



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

Thursday 12th November

PFA Carol Evening 5.30-7.00pm

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Staff Retreat – College closed

Monday 16th November

NCEA Exams begin

Thursday 19th November –

Friday 20th November

Year 9 Historical trips

Wednesday 25th November

Teacher only Day – College closed

Wednesday 2nd December –

Friday 4th December

Year 10 Camp

Monday 7th December

Academic Prizegiving

Monday 7th December and

Tuesday 8th December

Year 9 Activity days

Wednesday 9th December

LAST DAY OF TERM 4

NCEA Exams Finish

Dear Whanau and Parents,

We are rapidly moving to the end of the year.

Our senior students are on study leave and are currently studying for final NCEA external exams. We wish them all the best and hope they get the grades they deserve.

Our juniors are active with their own programmes and enjoying the space in the school grounds all to themselves. After their exams, which finished 5th November, our Year 9's have their PAT testing and the Brainwave programme. Our Year 10's also have the Brainwave programme, their Retreat and then preparation for their Camp beginning on Wednesday 2nd December for 3 days.

Brainwave – The school's Brainwave programme is about promoting how important the healthy experiences are in the life and development of a young child. It also reflects on the huge impact our young men have on the growth of the brain of the babies and children they associate with. This excellent holistic programme is presented by an external provider, Bronwyn Gardner.

Please keep in mind our Academic Prize Giving on Monday 7th December at 7pm. I look forward to celebrating the end of this year with all of you then.

ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING

Monday 7th December – 7pm

Our Annual Academic Prizegiving takes place on Monday 7th 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 this
in your diary**

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

PFA CAROL EVENING

Thursday 12th November 5.30 – 7pm. The PFA will be holding a Carol evening. Come along with a picnic for a lovely evening of carol singing. There will be bouncy castles for the children.

STAFF RETREAT

Friday 13th 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 16th November.** Students should come to exams in their school uniform and clean shaven. *NCEA admission slips will be handed out to students on Friday 6th November.* The exams finish on **Wednesday 9th December.**

“LIGHT IN THE LOCKDOWN” CONCERT“

This concert will feature the music and songs of New Zealand composer and singer, Father Chris Skinner SM. Father Chris taught at St John's a few years' ago. Father Chris, who is currently based in Auckland, has lived and served in Hawke's Bay. Father Chris's inspirational music and talented performance, as a singer and guitarist, are recognised and appreciated by many all-over New Zealand who have attended his concerts or listened to his CDs.

At this concert, Father Chris will present a varied programme of his well-known songs from the past as well as selections from his most recent CD, inspired by the time spent in Lockdown earlier this year.

Date and Time: Sunday 22 November 2020 at 2.00pm

Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 85 Te Mata Road, Havelock North

Tickets \$20 available from:

- Catholic Parish of Hastings Office,

509 Heretaunga Street East Hastings; or

- Eileen von Dadelszen: emvond@outlook.com or 027 600 0987

Profits to: Society of St Vincent de Paul, Hastings Area CC34870

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Wednesday 25th 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 2nd – Friday 4th 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 with any queries if you require more information.

Board of Trustees Adopts New Procurement Policy: Local and Sustainable



At the October meeting of the Board of Trustees @ St Johns College a new procurement policy was passed. The Policy reflects the College Special

Character and is a response to the Corvid 19 environment.

As part of the process the BOT sought input from students. Students from Year 10 Business students were asked to submit a proposed policy – over a number of months the work of three students was selected as the basis of our now new policy. The policy makes it mandatory for all staff members with budgetary or decision-making capacity to first look to local procurement and sustainable procurement before any final decision is made. No compulsion exists to purchase locally if there is a price or quality difference however annual reporting is required in terms of adherence and deviation from the policy.

Students, Harry Campbell, Vincent Jones, and Samuel Wall were present at the passing of the policy. The Board acknowledged students' contributions via a small gift (sourced locally in accordance with our new live policy).



SJC Board Members & Year 10 Students

END OF YEAR MUSIC GIG

Forty four fabulous musicians finished the year off in fine fettle at the End of Year Music Performance. This concert has traditionally been the Junior School Gig and though Juniors there were a plenty, the seniors had had quite COVID-restricting opportunities to share their wares this year.

It was great to see a range of Juniors performing everything from Harry Potter with single fingers to Deacon and Grayson's flying fingers having had a few years under their belt. The String Group showed excellent posture whilst the nine-strong Junior Band had fun with their rock interpretations.



Having seniors there gave the evening a sense of kairahi and mutual respect. From Spanish guitar to drum and piano solos to the Senior Vocal Group to new compositions from the Year 12 band Dime (check them out on Spotify), the packed audience was treated to an amazing array of talent and growth. Francois Asuncion and Noah Kaio changed the texture by performing their captivating monologues from their recent production *Threads of Touch* by the Creative Leaders production at the Toitoti. The evening concluded with the Senior Band rocking out numbers like *Louie Louie*, *Eye of the Tiger* a well-funky rendition of *Apache* by the Original Bongo Band.

Thanks to staff for helping and supporting, to parents for your encouragement and to all the SJC young men who added another notch to their strength and character.

Mr C. Wilson, Director of Music

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



On Sunday 25th October, three of our students received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church. Monsignor Brian Walsh was the celebrant and assisted by Fr Trung Nguyen. We would like to congratulate **Ethan Johns, Conor Frith and Noel Daly** for taking that one step in a lifelong adventure of faith.

SPORTS PRIZEGIVING

Thank you to everyone involved with our Prizegiving this year it was a fantastic night enjoyed by all. Congratulations to all our prize winners. It was a wonderful evening celebrating our sports students. We were lucky to have Connor bring the Ranfurly Shield.



Logan Start – Official of the Year
Caleb Melchers – Fairplay Sports person of the Year
SJC Squash Team – Team of the Year
Rochelle Williams – Steve Cottrell Memorial Trophy for Contribution and Commitment to Sport



Congratulations **Marcus Ambrose** who took out the big awards for the night. Marcus won the Nightingale Trophy for effort in Sport and the Russell Brothers Trophy for Outstanding contribution to Sport.



A big thank you to our guest speaker SJC Old Boy and Hawke's Bay Magpies Player Connor McLeod.

LEAVERS MASS



We held our Leavers Mass on Friday 6th November. This is always a fabulous occasion for both students, parents and staff. The Year 13s were given a Leavers Tie and candle to have as a memento of their time at the College. We wish them all the best

CONGRATULATIONS

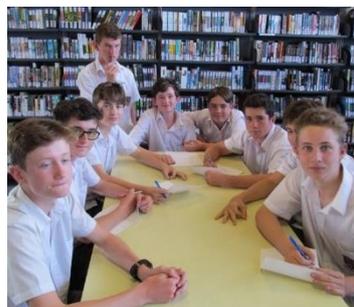
National Outcome: Hawke's Bay may get a permanent Drug Court because of St John students advocacy.



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/UB2V34KQRST4QH5V5SQ7ZRAKDA/>

NATIONAL SUCCESS

Te Tuitui Mātauranga (2020)



National Runner Up to National Primary Industries Award (Sponsored by Ministry of Primary Industries) Student Directors: Louis Gaffaney (Year 12), Bradley Campbell (Year 12), and Marcus Ambrose (Year 13).

A partnership with Wrightson Seeds (NZ) and Plant and Food. An enterprise that has researched and developed a process to reduce irrigation requirements in pea and bean seeds, producing promising results for agricultural industry in climatically challenging environments.



Te Tuitui Mātauranga have developed an extraordinary process which, when applied to pea and bean seeds, produces amazing growing results in climatically challenging environments. Principles of social enterprise are reflected in the team's product choice and

development of Te Tuitui Mātauranga and our relationships with Plant & Food, and Wrightson Seeds. Directors are concerned with our environment, climate change, food chain integrity, and maximising the return from the land using innovative technology. Students have worked with both **Mr Maia Solomon** and **Mrs Belinda Raskin** over a two-year journey.



Te Tuitui Mātauranga goal was to make a difference, increase food production yields both in New Zealand and globally – we have begun the journey.

Wai (Water) is the essence of all life and the world's most precious resource.

It's of high importance to

Māori, as it is the life giver of all things, a precious taonga (treasure), part of our whakapapa (genealogy), part of our identity.

CRICKET



On Saturday 31st October the 1st X1 had a good win against Napier Tech - Tech 57 all out. Pritpal Singh 3-10. SJC 60 for 2. Aurmaan Singh 25 not out. Win by 8 wickets over the top club team in Hawke's Bay.

ATHLETICS



Camden Russell was placed 3rd in the 800m Junior boys at the Lydiard Cup last week – 2mins 14seconds. Well done Camden

INDOOR CRICKET

Jack Ryan played for the HB Indoor Cricket team during the school holidays and has been selected in the HB U19 cricket training squad.

CANOE POLO

Jacob Harrison made the B1 Hurricanes HB Canoe polo rep team as Captain. Congratulations Jacob

RUGBY

Soni Paletua has been named in the Tongan Barbarian squad competing for a spot in the World 7s tournament. This is a great achievement for a student who has worked and rained incredibly hard this year

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.

ARMISTICE DAY



Armistice Day is commemorated every year on 11 November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany for the cessation of hostilities on the Western

Front of World War I. This took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. It is important that we never forget the stories of the past and the valour and selfless service that has contributed to the life we are able to enjoy now – it should be inspiring for younger generations to know and learn about this."

We will have poppy's in the office if students would like to wear one on Wednesday 11th November. Gold coin donation.

Lest we forget

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

**Rob Ferreira –
PRINCIPAL**

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Wednesday 9 th December	Last day of Term 4 NCEA Exams finish
2021	
Tuesday 26 th January – Wednesday 27 th January	Year 13 Camp
Monday 1 st February	Year 9 and Yr 13 students
Tuesday 2 nd February	Whole school
Thursday 11 th February	Commissioning Mass

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

2021

Tuesday 26th January to Wednesday 27th January

Year 13 Camp

Monday 1st February 2021 – Year 9 and Year 13 students only

Tuesday 2nd February 2021 – All students

Bouncy
Castle

Sweets
for sale

Picnic
and
Carol Evening

Cold
Drinks
for sale

Free Family Event

St Johns College Grounds
12th November 2020
5:30 - 7pm
(Carols at 6:30pm)

BYO
picnic

BYO picnic
rug or
chair

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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.