



Francis Douglas Memorial College

Important Dates

Activity Days
Thur 6 / Fri 7
December

Junior
Prizegiving
11 December

Could all Junior
Prizegiving
trophies for last
year be
returned to the
College office
please

TERM 3 ENDS
Tuesday
11 December

From the Principal

I shared this story with your sons at assembly last Friday.

A young man was getting ready to graduate from university. For a long time he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom and knowing his father could well afford it, he told his Dad that was all he wanted.

As his graduation day approached the young man began looking for signs that his father had bought the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his study, told him how proud he was to have such a fine son and told him how much he loved him.

He handed his son a beautifully wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely leather bound Bible with the young man's name embossed in gold. Angry, he raised his voice to his father and said, 'With all your money you give me a Bible?' and then stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in his own business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realised his father was very old and thought perhaps he should go to him as he had not spoken to him since that graduation day. Before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him that his father had died and had willed all his possessions to his son so he needed to come home and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house sadness and regret filled his heart. He began sorting through his father's papers and saw the still new Bible just as he had left it years ago. With tears in his eyes he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. As he did, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name and on the tag was the date of his graduation and the words paid in full. How many times do we miss out on blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

Anon.

Your sons in Years 9 and 10 have now sat their end year examinations. I trust they are sharing results with you as they come to hand. These results will form part of the outcome for selecting prize winners at Prizegiving that starts at noon on their last day at school on 11 December. More importantly however the results are a predictor of how prepared they are for another year of study especially for those who will encounter Level 1 NCEA in 2019.

If their results are very good, I'm not suggesting you buy a sports car. Research has determined that families that consistently remind their sons of the value of education have much more success than those who offer short term rewards for academic success.

Sunday 2 December is the First Sunday of Advent and marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. It also marks the start of the 300th year since the death of St John Baptist de La Salle, the founder of the Brothers.

Our school will mark the start of festivities by transporting our students to St Joseph's church for a Mass at 9am on Monday 3 December. All are welcome.



Continuing the good work of St John Baptist de La Salle, we currently have staff members Sally O'Neill and Estelle Meyer sharing their expertise in Lasallian schools in Pakistan. They are pictured here with the overseeing Principal Brother Sajid Bashir while addressing students at our brother school Malkhan Wala.



The work of Sally and Estelle parallels that done by Peter Smith and Steve Ritchie in Papua New Guinea during the past holidays. Our staff role model well to our students what it means to be Lasallian and to work with others less fortunate.

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

Year 8 Retreat

The Year 8 students gathered for their retreat with the theme focussing on Friendship and Choices. The boys read passages from the Bible about choosing friends and being a good friend. They thought about how to live like Jesus and make good choices.



The boys completed a marble roll challenge and it was fantastic to see how the groups interacted and cooperated to finish the task.

Mr Wright sang He Pikinga Pou Pou with the boys before they headed back to the college for Mass to end the day. Thank you to all the boys who so willingly volunteered to assist in the running of the retreat! It was a fantastic day.

Live Jesus in our Hearts!

Christina Hermanns
Retreat Coordinator



Engineering Taranaki Consortium Awards

It was a fantastic evening at the Engineering Taranaki Consortium Awards for our nominated students.



Gateway to Industry Award Winner
Jay Sybrandy - Fonterra - Whareroa

3rd Place Matt Irvine - Rimu
Electrical

Kylie Read
Gateway Coordinator

Advent

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday 2nd December and ends on Monday 24th December. It is a time of preparation as we await the coming of Christ. At Christmas we celebrate the Nativity, the birth of Christ yet this time of Advent means so much more in our Catholic faith.

During Advent we prepare spiritually to receive an ever-deepening relationship with Christ in our hearts. We are hopeful for the coming of Christ as He promised at the Ascension. Advent is a time of hopeful longing, joyful expectation, prayerful penance and spiritual preparation.

The Advent Wreath, which will be blessed at the Ecumenical Celebration at 7:00pm on Wednesday 28th November at St Joseph's Church symbolises the meaning of Advent.

The lit candles represent Christ, the light of the world.

The green of the wreath depicts everlasting life.

There is no beginning or end in the circular wreath representing the eternal God.

May this Advent Season be a time of joyful preparation as we await the coming of the Christ Child



Anna Zsigovits-Mace
Director of Religious Studies

Year 9/10 Rugby League Tournament

Some excited, some determined and some apprehensive boys having their first game of league, travelled to Opunake to play in the Junior League Tournament for Taranaki schools.

The format was 9's so FDMC entered two teams.

The A team had good wins against Waitara, Stratford and Opunake to go through to the final against NPBHS. It was a to and fro game but sadly we were second in the end.

Stand out player for this team was Jack (Wheels) Ford. His scintillating speed to make a try-saving tackle from the opposite side of the field was simply stunning and raised loud cheers from the crowd.

Our B team was bravely led around the paddock by Jayden Ruakere who popped up in numerous positions to make a tackle or run the ball forward. It takes a lot of backbone to keep playing positively when you are losing games and this team made me proud for the spirit they showed.

Many thanks to Fenni and Rikki Sofeni who trained the boys every lunchtime for three weeks.

Thanks also to Mr Casey for his knowledgeable input.

Robyn Wackrow
Coach



November

A large number of Men on staff have been growing Moustache's for the Month of November.

The Movember organisation was established to raise money for Men's health. This has promoted a lot of discussion with the young men in our care - the message being that it is ok to talk.

More information will be provided over the next week about a mufti day.

Tony Basille
Organiser



The Daily News came to take our photo and some of the students suddenly sprouted moustaches too!!!



TSSSA ROAD RELAY

A strong start was made by the FDMC students for the Term 4 TSSSA events.

Three teams took part in the Taranaki Schools' relay competition held around Brooklands Zoo/road.

The FDMC Senior team consisting of all Year 11 students competed well against other schools and were narrowly beaten by NPBHS but had a good time of 32.12 to come in 2nd place.

The team was Max Erkes, Henry Parker, Luke Weston and Hamish McKie.



For the second year running a strong group of year 9 & 10 students were outstanding and won their age group, each running 2.5 km in a team time of 35.17



Well done to Oscar Hadley, Ollie Gooch, Jack Feaver and Felix Van Hattum.



Our year 8 team, running 1.5km each, ended up 3rd only one minute behind the leaders.

Albie Francis – Allen, Fynn Collier, Harrison Whiting and Tayne Clarke.

The year 7 team competed well with a time of 26 minutes.

Bede Colbourne raced well having to do two legs then taking over from him was Flynn Whitaker and finishing strong was Fletcher Williams.



Gill Hurley
Sports Coordinator

Condor 7s

Our Steelformers FDMC Sevens Team are building nicely for the Condor 7s Tournament in Auckland at the end of this month, which is the pinnacle of Secondary Schools' Sevens in New Zealand.

At the beginning of November we competed in the Taranaki Super Club Sevens, beating New Plymouth Boys' High School to make the semi finals, and then finishing runners up against Feilding High School in the final.

Since then the boys have intensified their training. New Zealand and England Sevens representative Warwick Lahmert has worked alongside Scott Crocker honing the boys' skills.

We have been fortunate enough to train against both NPBHS and the Taranaki Sevens team on a regular basis. A highlight of these sessions has been making connections with ex FDMC players, coaches and referees. The College definitely has strong representation in all areas of the Taranaki rugby set up. These trainings have seen the team improve in not only skill level but game play as well.

We're looking forward to putting all we've learnt to the test at Condors, and hopefully coming away with some silverware.

Paula Corlett
Steelformers FDMC 7s Manager



Taranaki Catholic Schools' Athletics

Some of our top year 7 & 8 students travelled to Inglewood TET athletics field to attend this event, getting the chance to compete against other students from all the Catholic Schools around Taranaki.

The students were on a rotation system all competing in the following events and achieved these results:

High Jump

11 yr

3rd Callum Gordon

12 yr

1st Kahu Skipper

2nd Kingston MacArthur

Long Jump

11 yr

3rd Callum Gordon

12 yr

2nd Corey Isaia

3rd Kahu Skipper

13 yr

2nd Joe Douglas

Discus

12 yr

1st Kahu Skipper

13 yr

3rd Maaka Normington

Shot Put

11 yr

2nd Callum Gordon

12 yr

1st Corey Isaia

3rd Cooper Goodeve

13 yr

2nd Maaka Normington

Gill Hurley

Sports Coordinator

Track 100m

11 yr

1st Callum Gordon

3rd Elijah Lash

12 yr

1st Zac Johnson

2nd Corey Isaia

3rd Ryan Kowaleski

13 yr

2nd Maaka Normington



Secondary Schools' Sports Association Duathlon

Results from the TSSSA Duathlon

Senior Boys:

1st Max Erkes . 27.38

2nd Henri Lehrke 28.51

Junior Boys

1st Flynn Barrett . 37.11



North Island Secondary Schools' Motocross Competition

Congratulations to year 11 student Curtis King who competed at this competition held in Whanganui.

Curtis placed an outstanding 2nd in the 15-19 year old 250cc category.

Ben Ekdahl placed 7th which resulted in the Francis Douglas Memorial College team placing 9th overall.

Inline Hockey

Dakota Rosser & Matthew Rosser recently competed in the NZ Inline Hockey National Tournament held in New Plymouth and their team placed 3rd in the U14 grade.

The James (Senior) & Mary Garcia Scholarship

Call for Scholarship Applications

The James (Senior) and Mary Garcia Scholarship Trust has \$50,000 available in scholarships to Taranaki students who are undertaking Journalism and Music study in 2019.

Applications close 30 November 2018

For more information please:

• Visit: www.publictrust.co.nz/grants

• Phone: 0800 371 471

• Email: funding@publictrust.co.nz

The James (Senior)
& Mary Garcia
Scholarship

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2019 Attendance Dues Information

- The compulsory **Attendance Dues charges for 2019** have been confirmed and will remain the same as 2018:
 - **Primary** charge (Year 0 – 8) per child: **\$447.00**
 - **Secondary** charge (Year 9 – 13) per child: **\$894.00**
- If you would like to make regular payments to spread payment of the total charge over the whole calendar year the amounts **per child** made from the **start of the year** are as follows:

Weekly Payment	
Primary	\$8.60
Secondary	\$17.20

Fortnightly Payment	
Primary	\$17.20
Secondary	\$34.39

Monthly Payment	
Primary	\$37.25
Secondary	\$74.50

- For assistance with payment options or to set up a regular deduction, please contact Marcy, Susan or Mark at Attendance Dues.
- We can be contacted on **0800 200 208** or by email: **dues@pndiocese.org.nz**.

2018 Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

- Mon 26 Y10 Maori BEAMS Trip
Y9/10 Cricket Team - Napier Trip
Yr10 Work Experience
- Tues 27 Yr 10 Work Experience
- Wed 28 Yr 10 Work Experience
7:00pm St Joseph's Church
Ecumenical Celebration

DECEMBER

- Mon 3 Junior School Mass
St Joseph's - 9.00am
- Tues 4 Yr10 Business Market Day
- Thur 6 / Fri 7 - Activity Days
- Tues 11 Junior Prizegiving
Last Day of Term

2019 Term 1

- January
- Mon 28 Teacher Only Day
- Tues 29 Yr 7 Welcome Mass
- Wed 30 Yr 11-13
- Thurs 31 All Students

Year 11 or Year 12 Students

Endorsed with Excellence Level 1 or Expecting to Gain Endorsement this Year.

There is an opportunity for nomination to attend the GLOBAL YOUTH LEADERS CONFERENCE held in Washington USA 2019.

See Mrs Wackrow for information packs.

Thank You

Thank you to the team of volunteer parents/grandparents who helped with the supply of reader/writers in the junior exams. With your help the students were able to show their true capabilities in their assessments.

Many of the students commented on how much they valued the support and time you were able to provide.

Melinda Stevenson - Deputy Principal
Jeanne Marshall - SENCO

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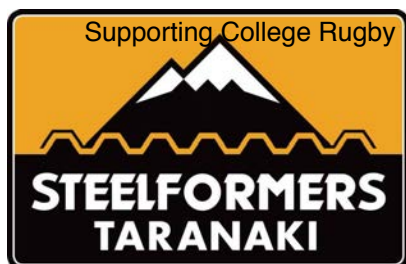
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