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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**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Feast Day Mass

**LAST DAY TERM 2**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

Start of Term 3 Day 4

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

Taste of St John's Day (New Date)

**Thursday 28 July**

Senior Parent Teacher Interviews

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

Francis Douglas Sports Exchange

in New Plymouth

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

PFA Quizz night

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

Open Day 2pm

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

Assumption Mass

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

Teacher only Day

Yr 8 Academic Scholarship exams

Kia Ora family and whanau

This week saw the new principal. Mr George Rogers welcomed to St John's College. His pōhiri was well attended by his family and a contingent of staff and boys from Lindisfarne College. During the pōhiri Mr Rogers spoke of his eagerness to get to know the boys and their whanau as soon as possible and to lead the school in its mission to develop proud St John's Men. Mr Rogers will take time to prepare during the holidays and will officially commence in the roll on the first day of Term III. I am sure I speak on behalf of the entire St John's community in wishing him well.

The occasion of course signaled my imminent departure. While only a brief tenure, I have enjoyed my time working with the Board of Trustees and alongside the staff and getting to know many of the boys. My first love is always to be among the students, but I lament that increasingly it seems, this cannot always be a first priority. However, I have observed many classes and individuals focused on their studies and boys generally enjoying their involvements in sport, the performing arts and the cultural life of the school. I look forward to the House competitions that will take place at end the term.

Comment – On the matter of work ethic

I would like to share some thoughts that I expressed to the boys at my last assembly about achievement, and in particular working towards achieving well. I hold a strong view that the effort students make to achieve is more important than the outcome. While this is not universally true, working hard in itself will most likely bring about a higher level of achievement, and although it is the result that students are credited for, it is the process that is most often noticed.

It has been said "*The harder you work, the luckier you get.*" Of course, we know this is not true because achievement really has little to do with luck. However, what the statement suggests is that people who do achieve are lucky. What we should be saying is that they are deserving because most people who achieve well actually work, and in some cases, very hard.

So why work hard? Obviously to increase one's chances of success. But I believe there is another reason. Working hard differentiates you from those who don't, and there are lots who don't. In other words, students who work hard are more likely to be noticed; they impress others – in the case of students – often their teachers. Working hard improves the likelihood of excellence grades, being selected for a team you are trying for, obtaining a place in a course or getting a job, and in many other ways your effort determines your success.

However, the reality is also that you may not achieve what you are setting out to achieve. There is often the possibility that someone else may take out the prize, and for them, having to work hard makes their success so much more rewarding. It is very important to recognise all who have made the effort and to support them in their future endeavours in the hope that they too will achieve their goals.

Teachers cannot make students work hard, but I hope our young men can see reasons to do so. Parents and teachers can hopefully inspire them, but the motivation comes from within, and it is as well to remember, "The harder you work, the luckier you get".

Finally, I thank those who have made my time at St John's the experience it has been and I wish the students, staff and families all the very best. Enjoy the holiday break and take care.

Ma te atua koutou e manaaki e to whanau

**Willy Kersten**  
**Principal (Term II)**

### **ST JOHN'S COLLEGE BOARD NEWS**

The College Board would like to thank Mr Kersten for his excellent leadership of the school for Term 2. We wish him well for his next endeavour.

### **SCHOOL BOARD PARENT ELECTIONS 2022**

#### **Nomination round**

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for **5 School Board vacancies**. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by **Friday 15th July 2022**.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database. You will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database. **Please ensure we have your correct contact details.**

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

**Nominations close on Friday 5th August at 12 noon.**  
**Election day is Wednesday 7th September.**

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Wayne Jamieson  
Returning Officer  
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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **Feast Day Mass and Haka Singing Cross Country 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Feast Day Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church – 10.30am

This will be followed by House Haka and Singing competitions and Cross Country.

### **LAST DAY TERM 2**

**TERM 3** starts Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July and will be **Day 4**

### **TASTE OF ST JOHN'S DAY – New date**

**A Taste of St. John's Day** on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**; an opportunity to visit for Year 8 students in Hawke's Bay and Year 6 students from Reignier Primary School. They will visit for the day, participate in activities, and view the school in action.

### **FULL REPORTS FOR SENIORS**

This year we will email Senior reports directly to parents. This will ensure that parents receive their son's report before the Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July. If you would prefer a printed copy please contact the office.

### **SENIOR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – YR 11-13**

These will be held on Thursday 28 July

The evening is split into two sessions: Session 1 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and Session 2 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. As with previous Parent Teacher interview evenings we are using the website to allow parents to book times with subject teachers.

**The booking code is 4fw45**

### **JUNIOR PARENT TEACHER EVENING**

This will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August. More information to come.

### **FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE SPORTS EXCHANGE**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

The annual Francis Douglas sports exchange this year will be held at Francis Douglas.

Notices have been distributed to students.

### **PFA QUIZ NIGHT**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August – more information to come.  
Put this date on your calendar.

### **OPEN DAY – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August – 2pm**

If you have a Year 8 wanting to enrol at St. John's College in 2023 – please come along to our Open Day.

### **ASSUMPTION DAY MASS – Monday 15 August**

The full school Mass for Term 3 is the Assumption Mass (*time to be confirmed*) at Sacred Heart Church. As a Marist College this is a special Mass which welcomes our mothers and grandmothers. This is a very special day in the Marist Calendar.

### **TEACHER ONLY DAY Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August –**

The College will be closed for a Teacher only day. **This is the second of 3 Accord Teacher only days which will support the implementation of changes to NCEA, and wider strengthening of curriculum progress and achievement practice.**

### **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP EXAM – Yr 8 students – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 4pm**

Any Year 8 students who are enrolled to come to St. John's College in 2023 are welcome to sit our Academic Scholarship exams. These take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 4.00pm at our College. The Year 8 students will sit a 50-minute English exam and a 45-minute Mathematics exam. Please phone the office to advise us if your son would like to sit the exams.

## **WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING**

### **CULINARY ARTS INSTITUTE COMPETITION**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June the Culinary Arts Institute competed in the Regional Culinary Competition held at the Eastern Institute of Technology. The weekend consisted of live cooking and static (pre-prepared) competitions in which 20 St John's boys were part of.



After weeks of dedication, practice, experiments, and classes these boys were able to present amazing food that achieved **10 Bronze, 14 Silver, and 6 Gold medals as well as winning 4 categories.**

Leading up to their competitions their teacher Mr Ireland fell ill with Covid-19 but with determination they were still able to use their skills and knowledge to achieve these outstanding awards.

The St John's Culinary Institute is also proud to come 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Hawke's Bay Secondary school challenge for 2022. The boys in the culinary institute are thriving under the guidance of Mr Craig Ireland and

becoming outstanding young Chefs. Mrs Chris Versey has also helped these boys to achieve at these high levels through her tireless efforts in running the Institute in Mr Ireland's absence. All the boys in the St John's Culinary institute are overwhelmingly grateful for the help and support these teachers continue to give them.

The St John's Culinary Institute gives these students opportunities of a lifetime. As well as competitions both regionally and nationally these boys prepare excellent degustation style dinners throughout the year. They are given a theme and then develop recipes and high-end courses which are collected together to form their infamous degustation dinners. Dinners that one would not want to miss. These dinners give our community the opportunity to see the talent in the St John's Institute, which is something that outrivals many. At St John's our Culinary Institute is much like our other Institutes which provide our students with the experience and knowledge to take them as far as the eye can see.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

June was a colourful and sweet month with some highlights and chocolate incentives. Our library often hosts English lessons, social studies, House classes, or Pasifica Mentor meetings. As it happens in winter, apart from the loyal students who visit the library every day, many came to warm up and read on bean bags, or simply to warm up the atmosphere and stimulate others who were bored with routine. The Everyone Welcome policy works great. Board games, chess, and card games have returned to favour. Students of all ages sit down to play together. In May, the library organised a small writing competition. We have selected texts about the SJC library. At the first assembly in June, the best ones were rewarded and the song by Kaden Hura-Mcintosh was presented at the school assembly.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCfGbF7psKA>

Thank you, Michael Pollard, for the haiku and Jordan Fontaine for the essay. Thanks to Mrs Drabble for her poem and active support.



As part of the Out of Shelves project, the school library celebrated Pride Month in its own way. The SJC Inclusion Club had its meeting on Friday 17th. The students tried to decode some definitions and discussed various issues. The more we talk and ask, the more we understand and like each other. Eight chocolate blocks went to the lucky winners of the flag competition. Congratulations!  
SJC Librarian Mrs. Dorota Zatek

### SENIOR PERFORMANCE EVENING

Wednesday 29 June

Whether it's a brave step forward or a humble forward lunge every year the Senior Performance Evening delivers something different. Time and memories become a blur when players practise and reflect on the proceedings of such a night and pressures build as the night grows nearer. With such pressure came the support of Whānau, staff and friends from all backgrounds with great anticipation and excitement for the boys. The night's proceedings went smoothly going in order of year group from years 11 to 13. Starting off the evening's performances harmoniously were Toko, Oliver and Iohefo singing Hallelujah in Māori and with beautiful harmony and with Deacon on the keys. Year 11 had lot a of pianists who entertained the large audience with a variety of straight to swing. It was great to show Isaac's music technology piece on the projector and through some extra bass speakers as well as Kaden's quirky, fun songs. Year 12 Connall Corkery's performance of the Pina Colada song and Wagon Wheel was sung with such conviction. The year 13 performers which consisted of Francois on Spanish guitar, Luke and Piriwiritua tinkling the ivories, Eli on crazy guitar, Jake jazzin' n rockin' on drums, and myself on jazz trumpet.



For the year 11s, these performances founded a new sense of confidence, gaining the respect of the more seasoned practitioners in years 12 and 13, knowing they had been in their shoes too. All performers demonstrated absolute nerves of steel, a bit of humour and most certainly their colourful characters, and most definitely created a sense of pride and achievement for their last performance evening at St. John's College.

Thank you to Mr Wilson and the team of instrumental teachers for encouraging and guiding us, as well as Mrs Clark, our supportive Arts Coordinator.  
Caleb Halbert, Y13

## CONGRATULATIONS

### SPORTS

#### CANOE POLO



Great start for our Senior A Canoe Polo team in A1 grade in the Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools winter League with two good wins.

SJC 11 – 1 Karamu High

SJC 5 – 3 Havelock North

#### FOOTBALL

Great result for our SJC Junior A Football Team winning 2-0 against Hastings Boys Junior A Team.

#### HB CYCLO CROSSX



Congratulation to SJC year 9 Jyde Low who won Race 3 of the HBCX 2022 U15's. Jyde will be racing at the NZ Champs in the holidays. Well done Jyde.

#### BASKETBALL



Photo Courtesy ECR photographer

Congratulations to our SJC Senior B Basketball team winning 80-53 against NBHS Senior B. With 12 teams in the HB Secondary Schools div 2 grade SJC made the top 6 by winning their pool and going through undefeated. Thank you coaches Logan Start (Old boy volunteer Coach) and Michelle Fey (Parent volunteer Coach).



Congratulations to George Stent and Kingston Manihera – Dankwa on winning Zone 3 Regionals with their Hawke’s Bay U15 Basketball team. Good luck at New Zealand U15 Basketball Nationals in the holidays.

## RUGBY

Great game of rugby for our SJC F Grade team against Lindisfarne F Grade. SJC winning 63-0.



Great Game for our SJC 2<sup>nd</sup> XV winning 59 - 36 against Havelock North High School 1st XV. Well done team. Thank you Mr Solomon and Mr Scott ( Both Old Boys, Teachers- Volunteer Coaches).

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## SPORTS DRAWS

All Winter Sports draws can be found on our school app under links.

## Contact details:

**Badminton** - Craig Ireland [cireland@stjohns.school.nz](mailto:cireland@stjohns.school.nz)  
**Basketball** – Jason Pearson [jpearson@stjohns.school.nz](mailto:jpearson@stjohns.school.nz)  
**Canoe Polo** - Jason Pearson [jpearson@stjohns.school.nz](mailto:jpearson@stjohns.school.nz)  
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**Golf** - Tracy Russell [trussell@StJohns.School.NZ](mailto:trussell@StJohns.School.NZ)  
**Hockey** - Conor Bolton [cbolton@StJohns.School.NZ](mailto:cbolton@StJohns.School.NZ)  
**Rugby** - Jason Pearson [jpearson@stjohns.school.nz](mailto:jpearson@stjohns.school.nz)

## OLD BOYS NEWS



### SJC Old boy Jack Cooper. (Prefect 2020)

I have recently qualified in the Oxford Brookes University 'C' Crew in the temple challenge cup. I will be dedicating these upcoming races to my coach Dave Williamson as he has supported me since day one and got me up to pace to race here while training out of the club. In conjunction with his mentorship, I wouldn't be in the position I would be today without the support from St John's college and the teaching staff. They held my

hand through the fire and the flames when no one else would and for that I am grateful.



Congratulations to SCJ Old Boy Lochlan Stent who along with his Otago U19 Basketball team placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the New Zealand U19 Nationals.

## DONATE SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR THE COOK ISLANDS



Connor Briggs, Year 9 from St John’s College, is fundraising to take sporting equipment over to the Cook Islands in August to support the local schools. All items in working order welcome, there will be a

container going over. These can be dropped off (before the end of week 2 Term 3) to the school office or to Lee-Anne Taylor at EIT.

#### **Message from Connor:**

*As you may be aware the Islands have had a particularly tough time over the last few years. We are looking for support to help Rarotonga out by delivering them sports gear, as they don't have much of it and the help would be much appreciated. Sport can help with your well-being and fitness and you can make new friends along the way. Please support our fundraising campaign in order to help these young children.*

*If you are able to provide any sporting equipment it would be much appreciated and we can coordinate to pick this up from you or for you to drop at St Johns Hastings or to EIT for Lee-Anne Taylor. We will be taking a bag over with us and anything else will travel in a shipping container. Donations are gratefully received until the 5<sup>th</sup> August.*

I look forward to hearing from you.  
Ngā mihi koutou - Connor and Lee-Anne

#### **TUESDAY SPORTS TRAINING – after school bus**

A number of sports teams practice after school on Tuesdays during our winter sports programme.

We have a bus leaving the College at 4.30pm which runs to Flaxmere, Taradale, Napier and finishes at Clive.

#### **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.

#### **UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

Our uniform shop is open the following hours

Morning Tea: 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.

#### **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.

#### **SCHOOL DRIVEWAYS – ENTRY – EXIT**

Please note that all visitors to the school must use the correct gates to enter and exit the school. These are clearly marked.

The School entrance is next to the Chapel. The School exit is down the driveway, past the rugby fields and cricket nets.

This is a major Health and Safety issue – we do not want any accidents.

#### **FREE DENTAL CARE FOR STUDENTS UNDER 18**

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

#### **YEAR 10 CAMP – 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December HEADS UP**

Our awesome Year 10 Camp will be Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th December and is likely to be around \$300.

Parents are advised to be depositing regular sums of money into their school account towards this.



We usually receive a grant towards this major, all-inclusive year group event, which significantly lowers the cost.

If you feel that any cost may be a hindrance, please contact the College office in confidence so we can support your son gaining this valuable experience of skills and manaaki.

As you can see from last year's photos, the boys have a fantastic time at Camp.

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

**Willy Kersten**  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**



## Coming Events

Thursday 7 July	Feast Day Mass – Sacred Heart Church -10.30 House Haka and Singing Competitions and School Cross Country <b>LAST DAY TERM 2</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>STAFF RETREAT – School closed</b>
Monday 25 July	<b>TERM 3 STARTS – Day 4</b>
Wednesday 27 July	Taste of St John’s Day - Note new date
Tuesday 28 July	Senior Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 2 – Wednesday 3 August	Francis Douglas Sports Exchange Away
Sunday 14 August	Open Day – 2pm
Monday 15 August	Assumption Day Mass
Wednesday 24 August	Yr 8 Academic Scholarship exams
Wednesday 24 August	Teacher only day – school closed
Thursday 25 August	Junior Parent/Teacher Evening
Wednesday 7 September	Photo day

## TERM DATES 2022

### Term One

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

### Term Two

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July

### Term Three

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

### Term Four

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – To be announced

## ENROLMENT INFORMATION – 2023 for YR 8 STUDENTS -

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**Academic Scholarship Exams for Yr 9 students -2023**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 3.30pm

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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.