

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

Tuesday 23rd June –

Wednesday 24th June

Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 30th June

PFA Meeting – 7.15pm

Friday 3rd July

Last day of Term 2

Monday 20th July

Start of Term 3

Wednesday 29th July

Taste of St. John's Day

Sunday 2nd August – 2pm

Open Day

Kia ora parents and whanau.

We were thrilled at being able to move to level 1 of the alert system. The freedom that comes with it allowed us to function at a level that brought teaching and learning close to the pre-lockdown part of the year. Cultural and sporting activities are in full swing which means that students and staff can participate fully in school life. Saturday morning sport began on Saturday 13th June. It was great to see so many students, staff and parents out in the community supporting the College. With a busy winter sports season kicking off it is timely to remember that we appreciate all of you who support our young men. I would ask that we be a positive influence on the proceedings in that support of players and officials is in line with our values and habits. We would like our young men to keep participating because they enjoy playing, encouraging all of those involved to stay involved: something that is more important than ever given the prolonged period spent in lockdown.

On Saturday 6th June, the priestly ordination of Father Trung took place at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Palmerston North. Father Trung is based at the Hastings Parish and we look forward to his presence at St. John's in the future.

We have been pleased with the progress of Tim Donkin, one of our Year 13 students. After a lengthy time away in hospital, Tim and his family have returned to Hastings. Welcome back, Tim. Your resilience and tenacity have been an inspiration to us all. We are all looking forward to the day you can return to school. Keep up the amazing progress. Father Brian celebrated his last lunchtime school mass with us on Tuesday 9th June. He also attended a full school assembly on Friday 11th June which he has regularly done since he has been with us in Hastings. Thank you, Father Brian, for your contribution to our school community. We wish you well in your new community in Taranaki.

We foresee a busy end to the term. Friday 19th June we held our Feast Day Mass. We made an early call on cancelling Sports. Our students and staff celebrated the College's Feast Day with Mass.

Parent Teacher conferences will take place on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th June. This will be an opportunity for parents to discuss their son's progress during the year.

Our popular ESTEAM programme begins in week 11 of this term and continues in Term 3.

Term 3 begins with our Taste of St. John's Day on Wednesday 29th July and our Open Day on Sunday 2nd August at 2pm.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support over this term. It has been a difficult transition to a more normal mode of life. We have experienced a period that has been challenging and uncertain.

Mā te Atua e manaaki

Rob Ferreira
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

These very important meetings have been arranged for Tuesday 23rd June from 3.30pm – 4.30pm and Wednesday 24th June from 9.00am – 3.30pm. **There will be no classes on Wednesday 24th June** because of the large number of interviews booked. A time and date for your interview has been posted to you. 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 has been scheduled.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION – 2021

Taste of St. John's Day - Wednesday 29th July

This event is a visit by Year 8 students from Hawke's Bay and Year 6 students from Reignier Primary School. They will visit for the day and view the school in action. Please register with the office if you have a son in Year 8.

Open Day is on Sunday 2nd August 2020, 2pm.

Come to our Open Day and see what SJC has to offer your son. If you know families with students wishing to enrol for 2021 please advise them to contact the office to make an Enrolment interview.

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

NEW STAFF

Joseph Jackman started at the College once we were in Level 2. Joseph is an Old Boy of the College. We had a powhiri for Joseph last Friday at assembly. He will be teaching Social Studies, English and RE.

STUDENT SICKNESS

If your child is sick the Ministry guidelines are to keep him home and consult your doctor. Please telephone the office so we know and if your son is away for an extended time advise his House Teacher.

SPORTS

Sports have started and the boys are really enjoying being back training and trialling for teams.

Thursday Period 5 sports training has started and Tuesday afternoon sports practice is underway.

We are running the sports bus leaving at 4.30 going to Flaxmere and Napier.

Please make sure your son has all his sports gear for these trainings.

1st XV RUGBY

Last Saturday the 1st XV had a pre-season game against Napier Old Boys Marist Colts. A good hit out with plenty of running rugby and plenty of contact to help get the bodies ready for the season.

Result: 17-19



This Saturday the 1st XV are playing our first traditional exchange this year against Hato Paora College in Feilding.

27th June – Napier Boys' High School at NBHS

4th July – Palmerston North Boys' High at PNBH

BASKETBALL

Junior Basketball will play on Monday nights starting 22nd June at various venues.

Senior Basketball will play on Friday nights starting 19th June at various venues.

Please ask your boys to check the draws on the Basketball HB website.

HOCKEY

The 1st XI has their first warm-up game on Wednesday night at Park Island against Napier Boys' High School.

Please ask your boys to check the draws on the HB Hockey website.

Lachie MacGregor will be competing in 2 National North Island Duathlons in the Secondary School Championship events. Good luck, Lachie.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS (PFA)

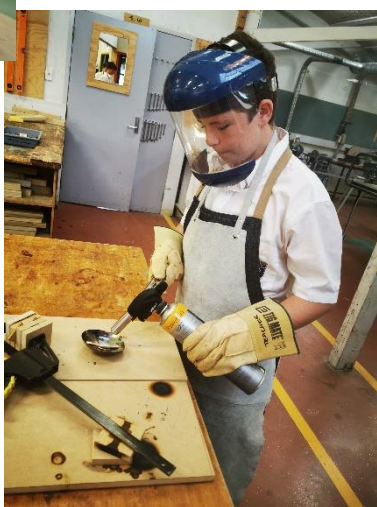
The PFA will be holding their next meeting on Tuesday 30th June at 7.15pm in the staffroom. Parents are welcome to come along. It is a great way to help the College.

Y9/Y10 MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY



Currently, in MTT, my junior classes are adding the final touches to their pewter jewellery designs. This is an 'oldie but a goodie' project that I have taught for many years and it ideally introduces the concepts of designing,

casting, finishing using fine motor skills and polishing. The re-introduction of metalwork in the workshop has been well received and we even managed to add some woodwork by making an accompanying



trinket box for their pewter jewellery design. Project work will be making its way home by the end of this term and I am exceptionally proud of their efforts.

Mr Fiet

Materials Technology teacher

IN THE LIBRARY

It is great to see everyone back and getting a routine going again. We'd like to get all systems going. Some of the boys need a reminder that they



have overdue library books (175). These can be renewed if the boys haven't finished with them. Two months is a good time to get through a book, so we'd like those books out over lockdown to come back in please. Would you please ensure you sons look these out for us? Teenage boys can be a bit forgetful. Thank you.

Meanwhile, the Chess Club is really taking off under the enthusiastic tutelage of Mr Thomson. Last term our boys did well in a local competition. Now, twenty-three boys are vying for that top spot on the ladder. As the weather cools there are numerous boards out in the library each lunch time. It is not too late to join the Chess Club. See Mr Thomson or Ms Black.

GATEWAY PROGRAMME - 2020

This year we have 20 young men on the Gateway Program at St. John's. Gateway is a subject that can be taken in Year 13 which is targeted to assist students who are interested in learning about a career in the Trades or Hospitality and any other industry that doesn't require a university degree. This year the students have commenced later in workplaces than they normally would but many have started and are going one day a week to places like: Tasman Harvesting, Greg Jacques Plumbing, Isaacs Plumbing and Electrical, Hohepa Farm, Agricultural ITO, Napier Bay Ford, Napier City Council Nursery, Senator Boats, HSM Securities and PWL Builders. The students are provided with any Health and Safety clothing they require for work and have got off to an excellent start. Next week they all attend a Health and Safety workshop and they have all passed a Comprehensive First Aid Course.



Maika helping in the organic vegetable garden at Hohepa farms

AIR CONDITIONING UNITS



Rooms 1 to 7 were fitted out with Air Conditioning units during Level 3. We were able to install the units using the Workday money

and also help from the Palmerston Diocese. The rooms will be lovely and toasty for the winter and cool in the summer.

Thank you to all the students who contributed to our Workday and to the Palmerston North Diocese. Students and teachers are very happy.

CAPE PHYSIO

We will have a physio from Cape Physio available for all students on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am to 11am. Students will need to book an appointment with the office.

UNIFORM SHOP

Our Uniform shop hours are now **3pm – 4.30pm**. We are still waiting on delivery of our bulk order from February due to the Virus. The supplier is keeping in touch with us. We will email parents and put an alert out on our APP when the uniform arrives.

Please make sure your son's uniform is clearly named.



PLAYHOUSE FOR SALE

Last year, the senior students in MTT manufactured a wooden playhouse that currently resides at the back of the workshop. The Y13 students of 2020 have finished off some parts of the design as well as

adding a few touches of their own. As it nears completion, it is time to gauge interest amongst our community to see if anyone would be interested in buying it. Please contact the office for more information.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The Tuckshop has Eftpos available now. The boys are enjoying their morning tea and lunches.

CHARITY KNITTING

During Lockdown knitting became a fantastic hobby to help families in need. If you have any leftover wool that you would like to donate, please drop into the office and we will get this to the volunteers.

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. John's 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 events.

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

Rob Ferreira
PRINCIPAL

Coming Events

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Due to the Virus we are still updating our school calendar

We will keep you updated

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.