



# Francis Douglas Memorial College

## Important Dates

Friday 6 April  
Colours  
Assembly  
10.15 am

End of Term  
One  
Friday 13 April

Term Two  
begins Monday  
30 April

Tuesday 22 May  
6.30 pm  
Open Evening

### From the Principal

It was heartening to witness the turn out to our interviews on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning and afternoon leading up to Easter. The presence of our students with their parents was also commendable. Hearing first hand is always more effective for the student. Parents also seemed to be content with our latest reports. A comment was made that they were largely pastoral, and that is our intention. As long as a student is settled, happy and working steadily, attainment follows and can be reported on later in the year.

Our Gala turned up trumps once again. Our PTA members and staff member Anna Zsigovits-Mace worked systematically and selflessly on our behalf to ensure festivities lived up to our famous traditional benchmark. Trading takings on the day exceeded \$29,000 and will be welcomed for purchase of school equipment. Our generous sponsors are listed in this newsletter.



Our Colours Assembly was held today. Recipients were:

Level One Premier Excellence Awards Declan Barrett, Colin Campbell, William Hadley, Simon Kleinsman, Vince Ropitini, Corey Skvor and Darrell Smith.

Level One Excellence Academic Colours: Bertrand Amory, Tomas Borsje, Toby Din, Corban Dravitzki, Simon Henderson, Jeremy Johnson, Xavier Kere-Rako, Ethan Langton, Tom le Fleming, Henri Lehrke, Liam Matthews, Diarmaid McCarthy, Finlay McGrath, Aedan McQuoid, Finn Morris, Andrew Paynter, Michael Theron and Rohan Thomas.

Level Two Premier Excellence Awards: Manuel Dessing

Level Two Academic Colours: Matthew Allen, David Barnard, Dominic Coleman, Jacob Crawford, Tim Evans, Christian Fletcher, Tomi Karasawa, Ben Leary, Joshua McLeod, Ollie O'Connor,

Cavaghn Prosser, Jonah Sellwood, Benjamin Silk, Jayden Smith and Teagan Wilson.

Level Three Premier Excellence Awards:

Felix Webby, Thomas Morgan

Level Three Excellence Academic Awards:

Daniel Chow, Thomas Hadley, Matthew O'Connell, Taiawhio Waipoua-Bryers and Aaron Win.

All students who cross the stage next year will receive our \$100 Kahu Award in addition to their Colours flash.

Brother Julian Watson (pictured) was the second principal of this college from 1965 to 1971. He is remembered as the principal who had to strengthen a lot of the legal and financial details following the school's foundation in 1959. I met him at the 2009 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee, assisted him in the planting of the jubilee tree, along with youngest FDMC student at the time Isaac Brophy, beside the Chapel, and found him to have a great warmth of character. It is pleasing to hear that in his 97<sup>th</sup> year he recently celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> year as a Brother. Few make either milestone.



Parents are reminded that donations paid to the school or its Proprietor are fully tax deductible to the tune of 33.33% of all donations made. The school automatically sends out a receipt in April that families can use in filing their IR526 form to receive a tax refund equal to one third of their donation. Tax Credit Claim forms are available from [www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz) or from the automated phone line 0800 257 773. Attendance Dues however, are not tax deductible.

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

*Martin Chamberlain  
Principal*

### Waaka Ama

The Francis Douglas crews had outstanding results at the National secondary schools Waka ama competition held at Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake) Rotorua. Beginning the week with Xavier Kere-Rako who made a championship semi-final in singles and Rory Maxwell who qualified for the plate division semi. On the Friday our U16 crew made bowl finals for both 250m and 500m, placing 5th in their 500m, and our U19 crew who came 5th for both their 250m and 500m races in the plate division. It was an excellent week staying with our sister school Sacred Heart Girls' College and New Plymouth Girls' High at Wateti Marae, which was an experience within itself.

*Taare Ruakere*



### Rugby Sevens Tournament

FDMC had a Year Seven and a Year 8 Rugby Sevens team competing in the inaugural Churchill Sevens Tournament in Stratford on Sunday 25 March. Each team consisted of 10 players who wore the school colours with pride.

The Year Seven Team under the expert coaching of Bryce Koch had three very close games, with one win, showing a lot of potential for the future.

Our Year 8 team coached by Laurence Corlett played hard and were eventually beaten in the semi final by a strong Tukapa team who went on to win the tournament.

All of the boys represented the College extremely well. They showed great sportsmanship, and they even picked up rubbish around the ground throughout the day.

It was a fantastic tournament and we are looking forward to returning next year!

*Paula Corlett - TIC Year 7 & 8 Rugby*



### Year 11 and 12 Students

Are you thinking about going to University? FDMC is hosting an Information Evening for Year 12 and 13 students and their parents/caregivers on Tuesday 8 May at 6.30 pm in the Gym. and their parents/caregivers. Our guest speaker, Mr Trevor Weir will discuss the following:

1. Admission and selection into University programmes – what is the difference?
2. Options and choices – some examples. What subjects are needed as background?
3. Some key terms
4. Costs of university study.
5. Residential options
6. What about future employment?
7. Questions from parents.



### NCEA FEES

The NCEA fees have been added to school accounts. The amount is set at \$76.70.

You can pay the fees via internet banking or at the school office

**Financial assistance** is available to assist with the payment of entry fees for National Secondary Schools qualifications (i.e. NCEA).

#### Who can apply for financial assistance?

To be eligible to apply you must be the fee-payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- be currently receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit, or have a current Community Services Card (benefit-based applications)
- are not currently receiving a benefit, or do not have a current Community Services Card, but do have a joint family income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card (income based applications)
- have two or more children who are candidates, irrespective of family income, and the total fees you would have to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum (multiple candidate applications).

You cannot claim financial assistance for international fee-paying students. Go to the NZQA website to find out more.

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/entry-into-ncea/fees-for-ncea/financial-assistance/>

#### Understanding NCEA

A presentation giving a brief overview of NCEA Level One is available via the school website. This can be found under the [For Students](#) link.

#### NCEA Forms

All student forms for applying for an assessment extension or to appeal a grade can be found under the For Students > [NCEA Forms link](#) on the school website.

Melinda Stevenson  
Deputy Principal

### From the English Department

Term 1 has been action packed for our Department. Oral Presentations (NCEA Internal Assessment) and Speeches (Junior School) have been assessed. The quality of the presentations has been heartening. FDMC has a long tradition of producing young men who are confident and articulate public speakers. This year's cohort has certainly lived up to this tradition. In the Junior School, the Pat Tests have been conducted. In the early weeks of Term 2, the Intermediate School will deliver their speeches and then FDMC will host the Utake Cup Finals.

We are proud to announce that our boys will represent the College this week in the Sheilah Winn Shakespearian competition under the expert tutelage of Mrs. Joines. The Department is also actively preparing for the O'Shea Shield that will take place in the early weeks of Term 2. The English Department contributes significantly to the following: Oratory, Drama, Religious Questions, Junior Speech, Debating and the Junior speech categories.

We had two 'Outstanding English Scholarships' in 2017 and are confident that we can continue in this vein. As a Department, our focus is to ensure that every boy has the opportunity and assistance to realise his full potential.

Sally O'Neill  
HOD English

### Science News

On Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March FDMC was represented at the annual EPro8 Challenge by two intermediate teams. Team "Science Guys" included Albie Francis-Alles, Andre Cronin-Nwofor, Clarence Chan and Reuben Waayer and team "Plan B" included Cooper Grainger, Gabriel Gerente, Leo Vincent and Damien Amory.

The EPro8 Challenge focuses on engineering, problem solving and electronics skills in a context that requires innovation and creativity. Each team is given a collection of tasks with varying levels of difficulty levels with harder tasks being awarded more points. The teams then need to complete as many tasks as they could, accumulating as many points as possible within the two and a half hours allowed.



With 15 minutes remaining both teams were still in the running for a top three spot but at the buzzer, they ended in fourth equal and sixth equal places respectively. Both of our teams represented the college well with their positive and cooperative approaches to the challenge.

Josh Morris  
Teacher of Science

### Hostel beds vacant

We have 122 boarders spread over Years 9 to 13. Our capacity is 130. If any day student's family of a boy in Years 8 or 9 would like to consider boarding, even for only a one-term experience or while parents are out of town, please phone me on 06 753 6149.

### UNIFORM SHOP

Our regular Uniform Shop hours are Tuesday and Friday 11.30am – 2.00pm.

The Uniform Shop is only open during term time. Students may only visit the Uniform Shop during their lunch break (12.45 – 1.30pm) on these days. Please note that Blazer Hire is only available on these days.

Orders can be placed by sending a completed order form (available on the College website – under the "For Students" tab), and cash/cheque into the College office with students or by scanning and emailing a completed order form through to [uniform@fdmc.school.nz](mailto:uniform@fdmc.school.nz) and depositing the funds into our bank account using your son's student number, name and "uniform" in the reference fields eg: 18167, Samuel Brown, Uniform. Once the order is paid for and made up, your son's name will be placed on the Daily Notices to collect it from the Uniform Shop the next time it is open.

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### Rugby League

After two years lost in opposition trophy cabinets the Willie Talau Cup is again residing in the Hobbit Room on a custom made shelf.



The Willie Talau competition is run as a tournament and this year our 1<sup>st</sup> XIII made a clean sweep winning all four of their games to bring the cup home. For me, the most pleasing aspect was that the boys played as a united team, sharing the ball around which meant many of the team scored at least one try and supported each other by getting 3 to most of the tackles made on our line.

Our first game was against Spotswood College. It is pleasing to see Spotty playing rugby league again and we hope to play some 'friendlies' against them next term. Our boys were a tad rusty to start but soon hit their straps and spread the ball around. Final score 28- 4. A short break and we faced NPBHS who were defending the cup. Jacob Kneepkens had the ball on a string starting with a short kick-off which Mairenga Laapo scooped up and ran it straight between the opposition to score under the posts. The Co- Captains combining to show their understanding and skill at the game. Next kick-off Jacob sent long and deep to the right corner and again was scooped up for try. In this game our defence was terrific and the boys tackled in threes to deny several tries. Score 24- 10.

Our next game was against Waitara High School and their supporters from the school just across the road let us know who were the favourites. The boys kept the ball alive and it was great to see Aidyn Kettle pop over for two tries and then calmly kick a conversion against his home town team. Final score 48 - 4. Finally, we faced Hawera/Patea Combined who hadn't been beaten either. Points were scored on the back of great ball handling and swinging the play from one side of the field to the other by some tired but still enthusiastic FDMC boys. Final score 42- 8. Job done.

Mairenga Laapo was named player of the tournament and he most certainly did deserve this! He led the boys straight up the middle, stepped and passed, tackled like a demon, displayed fine manners and consideration for others.



And when a certain coach got a tad too excited about beating Boy's High, he was heard to quietly say "humble Miss, humble." Now that's simply gold!  
*Robyn Wackrow - Coach*

FDMC Sport is pleased to announce that Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens of Year 12 has been selected among other top athletes in our Province to take part in the 2018 Future Champions tier one program. Essentially, Jacob is a fantastic role model to all College students and he is an outstanding player through his chosen sports of rugby and rugby league. Through this programme, Jacob will learn about what it takes to be a professional sportsman through workshops on leadership, nutrition, sponsorship, media and psychology. Congratulations Jacob, we couldn't be more proud.

### Student Librarians

Mrs Page has a team of students of student librarians working with her in the library. These boys will serve the college by volunteering in the library during the break times. They are keen to share their passion for reading with others. Some of their responsibilities are issuing books, re-shelving and assisting other students. Thank you boys for being examples of Good College Men!  
*Christina Hermanns*





### Term One TSSSA Events

It has been a busy term with over 24 TSSSA events being held with outstanding results and a very high participation rate by our students.

Unfortunately a few events have been cancelled such as the ever popular Rogaine and Motocross; because the calendar is so full these events do not have a back up day.

#### Beach Volleyball

Outstanding play by the following students who went through unbeaten to gain 1<sup>st</sup> place, playing at Ngamotu beach:

Ethan Turner, Amedeo Ventresca, Colin Campbell, Brandon Sumpter

#### Senior Quick Rip Rugby

This has always been played at a junior level and was offered to senior students for the first time this year. The College boys were quick to settle into this and went through to gain first place.

#### Mountain Biking

A great event held at Lake Mangamahoe with over 20 students competing.

Most outstanding for the College:

U19 3<sup>rd</sup> Daniel Ford

U15 1<sup>st</sup> Isaac Doell

U15 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Ford

#### Triathlon

Firstly a 250 swim at Ngamotu beach, 10km bike up Beach road then along the walk way for a 2.5km run.

Max Erkes competed in the Senior boys section and was placed second overall.

Junior boys - Timothy Kowaleski was also placed second.

Max then went on to Nelson to compete at the New Zealand age group champs, unfortunately Max had his wheel clipped by another competitor and was unable to finish this race.

Fortunately he was able to then compete in the aquathlon which consisted of a 2k run, 200m sea swim and another 2km run placing 14<sup>th</sup> overall.

#### Athletics

20 students competed at this event and had outstanding results:

Oscar Hadley 1<sup>st</sup> 1500m,  
1<sup>st</sup> 3000m

Blake Christie 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m

Luke Weston 1<sup>st</sup> 1500m

Gregor Forrest 2<sup>nd</sup> long jump

Aiden Bocock 3<sup>rd</sup> Shot put,  
2<sup>nd</sup> discus

Jacob Kneepkins 1<sup>st</sup> 200m,  
1<sup>st</sup> 400m

Titan Cook 1<sup>st</sup> shot put,  
discus, hammer  
Bailey Kuklinski 3<sup>rd</sup> high jump,  
3<sup>rd</sup> triple jump

Congratulations to the following students who were then selected to represent a Taranaki secondary schools' team to compete at the North Island champs to be held in Whanganui on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April.

We wish these athletes the best of luck for their events:

Oscar Hadley, Luke Weston, Jacob Kneepkin Max Erkes and Aiden Bocock.

#### NZ Division 2 Swimming champs

2 College students were selected in a 10 man team to represent Taranaki at the NZ Secondary schools Division 2 age group swimming champs which were held in Rotorua. Our College boys Pawhare Packer and Oliver Tippet were outstanding and both accomplished PB in their races. Oliver was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1500 freestyle

We have a few events to finish off term one and I will be advertising these events on daily notices and our sports face book page and please take the time to join our FDMC sports face book page so you and your son are aware of up coming events.

#### Dressage

#### Adventure racing

#### Swimming

#### Junior Quick rip rugby

We also like to acknowledge your sons' achievements and cannot do this unless we hear from you so please do not hesitate in contacting me at [ghu@fdmc.school.nz](mailto:ghu@fdmc.school.nz)

Gill Hurley  
Sports Coordinator



# 'THE WAR YEARS' EVENT

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 4pm



Military Vehicle Club Display  
 Armed Constabulary re-enactment group  
 Recreated WWI Trench Scene  
 "Air Raids" by Stratford Aero Club  
**Live Demonstrations**, Blacksmith, Wood Turner, Print Shop, Bow Maker  
 Stratford Pipe Band  
 Highland Dancers  
 'Procession of History' by event participants  
 Victorian Photographer  
 Village Barbershop operated by 'Arber the Barber'  
 Face Painting  
 Market Stalls  
 Kids' Play Zone  
**Morning & Afternoon Tea**  
**Sausage Sizzle**  
**Old Fashioned Lemonade**



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 Inc Family Pass \$25.00  
 Free admission to Members  
 Children under 5 free (train extra)

## 2017 Calendar of Events

### APRIL

- Fri 6 Colours Assembly  
 10.15 am  
 North Island  
 Sailing competition
- Mon 9 De La Salle v  
 1st XV Rugby 10.30am  
 Life Education
- Tues 10 Year 7 Farm visits
- Wed 11 Year 7 Farm visits  
 Lincoln Uni visit  
 Romaine 4-5 pm
- Thurs 12 Canterbury Uni visit  
 1st XV Rugby trip  
 Yr 7/8 Social @  
 SHGC  
 Yr 9/10 Social @  
 FDMC  
 TSSSA Golf Croquet  
 finals
- Fri 13 Last day of Term One  
 Term Two begins Monday 30 April
- Monday 30 ANZAC Day Liturgy  
 MAY
- Wed 2 Rugby & Golf v  
 PNBHS  
 AUT University liaison
- Sat 5 Rugby v St Peters
- Mon 7 Year 12 Geo trip
- Tues 8 Auckland University
- Thurs 10 Year 11 Retreat
- Fri 11 O'Shea Shield
- Sat 12 Rugby v Rotorua BHS
- Fri 18 De La Salle Day in  
 Auckland  
 NP Jazz Musicians with  
 Roger Fox
- Tues 22 Open Evening 6.30 pm
- JUNE
- Friday 1 FOUNDERS DAY

### Half or Three-Quarter Guitars needed at Marfell School

Marfell Community School has some very capable and creative students that are learning guitar. We are very fortunate to have an experienced teacher who is giving lessons and bringing out the talents in these students. We are wanting some pre-loved guitars to be kept at school for our students to learn and practise on. If you have an instrument that you would be prepared to donate to the school please drop off or contact the school office on [06-751 0553](tel:06-7510553)



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