



Francis Douglas Memorial College

Important Dates

Yr 10 Subject
Selection
Interviews
9am - 4pm

Monday
27 August

and

Tuesday
28 August

and

Thursday
30 August

Parent teacher
Interviews

Wednesday
29 August
3pm - 8pm

MAD Day

Friday
31 August

From the Principal

In conjunction with our parents, we are all about creating Good College Men who have respect for the dignity of others as fellow creations of God and high levels of endeavour in all that our school offers. In short, we are transforming lives. It was heartening to receive testimony of this in a recent handwritten letter:

Dear Sir, I was appointed to referee your 1st XI football team's inter-schools fixture against St Johns on the 25th of July and may I say what a privilege it turned out to be. What an uplifting, inspiring bunch of lads! Exemplary can be an over-used word but in the case of your 1st XI football team it is spot-on – a lot of teams would do well to follow the example set by your players, and coaches, teachers.

Sure they played with resolve, terrific enthusiasm, and no little skill, but a standout feature was their superb team spirit; it made for a potent, compelling force.

Importantly, too, this never went over the top: they remained respectful, affable, genial and good-humoured. Forgive me for surmising now but it wouldn't surprise me if that spirit shown by your football team permeates throughout your whole school, such was its efficacy and intensity.

What a heartening experience to encounter Francis Douglas Memorial College, thank you.

Yours sincerely...

I read this letter at assembly and as well as congratulating the boys reminded them that the reputation each of them has in the community affects people's opinion of all of them. In the same manner, the opinion the community has about all of them affects the future of each of them when it comes to job seeking and scholarships. A good reputation is precious and our boys consistently impress in this regard.

Scholarships broaden Francis Douglas Memorial College graduates' horizons

Former Francis Douglas Memorial College students Thomas Hadley and Felix Webby have more than just their mutual high school in common.

Both were also deemed so academically successful by the University of Otago that they were each awarded an Academic Excellence Scholarship valued at around \$40,000 over three years.

The similarities continue as both are now residing at Arana College while studying in Dunedin – a city Felix had never even visited prior to taking up his studies at Otago.

The unfamiliarity made the decision to come to Otago a nerve-wracking one for Felix, but ultimately the financial support of his scholarship helped clinch his decision.



"It was very important for me and my family," he says. However, he says gaining the scholarship was not the only factor in making his decision.

"I want to pursue a career in medicine, therefore my options were Auckland and Otago. I felt that Otago suited me more from both a lifestyle and practical perspective," he explains.

Unlike Felix, Thomas had previously visited Dunedin for the University's Hands-On at Otago programme and an Open Day visit. He says his decision to come to Otago was already made and he was therefore not swayed by receiving the scholarship. "I also considered Auckland but thought I would prefer the university atmosphere in Dunedin. I thought it was the best place to pursue a degree in Science," Thomas says.

For both, living at Arana College – one of 15 residential colleges on or near Otago's Dunedin campus – and becoming immersed in the Dunedin community have made the transition south an easy one.

"On the academic front, Arana has been immensely supportive by providing excellent tutorials for each of my papers," Felix says. "However, the tutors also understand that university is about more than study." Felix, an avid croquet player, is taking full advantage of the social activities organised within the college and is enjoying the busy-ness of it all. "There's always something going on or a new project to get involved in."

For his part, Thomas has been making the most of student life and getting involved in his college's sports nights and events organised by the Otago University Students' Association.

He admits, he's been pleasantly surprised by how much the city of Dunedin has on offer.

"As someone heavily involved with the outdoors, mountain biking and running, Dunedin goes above and beyond in catering for these activities. The proximity of my college to the trails in the hills for running and riding has improved my experience greatly. The atmosphere of Dunedin makes it a great place to live as a student."

Save our Seas from Global Warming – Science Fair

It was a pleasure to attend the local annual Science Fair last week and witness the quality of projects and the abundance of entries from our school. Our science staff and parent are to be commended for all the time and energy invested in channelling our students' creativity.

Pictured with his brother and proud parents is in front of his entry is Indusara Medagedara who was the overall winner of the Fair. This is amazing for a Year 9 student.



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

International Week 20 - 24 August

International week will include a celebration of art and culture in the school.

There is something happening for everyone. Sport is on the field every day for Years 7-10 run by the Prefects. Revolution Band is in assembly on Tuesday. During the week there are Bollywood and Latin dancing lessons, sushi demonstrations, music in the quad and visitors from other countries in classes. To finish off on Friday there will be international food to buy being organised by the Prefects.

*Margie Smith
International Students Director*

Service, Arts & Culture, and Sports Colours Ceremony

Applications now open for 2018.

Forms are available online or at the office and must be submitted by 11am 31 August.

Loves-Me-Not Yr12

At the end of last term we joined with Sacred Heart and all of our combined Yr12 students had a day at SHGC undertaking the Loves-Me-Not programme. This day is a combined effort for staff from both colleges, with the support of the police, all of whom are trained facilitators.

What is Loves-Me-Not?

Loves-Me-Not is a 'whole-school approach' to prevent abusive behaviour in relationships. It is based on a student inquiry learning process, where students take action (personal action, effective bystander action and community action) to prevent harm from relationship abuse.

What are the aims of Loves-Me-Not?

Loves-Me-Not aims to:

- assist schools that are seeking to support student well-being through a whole-school approach
- encourage and empower young people to absolutely reject abuse in relationships
- encourage young people to be safe and active bystanders who take action against unhealthy relationships
- encourage young people to take a stand against myths in society that perpetuate relationship violence
- help young people know who they can go to in their community to seek advice and support if they need it as either victims or perpetrators
- encourage young people to contribute to, or create a wider community response so as to encourage others to accept only healthy relationships.

An informative video for parents is available online:

<https://youtu.be/c-gt7QG7GEc>

What does the Loves-Me-Not workshop consist of?

During the educative journey of six focus areas in the Loves-Me-Not workshop, the students:

- explore qualities of good relationships
- recognise early signs of relationship abuse
- understand sexual consent, what it means, and why they need it
- apply critical thinking about who is advantaged by societal myths, and how these myths may perpetuate relationship abuse and acts of sexual abuse
- explore if, when and how to be an active bystander
- are encouraged to 'take action for change' for themselves, their friends and family, and the wider community to have safer communities together.

Comments from the students

- Considering I wanted to have the day off because I thought it would be boring and I'd learn nothing – I really enjoyed it – in short it was amazing.
- I liked how they gave us examples of what unhealthy relationships could look like.
- The integration of schools, having the different gender perspectives. The healthy debate that having both genders generated.
- Being a male it was good to get the female perspective on things especially when it came to relationships.
- I felt the subject was very thorough. I felt safe and I thought the teacher and police officer valued student input.
- I liked how I felt empowered as a bystander. That I could do something if I had to without putting myself in danger, that there were other options.

*Carol Land
FDMC Guidance Counsellor*



Year 10, 11 and 12 Students - Option Selection for 2019

This week all Year 10, 11 & 12 students were given an **Option Selection Form** and a Year Level Option Booklet. This is in preparation for the 2019 subject selection process.

All Year 10 students are to complete the form and **return it to the school office** no later than **Monday 20 August**.

Year 11 and & 12 students are return their forms to the office by **Friday 24 August**.

Please take the time to read the Year Level Handbook and discuss option selection for 2019 with your son.

All Year 10, 11 and 12 students have been asked to complete an online survey to indicate the subjects they would like to take in 2019. The purpose of this is to help the timetabling team construct the subject option lines and to identify and address possible subject clashes.

The survey has been sent out via email and is to be completed by **20 August**.

All Option Selection Forms will be checked by the Year Level Dean, HoD Careers (Ms Lauren O'Reilly) and other Heads of Departments, and further discussion with the student will take place.

This year we will **not** be holding an option evening, instead we are offering one-on-one subject selection guidance and interviews.

During term three all Year 11 students will attend a career and subject counselling interview with Ms Lauren O'Reilly or Ms Christel Chapman and all Year 10 students will attend a subject selection interview in week six to discuss their career pathway/s and their 2019 subject selection.

Parents/caregivers are expected to attend the half hour Year 10 subject selection interview as well. The link to book an interview has been sent to parents/caregivers.

You only need to book one 30 minute interview slot. Please don't book more than one. In that slot the interviewer will discuss your son's subjects for 2019.

A small group of teachers have been trained for the interviews. You may choose any one of these teachers.

NCEA Fees and Financial Assistance for 2018

There are no changes to fees for 2018.

Fees for domestic candidates	Fee
Entry for all NCEA standards	\$76.70
Entry for each New Zealand Scholarship subject	\$30.00 per subject

Fees for international fee-paying candidates	Fee
Entry for all NCEA standards	\$383.30
Entry for each New Zealand Scholarship subject	\$102.20 per subject

Fees and financial assistance key dates

24 August	All financial assistance applications must be submitted to the school office
24 August	Final date for school payment of NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship fees to NZQA/or school
Early November	NZQA send letters to students with unpaid 2018 NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship fees

There are three days available - you must only choose one day and one interview slot.

Those parents who have booked more than one can you please cancel the other interviews so that all parents can access this opportunity.

The full option handbook and selection forms are also available on the school website and there are copies in the library, the hostel and in all Vertical Forms.

Late fee payments

If any fees remain unpaid after 31 August, students must pay these directly to NZQA.

These payments may be made *online* or by using the *candidate fee payment form*.

As in previous years, NZQA will write to students advising them of unpaid fees by November 2018.

Only when payment is received will NCEA and other results be officially released to the New Zealand Record of Achievement and used for qualifications.

New Zealand Scholarship candidates who have not paid their fees in full will be ineligible for a New Zealand Scholarship Award.

A late fee of \$50 will be applied to all fees not paid by 3 December 2018.

Candidate NSN Cards

Students have been given their Candidate NSN Cards. The card gives the student's personal details and explains how they can register on the NZQA website to access their assessment data though the learner login. Please encourage your son to register on the NZQA learner login,

as this will enable him to view his results online and request official copies of his certificates and Record of Achievement. Any cards not handed out can be collected from the main office.

Prelim Exams

Prelim Exams for senior students will be held in week 9 (Monday 17th September - Friday 21 September). These exams should be treated with the utmost importance as the results from the exams can be used for Derived Grades.

A Derived Grade is a grade reported by a school based on pre-existing evidence. Students can apply for a derived grade if:

- they believe their preparation for, or performance in, an external exam was impaired, or
- they were unable to sit an exam for reasons beyond their control.

Please take the time to talk to your son about preparing for the exams. Support him to prepare a study timetable with allocated slots for study each day (between one and two hours of study each day is a good benchmark).

Your son should be going over his study notes and working through past tests, quizzes and/or practice papers that have been returned to him during the term.

Melinda Stevenson
Deputy Principal

Watches in examinations – change to the external examination rules 2018

Candidate's watches brought into an NZQA administered examination must be placed in an emergency evacuation pack under the candidate's chair.

Situations in which candidates fail to do this will be treated as a possible breach of the external examination rules.

The decision not to allow candidates to have watches in examination rooms has arisen because of the difficulties faced by examination supervisors in determining whether a candidate's watch is digital or analogue. Many digital watches resemble traditional analogue watches, and supervisors do not have time at the start of an examination to determine what type of watch it is.

NZQA is concerned that some digital watches have transmitting functions and may send and receive emails. They can also be used to store information and can be linked to hearing devices. As outlined in the *Candidate Information Sheet for the NZQA examinations*, you are not allowed to bring the following into the examination room:

- any electronic device not required for a digital examination unless it is switched off and inside the emergency evacuation pack;
- an electronic device is anything that can store, communicate and/or retrieve information.

Candidates will not be disadvantaged by this rule as clocks are displayed in examination rooms and supervisors indicate on a whiteboard how much time is left in an examination, in 15-minute segments. Candidates who have SAC entitlement using computers in examinations have a clock available on the screen.

To familiarise students with this new examination rule, *NZQA has suggested schools apply the same procedure to their mock or prelim/ practice examinations.*

FDMC will be applying this rule to the prelim examinations scheduled for week 9 of this term. Watches brought into the prelim examination room must be placed in an emergency evacuation pack (a clear ziplock bag) under the candidate's chair.

Melinda Stevenson
Deputy Principal

Year 7 Social Studies

Year 7 students have been studying World War Two in Social Studies. As part of this study the boys created their own WW2 creations for homework which they presented to the class, explaining in detail all they had learnt. Not only was the standard of work amazing, but the whanau input into our boys learning was so valuable.

Paula Corlett
Year 7 Dean



Study and Exam Tips Webinar - Learn from home!

In this webinar, international award winning speaker and educator, Karen Boyes, will lead you through 7 study tips and 10 exam tips for you to get yourself ready for exams.

Investment is \$29 per person.

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/exam-study-tips-for-success-tickets-48315632357>



WITT Taranaki Science & Technology Fair 2018

FDMC had a record number of 66 entries to the WITT Taranaki Science & Technology Fair this year. The following students (and their teachers) are congratulated for being awarded with these prizes:

Year 10 Quiz Team -

Second Prize Oscar Hadley, Sreeram Murugaiyen, Flynn Barrett & Jackson Powell

Advertising Poster Year 7

Clarence Chan, First Prize and Runner Up for all the posters entered in 2018

Observational Drawing Year 11 – 13

Matthew Hoozeboom, First Prize
Josh Cook, Third Prize

Photographic Section Year 10

Sreeram Murugaiyen, Second Prize
Harvey George, Third Prize

Scientific Journalism Year 7

Connell Hagenson, Second Prize

Year 8

McKay Moore, Third Prize
Gabriel Gerente, Merit
Reuben Waayer, Merit

Year 9

Samuel Lewis, First Prize

Year 10

Sreeram Murugaiyen, First Prize
Oscar Hadley, Second Prize

Water Rocket Challenge Year 8

Cullen Read, First Prize
Cooper Goodeve, Second Equal
Doug Jones, Merit

Technological Development Year 11 – 13

Tane Humphrey & Josh Cook, First Prize &
Fitzroy Engineering Prize for Scientific Endeavour for "Simple Solar Solution"

Scientific Investigation Year 9

Indusara Medagedara, First Prize & Taranaki Regional Council First Prize for the best project demonstrating some aspect of Environmental Science, the Shell Taranaki Sustainable Development Award, the Met Ocean Solutions LTD Prize for the best project related to Ocean Science, the Methanex NZ Trophy for the Best Exhibit in Years 9 & 10, and

Best in Fair and WITT Trophy for "Save our seas from Global Warming"

Felix van Hattum & Maz Wright, Merit & Geological Society of NZ First Prize for the best entry in the Earth Sciences, the Taranaki Regional Council Second Prize for the best project demonstrating some aspect of Environmental Science, a Dairy NZ prize for Agricultural projects, and GNS Sciences Geoscience Prize for "Erosion"

Oliver Cayley, Merit for "Cayley Cattle Challenge"

Samuel Lewis & Oscar McGrath, Merit & a New Plymouth District Council Prize for the most innovative projects that contribute toward achieving zero waste for the region for "Permeability"

Matthew O'Rourke, Merit & Farm Source Prize for the best entry of a project related to farming for "Worms"

Indusara Medagedara, a NIWA Environment Prize for the best environmental projects based on climate, freshwater or marine issues for "Don't spoil our oceans"

Cooper Werder & Flynn Murray-Tainguhue, Taranaki Rugby Union Prize for the best project on Sport for "Balls under pressure"

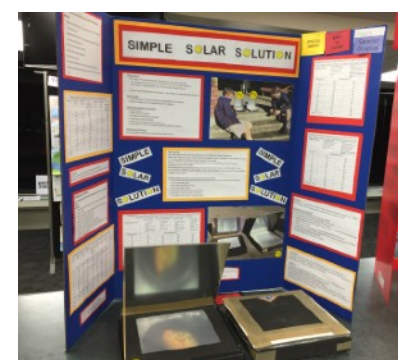
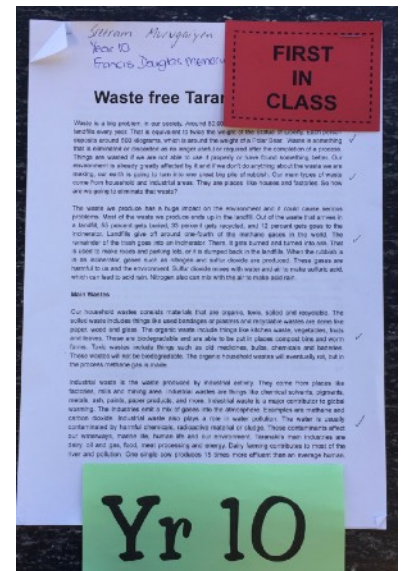
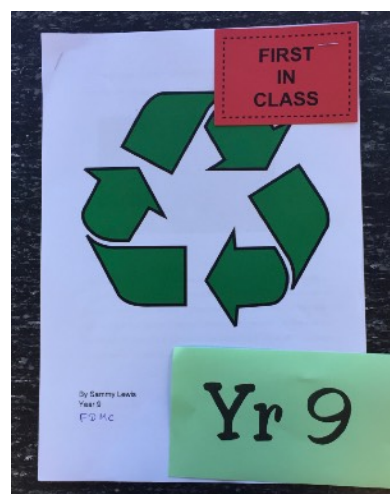
Year 10

Oscar Hadley, First Prize for "The Fountain of Youth: Do the youth have a fountain?"

Robert Morgan & Amos Pease, Third Prize for "The Nest Best idea"

Rumaine Grewal & Kalvinu Medagedara, Merit for "Wood worth"

Jeanne Marshall
Science & Biology Teacher



FDMC Tech Engineering Student Working with Local Industry

Joe Goodin is a FDMC old boy who operates a business from New Plymouth servicing the Oil and Gas Industry. He has currently been developing surgery camera booms for underwater remotely operated vehicles (R.O.V.'s) used in pipeline inspection in The United States. Joe needed some transition pieces made for boom arms and thought he would offer the job to a student of the school who had an interest in 3D Printing. This was exactly the kind of job Year 12 Engineering student Liam Walton was interested in, so Liam and Mr. Ritchie went to Joe's workshop at Vortex Engineering.



Liam has already been a great help in establishing 3D printing in the Tech Department, and successfully completed the manufacture of the required parts for Vortex on the Technology Department 3D printer. Well done Liam!



Links to local Industry in Taranaki are a valuable asset for field trips and for our boys to gain an insight into career pathways in Industry. Any other businesses who would be interested in supporting our boys by offering them opportunities to utilise their potential or even just to look around their facilities are encouraged to contact Andy Evans, Head of Technology at aev@fdmc.school.nz

BP Business Challenge

Ten Y10 boys were selected to participate in the BP Business Challenge last week at the Quality Hotel, New Plymouth. We had the option to go but free lunch for 3 days persuaded us to tag along for the event.

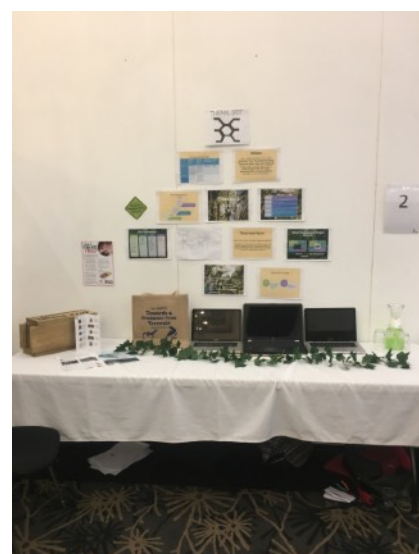
The boys worked hard during the three days and learnt some life long skills and made great memories and friends from SHGC, Waitara High School, Hawera High School and St Mary's.

We were told to make a virtual business with the criteria given. The task was to solve a problem within

a randomly chosen area. These were the outdoors, food, back-country or tourism. We had to use all of our skills to consider... How can our products benefit the world? Who will use our product? How does it work? What is the product?

In the end Group B were the next level above the other groups. Containing our very own Jimmy Moffitt the marketer of the team.

Aimee Watkins
Teacher of Junior Social Sciences



PTA raffle

The PTA raffle was drawn on Friday 10 August and the winners are:

1. Ticket # 5801
Liz Pease - Travel Voucher
2. Ticket # 6003
Kelly Tito - Weber BBQ
3. Ticket # 7915
Keri-Ann Barnard - Nice Hotel
4. Ticket # 5018
Jason McGory - Chromebook
5. Ticket # 4546
Bradley Lichtwark - \$250 Canterbury voucher
6. Ticket # 7792
Dave Evans - \$150 Canterbury voucher

Taranaki Careers Expo

Sunday 19 August 10.00am-3.00pm
Monday 20 August 8.40 am-3.00pm

TSB Stadium, Pukekura Raceway,
New Plymouth

Years 10, 11 and 12 will be attending the Careers Expo on Monday. It is also open to the public on Sunday and is a great opportunity for you and your son to go along together and meet with the various Industry Training Organisations and Universities that will be present. Check out the web page www.taranakicareersexpo.com to see the list of exhibitors who will be present.

Careers Department

Taranaki Secondary Schools Rugby Final

This years FDMC Under 15 U63kg Blue team began their season with a loss in a friendly game against the College's other U63kg team. From that point, under the coaching of Laurence Corlett the team went from strength to strength navigating their way through a very tough Taranaki U63kg competition undefeated.

With each close victory the boys developed not only their rugby skills, but their characters as well.

Throughout the season the team demonstrated positive sideline support, respect for referees and fair play.

Their opponents in the final were a well drilled NPBHS Gold team, however FDMC played as a team and their impressive first half performance sealed the win, the final score being 27-7. Team captain Fletcher Smith was proud to accept the shield on behalf of his team, a great group of Good College Men.

Paula Corlett
Year 7 Dean



NZSS Squash Tournament

Six students attended the New Zealand Secondary school Squash Tournament which was held in Palmerston North over three days.

The team consisted of Lachlan Greensill, Jason Hardy, Blake Carr, Caleb Lawn, Liam Copestake and Joseph Snowden.

This team was seeded 27th overall and because of some great determination and close matches the team ended up 22nd on the table.



TSSSA 8 Ball

Impressive results were achieved at the TSSSA 8 Ball championships held at bowlarama on Sunday 5 August.

This event is an open pairs competition and for the second year running, was won by Simon Kleinsman & Michael Duncan. Second place went to Ethan Turner & James Lovegrove.



Events to follow this term:

Gymfunk Gymnastics - Thursday 23rd August
Junior Volleyball - Wednesday 12th September

Gill Hurley
FDMC Sport Coordinator

Sports Exchange against Highlands Intermediate

On Tuesday 7th August, FDMC had our last major sports exchange of the year. This time it was for our Intermediate students as we hosted Highlands Intermediate in eight different games across three sports.

Sport is a major part of FDMC and these young boys were absolutely thrilled to be part of a sports exchange and to have the school watching them play at interval and lunchtime is something that they will cherish and have memories of for a long time. We had 85 year 7 & 8 students participate in the exchange out of a roll of 190. Each one of them was a role model for our College.

I would like to express my thanks to all of the players involved in the exchange and also all of the students, parents, and teachers who came out and supported the teams. You all made the boys' day.

Thanks must also go to our volunteer coaches for their work this season. You guys are making a huge difference to the life of an FDMC student.

Results:

Year 7 Basketball - FDMC won 41-8

Year 8 Basketball - FDMC won 44-33

Junior A Basketball - FDMC won 52-37

Year 7 Football - FDMC won 1-0

Year 8 Football - FDMC won 10-1

Junior Football - FDMC won 5-3

Year 7 Rugby - Highlands won 32-10

1st XV Rugby - Highlands won 36-19

Nick Taylor

Director of Sport



Administration Revamp

With Maree Fleming's resignation and now that we are settled into the main office again it is timely to let you know who is doing what in the administration area.

Marie Cocksedge is our Student Centre manager responsible for recording attendance, student charge outs (sports teams, school donations etc), collection of cash and forms, in fact all things for students. Students also sign in and out on our VisTab tablet at Marie's counter prior to leaving the site or going to see matron during the school day. The best way to get to the student centre is via the wind tunnel and side door.

Keri-Ann Barnard is our receptionist and our enrolments registrar. Keri-Ann will deal with phone calls, mail and any visitors or contractors arriving in. She also manages enrolment enquiries.

We have made an internal appointment to the role of PA to the Principal and *Wendy-Ann Edmonds*, who some of you may not have met yet, has resigned from a part time role in the uniform shop and taken up the role of PA to the Principal.

We have a new uniform shop coordinator, *Julie Armstrong* who is mum of Maz in year 7, and the uniform shop continues to be open Tuesday and Friday 11.30am – 2.00pm. Students requiring uniform or hire blazers need to come at lunchtime on those days.

Diana Blair
Business Manager

2018 Calendar of Events

AUGUST

Mon 20	International Week Yr 10 & 12 Taranaki Careers Expo
Tues 21	Why Ora 10 am - 2pm Revolution Tour
Wed 22	PISA Study University Liaison visit
Thurs 23	Yr 7 Mass Yr 7 & 8 Rugby v Huntley Prep
Fri 24	Waikato Band Comp
Mond 27	Te Kura exams (all week) Yr 10 Subject Selection interviews
Tues 28	Future problem solving exams Yr 10 Subject Selection interviews
Wed 29	Parent teacher interviews 3pm - 8pm
Thurs 30	Yr 10 Subject Selection interviews
Friday 31	MAD Day

Calves

To all our farming families:

You may or may not know the College Proprietor has a small farm (25ha) which is part of the College site. Each year the hostel parents are asked to donate a weaner calf to be raised on our farm and this year we are asking all our farming families to consider doing this too. Animals are raised to the two year old stage then sold on. While on the farm animals are available for our agriculture classes where required.

Please phone Diana on 7536149 ext 833 if you like to donate a weaner calf.

Student Drop offs

Due to foot traffic in our front carpark and bikes on the driveway, it is really not safe to drop your son at the front door.

Please also note that there is no right turn out of the college driveway between 8.15 - 8.45am and 3.00 - 3.30pm weekdays.

FREE Microsoft Office for students for up to five home devices.

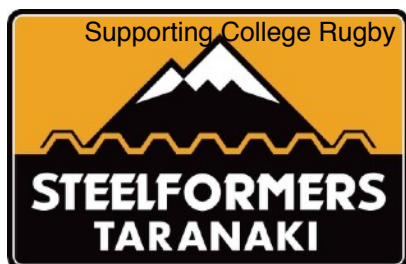
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