



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

**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

Monday 19th October

Po Tuku Taonga

Maori Prizegiving)

Friday 23rd October –

Monday 26th October

HB Anniversary Day/Labour Day

Friday 30th October –

Thursday 5th November

Junior Exams

Dear parents and whanau

Congratulations to Ayden Wilson who received the Sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation on Sunday 16th August. The service was held at Sacred Heart Church in Hastings. Old Boy and Parish Priest Fr Marcus Francis was the Celebrant at the service.

As we near the end of Term 3, our students and staff have been involved in all aspects of College life. We have just been through a week of winter sports tournaments. Football, Hockey and Basketball enjoyed their tournaments, gaining valuable experience during their matches. Basketball won their CNI tournament, Hockey finished 4th in their competition, and Football finished 7th in the Lower North Island competition. I would like to thank teachers, parents and players who took the time to represent the College during that week.

At the end of week 8 winter sports will come to an end and the school will move into exam mode. College examinations for our seniors begin on Friday 11th September (week 8) and finish Wednesday 16th September (week 9). These exams are important for two reasons: firstly, they will determine how your son is tracking and give you an indication of the type of grade he will receive, and secondly, perhaps more importantly, that this grade will be your son's final grade should he miss his external examination due to injury or sickness. Every year, we have pupils who fall into this category. Our Year 9 and Year 10 students have a slightly longer period before their end of year examinations. These will begin on 30th October (Term 4, week 3), after Labour Day.

Please support your sons, especially during these holidays, as they prepare for their final NCEA exams for 2020. On our return from the holidays, our seniors will have three weeks before they are dismissed on study leave. Please look at the coming events in Term 4; with Po Tuku Taonga, Sports Prizegiving, Leavers' Dinner and Mass, and our Academic Prizegiving. It would be wonderful to celebrate these occasions with you.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

The booking code is geszb

PRIZEGIVING INFORMATION

PO TUKU TAONGA (Māori Prizegiving)

Our Pō tuku taonga (Māori Prizegiving) will be held on **Monday 19 October at 6pm**. All whānau and friends are welcome. The event will be held outside (weather permitting) next to the hāngi pit and swimming pool. This year we hope to have a hāngi to add to the evening's celebrations. Any koha of pumpkin, kumara, potatoes would be much appreciated.

SPORTS PRIZEGIVING

Note date change

On **Thursday 29th October at 7pm** we are holding our Sports' Prizegiving.

This is a great opportunity to recognise the outstanding accomplishments of our students within the sports arena during 2020. If your son has achieved in sport outside of school please drop us some details as we'd appreciate the opportunity to recognise all accomplishments.

Students receiving awards will be notified closer to the date but all students and parents are warmly invited to attend and celebrate the 2020 achievements.

ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING

Monday 7th December – 7pm

We will update you with more information in the next newsletter.

**Please put these Prizegiving dates
in your diary.**

JUNIOR EXAMS

Our Year 9 and 10 students have their end of year exams **from Friday 30th October to Thursday 5th November**. They will have two hour exams in English, Maths, Science and Social Studies, Religious Education and Physical Education (Yr10 only) as well as some of their options. Teachers will be talking to students about what to expect in their exams and how to study. Students need to be putting in extra time at home to prepare for their exams.

YEAR 13 RETREAT and LEAVERS' DINNER

On **Thursday 5th November** all Year 13 students will celebrate with their Year 13 Retreat. Please ensure your son attends. We are not having a 5 o'clock mass so the dinner will begin at **6pm**. It is a fully-catered buffet dinner provided by the Culinary Arts Institute. More information in the next newsletter.

LEAVERS' MASS

Parents are very welcome to attend our annual Leavers' Mass which will be at Sacred Heart Church at 10am on **Friday 6th November**. At this Mass we thank God for all the achievements of our students this year and ask him to watch over those students who are leaving school. There is a small presentation to each of our Year 13 students. It is a dress uniform day for all students.

SENIOR COURSE SELECTION

Students will be meeting with Academic Deans to discuss their options for 2021. The Senior Option booklet will be emailed to parents so that you can discuss the options with your son.

If you have any questions relating to subject choices please email his subject teacher or for specific NCEA questions please email Mrs Tracy Russell – trussell@stjohns.school.nz

WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK BASKETBALL



St. John's College Senior A Basketball had two great performances during Winter Tournament Week in their Annual CNI Basketball Fixture. The first was a 88-

76 win over Feilding High School in a game where St. John's built to a 28 point lead at one stage through slick and efficient passing and finishing. Feilding made a strong come back late in the game but St. Johns closed the game out patiently running down the clock.

The second game was a 77-67 win over tradition Exchange rivals Francis Douglas. Although St. John's have come close to beating them over the last few years this was the first time we had beaten them since 2017. Keeping a team like Francis Douglas to 67 points showed how well the boys played on defence and they were disciplined right till the end.

The two wins gave St. John's their first ever CNI Basketball Title and although we did not have all teams available to compete in the tournament due to COVID, the two schools we beat to win the title had been the only other winners of the event over the last 5 years.

Results

Francis Douglas wins 104-78 over Feilding.

SJC wins 88-76 over Feilding

SJC wins 77-67 over Francis Douglas.

1ST XI HOCKEY



The 1st XI Hockey team played in the Lower North Island Championship over tournament week. This was held locally in the Hawke's Bay. The students had a fantastic week of hockey with some large scores being posted. This saw Marcus Ambrose, top goal scorer during the tournament with a mammoth 20 goals.

We qualified for the semi final and went down 2-0 against Tauhara College. We had a close bronze medal match against Aquinas College where after coming back from a two goal deficit were defeated in a penalty shoot out.

A huge thank you goes to our coach Doug Mills who volunteered his time during this week. His knowledge of the game certainly helped our players develop their own skills. It was also a good week to farewell many of our Year 13 players who have been committed to hockey at St. John's during their time here. All the players should be proud of their efforts. It is the highest ranking St John's has attained at tournament for some time.

1ST XI FOOTBALL



The 1st XI Football team took part in a tournament based in Hawke's Bay. It produced a variety of results, but one thing that remained consistent was the effort and spirit of the team, which was always soaring like the very Eagle of St. John. The team enjoyed their football, showcasing plenty of talent and ability. We opened with two very hard-fought wins against Whakatane and Horowhenua. This was followed with some very difficult fixtures against some very talented sides, but the boys showed great determination, and were very organized, especially the back line. Credit to the team, but it must go to Head Coach Ken Cooper too. On numerous occasions, and against difficult opposition, the team were showing how they could be

tactically sound, and still produce creative football as well, and a large part of this is down to the vast knowledge that Ken has passed down to them, as well as the time and effort he has put in with the team. He has been invaluable to the team. A special mention must also go towards Simon Moffitt, who was also on hand to help with pre-game training, offer plenty in the way of knowledge and help, and was incredibly supportive as well. The team came through a tough tournament, and after a tight nil-nil draw with local rivals Taradale High, their hard work was rewarded in their final play off match, as they held their nerve in a penalty shootout to take 7th place overall. Thank you to all that have supported the team, and again, well done to the 1st XI Boys for your efforts on the field.

CONGRATULATIONS

Five St. John's College students have proven that age is only a number, after achieving high marks in first-year university papers.

Despite still being at school, the year 12 and 13 students managed to juggle NCEA subjects, along with the demands of University.

Calculus students **Matthew McIvor, Alan Uthup and Kyle Groner** received an A in the first semester of MATH199 at the University of Canterbury and **Bede Powell** was just behind with a B plus.

While **Zach Barrett** gained a B plus in an Accounting paper at Massey University via distance last semester and is on track to achieve another great result this semester. Read more on our Webpage.

FOOTBALL

Congratulations **Nicco Swensson** and **Jake West** for being selected in the Hawke's Bay Football U13 Squad.

SQUASH

St. John's Squash team competed at the New Zealand Squash National last month and ended up 8th placed overall.

RUGBY

Congratulations to **Brad Campbell** our 2020 Captain of the 1st XV who has been selected and earns the right to be part of the Hurricanes Age Grade Reps.

SJC OLD BOYS

Connor McLeod was named in the HB Magpie Rugby team

Ryan Lindeque and **Duff Penitito** played in the HB Academy XV game against King Country

VOLLEYBALL

On Tuesday we had playoffs in the gym to assess whether there was enough interest from the students to put together a volleyball team for SJC. Nearly 30

highly enthusiastic students turned up! Hence, we have one junior team and two senior teams potentially. We are very fortunate to have Peleti Oli as the coach of our volleyball and Shelley Oliver has offered to be manager. The games for juniors start in term 4 and seniors term 1 next year (2021). We are looking for an assistant coach so if anyone has a passion for volleyball and would like to help out please email soliver@stjohns.school.nz

RUGBY

1st XV update

SJC vs Wainuiomata College - 67 – 3 in the semi-final of the Hurricanes Youth Council Life Members Cup. This puts them in the final against Lindisfarne College on 19th September

SJC vs Francis Douglas - 36-12

Well done boys

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Environmental Engineering

On Thursday student Directors of Environ-Crete Max, Alexander Finlayson, Caden-Harvey-Mouat, Jack Ryan, and Ayden Wilson, met with the Mayor of Hastings – Sandra Hazlehurst. The purpose of the meeting was to show case some new outdoor seats coming off the production line at Lattey Concrete.

The special fused compound includes a formula of recycled plastics and concrete which provides a structurally sound formula ready to mould. The first seat Environ-Crete produced was moved into place in late 2019, now sits adjacent to the St. John's College administrative block. This year is the second year of operations for the social enterprise.



The Hastings District Council (HDC) has ordered two seats, one of which is going to be placed outside the HDC office building in Hastings. Negotiations are ongoing with the Napier City Council for the purchase of outdoor seating. If agreement is reached the seating will be in the Council's style with their livery. Student directors are also exploring other commercial applications for Environ-Crete.

Teachers: Ian Smith & David Ivory

encouraging them to complete them before the end of August so that the references could be submitted before 15 September. This is the date we are told that selection panels start to discuss their prospective 2021 residents. All of the boys' references have been completed. It was really pleasing to read the comments written by the students' teachers – we have a fine group of young men who are well-equipped to start their tertiary studies. Students will hear from the various accommodation providers in early October.



Hands-On at Otago is a programme designed to allow Y12 students to experience a week of the Otago student life, living in a residential college, undertaking detailed studies and learning from some of the top researchers in the country. Students participate fully in research projects, in a range of other university studies and in an exciting social and recreational programme.

St. John's College is offering to support three students to attend this programme. The school will pay the \$675 programme fee which covers accommodation, meals and programme activities. Students stay in one of the residential colleges at Otago University from Sunday 10 January until the afternoon of Friday 15 January. Board includes breakfast, lunch and dinner and includes single bedroom accommodation with shared bathroom facilities. Bed linen and towels are provided. **The cost of transport to and from Dunedin will be each student's responsibility.**

To apply for one of the school-funded positions, students need to write a statement explaining why they think they would be a good applicant, what they expect to get out of participating in the programme and what aspirations they have for tertiary study in the future. Applications for the school-funded places must be returned to the school office by **Thursday 17 September.**

More information is available on this website:
otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-Otago

MALLOW'S DRIVER TRAINING – NZ DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Next Defensive Driving course October 2020:

- Session 1. Thursday 15 October
- Session 2. Tuesday 20 October
- Session 3. Thursday 22 October
- Session 4. Tuesday 27 October

Following the four in classroom sessions, there will be a **one hour in car driving session**, for which the student will need their own vehicle. The time will be organised in class time with your tutor. The course times are **7pm to 9pm**. On the first night please come 10 to 15 mins earlier.

The course venue is Taruna College, 33 Te Mata Peak Road, in Havelock North. The course fee is \$230.00

For all applications and further information please contact Martin Mallow via email mallowsadriving@gmail.com or call on **mobile 021 183 0862**

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

Rob Ferreira –
PRINCIPAL

Up Coming Events

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Thursday 5 th November	Year 13 Retreat Leavers Dinner
Friday 6 th November	Leavers Mass – Sacred Heart Church 10am
Monday 16 th November	NCEA Exams begin
Tuesday 1 st December – Friday 4 th December	Year 10 Camp
Monday 7 th December	Prizegiving
Wednesday 9 th December	NCEA Exams Last day of Term 4

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 – Wednesday 9th December

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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.