



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 24th August

Yr 8 Scholarship Exams – 4pm

Tuesday 25th August

PFA Meeting – 7pm

Thursday 27th August

Parent Teacher Interviews

Y11 – Yr 13

School photo day

Monday 7th September

Yr 10 Camp meeting – 7pm

Friday 11th September –

Wednesday 16th September

Senior Practice Examinations

Thursday 17th September

Junior Parent Evening

Saturday 19th September

Degustation Dinner

Friday 25th September

Last day Term 3

Monday 12th October

Term 4

Dear whanau and families

We have had a wonderful start to term three. All winter sports teams are in full swing. We have students who are participating in competitions throughout the week as well as on weekends. Special mention needs to be made of our squash team who recently competed at the National Tournament in Tauranga. There were 32 boys' teams from around the country who competed over 3 days. The St. Johns' team finished 8th in what was a very tough tournament. They competed against the senior A teams from Mount Albert Grammar, Westlake Boys', Christchurch Boys', and Hamilton Boys' High Schools. Given that four of our players are back next season, we are hopeful that they will be placed higher in the 2021 competition.

We are now halfway through term three and despite the busy nature of the term, I would like to remind our community that we have senior College examinations pending in week eight. These examinations are important as they will give us an indication of how ready our students are for the NCEA examinations in term four.

These are also used as benchmark examinations for students who qualify for a derived grade should they have a reason for missing an NCEA assessment because of a valid reason determined by NZQA.

The College examinations are a very useful tool for students and teachers to gauge where the learning of your son is at, so that they will have sufficient time to prepare for their external examinations.

We had a number of boys preparing for baptism at our Assumption Mass. Unfortunately the Mass was cancelled due to being in Level 2. The boys went ahead and had their special celebrations at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 16th August.

Over the last two weeks staff and students have been busy preparing the College for our annual Taste of St. Johns' day and our Open day. Both occasions were very well attended. I would like to thank all the members of our community who came to the College as well as all the staff and students who worked so hard in ensuring that both occasions were a great success.

Students at the College have also had some great individual performances. Logan Start has been selected as a referee at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Basketball Nationals. Logan has consistently been selected to referee at important tournaments throughout New Zealand. Lachlan McGregor was placed 16th at the Tri New Zealand Suzuki North Island Duathlon Championships.

As of the 12th August the government in conjunction with the Ministry of Health have instructed the country with the exception of the Auckland region to return to Level 2 of the Alert system. This still means that the school is open for normal teaching and learning. All necessary measures to maintain a healthy environment will be taken as advised by the Ministry of Health. The school will inform you if there are any changes from the Ministry of Health and the government.

Manaakitia e te Atua
Rob Ferreira
Principal

ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN FOR 2021

We are holding enrolment interviews for Year 8 boys coming to St. John's College next year. If you would like to enrol your son, please phone the office to make an enrolment appointment with the Principal.

If you know any other families who are interested in sending their boys to SJC please let them know about the enrolment interviews.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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.

THURSDAY SPORTS TRAINING – 27th August

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

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

Friday 11th 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 External.

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

These will be held on 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 give you more information in the next newsletter.

CULINARY ARTS INSTITUTE DEGUSTATION DINNER

7 courses with wine matches
from



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.

SENIOR COURSE SELECTION

On Wednesday 14th October and Thursday 15th October we have our senior course selection days for 2020.

These will take place at the College for current Years 10, 11 and 12. This enables parents and students to meet with our Academic and Careers team to make pathway choices that will hopefully lead to future student success. The following staff will be available to discuss your son's options with you.

Mrs Tracy Russell for those going into Level 3
Mrs Belinda Raskin for those going into Level 2
Mrs Sue Ross for those going into Level 1

We are using the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz to allow parents to book times with the Academic Dean.

We will give you more information in the next newsletter.

YEAR 10 CAMP MEETING - Monday 7th September

One of the major activities in the school calendar in the Junior School is the Year 10 Camp. This year, this will be in the last week of term 4. The whole of Year 10 will be attending the Guthrie Smith Outdoor Education Centre at Tutira which provides qualified and registered instructors supported by SJC teaching staff. The event is at the heart of the values of the College and also develops self-confidence, resilience and strategic thinking with collegial respect in a safe and fun environment.



We invite you to a special parents' meeting Monday 7th September from 7-8pm in the Performing Arts Centre for a presentation about the camp. The short presentation will cover all the details, show some photographs of the great activities, explain parental contribution to the cost and answer any questions you may have at this time.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Wilson

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.

ACADEMIC CUP

Can you please return your son's Academic Cups so that we have them for this year's prizegiving. Please drop them into the office. We would appreciate the cups coming back cleaned.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

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

UNIFORM ORDERS FOR 2021

Due to Covid restrictions we need to place our Uniform order for 2021.

Can you please email or phone the office to place orders for your summer uniform before next **Friday 28th August**.

GATEWAY

The Gateway programme is well underway, and students are enjoying learning about the different industries that they are interested in for their future pathways. After completing a Health and Safety and First Aid course students complete a Career pathway plan. They research different workplaces using the Careers.govt.nz website and using this information they identify an industry that they would like to be placed for some experience.



Jared Dacombe: Is on a placement at Hastings Property Brokers, learning about managing rental properties. The team at Property Brokers have been very supportive and given him a fantastic experience. Jared is now researching his options for further study and his 'next step' towards gaining a

qualification in the Real Estate Industry. When asked what Jared has enjoyed most about being on Gateway this year, he said:

"This year I have really enjoyed all sorts of things in my Gateway placement, but if I had to highlight one thing during my time there, I would pick out the diverse and friendly staff community at Property Brokers. From my first day and up until today, I feel like they have helped me with my confidence building and my growth as a person. I cannot be more thankful to the staff and the two women who gave their time and energy to teach me everything I should know about Property Management. "

DEGUSTATION DINNER - Saturday 15 August



We held our first Degustation dinner for 2020 at school on Saturday night and what a night it was. The food served to us by

these young and up and coming chefs was outstanding. Thank you also to our Prefects and wonderful group of parents who stepped up when we needed extra help due to Level 2 Covid restrictions. You were all amazing.

Our next Degustation dinner is on 19th September – book now for a fabulous night.

CONGRATULATIONS



Ayden Wilson - Baptised, Confirmed and First Holy Communion; **Peter Hannah, Vitolio Otutaha** and **Oliver Tuanaki** all received First Holy Communion on Sunday 16th August at Sacred Heart Church. Though our

combined School Mass was cancelled, their special celebration went ahead. Thank you to families and Mr Bolton for being there to support the boys.



11 ECONOMICS - Sam Brown

Sam Brown won national selection for participation in this year's Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference (Youth 2020). Due to the current Covid 19 environment, Sam, and other participants, could not attend the Parliamentary complex in Wellington, which is the normal venue, instead he attended remotely on 17 August 2020.

He was asked to formally represent the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis (Eastern Caribbean). The lense of the event was international refugees. Representatives needed to prepare an individual country position paper and then address at the forum, issues of economic resilience, human rights and global warming.

There are no specific winners, this Commonwealth event has as a focus an agreed consensus amongst member nations, which was formalised in a resolution/communicate from the event. Sam relished the journey, prepared well in advance with real time data, and was able to fully engage with other selected student representatives.

Yr11 MATERIAL TECHNOLOGY



This year, the students in Year 11 have been working on a garden side table project.

Manufactured from treated pine, they are ideal for using outside on the deck or garden patio. The frame is constructed using dowel joints and the top is made from pine slats that are

screwed in place. A decorative edging, made from kauri, is mitred at the corners using a drop saw and then attached using a brad nail gun.



The project is ideal for introducing a number of machines, tools and processes to the students. A number of tables are now finished and are ready to go home.

I hope the students are as proud as I am of their finished designs and put them to good use!

Jacob Symonds is pictured above with his table and was the first in my Year 11 class to finish their design.

Mr S Fiet
Teacher of Materials Technology
(Year 9-13)

SPORTS

HOCKEY



Last week SJC 1st XI Hockey had a good win against Havelock North 1st XI - 4-3.

SQUASH

Team: Blake Knox, Jack Cornforth, Isaac Pilcher, Joshua Cornforth, Jonty Unwin, Harry Unwin



On the 6-9th August, the team travelled up to Tauranga to compete in the National Secondary Schools' Squash Championships. Going into the tournament, we were seeded 8th out of 32 teams, and after good wins against St Paul's Collegiate (5-0) and Hamilton Boys' High School (4-1), the team was able to secure a top 8 placing. From there, we were given the chance to play the top seeded team in the whole competition, Mount Albert Grammar School. It was an awesome experience, but

unfortunately, we couldn't quite topple the giants. For our final two games, we played Christchurch Boys' High School, and Westlake Boys' High School, which turned out to be two good games, but two losses. This meant that at the end of the tournament, we were able to hold our original seeding of 8th out of 32 teams. It was a really fun and competitive weekend, and we look forward to next year's event.

Congratulations Isaac Pilcher, Blake Knox, Josh Cornforth and Jack Cornforth for being chosen to represent Squash Eastern at the NZ Junior National Championships in October.

BADMINTON



SJC Senior B Badminton had a draw against Taradale High School last week.

BASKETBALL



Congratulations Logan Start on being selected as a referee at the NZ Secondary Schools Basketball Nationals

SJC Lakers has a great win against Karamu Junior B last week 54-14.



SJC Junior A had a great game last week against Taradale Junior A winning 77-56 and the week before played Lindisfarne Junior A winning 107-80.

CANOE POLO

Last week SJC Junior Canoe Polo team has a good win against Karamu Senior 3 – 6-1.

MULTI-SPORT/DUATHLON



Congratulations Lachlan MacGregor on placing 16th in the Tri New Zealand Suzuki North Island Duathlon Championships.

RUGBY

6th August

SJC "F" Grade played HBHS and had a big win 90 – 0.
Well done boys

8th August

SJC D Grade has a good win against HBHS 37 – 7.
1st XV played Rathkeale College in an exciting game going down 22-20.

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.

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 - AUGUST

Whakapiki Ake – Early Exposure



We welcomed the team from the University of Auckland to present some positive messages and engage with our Y10 and Y11 Māori students about their futures. The group's objectives were to encourage and raise the aspirations of rangatahi Māori with regard to cultural identity, sense of self, purpose and understanding the impacts of choice to support future career potential and goal setting. In particular, students were made aware of the need for, and opportunities available, for young Māori who aspire to enter a health-related career. Links were made between what subjects the boys need to study at school and how that could open more doors for them at university. Student feedback was positive and included the following comments:

"It was good but wish it could have been longer"

"We learned good lessons for out of school too" (Elliott – Y11)

NZ Police visit



Sergeant Greg Macklow visited school and addressed a group of Y11-13 students about the varied career opportunities offered by the NZ Police Force. He outlined the type of work that police officers do, the selection process and the training that is undertaken. Further information is available to students from the following website:

<https://www.newcops.co.nz/>

University Information

Course Planning

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.

Future Student Advisor, Jordan Brannigan, assisted those bound for the University of Canterbury with their programme planning on Monday this week. Other university personnel will be available to the boys on the following dates:

Waikato University – Friday 21 August

Otago University – Tuesday 8 September

Massey University – Tuesday 25 August

Victoria University – Wednesday 9 September

Auckland University – Monday 31 August

Accommodation

The current priority for all students intending to go to university next year is to apply for their accommodation if they intend to live in a Halls of Residence. These applications should be completed by the end of August to give students the best chance of getting into their first choice of Hall. All applications are done online and the process is very clearly outlined on each individual university's website. Please ask your son if he has completed his.

University Open Days

Due to the uncertainty with Covid-19, many Open Days have been cancelled this year. I know that quite a number of boys were intending to travel to Victoria's Open Day which was originally scheduled for last Friday. Most universities are offering virtual alternatives and I will ensure that the boys are informed of these changes as I receive notification from the respective universities.

Further information for Year 13 Students



MoneyHub

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, which is freely available, has published a New Guide: Essential Freebies for School Students. Students can see what is available to

them here: <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/school-student-freebies.html>

Sue Ross

HOD Careers

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Covid-19 Standard Operating Procedures for visiting sports teams under Level 2

Stay at home if you are unwell

All players / coaches must self-assess their health prior to coming to St. John's College. If you are not sure of your condition contact Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or your local GP for advice.

Contact Tracing

All visiting teams must give a printed copy of their team list to the St. John's College Manager of the team they are playing on arrival. All coaches, managers and other team staff for home and away teams **MUST** be listed on the team sheet. Additionally the St. John's College QR code will be displayed for all visitors to register at our office or Gym during their visit using the "NZ Covid Tracing" App as an additional safeguard if required. We will have manual sign-in sheets available.

Spectators

At Alert Level 2, no spectators will be allowed to attend games at St. John's College. With restrictions on numbers of people allowed in each separated playing area at one time and issues with contact tracing, for the safety of all players and staff we ask that this is respected. Any parent/caregiver who has a dependent minor to be picked up are asked to remain outside close to the designated entry/exit point. (Front of school – pedestrian gates). Our main gates will be locked.

Practice good hygiene AT ALL TIMES

Your hands are the gateway to your mouth so washing your hands prior to games and afterwards are paramount. Wash your hands before placing mouthguards in your mouth and then wash your hands/sanitize ready for your game. We ask all teams to have a bottle of team hand sanitiser with them.

- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds including before and after playing or use hand sanitizer. Ensure you have placed your mouthguard in then wash your hands.
- Cover mouth with coughs and sneeze into your elbow.
- Do not share any equipment with other players or teams.
- All players are to bring their own equipment including mouthguards and drink bottles. All disposable drink bottles and other rubbish to be put in the bins provided
- All teams are to bring their own equipment, sticks, mouthguard, drink bottles, hand sanitizer, whistles.
- Good practice rule is "what you take in you take out" including rubbish, although bins are provided and in all changing rooms.
- Hand sanitizer will be located in each separated playing area. Ask the manager of the St. John's College team you are playing for the location if you cannot find it.
- No spitting

Gym

- Enter/exit through front doors 15 minutes prior to games and immediately after games
- Hand sanitiser is available at the front door
- QR and manual Contact tracing available at entry
- Team changing rooms will be designated
- Team sheets must be supplied
- **No spectators**

General hygiene in changing rooms

For travelling teams allocated changing rooms, soap will be available in each room. Adhere to the hand washing regime of 20 seconds of washing then thorough dry them. Please bring your own towel for drying purposes.

Toilets will be available.

Games

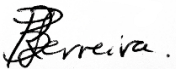
- All visiting teams are **expected to meet outside the College and away from the entry / exit points to minimise crowding**. Teams are asked to enter **as one group** through the pedestrian gates at the front of the College and ensure distancing to lessen exposure to players from other teams. Please ensure your team are aware of this and arrive at the time you agree. All teams **MUST** provide opposition managers with their team lists including caches, managers, and other staff involved.
- Physical distancing of 2 metres should be maintained wherever possible off the turf.
- Care must be taken to avoid interacting at entry point (pedestrian gates in front of College)
- Teams are to exit the pitch/College together.
- The facility or venue has been separated into individual playing areas. Under no circumstances should players or management from other teams from separated areas move into a different area as spectators unless agreed previously with the College.

Communication and Assistance

If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our Teacher in Charge of Sport – Mr Jason Pearson - jpearson@stjohns.school.nz

Should you need assistance during your games, please contact our St. John's College team manager of your sporting code.

Yours faithfully



Rob Ferreira
Principal

Up Coming Events

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Saturday 19 th September	Degustation Dinner – 6pm
Friday 25 th September	End of Term 3
Monday 12 th October	Start of Term 4 – Day 1

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

DEGUSTATION DINNER PHOTOS – SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER



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Thank you to 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.