



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> October

Pō tuku taonga – 6pm  
(Māori Prizegiving)

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

End of Year Music Event – 7pm

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October –

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October

HB Anniversary Day/Labour Day

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Final School Assembly – 10am

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October –

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Junior Exams

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Yr 13 Retreat

Leavers Dinner – 6pm

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Leavers Mass

Sacred Heart Church – 10am

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November

PFA Carol Evening 5.30-7.00pm

Dear parents and whanau

The beginning of Term 4 sees the focus turn to end of year assessments, as well as functions that bring the 2020 year to a close.

Our young men will need to ensure that they complete all pending internal assessments and prepare thoroughly for the pending examinations whether they are senior or junior students.

Please have a look at the dates advertised for our celebrations of student achievement in this newsletter.

Please note that our Academic Prizegiving has been moved to the last week of term as NCEA examinations been moved to a later date beginning on the 16<sup>th</sup> November.

## 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

On **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> December – 7pm**

Our Annual Academic Prizegiving takes place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Barry O'Connor Centre (Gym) at the College .

This is a dress uniform occasion for students. Please be seated by 6.50pm.

Prizegiving is always a wonderful evening so we encourage parents and families to attend.

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

## FINAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 10am

Parents are invited to join us for our final school assembly where House Prizes, House Honour Awards and Diligence awards will be presented. Please be seated by 9.50am.

## 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.

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### END OF YEAR MUSIC NIGHT

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 7.00 - 8.30pm** in the Performing Arts Centre. Come and enjoy a great evening of SJC's burgeoning musical talents from Yr 9 and 10. Though this is usually our annual Junior School Gig, the juniors will be joined with a few performances from the seniors as they haven't had their usual quota of performance opportunities this year.

A power-packed evening of the grooves they're into such as Rock, Pop, Jazz and Classical. Solos and groups. Biscuits, tea, coffee and juice. Gold coin koha at the door to help with refreshments. ALL WELCOME!

### Loud Fences

We have been asked to inform you of an upcoming event at St Patrick's Church Napier at **1:00pm on Saturday 24th October**. This is connected to the Loud Fences movement related to survivors of sexual abuse. For information about the Loud Fence movement please read Cardinal John Dew's letter to the People of the Diocese of Palmerston North at this link:

<https://pndiocese.org.nz/loudfences/>

### JUNIOR EXAMS

Our Year 9 and 10 students have their end of year exams **from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday**

**5<sup>th</sup> November**. They will have two hour exams in English, Maths, Science, Social Studies and Religious Education. Teachers will be leading revision programmes and instructing 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Tickets are \$35 each and will be available from the office to purchase.

### LEAVERS' MASS

Parents are very welcome to attend our annual Leavers' Mass which will be at Sacred Heart Church at **10am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### PFA CAROL EVENING

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 5.30 – 7pm**. The PFA will be holding a Carol evening. Come along with a picnic for a lovely evening of carol singing.

### STAFF RETREAT

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. The College will be closed as the staff of both St. John's College and Sacred Heart College combine for their Staff Retreat.

### NCEA EXTERNAL EXAMS

NCEA external examinations start on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. Students should come to exams in their school uniform and clean shaven. *NCEA admission slips will be handed out to students on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November*. The exams finish on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**.

### TEACHER ONLY DAY

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. The staff will be attending Professional Development for the changes to NCEA. The school will be closed.

### YEAR 10 CAMP

The information letter, gear list and permission forms have been sent out for the Year 10 Camp – **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Please send the permission slips back as soon as possible either physically or

electronically. (There are two permission slips – one for SJC and one for Guthrie Smith Camp) The cost per student is \$300. This is very good value for the professional guides, activities, accommodation and food, etc.

To make payments via internet banking: 06-0645-0326366-000; Field 1 – Surname Name; Field 2 – First Name; Field 3 – Year 10 Camp.

Please email Mr Wilson on [cwilson@stjohns.school.nz](mailto:cwilson@stjohns.school.nz) with any queries if you require more information.

### 1st XI CRICKET SOUTH ISLAND TOUR

The St. John's 1st XI cricket team toured Wellington and the South Island playing six 40-over matches in 9 days.

#### Results:

SJC 31/0 after 8 overs drew with Scots College Wellington—game abandoned due to high winds

SJC 171/8 lost to St Pat's Town Wellington 172/2

SJC 177/6 lost to St Bede's Christchurch 180/1

SJC 161 all out lost to St Thomas' Christchurch 163/8

SJC 131/5 beat St Kevin's Oamaru 130 all out

SJC 247/7 beat Wakatipu HS Queenstown 214 all out



The tour was a tremendous success with each player contributing in some way. Aurmaan Singh scored over 250 runs, including 100\* against WHS. Pritpal Singh and Tom Cavaney both scored half centuries, while PJ Singh also featured with the bat. They were ably supported by

Marcus Ambrose and Josiah McFarland who were involved in 50 run partnerships. At times Flynn Gallagher and James Barr batted swiftly and selflessly for the team in the later overs when runs were needed. As a result in each match the team scored 160+ when batting first. Of the bowlers Joban Singh and Pritpal Singh lead the attack most of the time, and in the last two games spinners Joseph Mooney and Ishan Parmar came to the fore with both ball and bat and were instrumental in winning in Oamaru. Reid McGrath was unlucky not to capture a few more wickets, while Jack Ryan improved throughout the tour and was at his dangerous best with the ball in the last match. In the field wicket-keeper Brad Campbell caught the catch of the tour at St Thomas's. One of the biggest highlights of the tour was the few overs Tim Donkin got through—a true feat of courage which started well before the tour began.



The team enjoyed several team building off-field moments including tenpin bowling, Miramar movies, paintball, scootering, shopping, go-karting, bungee jumping, BMX-ing in Queenstown, Fear Factory and three brave lads were driven at 225 km/hr in a Porsche fastcar at the Cromwell Raceway. Many of the players may say that just bantering and hanging out with their mates was probably one of the main off-field highlights.



The team was tremendously well coached and captained by Mr Tony Hutchins and Tom Cavaney, everybody got their chance to shine. Also Mr Bishop, Mr McFarland and Mr Bill Donkin all worked hard for the team off the field. Back in Hawke's Bay, the members of the Cricket Foundation must have been well pleased with the money they had helped raise for the trip. Thanks to all, what a fantastic tour! Juniors—we will return.

### Vacancies for Engagement Assistants

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand are looking for team players in the Wellington region who feel passionately about social justice and advocating for a world free of poverty and injustice. You may be a recent graduate or school leaver.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development. We play an integral part in the worldwide Caritas network of 165 Catholic relief, development, and social service organisations.

We want to broaden our Wellington team who are working with our international partners, our donors and supporters, parishes, schools and the wider Catholic community. The assistant roles we are seeking to fill will be instrumental in providing support to our engagement and programmes work, ensuring we continue our mission in delivering aid, supporting development and advocating for justice around the world.

These are fixed term positions. Hours can be full or part-time. We want people with an understanding of and commitment to the values of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand.

If you're interested in making a difference and would like to find out more about any of these positions visit [www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz) or contact [recruitment@caritas.org.nz](mailto:recruitment@caritas.org.nz)

## CONGRATULATIONS

**National Outcome: Hawke's Bay may get a permanent Drug Court because of St. John's College students advocacy.**



The Policy Light House operates at St. John's College with the explicit purpose of providing student voice on local and national issues. A voice which is politically neutral and evidence based. Both year 10 and 11 students populate this group which operates in student's own time.

Since the beginning of this year students have delivered well informed comment and a focused business case on the positive effects, both financial and in terms of community resilience, of a permanent Drug Court based in the Hawke's Bay. Students conclude a Drug Court would make a stronger and more resilient community.

On 9 October 2020, the Hon Andrew Little MP wrote to Seth Howes (Year 11) and other students at St. John's College in Hastings, commending them, and acknowledging that their community advocacy had made a real difference to policy making. The Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Andrew Little announced plans to establish an Alcohol and Drug Treatment Court in the Hawke's Bay.

*"When I am standing with our Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, later today making the announcement I will be thinking of your advocacy. It was memorable and made a difference to my Labour Party's policy" - Andrew Little*



The Policy Light House comprises the following students:

Seth Howes, Quin Finlayson, Samuel Brown, Conor Frith, Angus Ross, Matthew Walters, Oscar Cooper, Harry Unwin

Link: <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/student-pairs-protest-leads-to-labour-announcement-for-hawkes-bay/UB2V34KQRST4QH5V5SQ7ZRKDA/>

## SJC OLD BOYS

Congratulations to **Connor McLeod** and **Jonah Lowe** who were part of the Hawke's Bay team to bring the Ranfurly Shield back to the Bay.



Our own **Mr Damien Scott** co-coach of our champion D grade and winning Father Fisher team. He also secured honours at his Club Awards after lacing up his boots again for Napier Pirates Premiers. He was voted Team Player of the Year.

**Connor McLeod** who plays for Hastings Rugby and Sport (HRS) gained Best Back; Highest Individual points; member of the HB Magpies and HB Saracens.

**Victor Sefo** is overwhelmed and blessed to have won "Most Promising Artist" award for 2020

## HOCKEY



**Marcus Ambrose** has been named in the following: NZ Hockey High Performance Network. Named as a member of the

Central Falcons Men's Network to play in the PN National series. (78 players named nationally). Named in the extended 80 man Black Sticks Network.

## SJC RUGBY

1<sup>st</sup> XV finished the CNI season with a good win against Rathkeale College 20-14. Congratulations to **Soni Paletua** on taking out the MVP award for the CNI season.



We are very excited that 7 of our 1<sup>st</sup> XV players have made the HB Saracens team:

**Kere Penitito, Brad Campbell, Ollie Gardiner, Soni Paletua, Maika Fehoka, Jayden Murphy and Dylan Homan.**

Congratulations boys – they play a one off game on 17<sup>th</sup> October against a Wellington Centurions team.

**D grade rugby** team had an outstanding season winning their final against Central Hawke's Bay College 29-17 to win their grade. This team only lost one preseason game and went on to win all their grade games. Well done boys and coaches.

**F grade rugby** were undefeated this season winning their final against Napier Boys' 41-22. Well done team and coaches.



Our Year 9 boys had a fantastic game against Lindisfarne on 23<sup>rd</sup> September to win the **Father Fisher Trophy** – 19 - 12. This is a big traditional game which was first played in 1975.

## SJC BASKETBALL

SJC Senior Basketball had a fantastic season playing in the Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools Division 1 League making the top 4 and then placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Hawke's Bay which is an outstanding result for such a young team.

## SJC CANOE POLO

Congratulations to our **Senior Canoe Polo team** on taking out 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the New Zealand Nationals. They went into triple overtime in their semifinal losing 4-3 then went on to dominate against Palmerston North Boys' winning 6-2 to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Big Congratulations to **Kalder Woods-Pritchard** for being named in the tournament team.



*Senior Canoe Polo team*

The Junior Canoe Polo team finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Open.

## UNIFORM SHOP

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

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

## HATS, SUNSCREEN, HYDRATION

The weather is starting to warm up. We advise your sons to use sunscreen in the morning before school, wear a hat, bring a drink bottle and if they have problems with bee stings – wear sports shoes for PE. We have sunscreen in the office.

## CAREERS UPDATE

### Liaison visits



In Week 8 of Term 2, just prior to the school exams, we welcomed liaison staff visits from EIT, Otago and Victoria Universities to support the boys to make positive decisions about the courses and/or papers they wish to study in 2021. It was refreshing for the students to be able to speak directly with staff, having had several visits cancelled this year due to Covid restrictions. Some boys have taken the opportunity to visit the campus at EIT to look at specific programmes and to meet directly with tutors who teach in the field of their interests. This is a valuable exercise and has helped to confirm some boys' pathways for 2021.

### University Scholarships

We are delighted to congratulate the following students who have been awarded university scholarships for next year. There are always hundreds of strong applicants for these scholarships and it takes a lot of time to ensure that the quality of the applications is high. I am sure the recipients will also be very grateful to Mrs Tracy Russell who completed the school referee reports for the boys. These written

references make a significant contribution to the overall decisions made by the selection panels.

**Victoria University – Tangiwai Scholarship for Excellence (\$5000)**

Jack Ryan  
Tim Donkin  
Zach Barrett

**Victoria University – Totoweka Scholarship (\$5000)**

Caden Mouat-Harvey

**Canterbury University – Hiranga Top Achievers' Scholarship (\$5000)**

Caleb Melchers  
Matthew McIvor

In addition to these six boys, **Alan Uthup** and **Bede Powell** have been awarded extremely prestigious university scholarships. Bede intends to study Science and Music at Otago University, whilst Alan is wanting to study medicine. He will therefore complete his first-year programme in 2021 to gain entry either to Otago or Auckland University's Medical School in 2022. Alan was the successful recipient of scholarships at both universities which is a fantastic achievement.

**Otago University – Academic Excellence Scholarship (valued at \$35,000)**

Bede Powell  
Alan Uthup

**Auckland University – Top Achiever Scholarship (valued at \$20,000)**

Alan Uthup

A huge congratulations to all of these young men who are successful recipients. There may be further scholarship winners which we will highlight in the next newsletter.

**University Accommodation** – offers were sent out during the holidays and so all boys who had applied for accommodation should have received a notification. It is important that all students respond by the due date to accept the offer and to ensure that they secure their room for next year. Dates for each university do vary so be sure to check.

**Sue Ross**  
**HOD Careers**

[sross@stjohns.school.nz](mailto:sross@stjohns.school.nz)

**PAYMENT OF ATTENDANCE DUES**

All parents are expected to pay Attendance Dues to the Palmerston North Diocese. Please respond to their requests for payment or ensure you have an automatic payment set up to cover these costs. If you cannot meet all of these costs, you must come in and talk to us so that we can work out an arrangement for you.

These Attendance Dues cover building costs and

insurance costs for our school. As you will see, we have had a lot of building work. This has been paid for by your Attendance Dues.

**ACCOUNTS**

Statements have been emailed. Please ensure that your account is paid by the end of November or have an automatic payment set up. Many thanks for your support.

**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.

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

<b>2020</b>	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of Term 4 – Day 1
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Po Tuku Taonga (Maori Prizegiving) – 6pm</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	End of Year Music Event – 7pm – 8.30pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour Weekend
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Final School Assembly – 10am – <b>Parents welcome</b> <b>Sports Prizegiving – 7pm</b>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Junior Exams
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 13 Retreat Leavers Dinner – 6pm – Performing Arts Centre
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Leavers Mass – Sacred Heart Church – 10am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	PFA Carol Evening
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Staff Retreat – School closed
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	NCEA Exams begin
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November and Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 9 Historical trips
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Teacher only Day – School closed
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 10 Camp
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Prizegiving – 7pm</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	NCEA Exams finish Last day of Term 4

## TERM DATES 2020

### Term One

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

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – **All students**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – **End of Term 1**

**Early Finish due to COVID 19**

### Term Two

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

### Term Three

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

### Term Four

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

## 2021

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 – Year 9 and Year 13 students only

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 – All students

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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.