday 3rd July

Term Three

Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September

Term Four

Monday 12th October – To be announced



Attendance Dues Information – May 2020

- ❖ 2020 attendance dues invoices/statements were emailed out to families last week (if we had an email address on file). Those invoices/statements we were unable to email out will be sent via NZ Post this week. If you have not received an invoice/statement, please contact us so we can reissue one to you.
- ❖ The due date for the May invoice/statements has been extended from 29th May to 19th June to allow families additional time to make payment. Any questions, please get in touch. We are only a call away.
- ❖ One-off payments by credit card or debit card (Visa or Mastercard only) can be made using our website: www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues.
- ❖ If you had made **voluntary Catholic Character donation** payments from 1st April 2019 till 31st March 2020, you will be receiving a donation receipt. The donation receipts were emailed out over the first 2 weeks of May and those with no email address have been sent via mail this week. If you have not received your **voluntary Catholic Character donation** receipt for this period, please contact us and we can email or send it out to you.
- ❖ We know that the last 2 months due to Covid-19 have been very testing times. We also realise that families have been impacted financially. Please get in touch. We are happy to advise options that will help your family regarding Attendance Dues Fees. Anne-Marie, Marcy and Mark are here to discuss options with you.
Our contact details are as follows:
 - 0800 200 208; or
 - dues@pndiocese.org.nz

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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.