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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

Thursday 19th May

Prospectus Evening – 7pm

Monday 16 May

Workday
Teacher only day

Monday 23rd May and

Tuesday 24th May

Parent Conferences

Dear family and whanau

Just as we set aside time to spiritually prepare for Christmas Day, it makes sense to set aside time to prepare for the two most important days of the Christian year - Good Friday and Easter. Lent is a time that offers us an opportunity to come to terms with the human condition we may spend the rest of the year running from and it brings our need for a Saviour to the forefront. Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter comes, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God has to offer.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of this season. Thank you for knowing our hearts and our need for rhythms in our lives, and for drawing us into a deeper [communion](#) with you throughout the coming 40 days.

Thank you for your support over the last few weeks as we keep our school open for instruction and have our students engaged in and out of the classroom. We have some great sporting results this term and I have enjoyed getting around on weekends watching our students compete.

Take care and stay safe.

Ma te Atua e manaaki

God Bless
Rob Ferreira

RESIGNATION OF OUR PRINCIPAL

It is with mixed emotion, that I share with you that the Board of St. John's College, Hastings has received a letter of resignation from Rob Ferreira with effect from the end of Term 1 this year.

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

The Board will be meeting in the next few days to start the consultation and recruitment process to find Rob's replacement.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

END OF TERM 1

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

TERM 2 starts Monday 2nd May and will be Day 5.
Boys change into Winter uniform – longsleeve shirt tucked in with Tie.

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 12th 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**.

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.

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 next term

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 at the time that you have been scheduled.

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.

MATARIKI CELEBRATION

Friday 24th June

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



As Covid crept closer to the Bay, SJC teachers and students were working online in the classroom and remotely at home.

This photo taken in Lab 4 with Mr Scott remotely teaching from home to his Year 12 Chemistry class with a relief teacher in the classroom

Students home on remote learning

On Friday 10th March the College had a Teacher only day so staff could prepare for a week of Remote learning.

Covid had spread and there were a number of issues that caused the school to move to Remote Learning. The boys were "in class" at home from Monday 13th March to Thursday 16th March.

We welcomed the boys back to school on Friday 17th May

MUFTI DAY



On Friday 25th February we held a Mufti day to fundraise for the Tongan Eruption Appeal. The Young Vinnies had a sausage sizzle. We raised \$870.90. Well done boys

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE COLLEGE

TE REO TRIP TO MAHIA

This term the annual haerenga to Mahia took place in week 4.



A little different to normal, the boys learned an important lesson in tikanga this year. Our planned accommodation was needed at a days' notice for the arrival of a tūpāpaku (deceased person's body). A few phone calls later we were lucky to find accommodation, and the trip was another success.

A few highlights included, setting the hīnaki (26 tuna caught and released), collecting pipi, fishing, visiting historic sites of the ancestors of our iwi of Ngāti Kahungunu.

He mihi nui he mihi aroha ki a Mr William Blake QSM, Mr Paul Blake, Mr Paihau Solomon, Mr Don Dickson for their manaakitanga during this period.

REMOTE LEARNING

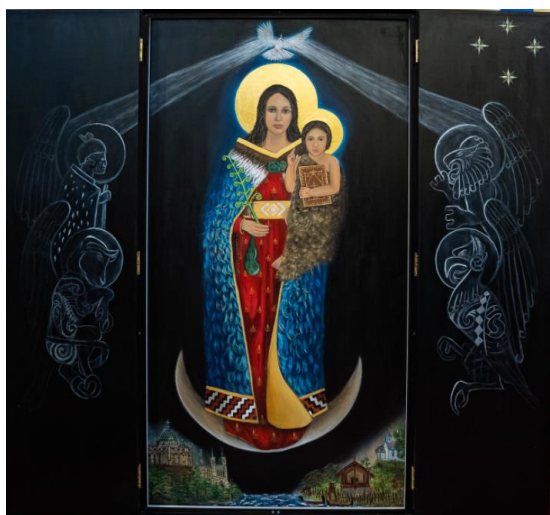
Te Ara a Maria **Mary's way**

BACKGROUND

In 2020, with the Covid-19 pandemic, the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand received a number of requests from worshippers calling on Mary's protection during troubling times. The Bishops agreed

to rededicate Aotearoa New Zealand to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven.

The original dedication was made by New Zealand's first Bishop (Frenchman) Jean-Baptiste Pompallier in the Hokianga in 1838. More about this history can be found at <https://www.tearaamaria.nz/history>



On Thursday 10 March we had the opportunity to host Charles Ropitini and Koti Wilson as they journeyed with the icon Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua (Holy Mary, Mother of God). Sadly our students were off-site because of Covid, but our staff enjoyed the time they were able to spend with the painting, and the explanation of its creation and its symbolism which was so well conveyed to us by Koti Wilson.

ARTWORK

As part of the rededication the Bishops commissioned a piece of art.

Name Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua Holy Mary, Mother of God

Artist Damien Walker (Studio of Saint Philomena, Rangiora)

Māori Advisor Anthony Kemp

More details about the painting can be found at www.tearaamaria.nz/artwork

GOLF AT SJC



Golf is being formally added to the programme of winter sport at St. John's College this year. Our long-term goal is to compete at regional level and then compete at Nationals.

The general programme in winter sport time for every student who enrolls for golf is:

An hour at Sharpies driving range and putting course: coaching, a bucket of 60 balls and clubs provided.

10 sessions for \$80 – amazing deal!

For those students who participate in a team sport and practice on Thursdays, they will have the opportunity to join the Monday golf group after school at Sharpies. For students who do not have to practice in a team sport on Thursdays, they will be able to come to Sharpies during Winter Sports Practice p5.

All students are welcome to participate in the golf ladder. Any 9 hole golf course may be used though and signed cards are to be submitted to Mrs Russell. Further rules, guidelines and details about prizes at sports prizegiving will be distributed at the beginning of Term 2 for those who wish to join in. Students in this competition do not have to be in the coaching programme.

SWIMMING SPORTS 2022 RESULTS

Individual Championships

YEAR 9

1st Jyde Low 96pts

2nd Max MacInnes 94pts

3rd Andrew Hawke 64 Pts

YEAR 10

1st Jack Craft 100pts

2nd Reuben Fey 88pts

3rd Mikko Capio 76pts

YEAR 11

1st Adam Frith 82pts

2nd Freddie Salter 72pts

3rd Zach O'Neill 68pts

SENIOR

1st Garrett Fey 100pts

2nd Lachie MacGregor 70pts

3rd Jeremy Gaffaney 68pts

HOUSE COMPETITION

1st Reignier 662 pts

2nd Redwood 630 pts

3rd Colin 571 pts

4th Forest 540 pts

CONGRATULATIONS

SPORTS

SWIMMING

Congratulations to year 9 student **Jyde Low** who finished 2nd U16 swimmer in the Napier Port Ocean swim. An outstanding swim with 2 years of still competing in this age group.

SURF LIFESAVING

Congratulations to SJC year 9 **Max MacInnes** winner of the Hawke's Bay U13 Surf Lifesaving Championship. Well done Max this is an outstanding achievement.

BASKETBALL

CANOE POLO

SJC Junior A Canoe Polo team at the Central East Regional Qualifier. Bronze Medal winners.

SJC 14-0 NBHS C

SJC 4 - 1 Lindisfarne Junior A

SJC 7 - 1 HBHS Huia

SJC 3 - 3 NBHS Junior A

Semi-final - SJC 3- 4 HBHS Junior A

3rd and 4th Playoff – SJC 6 – 5 NBHS

SJC Senior A Canoe Polo team at the Central East Regional Qualifier. Silver Medal winners.

SJC 11 – 6 NBHS Senior C

SJC 1 – 6 NBHS Senior A

SJC 6 – 5 NBHS Senior B

SJC 10 – 1 Havelock North Senior A

Final – SJC 1 – 2 NBHS Senior A – 1 All at fulltime.

Went to golden goal.

OLD BOYS

Great to see SJC Institute graduate and St Johns Senior basketball starter **Paora Winitana** live on ESPN this afternoon. His Div 1 Team BYU playing in the WCC Tournament Quarter final in Las Vegas.

This is an awesome achieve as a freshman. Work hard, dream big!!!!!!! Well done Paora.

Congratulations to SJC Old Boys **Kalder Pritchard** and **Toby Mills** who were members of the Hurricanes A team that won the Open A grade competition at the recent Art Deco canoe polo competition in Hawkes Bay.

Gateway Programme 2022



The Gateway Programme at St John's College has 28 students enrolled this year. The programme is popular as it provides students with an opportunity to develop vocational based knowledge and skills for future employment. Students go out on work placements during term 2 and 3 for one a day per week

to gain real time experience and knowledge of the industries that they are interested in. Gateway work placements can also lead to apprenticeships and future employment opportunities. The programme also runs a new Gateway External Provider (GEP) pathway this year where students study industry based courses at school tailored to their specific interests.

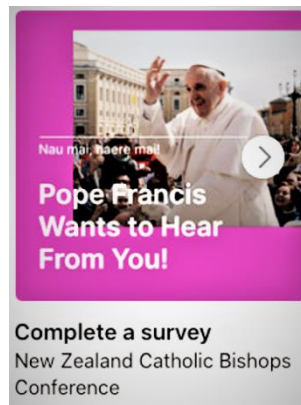
Belinda Raskin is Teacher in charge of Gateway Classes and Bronwyn Gardiner is the Co-ordinator who organises resources and work placements for our students at St John's College.

If you are interested in offering a student a work placement opportunity, please contact our Gateway Coordinator, Bronwyn Gardner on 027 6775241 or email bgardner@stjohns.school.nz.



Aurmaan Singh was offered an apprenticeship in December 2021, as a direct result for being involved in Gateway.

POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU



“Pope Francis wants to hear from you!” The bishops are using this direct papal message to invite people – Catholic or not – to take part in a survey for the ongoing international synod on the future direction of the Church. The survey is being advertised on Stuff and in social media such as Facebook, so you might see it pop up. Please share it with friends who may not be reached by your parish/diocesan Synod consultation. Details including a link to the survey: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-feedback/>

ANYONE HAVE WOOL TO DONATE



Chris Versey – our Learning Support teacher knits beautiful baby clothes. She has asked if anyone would like to donate wool for her charity knitting. Chris knits about 100 of these items each winter.

If you would like to donate wool please drop it off at the office.

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.

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.

FREE FITNESS - SATURDAYS – SJC PASIFIKA

7am – 8.30am – St John's College school grounds
www.facebook.com/SJCPasifika for updates. Everyone welcome.

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

Rob Ferreira
PRINCIPAL

LENT



our mortality and our imperfection.

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. It begins each year with Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday you may have noticed people with a smudged, black cross on their foreheads; there were certainly several young men at St John's with this "affliction". The ashes come from the burned palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. It is important to know that the cross of ash placed on each person's forehead does not symbolise holiness, but is a symbol of

Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter Saturday. It reminds us of the time Jesus went in to the desert to fast and pray before he began his mission to the people of Israel. As we fast, pray and give, we should realise that this time of Lent is an opportunity to go deeper with God. It is a time for personal reflection that prepares our hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter.

Many of us celebrate Christmas with great fanfare and joy. We are bombarded with messages of good cheer and advertisements on the gifts we should buy. It seems that Christmas is the big celebration for Christians. **But it is not.**

Without the passion of Christ, His death and resurrection, the Christian faith is meaningless. It is because Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven that we believe He is the Messiah, the Word made flesh. This is why Lent is an important time for Christians as we prepare for the greatest celebration of all – the resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter.

So, during this time of Lent, what are you doing to prepare? Are you giving up something as part of your fasting, or are you doing something like praying more or volunteering your time for a charity or your son's sports team? Are you able to give to a charity? Each year the Lent Appeal is run by Caritas on behalf of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference (NZCBC) to support its work of charity and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable around the world, including Aotearoa New Zealand. The Caritas theme for Lent 2022 is – "*Called to be Peacemakers*" based on the Beatitude reference in Matthew 5:9 and inspired by the writing of Pope Francis in his recent encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*. As we journey towards Easter, the theme *Called to be Peacemakers* highlights our encounter with God in building peace.

May this time of Lent be one of outward focus; seeking Christ in those we often ignore.
May it be a time focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

Coming Events

As we are in Covid-19 Red setting we have had to postpone a number of our events.
We will keep you up to date with changes.

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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



Parish Administrator / Finance Administrator Catholic Parish of Napier

We are currently seeking applications for the positions of Parish Administrator and Finance Administrator for the Catholic Parish of Napier.

This could be either two part-time positions of approximately 20 hours per week, or a full-time position encompassing both roles.

You will initially be based in the Parish Office in Greenmeadows, and will move to the new Parish Administration and Mission Centre beside St Patrick's Church on Munroe Street, Napier, when building is complete.

This is a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of the Parish team, whilst often being the first point of contact for both our parishioners and visitors to the Parish.

For more details please see the Catholic Parish of Napier website: www.cpon.org.nz or contact the Parish Office ph: 06 844 2224

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