



Francis Douglas Memorial College

Important Dates

Winter
Tournament
Week
3 - 7 September

Aims Games
Week
10 - 14
September

School
Preliminary
Examinations
Week
17 - 21
September

New Entrant
Test Day
Saturday
22 September

Colours
Ceremony
Friday
28 September

From the Principal

Today we celebrate Mission Action Day. It is an important day in the College's calendar. Students were reminded that while today was a fun day, they were also tasked with helping to serve the Lasallian community abroad. Our students were honouring one of our Core Lasallian Values - Concern for the Poor and Social Justice.

Students attended a liturgy in the morning which was centred on the life and actions of Father Francis Vernon Douglas, a Catholic priest after whom the college is named. Fr. Francis Douglas was a Wellingtonian who served as a Diocesan priest in New Plymouth. Later he trained as a Columbian Missionary and was sent to the Philippines. During WWII, after having contact with the guerrilla fighters, he was arrested by the Japanese, tortured and taken to an unknown destination. He was never seen again.



I have sat through a number of these liturgies over the years and often thought about the type of man Fr. Francis Douglas was. Compassionate, loyal, respectful, heroic, a person full of hope, a person of integrity, a resilient young Priest who was honoured for his steadfast devotion to his religious duties. Resiliency can be described as the capacity to recover from challenges or difficulties and continue to move forward. Although resilient people experience difficulties like everyone else, they are able to adapt and change paths to find a solution. I wonder how Fr. Francis Douglas dealt with the many challenges and difficulties he faced when serving others. How did he adapt when faced with a challenge?

We talk about resiliency as another characteristic of the Good College Man - it is what allows us to push ourselves when we might think something is too overwhelming. At times we will all fail and rather than see this as a negative we can use it as an opportunity to grow. We are all placed in different situations, some of which are difficult, and hopefully we allow ourselves the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities so that we can reflect on and learn from these experiences. If students know there are people to support them should they need it, they will feel safe and secure about trying new things and pushing themselves which gives them the opportunity to build resilience and grow as young people.

We hope that your sons know they are valued members of our college community and that they should have faith in their ability to overcome life's challenges.

*St John Baptist de La Salle – Pray for us
Live Jesus in our hearts forever
Tim Stuck - Acting Principal*

Senior Prizegiving Cups 31 October 2018

In preparation for Senior Prizegiving we ask that all cups please be returned to the college office as soon as possible.



Combined Parish Mass Sunday 16 September at St Joseph's Church

There will be a unified singing group under the guidance of Juliette Parker. If you would like to be part of this singing group there will be a practice on Saturday 8th September 10:30am at St Joseph's Church.

Come along so you can take an active part in our Parish Mass.

Live Jesus in our Hearts

FDMC UPCOMING EVENTS AND END YEAR PROCEDURES 2018

INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

Senior Prizegiving and school attendance for junior students

Prizegiving on Wednesday 31 October applies only to senior students. All students in Years 7 to 10 should treat Wednesday 31 October as a normal school day.

All Year 11-13 students are expected to be at school on Wednesday 31 October. Prizegiving begins at 11.00am. Recipients of awards will be notified ahead of time. This is the final day for senior classes (Yrs 11-13).

Textbooks

All Year 11-13 students should return text books before the conclusion of Monday 29 October. Arrangements to hold them for longer should be made directly with the teacher involved.

Administrative matters for those leaving

Students who are NOT returning to the College for 2019 need to collect a Leaving Form from the school office, or download one from www.fdmc.school.nz. The completed form must be returned to the College office prior to the student's last day at school. Leavers' Cards cannot be issued unless these forms are returned and those who have not done so and have not returned all textbooks and library books will not receive a school magazine.

Behavioural Expectations

It is most important Year 7-10 students recognise that the final weeks through until Thursday 13 December are standard school days and the dress and behaviour expectations are the same as for the rest of the year. Any breaking of the College rules over this period will be treated with the usual corrective action.

Senior students who indulge in unacceptable behaviour, including end year pranks, may be required to begin study leave early. For Year 13 students, depending on the seriousness of the matter, they may be refused a College testimonial or not be permitted to attend the Graduation Dinner.

These consequences may seem harsh but our boys are here to study and maximise their opportunities and no student or group of students should be allowed to distract anyone from achieving the best results they can. I ask parents to help us to reinforce this.

Stationery for 2019

All students will have to order their stationery online (see link on www.fdmc.school.nz in mid November) or purchase it from the shops during the holidays. Officemax on Courtenay Street stocks items on our lists and stationery lists are available from the school office

INFORMATION FOR ALL YEAR 7 TO 10 STUDENTS

Junior Examinations

Exams for students in Years 9 and 10 will be held in Weeks 5 & 6 of Term 4 from Thursday 15 - Wednesday 21 November. **Year 9 - Periods 1 & 2**
Year 10 - Periods 5 & 6

Junior Prizegiving

Junior Prizegiving will be held on Thursday 13 December at 11.00am. All students will be released from the College for the year at the end of the ceremony. The likely finishing time is between 12:00 and 12:30 pm.

INFORMATION FOR ALL YEAR 11, 12 AND 13 STUDENTS

School Preliminary Exams

Practice exams will be held from Monday 17 to Friday 21 September. Students are required to sit exams in each of their subjects for which external exams are held. They are to wear normal school uniform and must remain in the exam for the first 45 minutes and the last 15 minutes as per NZQA rules.

Watches brought into an examination must be placed in a ziplock bag under the student's chair. Situations in which candidates fail to do this will be treated as a possible breach of the examination rules. These rules are set by NZQA and will apply for all NZQA external examinations as well. When students have no exam they are on study leave. A copy of the exam timetable can be found on the school website.

NCEA Examinations

Exams commence for many students on Wednesday 7 November and finish on Friday 30 November. A copy of the examination timetable can be found on the school website and on www.nzqa.govt.nz. Students are to wear College uniform to all exams and the expected standards for hair, shaving, uniform, etc. should be maintained. Students must bring their NCEA identification number to each exam.

Teachers will be available in their rooms as per the year's timetable for tutorials from Thursday 1 - Tuesday 6 November.

INFORMATION FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS ONLY

Graduation Mass & Senior Prizegiving on Wednesday 31 October.

Because the Mass and Prizegiving are formal occasions, we request that students are in full College uniform, including tie, long black pants, white shirts and black leather shoes. Ties and shirts are available at the Uniform Shop. Students with blazers are requested to wear them.

The Year 13 Graduation Mass will be held in the College Chapel at 9.00 am. Morning tea for graduands and their families will be held in the Boarders' Dining Room following the Mass. Everyone should be seated in the Gym for the commencement of Prizegiving by 11.00 am.

Year 13 Graduation Dinner

The Year 13 Graduation Dinner takes place on Wednesday 31 October at the Quality Hotel - Plymouth International. The doors will open at 6:30pm and all attendees must have entered by 7:00pm. The event is scheduled to conclude at midnight.

The College believes this is a significant milestone in the lives of our Year 13 students, bringing an end to a significant phase of their lives. Graduation Dinner is not just a night for the boys. It is also for parents and caregivers, who have been there for the boys throughout their school years, and who have often given up much so that their sons could attend the College. I hope as many parents and caregivers as possible will join us. Being a formal occasion in the life of the College, students and partners will be expected to act and present themselves in an appropriate manner. Dress will be formal with no caps, no jeans, no t-shirts and no sneakers or informal footwear. This year there is a Great Gatsby theme for students and their partners to follow (and parents if they wish).

Tickets are \$65 per person. Included in this cost are the venue, a three-course buffet dinner and the band.

Alcohol will be sold in accordance with New Zealand liquor laws. Alcohol may add enjoyment to an occasion but must be consumed in moderation and with food. Wristbands will be given to students who are 18 years or over. These will serve as identification to bar staff that these students may purchase alcohol. Partners who are 18 or over and wishing to consume alcohol must present a passport or driver's licence to FDMC staff before entering the venue. They will then be provided with a wristband.

There will be a cash bar with EFTPOS facility for beer and wine. Parents are asked to not purchase alcohol (spirits) from the house bar.

As already mentioned, this is a celebration for parents and their sons. If you are not able to attend then we ask you to nominate another parent or caregiver who is willing to be responsible for your son. A letter is to be sent to the College by the person accepting this responsibility. Students will need to leave when their responsible adult leaves.

Tickets may be purchased at the College office from Monday 15 - Wednesday 24 October. A form for tickets will be available at the end of Term 3. Cheques can be made out to FDMC or payment can be made by EFTPOS. I commend our leaders for their planning and hope all are able to enjoy an occasion memorable for its good fun within the normal bounds of sensible adult behaviour.

In 2011 a clandestine function was held afterwards causing surprise and displeasure to many unknowing parents. The danger such a function presented, given that some alcohol would already have been consumed at our dinner, was totally unacceptable. To claim that it was a private function is nonsense since the school was implicitly involved without its knowledge or consent. In 2015 alcohol smuggled into the Grad Dinner put The Plymouth's License at risk, and resulted in the employment of security guards. Given the festive nature of the dinner no additional celebration should be necessary and should there be a repeat, the school would seriously consider having no dinner in 2019.

A Man of Scholarship is one of our College objectives

This is the business term for study. Our NCEA students will have only 11 school days in term four and that time is largely taken up with revision let alone the distractions of Prizegiving and the Graduation dinner.

Preliminary examinations start in week 9. All senior students should have prepared a study timetable by now in preparation for the preliminary and NCEA examinations. Please assist us in ensuring your son puts in a conscientious effort. Encourage him to familiarise himself with the preliminary and NCEA examination timetables and to continue to follow his study timetable so that he is well prepared for the examinations. Your son should be going over his study notes and working through past tests, quizzes and/or practice papers that have been handed out in

class and/or returned to him during the term. There are so many worthy distractions that pop up but the primacy of a good NCEA result remains. At FDMC we expect all students to strive for excellence in all that they do and this includes striving for **academic excellence**. Please note – the results from the preliminary exams can also be used for Derived Grades.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports were made available for parents/caregivers via the Parent Portal on **Tuesday 21 August**. The reports were also emailed to parents/caregivers on Tuesday. Please contact the college office if you have not received your son's report. The next lot of Progress Reports will be made available on Friday 28 September.

Driver Licence & NCEA Credits

Students can gain 2 credits towards NCEA Level 1 by passing the learner licence theory test, 4 credits towards NCEA Level 2 by earning a restricted licence and a further 2 credits towards NCEA Level 2 by gaining a full licence. Students can pick up a form from the college office. Students should speak to Mrs Stevenson about how to access these credits.

Colours Ceremony

The Colours Ceremony for Service, Culture and Sports is scheduled for the morning of Friday 28 September. All students receiving a Colours Award will be sent a confirmation letter in the mail and the unsuccessful applicants will be notified. If your son is in Year 12 this year, please encourage him to continue to work toward achieving an award in 2019. The college will host a morning tea for the recipients and their parents/caregivers following the awards ceremony. We ask that parents/caregivers contact the college to confirm their attendance at this function.

NCEA Fees

NCEA Fees can no longer be paid through the College office. These fees will now need to be paid directly to NZQA either manually (forms are available via the college office or from Mrs Stevenson) or paid online through your son's Learner Login. Financial Assistance applications will still be accepted by the College up until December 1st. However, once approved, payments will need to be paid directly to NZQA - see the office or Mrs Stevenson for the payment form. After 1 December NZQA will charge an additional late fee of \$50.00 on all unpaid fees. If fees remain unpaid, NZQA will withhold access to all

official results for the year and students will not be able to get copies of their NCEA Certificate or their Record of Achievement. Please contact Mrs Stevenson with any queries/problems you have in regard to the NZQA fees and/or financial assistance applications.

Melinda Stevenson - Deputy Principal

INFORMATION APPLYING ONLY TO BOARDERS

Senior Prizegiving

At the conclusion of Prizegiving all boarders sitting NCEA are entitled to leave the hostel until they return to sit their first examination.

Study Days 1 - 2 November 5 - 6 November

Boarders sitting NCEA who remain in the hostel for this period will be required to attend normal timetabled classes for study during school hours.

NCEA Study Expectations in our Hostel

During NCEA hostel supervisors will be encouraging a studious environment without distractions. Supervised study will take place in the dormitories and boarders will be expected to study in mornings and afternoons when they have no examinations and also be expected to study during normal evening study time.

NCEA Examinations

So that the hostel can plan for meals and supervision, parents need to complete an Exam Leave Information form and return it to Mr Smith no later than Friday 26 October. Because of the smaller number of Year 13 boarders, any Year 13 boys who wish to reside in the hostel during the exam period may be asked to move into the Brother Anthony Hawkins Hostel. This will necessitate either taking all belongings home after Prizegiving or moving them to a room in the Anthony Hawkins hostel. All students are expected to leave the hostel for the year following their final exam.

Behavioural Expectations

Any boarder who engages in disruptive behaviour believing that it will be ignored at the end of the year may be asked to leave the hostel and make arrangements to come to the College as a day student until the end of the year. For boys in Years 9-12 who indulge in such behaviour, their continuance as a boarder in 2019 may be placed in jeopardy. Fortunately this has not had to be enforced in recent years.

Heta Smith - Dean of Boarding

International Week 2018

International Week was celebrated at FDMC during Week 5 in Term 3 as a time of celebrating and appreciating cultural diversity within our school community.

During the week students were entertained with cultural music by school musicians. Students from Germany visited junior classes as guest speakers for question and answer times about their home country, sharing their knowledge and talking about our countries differences and similarities.

Two events were held in the library; the Prefects held a cultural quiz for juniors, and another event which proved to be very popular again was the sushi making demonstration by Ken and Sonya, Sushi Ninja owners. Boys could also have a go at making sushi themselves and there was a chance to answer questions to win a slice of sushi. Bollywood was a new item this year and several seniors and some staff had a lesson on how to dance Bollywood style. This was great fun but also exhausting!

The juniors enjoyed playing the various sports from different countries (weather permitting) at lunchtimes during the week.

Friday was a chance to farewell students from Dongguan Middle School in China who had visited the school for four weeks. They were presented with their certificates and one of the boys gave a speech about the wonderful experience they had during their time at FDMC. They also thanked their Year 10 buddies who did an outstanding job of looking after them at school. The school responded with a haka which the Dongguan students found to be very moving and they felt honoured by this display.

Friday was the climax to a great week. Some students and staff wore mufti with a cultural theme and the boys could buy Japanese, Indian, Chinese food and pizza at lunchtime.

Mrs Hermanns Spanish class also made quesadillas and sold them for contributions to MAD day.

The intention of International week was to strengthen cultural and ethnic diversity. The school can continue to feel enriched by the experiences which reflect the core values of our Catholic Lasallian school.

Margie Smith
International Students Director



Yo Get Rowing Challenge

The Yo Get competition was run at the College with TSSSA attending to time the students. The boys made up a team of nine members and had to row in a relay for 15 minutes (interchanging once they tired). In 15 minutes they managed to row 4583m and came in 3rd place behind NPBHS and Spotswood College. In the individual race Nathaniel Peters raced impressively for 1km with a time of 3:30.2 only 8 seconds behind the leader for a 2nd place.

Gill Hurley
FDMC Sport Coordinator

Winter Tournament 1st XI Football

The 1st XI Football team are departing this Sunday to attend the annual Premier Lotto 1st XI Football Tournament. Every three years the tournament, which hosts the top ranked 32 football schools in the country, is held in the South Island and this year it is in Christchurch.

The team led ably by head boy, Daniel Kibby, are ready to head south to represent the college. Of the 16 boys attending there is a solid group of experience and an enthusiastic group of first year 1st XI debutants.

With the expert guidance of coaches Andrew Moore and Symon Buffoni, expectations for the tournament are balanced with the knowledge that many of the teams attending are from larger schools with a larger pool of students and resources to call upon. This year the team has had varied results but there is a definite air of excitement and a will to do well at tournament.

A big thank you from the team and college goes to all the families, friends and school community who supported all our fundraising events.

Another big thank you goes to our amazing coaches, team managers Nicola Crawford and Gavin Webber, and a big thank you finally for our:

Major Team sponsorship -
Tony McGreal at **Challenge 4 Square, Waitara**

Individual player sponsorship -
Warren Richardson from **Western Auto Services Ltd** and
Matt Smith from **Window Smiths**

All match results and reviews will be posted each day from Monday 3 September on the school Football facebook page.

Ronie Asi
TIC Football

Rugby Exchange: Year 7/8 1st XV vs Huntley School

The Year 7/8 1st XV played a traditional fixture against Huntley School (Marton) on Wednesday 23 August. This was the second match between the two schools after FDMC travelled to Huntley in Term 2.

The exchange provided a valuable experience for our young players including the opportunity to host billets, face a haka, compete in a quality game and participate in an "after-match" ceremony.

The game was extremely close with FDMC playing some superb rugby, keeping the ball alive, carrying hard and passing accurately. Some brave FDMC defence near the end of the second half saw the College hold on for a 29-28 victory.

The team's next game will be the Barrett Shield Final to be played on 20 September at Yarrows Stadium.

Scott Crocker
TIC Rugby



Chess Competitions

Taranaki Regional Chess competitions were recently held for both secondary and intermediate age students. FDMC were represented at both tournaments.

Chess competitions consist of four players on each team. Teams play in the same order, with the ranked competitors playing against the four ranked players from another team. Two teams were entered in each competition and all boys represented the school well.

The secondary school teams were:

Team A: Cameron Shearman, Lewis Liu, Jacob Campbell and Shinuk Park.

Team B: Ethan Langton, Titan Cook, Tyler Te Huna-Matuku and Jackson Hiestand.

The two teams played well and enjoyed the day out playing against teams from Stratford, Boys' High School and Patea Area School. Boys' High were too strong and took out the competition.

The intermediate school teams were:

Team A: Lucas Connelly, Andre Cronin-Nwofor, Aidan Green and Hayden Boyd

Team B: Gabriel Iseñor, Jonathan Watson, Reuben Waayer and Jake Maclean

Eighteen teams competed for the top prize with our A team finishing fourth overall, only just missing out to Mangorei A team for third place, and the B team finishing 11th.

*Peter Cayzer
TIC Chess*



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Investment is \$29 per person.

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



St Vincent de Paul Society Tertiary Grant

The Fitzroy and New Plymouth Conferences of the St Vincent de Paul Society are offering 4 grants of \$1,000 each to four recipients from our New Plymouth Schools who wish to begin tertiary study in 2019 but may find it difficult due to financial constraints.

If you feel you may be eligible for this grant please see Mrs Zsigovits-Mace or Mrs Joines for the application form.

Applications must be submitted by Friday 14 September 2018.

Future Problem Solvers

Our Year 11 Future Problem Solving Team is undertaking a project to provide bees with enough food to counteract dwindling bee numbers. We feel that by planting bee friendly plants in and around the College we can sustain bee numbers to an extent, but we can't do it all ourselves. This is where you come in.

It would be much appreciated if you or your parents, family and/or whanau would take the time to plant one of the following in your garden. These are bee friendly plants that can feed hives near your house.

Bee friendly plants:

- Lavender
- Rhododendron
- White Clover
- Heather
- Bachelor's buttons
- Bellflower
- Thyme
- Forget-me-nots
- Sage
- Rosemary
- Grevilleas
- Cow parsley

*Thank you
Year 11 Future Problem Solving*



Graduating Old Boys

Congratulations to the Former students of FDMC who have graduated from Victoria University between June 2017 and May 2018.

We acknowledge and celebrate the students' wonderful success.



James Bailey	BCOM - Bachelor of Commerce	2017
Jarrold Bakker	ME - Master of Engineering	2017
Alejandro Barrientos	GDTCPR - GDip Teaching (Primary)	2017
Michael Chainey	BCOM - Bachelor of Commerce,	2017
Michael Chainey	BSC - Bachelor of Science	2017
James Coughtrey	BCOM - Bachelor of Commerce	2017
Marino Courtenay	BCOM - Bachelor of Commerce	2017
William Duynhoven	MDDD - Master of Drug Disc & Dev	2016
Alexander Furr	BA - Bachelor of Arts	2017
George Grainger	BA - Bachelor of Arts	2017
George Grainger	LLB - Bachelor of Laws	2017
Louis Grainger	BA - Bachelor of Arts	2017
William Gray	BBSC - Bachelor of Building Science	2016
Andrew Hockey	BAS - Bachelor of Arch Studies	2017
Phillip Lepper	GDCOMR - GDip in Commerce	2017
Joseph Mclay	BSC - Bachelor of Science	2017
John Monk	BCOM - Bachelor of Commerce	2017
David Munro	MCONB - Master of Conservation Biology	2017
James O'Mahony	BSC - Bachelor of Science	2017
Daniel Phipps	MSC - Master of Science	2017
Satch Pryor	BBSC - Bachelor of Building Science	2017
Jeremy Radich	BCOM - Bachelor of Commerce	2017
Joseph Robinson	BA - Bachelor of Arts	2016
Joseph Robinson	BAHONS - Bachelor of Arts with Honours	2017

Gymfunk Gymnastics

On Thursday 23 August five students attended the Gymfunk competition and entered in Acro/tumbling grade A and mini trampoline A grade.

Individual results:

Acro/tumbling

- 1st Aiden Bocock
3rd Conor Ebert

Mini Tramp

- 1st Aiden Bocock
2nd Nathan Sharrock
3rd Jay Newton

The organised group performance was an outstanding effort with the students being 1st.

At the end of the day the FDMC team were placed 2nd overall.



NZSSA Duathlon - NZ U16

Congratulations to Max Erkes who placed 2nd in the NZ U16 Duathlon. Max completed the race in 41:01 minutes, just 10 seconds behind the winner.



New Zealand Fiji Schools Rugby Sevens

Congratulations to Jacob Ratumaitavuka-Kneepkens who has been selected in the NZ Fiji Schools Sevens wider training group for 2018.

This squad is to prepare for the world schools sevens competitions in Auckland, New Zealand in December and the Coral Coast Sevens held in Sigatoka Fiji, in January 2019.



Gill Hurley
FDMC Sport Coordinator



Attendance Dues Notice – September 2018

We thank all the families who have already paid or have a payment arrangement in place for their Attendance Dues.

- Attendance Dues statements will be posted in the first week of September, requesting payment of the 4th and final instalment for 2018, plus any arrears from the first three instalments and/or previous years, by the **28th September 2018**, if a payment arrangement is not already in place.
 - The instalment amounts are:
 - \$111.75** for each Primary student (Year 0 – 8) and
 - \$223.50** for each Secondary Student (Year 9 – 13).
- If a regular payment plan would be the best option for you please contact the Attendance Dues team – Marcy, Susan and Mark – **before** the final instalment date to discuss payment options. Our contact details are: **0800 200 208** or by email: dues@pndiocese.org.nz
- One off payments by credit card or debit card (Visa or Mastercard only) can also be made using our website: www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues.

2018 Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Mon 3	Winter Tournament Week
Tues 4	Yr 7 & 8 Cross Country
Thurs 6	Future problem solving exams Y9 Mass FDMC/SHGC Showcase evening
Mon 10	AIMS Games (all week)
Tues 11	Yr 7 Vision screening
Mon 17	Preliminary Exams (all week)
Wed 19	Yr 7/8 Vaccinations
Thurs 20	Yr 8 Mass
Friday 21	Y8 Topec
Sat 22	New Entrant Test Day
Mon 24	Rugby Assembly Yr 12 Outdoor Ed
Tues 25	Football Assembly Yr 12 Outdoor Ed
Wed 26	Taranaki Primary Schools Cross Country
Fri 28	Colours Ceremony End of Term

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- Develop an appreciation for the outdoors

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