

Francis Douglas Memorial College

Important Dates

Athletics Day
Friday 9 March

Taranaki
Anniversary
Day

School Closed
Monday 12
March

GALA DAY
Saturday
24 March
11.00 am



Felix Webby

From the Principal

Our Leadership Dedication Mass was once again a pleasant occasion where our chosen student leaders and their proud families felt well supported by a student body that used the occasion to reverently seek God's blessing on our school and its new leaders.

We were grateful for the support of Sir Brother Patrick Lynch who travelled to join us. Our parish priest Father Simon Story and sister school Principal Paula Wells and leading students from Sacred Heart College also lent their support.

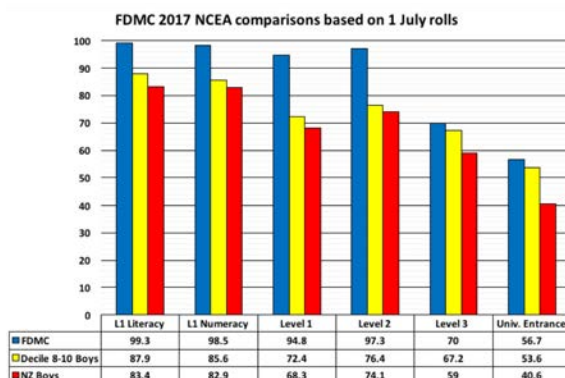
Pictured below are Ben Leary (Deputy Head Boy), Lillian Parker (Deputy Head Girl Special Character), Daniel Kibby (Head Boy), Elizabeth Mosquera (Head Girl), Dominic Coleman (Lasallian Youth Captain) and Tayla Simpson (Deputy Head Girl Student Council).



Comparison of NCEA results

We have now received more NCEA data from NZQA. Comparisons are made here with boys in Decile 8-10 schools (we are a Decile 8) and all NZ boys.

Felix Webby was the stand-out for the third year in a row. He obtained four New Zealand Schol-



arships with two of them in the outstanding category. This is the best individual result in my ten years here as Principal. Details for Felix and our other three outstanding young men are as follows:

- Felix Webby – Outstanding Scholarships in English and Economics, Scholarships in Physical Education and Physics
- Thomas Hadley – Outstanding Scholarship in English and Scholarship in Biology
- Thomas Morgan – Scholarship in Chemistry
- Oisín Quinn – Scholarship in Painting

Construction

Our students are better off because of construction that took place over the summer vacation. Foremost in their minds will be the remodelled canteen which was largely completed by Miles Blair who's on our property staff. The designer was our Executive Chef Steve Muir, who is pictured here with Sir Brother Pat Lynch, whose Proprietor funding of \$80,000 enabled the project. Canteen staff Amanda Shotter and Amy Loveridge who make the place work, are also pictured.



Other holiday works include reroofing, recarpeting and new chairs for our Chapel, remodeling of a room adjacent to the library that can be used for small group work, completion of the fence along the new sub division that will enable our street frontage to be used by juniors, and a full remodeling of the 20 bed Year 11 hostel coordinated and built by Heta Smith and our property crew headed by Rodney Bishop.

Our major project at present is the seismic strengthening and refurbishing of the Administration Block. This project will be finished in late May and will see many of the school's operations relocating from their present temporary premises.

2018 Student Leadership Group



Head Boy
Daniel Kibby



Deputy Head Boy
Ben Leary



Lasallian Youth
Captain
Dominic Coleman



Cultural Captain
Titan Cook



Sports Captain
Luke Hughes



Benildus House
Captain
Nathaniel Peters



La Salle House
Captain
Jacob Crawford



Loreto House
Captain
Rory Maxwell



Solomon House
David Barnard



Prefect
Tomi Karasawa



Prefect
Bailey Kuklinski



Prefect
Joshua Morris



Prefect
Teagan Wilson



Head Boarder
Jayden Smith



Deputy Head Boarder
James Batchelor

Internet

The College provides campus wide wireless internet to assist with student learning. It is also available free of charge for student communications and recreational use. At break times however, our observation of screen fixation among some students has led to our ongoing practice to switch off the internet for 15 minutes at interval and 30 minutes at lunchtime. Despite some having their own internet plan and some games being stored on-phone, this encourages more human interaction and fresh air activity.

Gala

Our Gala on **Saturday 24 March** promises to be as impressive as ever. Please pencil this date in and come determined to leave with full bellies and larders and empty wallets in support of our wonderful PTA. Their efforts are all of direct benefit to our students and surely warrant your supporting our Gala. See you there!

Athletic Sports

Our Athletic Sports will be held on Friday 9 March. This is an important day in the school's calendar because it gives us a chance to engage in a whole-school day where there is healthy competition and opportunity to build school pride and spirit. The day also gives our athletic stars a chance to shine in front of their peers.

While it is recognised that athletics day does not suit all students, it is important for them to stretch beyond their comfort zones at times and be there to cheer on others who excel on such days. Procedures for absence are:

- Those who are unwell should stay home and supply a note on their return
- Those who cannot take part or are injured must have a note signed by their PE teachers and should attend and assist with organisation
- A student who chooses to be absent on the day without a genuine parent note will face disciplinary action.

Students should come dressed for changes in the weather and ensure they have good sun protection. Some sunblock will be available. Only approved senior students may wear costumes and/or body paint. In an effort to encourage the small number of students who are not good participants when it comes to irregular school days, I am keen to point out that unjustified absence from swimming, athletics, cross-country, founder's and MAD days will see the school contemplating ineligibility to attend the Graduation Dinner.

*St John Baptist de La Salle – pray for us
Live Jesus in our hearts – forever*

*Martin Chamberlain
Principal*

Search for the hero inside yourself

A new initiative saw all Year 9 students engaging in a special experience last week. A two day camp involving Maori culture immersion under the tutelage of Taare Ruakere at his home marae – Puniho, and a marae sleep-over followed by a 22km trek up the Puniho track over to the top of Mangorei Road, all served to build tolerance and character. For most, adults included, the tramp was grueling. Rocky terrain, multiple staircases and high temperatures meant that everyone had to “search for the hero inside” themselves. The nature of the trek meant that arrival times back here at school were difficult to predict and for that we apologise but the reality is that your son has built a new field of knowledge about himself and is further into being a *Good College Caring Man*.



Year 7 Camp

Our annual Year 7 Camp was held on the field in front of the Technology Block on Thursday 8 February. After a fantastic Retreat learning about what it means to be part of Francis Douglas Memorial College the Year 7 boys set up their own tents and enjoyed an afternoon swim in the school pool.

In a coming together of our new school community each boy's whanau was invited to the College to share a BBQ meal with us. Mr Chamberlain warmly welcomed the new families to FDMC and everyone enjoyed their burgers, sausages and ice-creams. After an evening of spotlight games with the Year 13 leaders, and a fantastic supper of home baking the Year 7 class of 2018 spent the night at their new school, a place where they now truly felt they belonged.

On Friday morning after a hearty breakfast in the hostel dining room the boys bussed to Ngamotu beach and spent time in service, collecting rubbish and tidying up the area. Next the boys split themselves into small groups and were given the challenge of creating a golf ball track in the sand. The teamwork on display was outstanding and there was loads of creative thinking evident. We returned to school for a liturgy in the chapel, before lunch, and the chaotic fun of dismantling the tent village.

A huge thank you to all of the parents, the Year 13 leaders and the staff who made this camp such a success – it was a true example of the Lasallian values of Faith, Service and Community in action.

Paula Corlett
Year 7 Dean



GALA

Notices about our Gala will be coming home today with all Year 7 to 10 boys. We will be collecting items for the Grocery Raffle from next week. Items are to be brought to Vertical Form, not to the college foyer before school. Each week there will be canteen vouchers to win so bring your item each week and get into every draw.

Friday 2nd March will be a Gala Mufti Day. Gold Coin Donation.

Any helpers, old and new can contact Anna on azs@fdmc.school.nz

The countdown is on! Gala Day Saturday 24th March

TSSSA Surfing Report

The conditions for the competition were some of the best we have experienced in recent years with a large ground swell running which pushed through waves all day in all tides. Being overcast the surfers were easy to see and this made the judging easy.

It was pleasing to register a full team for the competition but it was unfortunate that a couple of the surfers registered in the U18 division were unavailable so we struggled to get points on the table in this division. New Plymouth Boys' High made virtually a clean sweep of the U18's and U16's but Francis Douglas Memorial College did very well in the U14 competition final. Congratulations to Jack Feaver for placing 2nd, Jay Newton for gaining 3rd place and Cory Butters for gaining 4th.

Francis Douglas also did well in the Open Longboard section. Louis Newton gained a 2nd place while Ollie Gooch finished 4th in the final. In the final schools' rankings- NPBHS came 1st with 86 points, NPGHS 2nd on 76 points and FDMC 3rd on 62 points. Opunake High School and Spotswood College tied with 27 points, Waitara gained 18 and Sacred Heart Girls College gained 9 points.

Many thanks to Craig Williamson of Surfing Taranaki, the New Plymouth and Oakura Boardriders for supplying the venue and judges, and to TSSSA Taranaki for organising the event. Also a big thanks to Gill Hurley (FDMC Sports Coordinator) for her organisation in getting students to their heats on time and taking photographs: legendary!

Daisy Day also took some excellent photos on the day. It was good to see her back in action after a serious

mountain biking accident. (This was actually the first time she had manned her long lens since the accident.) Photos can be viewed on the **Surfing Taranaki FB page**.

FDMC entrants:

Open Bodyboard - Louis Tyrrell, Tim Evans

Open Longboard - Ollie Gooch, Te Rangi Cameron, George Newton, Louis Newton

U18 Boys - Daniel Van Lith

U16 Boys - Jacob Bamber, Hamish McKie, William Franklyn, Harry Clegg

U14 Boys - Wilson Clegg, Josh Goble, Jay Newton, Cory Butters, Jack Feaver.



Hamish McKie, Gill Hurley and Jacob Bamber



Above Josh Goble, below Louis Newton and far below Ollie Gooch



L-R: Harry Clegg, Te Rangi Cameron, Josh Goble, Hamish McKie, William Franklyn, Tim Evans, Ollie Gooch, Jacob Bamber, Jack Feaver



Louis Newton, Ollie Gooch and Daniel van Lith



Jack Feaver and Cory Butters



Marae Visit

Yr 13 students began the year with a visit to Oakura Marae to develop a school wide focus on 'the good college man'. After an initial powhiri, the boys workshopped some ideas around the idea of 'a good caring college man' in a maori context in order to develop a whakatoki for the school. By the end of the day, the concept of 'Ko te kura, o te atawhai' was agreed on by the boys and this will be rolled out throughout the year to become a central core of the school's ethos. The day wound up with a much appreciated swim at Oakura rivermouth on a 28 degree day. A big thanks to Mr Taare Ruakere who led the day and the support of Mrs O'Reilly.

Mrs Joines - Year 13 Dean



TSSSA Yachting

TSSSA Yachting was held on Friday 8 February. Francis Douglas Memorial College was well represented with sailors in most of the divisions. It was unfortunate that there was not a 420 boat available for Crios-toir O'Mahony to sail, and that Dominic Coleman was involved with the Year 7 Retreat and camp. Sam Street travelled to China with his 420 team-mate James Barnett at the beginning of December and represented New Zealand at the World Youth Competition. He was also unavailable to represent the College on Friday as he was in Auckland training for upcoming New Zealand trials. Three races were sailed back to back in light conditions. Thanks to Ann Hatch, Wayne Holdt (Race Officer) and all of the support network from the New Plymouth Yacht Club who manned support boats and judged the event. The event ran

smoothly with students off the water by 4.15pm and prizegiving shortly after.

Many thanks to Tara Potter and TSSSA for organising this event in conjunction with the NPYC. It was another fantastic day on the water.

Well done to the following students who represented the College with pride.

Results:

Intermediate Optimist:

4th Reuben Waayer

8th Jamie Boyd

Secondary Optimist:

2nd John Pat O'Mahony

3rd Reuben Kiss

Secondary Starling:

1st Anthony van Hameren

4th Heath Waayer

5th Geoffroy Amory

Laser:

1st Cillian Mason

Jane Aitken Connolly
TICYachting



Picture above is Cillian Mason with Reuben Kiss bottom left and Anthony Van Hameren on the right.





Help from the HATCH Trust

Children 18 and under have the opportunity to apply for funding from the HATCH Trust (Help a Taranaki Child) in the areas of health, sport, academic and arts/music to help them progress towards their dream. HATCH was established to promote health and education of less advantaged Taranaki children and can provide funding to individuals with a tangible goal. Applications close 30th March. For further information and an application form visit www.hatchtaranaki.co.nz.

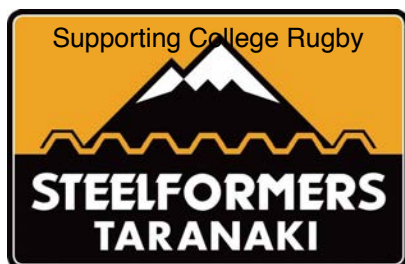


2018 Attendance Dues Information

- 2018 invoices will be posted to all families in early March 2018. These will confirm that the Primary charge (Year 0 – 8) per child for 2018 remains at **\$447.00**, and the Secondary charge (Year 9 – 13) per child for 2018 remains at **\$894.00**, payable in 4 equal instalments, by the following dates:
 - 31 March 2018
 - 31 May 2018
 - 31 July 2018
 - 30 September 2018
- Alternatively, a weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment arrangement from your bank account or credit/debit card may be entered into, which would give until the end of this year for full payment to be made.
- For assistance with payment options or to set up a regular deduction, please contact Marcy, Susan or Mark at Attendance Dues prior to the 1st instalment date in March.
- We can be contacted either on **0800 200 208** or by email: dues@pndiocese.org.nz.



BOUNCY CASTLE, FACE PAINTING, FOOD STALLS, CAKE STALL, DUNK THE SENIORS, ARTS & CRAFTS STALL, FUN GAMES, RAFFLES, MYSTERY BOTTLE, WHITE ELEPHANT, ACTIVITIES, LASER TAG, BEAUTY CORNER, BIG DIG, CANDY FLOSS & MUCH MORE!



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2017 Calendar of Events

February

- Thurs 22 Tennis v NPBHS at Rotakere 10.00 am
 Fri 23 Swimming Sports
 Sun 25 Cricket 1st XI v St Peters (at home)
 Mon 26 Yr 12 Biology field trip
 Tues 27 Yr 7 & 8 Vaccination DVD
 Yr 7 & 8 Cricket T20 v Mangorei 10 am

MARCH

- Thurs 1 Yr 9 Retreat
 Cricket 1st XI v NPBHS
 Fri 2 MUFTI DAY
 Mon 5 Yr 8 TOPEC Camps
 Wed 7 Victoria Uni liaison 1.30 pm in the library
 Fri 9 Athletic Sports
 MON 12 Taranaki Anniversary Day - School Closed
 Wed 14 Waikato Uni Liaison 1.30 pm in the library
 Thurs 15 TSSSA Athletics
 Mon 19 Teacher Only Day school closed Summer Tournament Week
 Wed 21 Yr 7/8 Vaccinations
 Thurs 22 Taranaki AWD Athletics
 SAT 24 GALA DAY 11 am
 Mon 26 Massey Uni liaison 1.30 pm in the library
 Wed 28 Easter Liturgy
 Parent Teacher Interviews 3pm-8pm
 Thurs 29 Parent Teacher Interviews 8am - 12noon
 Fri 30 GOOD FRIDAY

