

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 20th July

Start of Term 3

Tuesday 28th July

PFA meeting – 7pm

Wednesday 29th July

Taste of St. John's Day

Sunday 2nd August

Open Day – 2pm

Friday 14th August

Assumption Mass – 10am

Saturday 15th August

Degustation Dinner – 6pm

Monday 24th August

Yr 8 Scholarship Exams – 4pm

Thursday 27th August

Parent Teacher Interviews

Y11 – Yr 13

School photo day

Thursday 10th September –

Wednesday 16th September

Senior Practice Examinations

Kia ora Whānau and family

Welcome back to Term 3. This will be a busy term for the school community given that we are going to try and fit in as many activities as possible to make up for lost time. I hope that all of our staff and students are well rested and ready to meet the challenges of this term. We have the commencement of winter sports in all code; these will run a little longer than usual as we try and give our students as much opportunity as possible to play out an extended season. Some sporting codes have organised a regional winter sports tournament to replace some of the National Winter Sports Tournaments that have been cancelled. I would like to wish all those sports teams well in those competitions.

Term 3 will also see our senior students sitting College Examinations. These act as benchmark grades for NCEA should students need to apply for a derived grade. I would urge students who are sitting NCEA external examinations to prepare adequately for these. College Examinations begin on Thursday 10th September through to Wednesday 16th September. While it is important that we continue to be mindful of the impact that the lockdown has had on our young men and whānau, we also need to look forward and work to ensure that students are able to achieve their goals this year. Academic progress and achievement will depend on young men's effective organisation and time management, timely communication with teachers, and, most importantly, genuine effort with classwork, homework and assessment tasks.

St. John's College Hastings has continued to excel with its social enterprise and project work, receiving two further accolades. The New Zealand National Commission of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) has awarded the College \$3000 to recognise national excellence in both its programmes. And, for the first time, the college has also been invited to participate in the GCED - Ideas Exchange to be held in Wellington on 20th August and streamed live to a national audience. The school's director of social enterprise and special projects and head of commerce David Ivory said it reaffirms the innovative and successful social enterprise and project work conducted by the school. The Commission has sought to highlight the St. John's Social Enterprise model as expressed in projects such as GEORGE (2018/19), Environ-Crete (2019/2020), and PEAR (2020); and Project Work as represented in the BRUTHAS scheme, The Policy Lighthouse and the National Poverty Index. College Head Boy and student representative Josh Villanueva and Special Character leader Fred Devereux will represent the College at the event next month which will allow the St. John's College story to be shared.

Mā te Atua e manaaki

Rob Ferreira

Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

ENROLMENT INFORMATION FOR 2021

OPEN DAY – Sunday 2nd August – 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.

ASSUMPTION MASS - Friday 14th August

The full school Mass for Term 3 is the Assumption Mass at 10am, Sacred Heart Church. As a Marist College this is a special Mass which welcomes our mothers and grandmothers. This is a very special day in the Marist Calendar.

CULINARY ARTS INSTITUTE DEGUSTATION DINNERS

7 courses with wine matches from



Saturday 15th August



Local Farmers Market-inspired
Degustation Fundraiser Dinner –
Venue: SJC Performing Arts Centre
6.00pm - \$100 each

Tickets available through the office or email
kclews@stjohns.school.nz.

Saturday 19th September



French-inspired
Degustation Fundraiser Dinner
Venue: SJC Performing Arts Centre
6.00pm - \$100 each

Tickets available through the office or email
kclews@stjohns.school.nz.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP EXAM – Yr 8 students – Monday 24th August 4pm

Any Year 8 students who are enrolled to come to St. John's College in 2021 are welcome to sit our Academic Scholarship exams. These take place on Monday 24th August at 4.00pm at our College. The Year 8 students will sit a 50-minute English exam and a 45-minute Mathematics exam. Please phone the office to advise us if your son would like

to sit the exams.

SCHOLARSHIPS – Year 9 students 2021

We have a number of scholarships available for Year 9 boys for 2021. Please contact the office for the information.

THURSDAY SPORTS TRAINING

The last day for Thursday Sports training will be **Thursday 27th August**. We will then revert to normal Thursday timetable.

FULL REPORTS FOR SENIORS

This year we want to email Senior reports directly to parents. This will ensure that parents receive their son's report before the Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday 27th August. If you would prefer a printed copy please contact the office.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – YR 11-13

These will be held on Thursday 27th August. The evening is split into two sessions: Session 1 from 3.30pm to 5.20pm and Session 2 from 6.15pm to 7.15pm. As with previous Parent Teacher interview evenings we are using the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz to allow parents to book times with subject teachers.

The booking code is 22sst

SCHOOL PHOTOS – Thursday 27th August

We will be taking school photos. Students are to be in their dress uniform. If the students are needed for sports photos please make sure they have their sports uniforms.

TOURNAMENT WEEK

Monday 31st August – Friday 4th September

We will have a number of College teams involved in Tournament Week either in Hawke's Bay or away.

SENIOR COLLEGE EXAMS

Thursday 10th to Wednesday 16th September

While the timetable has not yet been finalised the following guidelines will apply for most students. Students will have either a 3-hour practice NCEA External Exam or a 2-hour Internal Assessment task in subjects where there are no Externals.

Please note:

1. Practice exams or Internal Assessment activities are compulsory.
2. The practice exams are for 3 hours. Morning exams are from 8.55am – 11.55am while afternoon exams are from 1.00pm – 4.00pm.
3. Students are not allowed to leave exams early so some students will need to make special arrangements to get home at 4pm.

If you have any questions about these exams please contact Mrs Tracy Russell – Deputy Principal - Curriculum.

ACADEMIC FOCUS

It is vital that our students be focused on their classroom work. Seniors should be striving to gain every Internal NCEA Achievement Standard credit they can, which means they must be working hard to complete all assignments properly before the deadline.

JUNIOR PARENT INTERVIEWS

Thursday 17th September

The evening is split into two sessions: Session 1 from 3.30pm to 5.20pm and Session 2 from 6.15pm to 7.15pm. As with previous parent teacher interview evenings we are using the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz to allow parents to book times with subject teachers. We will update you with the booking code in the next newsletter.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

We welcome Amy Campbell to our staff. Amy has been employed to cover Maternity Leave for our Financial Administrator – Anneliese Holder. We wish Anneliese all the best for the birth of her baby and look forward to working with Amy.

SPORTS

It is great to see the boys out training for their various sports. Thursday sports training has started and we have also played some competition games in various codes.

Cycling

Max Williams raced in the NZ Age Group Road Nationals last Friday and was placed 6th in the Under 19 age group.

We are very excited that Max has just signed on with Revolution Cycling to train for the Dynamo Team Series. Good luck, Max.

Senior Basketball

Senior Basketball had a fantastic start to their season with a big win in the HB Secondary Schools Division 1 League over Taradale High School Senior A – 103-39.

Junior Basketball



Great day on the court – First week of the holiday – two good wins

SJC Junior A vs Gisborne U14s – 53-35

SJC Junior A vs Gisborne U16s – 71-64

Rugby



St. John's 1st XV played Hato Paora in their annual Worsford Cup Challenge which was first played in 1950. SJC played well and took out a win 27-14.

The first weekend of the holidays saw the 1st XV head to Palmerston North to play Palmerston North Boys' High School 2nd XV. A good running game and a fantastic win 41-24.

The 1st XV fundraised for a new tracksuit. Looking smart!!



Cross Country



Camden Russell ran at the East Coast North Island Cross Country Champs in June and placed 7th overall (out of 26 competitors) in the 4km course in a time of 14.22. Well done, Camden.

Football

This year we have 5 teams in local competitions. There are two senior teams and three junior teams.

Junior games (Y9 and Y10) always start at 10:30am on Saturday mornings and the Senior Boys' games always start at 9am on Saturday mornings.

Mr Cooper coaches the 1st X1 and practices twice a week, weather permitting. This team is in the top Senior Boys' competition again. The 1st X1 plays against top school teams in the bay and possibly the North Island. Hopefully there is a chance of attending a local organised Tournament later in August.

The Junior A side (Years 9 and 10) are in the top division again with two coaches sharing the training – Fred Taylor and Joe Jackman (Old boy teaching at St. John's). The Junior A team plays against top local school sides in Hawke's Bay. The Football Institute is on in the mornings before school from 8am to 8:50. Students went through trials back in term 1 in order to make this special group. All these young men are in the Junior A squad. There are always trials at the start of each year for new boys to make this Institute squad.

The 2nd X1 Senior Team is in the Social Older Boys' competition. Players still like to win and the emphasis is on participation and enjoyment. Mr Oliver takes this side. There is always a great turnout of parents and players for these games. There are two Junior Football sides in lower divisions – Maroon and Blue. Each week Mr Smith coaches these boys so that they can improve their basic football knowledge and skills.

Its early days so far and teams have only played one or two games. The school football coaches are hoping for a great year. All the boys really enjoy seeing friends and family at games so we all look forward to seeing you soon.

Mr Oliver

SJC SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Team: PEAR

Social Enterprise Team – Making A Real Time Difference

PEAR is an outside of class project, comprising students from Years 12 and 13 who are seeking to make a difference. During the lockdown students learnt technology and resilience, honed time management skills and learnt to think in an

innovative manner in extreme circumstances. They produced a functional, and tested, medical ventilator – we commenced and finished our journey under Covid-19 lockdown level 4.

Currently PEAR students are designing a sustainable power sourced, robust industrial based light, capable of significant illumination, at a cost cheaper than other comparable units in the market.

PEAR II Students are deconstructing existing technologies and refined then reconstructed an amazing new product (to be released early Term 3). Students intend to disrupt the market. The causation of this disruption: PEAR II.



Students say thank you to **Freenergy Solar Solutions**, 'our new partner, we really appreciate your kind donation of the solar panel! It will be used to construct our first streetlamp which will be a sustainable power sourced, robust industrial based light, capable of significant illumination and at a cost cheaper than other comparable units in the market as we work to help brighten up New Zealand's darkest roads and essentially prevent vehicle accidents'.

See:

<https://www.facebook.com/SolarEnergyHawkesBay/>.



PEAR made up of 8 students (Years 12 and 13) have just won seed funding from EIT. It was one member of the panel, who lives in a rural area, who was very excited about this product. It's ambitious and technical, but there is a serious market need and we commend you for your innovative thinking:

'Clearly, the nature of the product makes it expensive to produce. It is good to know that you already have some support, and with additional funding and sponsorship we look forward to seeing a prototype'.

Further, **Dylan Wijaya** (Year 12) from PEAR has

been selected from a large number of national applications to represent St. John's College and region at a national event in Wellington in August: Entrepreneurs in Action. All airfares and accommodation are paid and Dylan will experience an exceptional weekend meeting and working alongside New Zealand top business/enterprise students. Students will also be mentored by many of the country's leading business practitioners.

UN SUMMIT NEWS



Louis Gaffaney (12 – Economics). Word has just arrived from Wellington. The UN Secretariat has decided that Louis will be a participant in the UN Summit (2020)

to be convened in Wellington. In the next few weeks Louis will be allocated his country for representation shortly; then he will undertake research on the social, political, economic, and cultural context of the country in order to engage in informed decision making at the Assembly.

It was stated:

"The Committee, National Executive and I were very impressed by the insight and passion you demonstrated in your application Louis."



HORTICULTURE GARDEN

Thank you to Paul Raskin from B & P Welding for donating the stones for the Horticulture block. The students will be manhandling the stones into the gardens next week. SJC appreciate the donation. Thank you.

ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

An enquiry evening will be held on Wednesday 19th August at 7 p.m. in the Catholic Parish of Hastings Office, 425 Heretaunga Street East. If you know someone who may be interested, bring them along OR if that someone is YOU please, as the Scripture says - 'Come and See'.....

CAPE PHYSIO

We 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.

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL TIME

If students need to go to appointments during school time they must provide a note or parents phone the school office to notify us. This is a Health and Safety requirement.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP

Our Uniform shop hours are now **3pm – 4.30pm.**

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

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

CAREERS UPDATE

During Term 3, we hosted liaison staff from **Otago University, Waikato University** and the **New Zealand Defence Force**, representing all three forces - the Navy, Army and Airforce.

For the first time, we also had a visit from the **Inzone Careers Coach** – an interactive display coach which provides a huge amount of up-to-date information about a wide range of career options. All students in Years 11-13 spent 25 minutes inside the Coach where they



were able to individually access information of interest to them through a kiosk. Feedback from the boys was very positive and we are hopeful that the Career Coach will come back to St. John's College in the future.



Peter and Donna, the couple who own the Coach, were impressed with the boys' behaviour, their level of engagement and manners and expressed this to several staff members.

It is always great to receive such positive feedback about our St. John's young men.



Year 13 Career Conversations

All students in Year 13 have now met with either Shelley Oliver or me to discuss their plans for next year. Many boys could identify a clear post-school pathway for themselves and were aware of what they must do in order to make progress towards their goals. Some boys are still considering a few different options. If there is something further that your son wishes to discuss with either one of us, please tell him to make contact to organise another meeting.

Year 13 Career assemblies

From next week, I will be meeting with all Y13 students in the Performing Arts Centre on Tuesdays during House time. This will allow me to communicate directly with the cohort regarding careers-focussed matters. Boys will receive information and support for applications for courses and programmes of study, scholarships, accommodation, interview tips and writing CV's. Key dates, which are strictly enforced by universities, will be communicated clearly to the boys. However, students must individually take responsibility for meeting the deadlines relevant to them. There are no resubs!!

University Information

University liaison staff will be returning to school this term to support students with their course planning for 2021. These sessions are very useful for the boys and I would strongly encourage them to attend. Some boys may still be considering two university options – they should attend both sessions and apply for programmes at both universities. There is no financial disadvantage in applying for more than one university at this early stage.

University Open Days



Otago University Virtual Open Day
Thursday 23 July 3.30-7.30pm

Victoria University of Wellington Open Day
Friday 21 August



Massey Open Days

- Wellington Friday 21 August
- Manawatū Friday 11 September

University Scholarships for Year 13 Students

University websites contain information regarding Scholarships which are available at their own institutions. In addition, there are privately funded scholarships advertised in the Careers room (e.g PwC)

Another option is MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, which publishes 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. MoneyHub also publishes a list of tips for scholarship success. For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the [MoneyHub Scholarship page](#).



Sue Ross
HOD Careers
sross@stjohns.school.nz

National Recognition for Social Enterprise and Project Work @ St. John's College – Hastings: \$3,000.00 from New Zealand UNESCO Commission

St. John's College continues to operate both innovative and successful Social Enterprises and Project Work. The New Zealand National Commission of UNESCO has awarded the College \$6,000.00 to recognise national excellence in both its programmes. The College has also been invited to participate in the GCED - Ideas Exchange to be held in Wellington, 20th August 2020, to be streamed live to a national audience. The event will allow the St. John's College story to be shared. There will be two other educational groups involved and their projects will also be shared which involves the elements of emotional resilience, wellbeing and te ao Māori, which also informs the St. John's College approach.

The Commission has sought to highlight the St. John's Social Enterprise model as expressed in projects such as GEORGE (2018/2019), Environ-Crete (2019/2020), Te Tuitui Mātauranga (The Binding of Knowledge) (2019/2020) and PEAR (2020); and Project Work as represented in the BRUTHAS scheme, The Policy Lighthouse and the National Poverty Index.

The two students who will represent the College are Josh Villanueva (College Head Boy) and Fred Devereux (Special Character Leader). Both students have been heavily involved in both Social Enterprise and Special Project work throughout their journey at St. John's.



This achievement is the second achieved by St. John's College from UNESCO. In 2018 the Commission stated it:

fully recognized St. John's College remarkable achievements and as such as provided the College with its 'Highly Commended' status and will issue an award to that effect, and the Commission will recognize this status in all its communications both domestically and internationally.

Student participation at St John's is undertaken on an extra-curricular basis and open to all. Last year some students had opportunities to share their work in Buenos Aires and Bangkok, and a team of social enterprise students was destined for the World Trade Expo in Dubai – 2020; (now on hold).

St. John's College has a sustainable history of generating positive cash flows from social enterprise projects, awards, community engagement through relationships with youth in custody, those addicted with mental health issues, and seasonal workers. Students attempt to influence community decision makers by advocating a social justice agenda.

This year had been difficult for the College with lockdown but a group of students (PEAR I), working within the constraints of lockdown, were able to make a functional ventilator (see:

<https://www.facebook.com/project.pear>). Post-lockdown these same students are now constructing a completely sustainable, low cost external light, powered by solar and wind turbine, to bring light to a variety of environments – keeping workers and community safe. A uniqueness of this project is having a solar panel which has the flexibility to track the sun, and not be fixed in place. This project is called PEAR II and a consortium of local robotic and engineering firms are supporting this initiative.

The NZ Education Gazette has published the student story during lock down:

<https://gazette.education.govt.nz/articles/symbol-of-the-times/>



Gift of PEAR I - Constructed During Level 4 -for National Museum of Transport and Technology (Auckland): now part of their Permanent Collection



Meeting on site with Business Partners - PEAR II



St. John's College

Degustation Fundraiser Dinners



**Saturday 15th August– 6pm
and
Saturday 19th September – 6pm**

7 COURSES
WITH WINE
MATCHES FROM



VENUE: SJC Performing Arts Centre

Get your tickets from the school office

**Phone: (06) 878 6853 or email: kclews@stjohns.school.nz
For more information or bookings**



St. John's College Rugby Foundation

A revised competition due to Covid has been organised and our Rugby boys are very excited. The draw is below. Note the Week 5 game is in fact a "bye" week with both St. John's Hamilton and Hastings drawing the "bye" on the same day so it was agreed to play the mighty Matthew Cooper Boot, currently held by St. John's College, Hastings. Normally this fixture would be part of the full CNI Competition but the draw is split North/South with crossovers in Taupo – Week 6 and 7 this year.



Week 1 – AWAY
Saturday 25th July
Vs Feilding



Week 2 – HOME
Saturday 1st August
Vs Lindisfarne



Week 3 – AWAY
Saturday 8th August
Vs Rathkeale



Week 4 – HOME
Saturday 15th August
Vs Whanganui Collegiate



Week 5 – NON CNI
GAME for the "Matthew
Cooper Boot"
Saturday 22nd August
In Taupo



SEMI FINALS –
Taupo, Saturday 29th
August (All Teams
Cross over)

FINALS – Taupo,
Saturday 5th
September (All
teams Cross over
games)

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The CNI competition is now being held in Term 3.

Saturday 25th July CNI vs Feilding @ Feilding

Saturday 1st August CNI vs Lindisfarne @ SJC

Saturday 8th August vs Rathkeale @ Rathkeale

Saturday 15th August vs Whanganui Collegiate at SJC

Saturday 22nd August – Non CNI game - St. John's Hamilton in Taupo for the Matthew Cooper Boot

Saturday 29th August – Semi-final

Saturday 5th September – Finals

Transport for the away games will be in the school vans. Players are expected to travel as a team in the vans.

Coming Events

2020	
Monday 20 th July	Start of Term 3 – Day 7
Tuesday 28 th July	PFA Meeting – 7pm in staffroom
Wednesday 29 th July	Taste of St. John's Day for Year 8 students
Sunday 2 nd August	Open Day – 2pm
Friday 7 th August	Year 11 Retreats
Friday 14 th August	Assumption Mass – Sacred Heart Church – 10am
Saturday 15 th August	Degustation Dinner – 6pm
Monday 17 th August – Tuesday 18 th August	Year 12 Retreat
Monday 24 th August	Year 8 Scholarship Exams – 4pm
Thursday 27 th August	Parent Teacher Interviews Yr 11-13 School Photo Day
Monday 31 st August – Friday 4 th September	Winter Tournament Week
Thursday 10 th September – Wednesday 16 th September	Senior Practice Examinations
Thursday 17 th September	Junior Parent Evening 3.30 – 7pm
Friday 25 th September	END OF TERM 3

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

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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.