

St. John's College

FEBRUARY 2021
NEWSLETTER 01



ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

Jervois Street

P O Box 14008 Hastings

Phone 06 878 6853

admin@stjohns.school.nz

www.stjohns.school.nz

St. John's College provides a high quality education for young men, grounded in gospel values within the Catholic and Marist traditions.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

2021

Wednesday 17th February

Parent Evening Yr 9 – Yr 11

Thursday 18th February

Athletics Sports

Monday 1st March

Swimming Sports

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th March

Year 9 Camp

Monday 15th March

WORK DAY – Teacher only day

Friday 26th March

Fia Fia night

Friday 2nd April – Tuesday 6th April

Easter Holidays

Monday 12th April –

Thursday 15th April

School production

Friday 16th April

End of Term 1

Dear Whanau, family and caregivers.

Welcome to 2021 at St. John's College.

New Staff

New staff at the College are

Mr Peter Connell - Deputy Principal of Pastoral Care

Mr Glenn Hutcheson - HOD Commerce

Ms Jo Gibson - Teacher in charge of Digital Technologies.

We hope their association with St. Johns' is a happy and fulfilling experience.

COMMISSIONING MASS

Our Commissioning Mass was celebrated on Thursday 11th February. Father Marcus, an Old Boy of the College, Father Barry and Father Trung celebrated Mass with us.

The Prefects were announced, as well as the positions of Head Boy and Deputy Head Boys.

Thank you to all our parents and caregivers who supported us on the day.

Congratulations to Jonty Unwin who has been appointed as Head Boy, Deputy Head Boys are Jaden Murphy and James Barr.

Congratulations to our senior leadership group.

Head Boy:

Jonty Unwin

Deputy Head Boys:

Jaden Murphy and James Barr

Prefects:

Bradley Campbell, Jamie Chamberlain, Alex Finlayson, Louis Gaffaney, Oliver Gardiner, Liam Halpin, Hugh Mackintosh, Josiah McFarland, Joel McIlvenny, Joseph Mooney, Parnil Naiker, Ishan Parmar, Isaac Pilcher, Lochlan Stent, Samuel Thompson, Ayden Wilson

2021 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Student	School	Scholarship
Archie Stevens	St Matthews Primary	Principal's Scholarship - Academic
Kaito DeBoeck	Pukehou School	Principal's Scholarship - Academic
Benjamin Jablonski	Hastings Intermediate	Principal's Scholarship - Academic
Joshua Street	St Mary's School	Principal's Scholarship - Leadership
Kingston Manihera-Dankwa	Waipawa School - Previously St. Joseph's School	Principal's Scholarship - Leadership
Mikko Capio	St Joseph's School	Principal's Scholarship - Leadership
Jayden Mathers	Hastings Intermediate	Principal's Scholarship - Leadership
Liam Bowden	St Mary's School	Principal's Scholarship - Leadership
Atonio Tonga'Uiha	Irongate School	Principal's Scholarship - Music
Rustom Schaare	Heretaunga Intermediate	SJC Rugby Foundation - Rugby
Iroquoï Toatoa-Lesa	Rudolf Steiner School	SJC Rugby Foundation - Rugby
Leone Chawasarira	St Patrick's School	Principal's Scholarship
Alex Biju	St Joseph's School	Principal's Scholarship
George Stent	St Mary's School	Principal's Scholarship
Noah Hyde	St Patrick's School	Principal's Scholarship
Oliver Marwick	St Patrick's School	Principal's Scholarship
Jack Bowen	St Patrick's School	Hibernian Society Scholarship
Ryan Harding	Poukawa School	Hastings Rugby & Sports Club Scholarship
Grant Hayes	St Patrick's School	St. John's College Old Boys Scholarship
Devon Hale	Taradale Intermediate	Napier Old Boys' Marist Rugby Club Scholarship
Lance Lyaill	St Mary's School	St Vincent de Paul Hastings Scholarship
Tobiuz Lowe	Tamatea Intermediate	St Vincent de Paul Napier Scholarship
Reuben Sunny	St Mary's School	St. John's College PFA Scholarship
Douglas Roberts	Taradale Intermediate	Peter Arthur Scholarship
Flynn Grimstone	St Joseph's School	Peter Arthur Scholarship
Reuben Fey	Taradale Intermediate	Peter Arthur Scholarship
Carlos Keukelarr	St Patrick's School	Peter Arthur Scholarship

NCEA Results

The 2020 NCEA results were a resounding success. The hard work by students and teachers saw St. John's College produce outstanding results.

SJC Level 1 – 92.4% National Average – 70.2%
Decile 4-7 Average – 74.9%

SJC Level 2 – 91.3% National Average – 79.1%
Decile 4-7 Average – 82.9%

SJC Level 3 – 90.6% National Average – 71.4%
Decile 4-7 Average – 72.0%

SJC University Entrance 63.9%
National Average 51.7%
Decile 4-7 Average 49.6%

Canterbury University First Year Mathematics with Calculus

Matthew McIvor 87%
Kyle Groner 86%

CONGRATULATIONS



Exceptional Teacher received National Excellence in Teaching Award - 2020 Mr David Ivory

Based on the theme, 'Acknowledging exceptional educators in exceptional times,' this year's NEITA Awards recognise the achievements and efforts of teachers and educators who rose to meet the year's unique challenges of school closures and lockdowns. This included the implementation of digital methods to enhance learnings and supporting the wellbeing of students during a difficult year.

Congratulations David and thank you for all your inspiring work you have done for the College. We wish you well for your return to Christchurch.



Alex Coull won silver at the NZ Boxing Champ in the 54kg class. Well done Alex – this is an outstanding achievement.



Chaka Luki, Eli McGovan, Ezra Aguilar and **SJC Coach Domic McGovan** who won the U17 Competition at the NZ Maori Basketball Nationals. Chaka made the game winning free throw and the team won the final by 1 point. Congratulations boys



Sam Start and **Lachlan MacGregor** were in action at the West Pier Triathlon Series during the holidays

SJC Old Boys **Kalder Pritchard-Woods** and **Toby Mills** have been named in and played for the NZ Canoe Polo Development Camp Men's Team at the Atahua Champs in Palmerston North last weekend. Well done

IMPORTANT DATES

PARENTS EVENING Yr 9 – Yr 11 - SPORTS INSTITUTE MEETING

On Wednesday 17th February, we are holding a special evening for our Year 9 - 11 parents in the Performing Arts Room at 7.00 p.m. This evening will give vital information regarding their Curriculum, Pastoral, Spiritual and Sporting needs in 2021.

Please note that we have incorporated the Sports Institute Meeting for parents into this Parent Meeting. *Any parents of boys interested in the Sports Institute must attend the Parents Evening.*

ATHLETICS SPORTS – Thursday 18th February

Our annual Athletics Sports will be held on Thursday 18th February at the Hawke's Bay Sports Park, Percival Road, Hastings

All students will be involved for the day.

Hastings students can make their own way to the Sports Park and go home from the park at the end of the day.

Bus students – Buses will run as normal to and from school. Students will then be bused onto the Sports Park and back to school to catch afternoon buses.

Boys come in their house colours. Please make sure they have plenty to eat and drink. Sunscreen will be available.

PFA (Parents and Friends Association)

St John's College PFA (Parents and Friends Association) is an enthusiastic and active group of parents, staff,

friends and family who are dedicated to raising money to provide extras for the school so that our boys can have the best schooling experience possible.

We meet once a month in the school staffroom to discuss and organise fundraising opportunities for the school. If you would like to be involved or kept in touch with our fundraising efforts, please either email us on pfa.stjohnshastings@gmail.com or contact the school office.

PFA Meet and Greet Evening – Tuesday 23rd February

Our first meeting for the year will be a Meet and Greet with drinks and nibbles, to be held on Tuesday 23rd February at 7pm in the school staffroom. We would love to meet you. All welcome!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

On Saturday 27th February we will be holding a second hand Uniform sale. This will be held from 9am to 11am In the College staff.

Parents can donate second hand uniform that is still in good condition and washed.

We do not sell on behalf – only donated uniform

SWIMMING SPORTS – Monday 1st March

Our annual Swimming Sports /Aquabloids will be held on Monday 1st March at the Hastings Aquatic Centre, Frimley Road.

All students will be involved for the day.

Hastings students can make their own way to the pool and go home from the pool at the end of the day.

Bus students – Buses will run as normal to and from school. Students will then be bused onto the Pool and back to school to catch afternoon buses.

Boys come in their house colours with their togs and towel. Please make sure they have plenty to eat and drink. Sunscreen will be available.

YEAR 9 CAMP

Year 9 Camp will be held from Wednesday 3rd March to Friday 5th March. Detailed information regarding the camp was emailed to parents on Monday from Mr Bolton. Students will be staying 2 nights and will need to make arrangements for any work commitments. The boys will not be allowed to leave the camp over this period. The cost for the camp is \$90.

WORKDAY

St. John's College needs your support.

On Monday 15th March we are having our annual student Workday. On this day we ask all our students

to organise a job for themselves and donate the money they earn to the College. We would really encourage all students to get a job for the day. If students are positive and enthusiastic about Workday they will learn some vital employment skills.

An email will be sent to parents with details about Workday, a letter to parents and one for employers. Please encourage your son to find a job on Monday 15th March.

The College will be closed for lessons and staff will be involved in Professional Development on that day.

FIAFIA NGHT 26th March

FIA FIA NIGHT

This year's Fia Fia night on Friday 26th March will be at St John's College in the Barry O'Connor Centre. The night will have the same format as previous years and, while this is a Pasifika event, we welcome all cultures to this wonderful evening. Please be at the College by 5:15pm (for a 5.30pm start) and bring a plate of food to share.

Please contact Faaki Tuanaki or Shelley Oliver at St John's College if you need more information.

PFA THANK YOU

The PFA would like to thank all the families and friends of the school who helped out at the Six60 concert last month. We had an amazing response! These people worked as a fundraiser for the PFA. We got wonderful feedback from the organisers. Your efforts were greatly appreciated!



The PFA fundraised to purchase 2 new trailers for the College. One to be used as a baggage trailer and the other to be used for sports equipment – i.e. carrying Canoe Polo boats. **We would like to say a special thank you to Luke Holman – Holman Engineering Ltd and his son Dylan** for all your time spent on building the trailers. The College appreciate your efforts.

MUSIC

Learning a musical instrument is fun and develops coordination, cognition, social as well as dedication and tenacity skills that employers look for.

- Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass, Piano/Keyboard, Guitar & Bass Guitar and Drum Kit. Pipes and Voice are available off-site and paid privately.
- In-school tuition is provided free if the student is in Option Music as it is part of the curriculum course; Option Music students DO NOT need to complete a tuition form.
- Tuition is \$250p.a. for students not enrolled in an Option Music course. The fee is pro-rata thus reduces per term throughout the year. The fee can be added to your school account.
- Hiring certain instruments - such as a saxophone, violin or trumpet - is \$100p.a. and pro-rata thus reduces per term throughout the year. The fee can be added to your school account.
- Places are very limited but parents are welcome to complete a form anyway to be placed on the waiting list, then be subsequently notified when a place becomes available.
- Forms are available from the School Office or can be requested by email (kclews@stjohns.school.nz) and completed electronically; please complete even if learning privately so he can be involved in groups and gigs.

Any student can join one of the school music groups whether receiving tuition or not. All students are encouraged to form their own groups and utilise the Music School.

We look forward to supporting your son's musical growth.

Nga mihi
Mrs Clews
Arts Coordinator

SCHOOL PRODUCTION



Last week of Term 1
Monday 12th April – Thursday 15th April

Production Rehearsal

First rehearsal will be this Sunday 14th February
1-4pm; venue - Sacred Heart College (Mission Centre)

School Production - Parental help request

Any parent who wishes to support the show with make-up, costumes, backstage, administration. please contact

Mrs Kath Clews – kclews@stjohns.school.nz

The show is the last week of term 1 and assistance required nearer the time.

COLLEGE BLAZERS

Senior students are allowed to wear a College Blazer. If you would like your son to order a blazer please phone the office by Friday 26th February. The cost will be \$265. Delivery will not be until end of May.

WHO TO CONTACT

If you have any issues about your son's progress or any aspect of College life please contact one of the following:

Firstly your House teacher

- your son's House Teacher
- your son's House Dean
 - Forest Mrs Belinda Raskin
 - Redwood Mr Daniel O'Sullivan
 - Reignier Mr Ian Smith
 - Colin Mr Christopher Wilson
- Academic Dean
 - Yr 11 Mrs Belinda Raskin
 - Yr 12-Yr13 Mrs Tracy Russell
- Guidance)
Counsellors)
 - Mr Bill Robertson
 - Ms Alice Robinson
- HOD Maori Mr Maia Solomon
- Deputy Principal Mr Peter Connell
- Pastoral
- Deputy Principal Mrs Tracy Russell
- Curriculum
- Principal Mr Rob Ferreira

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We are very fortunate to have an excellent Board of Trustees. Mrs Tessa Barrett is the Board of Trustees Chairman.

Other Board members are:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Mr Jay Campbell | Parent Rep |
| Mr David Russell | Parent Rep |
| Mr Grant Thompson | Parent Rep |
| Ms Susanne Rauth-Roess | Parent Rep |
| Mr Luke Homan | Proprietor's Rep |
| Mrs Donna Te Amo | Proprietor's Rep |
| Ms Kina Paama | Proprietor's Rep |
| Mr Rob Ferreira | Principal |
| Braeden Foster | Student Rep |

ST. JOHN'S PHONE APP - UPDATE NEEDED



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 Johns 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. Contact the office if you are having trouble downloading this App.

TUCKSHOP

Just a reminder the Tuckshop now has Epos available during morning tea and lunchtime and we still accept cash.

Pre-orders are also available at morning tea for lunch.

UNIFORM

We will be placing an order for winter uniform shortly.

If your son needs new winter uniform – i.e. Long Sleeve Shirts, Long Pants (Yr 11-Yr 13 only), Jersey, Jacket or any replacements, please phone the office to place

your order by **Friday 26th February 2021.**

It is important that you place an early order so we can guarantee your son has the correct uniform. Any questions on uniform please phone Kath Clews.

If your son is in Yr 11 – Yr 13 he can wear long pants for the winter terms. He will need to be sized for these as the fit is a little different to the shorts. Please arrange a time with Mrs Clews for a fitting.

If you have any uniform that your son has outgrown we have families that would appreciate the uniform. Please bring clean second hand uniform into the office.

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

Rob Ferreira
PRINCIPAL

Coming Events

Wednesday 17th February	Parent Evening – Years 9 – 11 Information to follow
Thursday 18 th February	Athletics Sports – HB Sports Park
Monday 1 st March	Swimming Sports – Frimley Pools
Wednesday 3 rd March to Friday 5 th March	Year 9 Camp More information will be sent
Monday 15 th March	WORK DAY – Teacher only day NOTE Date change School Closed
Friday 26 th March	Fia Fia Night
Friday 2 nd April - Tuesday 6 th April	Easter Holidays Note Easter Tuesday is a holiday too – School closed
Thursday 8 th April	Thursday Sports Practice starts Period 5
Monday 12 th April – Thursday 15 th April	School Production
Friday 16 th April	END OF TERM 1
Monday 3 rd May	Start of Term 2

TERM DATES 2021

Term One

Monday 1st February – **Year 9s and Year 13s only**
 Tuesday 2nd February – **All students**
 Friday 16th April – **End of Term 1**

Term Two

May 3rd – Friday 9th July

Term Three

Monday 20th July – Friday 1st October

Term Four

Monday 18th October – To be announced

13 January 2021

NZ Catholic bishops urge everyone to have a Covid-19 vaccine

The country's Catholic bishops are strongly urging their faithful and everyone in Aotearoa New Zealand to get a Covid-19 vaccine when it becomes available.

NZ Catholic Bishops Conference President, Cardinal John Dew, cited this country's 2019-20 measles epidemic and the endorsement of Covid-19 vaccines by Pope Francis as reasons the bishops are calling on everyone to get vaccinated.

Pope Francis this week lamented that some people were saying they would refuse vaccination, adding: "I believe that morally, everyone must take the vaccine. It is the moral choice because it is about your life [and] the lives of others."

Cardinal Dew said the Pope had made it clear there was no religious reason to reject vaccination, including that some vaccines were created with cell lines that originated from tissue from human fetuses aborted several decades ago.

Catholic teaching opposes abortion, but the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith office has said the "grave danger" of spreading Covid-19 outweighs those concerns when "ethically irreproachable vaccines are not available." It was "morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process." Pope Francis endorsed that statement last month, on 17 December.

Pope Francis has said he expects to be vaccinated against Covid-19 this week.

Cardinal Dew said the bishops took their advice about vaccines from reputable doctors, scientists and the bishops' own bioethics agency, the Nathaniel Centre.

"We reject the false information circulating on the internet and elsewhere that claims vaccines should not be used," Cardinal Dew said. "Vaccines work, and they protect against a wide range of illnesses. Because of vaccines, once-universal diseases such as smallpox have been wiped out, saving countless lives.

"To protect everyone against a disease, it is vital that most people in a country be vaccinated. The 2019-20 New Zealand measles epidemic happened because only about 80 per cent of the population were vaccinated. As a result, the disease was carried from Auckland to Samoa where more than 80 people died, most of them babies and children.

"Everyone, including Catholics, has a moral responsibility to protect themselves and others by getting a Covid-19 vaccine as soon as they become eligible for it under the Government's planned vaccine programme," said Cardinal Dew.

The Vatican doctrinal office statement endorsed by the Pope said that all vaccinations recognised as clinically safe and effective could "be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive."

- A list of links for further information is attached

Links for further information:

- Pope Francis saying people have a moral obligation to be vaccinated: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/pope-francis-suggests-people-have-moral-obligation-take-coronavirus-vaccine>
- The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith December 21 note saying it is morally acceptable to use Covid-19 vaccines derived from fetus cell lines: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-12/vatican-cdf-note-covid-vaccine-morality-abortion.html>
- Pope Francis endorses CDF note: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/vaticans-doctrinal-office-coronavirus-vaccines-morally-acceptable-catholics>
- *Nathaniel Report* (publication of the NZ Bishops' Nathaniel Centre) article on the ethics of vaccines derived from fetus cell lines: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/COVID-19-Vaccine-Issue-61-Nathaniel-Report.pdf>
- *NZ Catholic* article by Nathaniel Centre director John Kleinsman report on the ethics of Covid-19 vaccines: <https://nzcatholic.org.nz/2020/05/27/the-ethical-derivation-of-vaccines-for-covid-19/>
- *NZ Catholic* article discussing Covid-19 vaccines: <https://nzcatholic.org.nz/2020/12/10/new-vaccines-prompt-some-serious-questions/>



YEAR 9 HEALTH ASSESSMENT

28th January 2021

Kia ora Year 9 Parents/Guardians,

St Johns College is part of the School Based Health Service (SBHS). This service is funded by the government and provides free health care for students in several secondary schools in Hawkes Bay.

Deb Richardson and Diane Huriwai are Registered Nurses (RN) employed as Public Health Nurses (PHN's) by the Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB) to work at St Johns College for 2 days per week during term time to fulfill this role. They have wide experience of working with children and adolescents in schools and community settings and collaborating with staff, Guidance Counsellor, teachers and Deans.

All Year 9 students will be offered a health and wellbeing assessment. Their consent is required before this is completed. These health checks promote and support a young person's physical, mental, social, spiritual and emotional wellbeing thus supporting their learning and school performance. This is an opportunity to assist and improve health outcomes for all students whilst encouraging positive youth development.

We look forward to this opportunity to meet your son. If you would like to speak to us about the assessment process please contact us via the St Johns College office or via Flaxmere Community Health PH: 06 8799440.

Yours sincerely

Deb Richardson RN, Diane Huriwai RN
PHN's, SBHS
For St Johns College

SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to the following companies for their generous support of the College.
Parents please continue to support our sponsors.



DE LA TERRE WINERY
1426 Taihape Road, Sherenden, Hastings
www.delaterre.co.nz

De La Terre Winery have signed a Gold Sponsorship agreement for \$1000.

Proud sponsors of the:

CULINARY ARTS INSTITUTE

THANK YOU



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.



Year 9 Family BBQ



Commissioning Mass