

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 DATES 2022

14th April

Last day Term 1

Monday 2nd May

Start of Term 2

Monday 16 May

Workday
Teacher only day

Thursday 19th May

Prospectus Evening – 7pm

Monday 23rd May and

Tuesday 24th May

Parent Conferences

Monday 6th June and

Tuesday 7th June

Queen's Birthday weekend

Dear family and whanau

As we approach the end of a busy term, I would like to thank all of you for the support of the school in what has been a challenging start to the year. I have been impressed with the way in which students and staff have successfully engaged in all aspects of college life.

As we approach Easter, we should reflect on what is our most important part of the liturgical year. Having spent Lent in preparation for Easter, our greatest celebration in the Catholic church because it is the completion of the Holy week that ends with the resurrection of Jesus. Easter celebrates the beginning and foundation of Christianity. Jesus was raised from the dead, and He conquered sin and death.

The newsletter will detail important dates for term two.

Traditionally this will be a busy term as winter sports season begins. We will relay all details regarding changes to protocols if we change from the red to range in the traffic light system. Like many of you, I would love to see us move to a setting where will give us more scope to hold events with less restrictions.

Finally, I would like to thank the school community for their support over the last five years. This is the first school of special character that I have taught in, and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

It is a vibrant and happy institution where young men can flourish and develop their skills in an environment where they are encouraged to encounter Christ and follow their faith. It has certainly shaped my faith and spirituality. St. John's College is a place that I will always remember fondly.

I wish you all the best for the rest of the year.

Manaaki e te Atua
Rob Ferreira

CHANGE OF PRINCIPAL

Rob has accepted a new position as Rector of St. Patrick's College, Silverstream, commencing at the start of Term 2 2022.

We wish Rob and Marja every happiness and success as they take up this wonderful new opportunity.

The Board would like to thank Rob for the vision he has pursued to move St John's College to the strong position it is now in.

Kind regards
Tessa Barrett, Board Chair

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRINCIPAL – Term 2



The SJC Board are very pleased to share with you that the Board have appointed Willy Kersten as Acting Principal for Term 2.

Willy has a strong background in boys' education, Special Character and Integrated Schools.

Willy was Principal of Rathkeale College from 2008 to 2018 before he and wife Ali 'retired' back to Hawke's Bay.

Since then, he has had various professional involvements; most recently Acting Principal at Reignier for 2 terms last year.

He is a teacher of sciences.

He is an ex-player and coach of hockey and is now a keen cyclist.

For those of you who follow NZ netball, Claire Kersten is Willy's daughter.

PARENT HELP FOR SPORTS

Football. Are you able to help - parents or ex-students to help with a senior social and junior division 3 team on Saturday mornings. Please phone the office if you are available.

IMPORTANT DATES

END OF TERM 1

Thursday 14th April is the last day of Term 1.

OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLIDAYS

The office will be closed Easter Friday 15th April through to Easter Tuesday 19th April. Also Monday 25th April for ANZAC day holiday.

Office hours

20th – 22nd April – 9am – 3pm

26th – 29th April – 9am – 3pm

TERM 2 starts Monday 2nd May and will be Day 5.

WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 and 3 - Boys change into Winter uniform – long sleeve shirt tucked in with Tie, socks and school shoes. Year 11-13 students can wear long pants.

THURSDAY WINTER SPORTS TRAINING - 5th May

Winter sports training will start on the 5th May during Period 5.

TEACHER ONLY DAY Wednesday 16th May

The College will be closed for a Teacher only day. This is the first Accord Teacher only days which will support the implementation of changes to NCEA, and wider strengthening of curriculum progress and achievement practice.

WORKDAY 16 May 2022 (note new date)

We had to postpone our annual workday due to the spread of Covid. This will be a Teacher only day. You have more time now to think about where your son could get employment for the Workday.

New paperwork will be sent out by the end of term with new dates. I will attached the new Workday letters with this newsletter.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Monday 23rd May and Tuesday 24th May

On Monday, 23 and Tuesday 24 May we are holding House Teacher interviews with parents.

Bookings will open first week of Term 2

School will be closed on Tuesday 24 May to make sure that there is time for every parent to book an interview time. We encourage you to book early, particularly if you have more than one son and you wish to make consecutive interview times. After 16 May we will fill the available slots ourselves and email you a time.

There will be no classes on Tuesday 24th May

Teachers have put a lot of work into preparing for these interviews so it is important that you take this opportunity to bring your son along to meet with his house teacher.

Bookings will open first week of Term 2. We will email you the code to use.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

Monday 6th June and Tuesday 7th June

The College will be closed for Queen's Birthday weekend on Monday 6th June and we will be celebrating SJC Holiday on Tuesday 7th June. School will reopen on Wednesday 8th June.

STEAM

Our **STEAM programme** will start Friday 10th June. Students from St Patrick's, St Mary's and St Joseph will be attending and if there are any boys from catholic families at state schools that would like to attend, please phone our office – 878 6853 to book a place in this exciting programme. Places are limited.

SENIOR BALL Saturday 18th June

More information will be sent home with senior students in Term 2.

MATARIKI CELEBRATION

Friday 24th June

The College will be closed for the new public holiday to celebrate Matariki

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE COLLEGE

IN THE LIBRARY

What an interesting school term for the SJC library! This place turned out to be a paradise for comic book lovers and board games enthusiasts. Regardless of whether it is raining or sunny, the game Coup and D&D draws attention and connects students of all ages. In April, we managed to organize a meeting of the Inclusion Club and talk about our struggles. The chess competition was a great event.



DEBATING

On Tuesday 12th April, St. John's hosted Hastings Girls' High School and Hastings Boys' High School for the first round of the Year 12 and 13 interschool debating competition.

Two moots were debated. Firstly, 'Economic sanctions are an effective tool in managing terrorism and conflict,' and secondly, 'After the pandemic NZ should not return to business as usual.'

The SJC A team (**Conor Frith, Seth Howes and Noah Kaio**) had a narrow loss against Hastings Girls' in the first round, while the SJC B team (**Quin Finlayson, Angus Ross and Noel Daly**) won against Hastings Boys' A.

In the second, limited preparation round, SJC A had a decisive win against Hastings Boys' B, while SJC B lost against Hastings Boys' A. Overall, it was a great afternoon of debating.

A few of the Year 9 and Year 10 classes were lucky enough to watch the debates and provided great support to our teams.

2022 INTER-HOUSE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

This is the 2nd year that we have run the Inter-House Chess Championship.



Each house presented a contender at each year level, meaning that there were 8 junior contenders and 12 senior contenders. After 3 weeks of chess matches at intervals, lunchtimes, and online, we have finalists.

Round 1 matches gave the two top contenders going to round 2 at each year level. In round 2, we had year 9 and 10 contenders playing each other to arrive at the

final two, **Nishan Singh** of Colin House and **Luke Mackie** of **Forest House**. In the Senior Competition, our finalists were **Jeevanjot Singh** of **Reignier House** and **Corvin Douglas** of **Redwood House**.

The senior final was a closely fought match held on Wednesday 13 April with **Corvin** narrowly defeating **Jeevanjot**.

Our junior final has been postponed to Term 2 as Nishan is unwell.

A huge thank you to all involved.

Mr Thomson

CONGRATULATIONS

SPORTS

CYCLING

Congratulations to **Kaito De Boek** who competed in the Junior Cycle Tour where he came 1st in the prologue (time trial), 3rd in stage 1, and then 2nd in stage 2. He finished 2nd overall in the GC. Well done Kaito this is a great result.

CANOE POLO

Congratulations to our **Senior A Canoe Polo team** for gaining a bronze medal at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships on the weekend. Their semi-final was a draw at full time and had to go into golden goal. Congratulations to **Cameron Stevens** who was selected in the tournament team. Big thank you to Mr Pearson for all the time spent training and coaching this team.

Congratulations to our **Junior A Canoe Polo team** for placing 4th at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships. This team lost to the national junior champions by 1 goal in pool play then they had a fantastic semi final with it 4 all and the opposition scoring in the last seconds of the game. **A big thank you to Mr Pearson for all his time spent training and coaching this team.**

RUGBY

Our **1st XV squad** had their first preseason game on Saturday in Rotoura against John Paul College. Great run for our boys winning 10-0. Big thank you to Luke Homan, Rochelle Williams, Mr Astill and everyone that contributed to getting the boys playing.

OCEAN SWIMMING

Congratulations to **Jyde Low** 2nd at the Secondary Schools open water 2.8 km ocean swim championships race.

Plus 2nd in the aqua knights region for the same race. He also won his age category for the amphibian race 750 m swim and 4.5 km run around Mount Manganui. Two weekends ago Jyde got 2nd at the Secondary

Schools triathlon champs for his age in Taranaki. Well done Jyde this is an outstanding achievement.

BASKETBALL

HBSS Basketball Preseason Tournament

Day 1 - **Senior A**

HBHS Senior A 55-56 loss

NBHS Senior 1 74-54 win

Senior B

Havelock North Senior A 58-38 win

Taradale Senior A 58-47 win

Junior A

NBHS 9A 103-25 win

HBHS Junior A 82-47 win

Day 2

Congratulations to our Junior A team who were undefeated at the tournament.

Junior A

Taradale Junior A 92-62 win

Napier Boys Junior A 74-66 win

Senior A

Gisborne BHS 69-55 win

NBHS 2 loss

Senior B

TKKM Senior A 49-44 loss

CHB Senior A 55-51 loss

Well done to all the teams. Big thank you to Mr Whitten SJC Head of Basketball for all the time spent coaching and organising the teams. Also thank you to coach Logan Start and Mrs Stent and all the parents involved who helped.

OLD BOYS SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to **SJC Old Boy Toby Mills** for being selected in the New Zealand U21 Men's Canoe Polo team for the World Championships 2022. Well done Toby this is an outstanding achievement at a very high level.

Congratulations to our 2021 1st XV Captain and **SJC Old Boy Bradley Campbell** on his selection into the Highlanders U20's squad. Well done Brad

Congratulations to our 2021 Senior A Basketball Captain and **SJC Old Boy Lochlan Stent** on his selection into the Otago U19's Men's Basketball team. Well done Lochlan.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION – 2023 for YR 8 STUDENTS -

Prospectus Evening - Thursday 19th May - 7pm Note date change

Parents, please help us promote our Prospectus Evening at 7pm on **Thursday 19th May 2022**. With our recent results, we have much to celebrate and promote. The evening will consist of an introduction, speeches by a Year 9 student and our Head Boy, an address by the Acting Principal and a chance to view different aspects of the College. Total time – 50 minutes. Please spread the word in your community, with friends and family.

This evening will be followed by **A Taste of St. John's Day** on **Wednesday 15th June**; a visit by Year 8 students in Hawke's Bay and Year 6 students from Reignier Primary School. They will visit for the day and view the school in action.

Our **Open Day** is on **Sunday 14th August 2022, 6pm**.

ST. JOHN'S PHONE APP



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.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Our uniform shop is open the following hours

Morning Team: 10.45am – 11.10am

After school: 3.00 pm – 4.15pm

Due to Covid we only have a limited amount of stock but we have more ordered.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

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

We do not sell on behalf – only donated uniform.

FREE DENTAL FOR STUDENTS UNDER 18

It is free for under 18 students to attend the Dentist. Please use this service.

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

Rob Ferreira
PRINCIPAL

Coming Events

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Friday 10 th June	STEAM programme starts for Year 8 students
Wednesday 15 th June	Taste of St. John's Day for Yr 8 students
Saturday 18 th June	Senior Ball
Friday 24 th June	Matari

TERM DATES 2022

Term One

Monday 31st January - Thursday 14th April

Term Two

May 2nd – Friday 8th July

Term Three

Monday 25th July – Friday 30th September

Term Four

Monday 17th October – To be announced

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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.

FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR OUR PRINCIPAL – MR ROB FERREIRA

Tuesday 13 April 2022



Mr Ferreira giving his final address to students and staff



Head Boy Noah Kaio giving his farewell speech to Mr Ferreira