



# Francis Douglas Memorial College

## Important Dates

Tuesday 11  
December  
Junior  
Prizegiving

11.00 am

Students  
dismissed at  
approximately  
12.30 pm

Final day for  
2018

Term One  
2019  
begins Monday  
28 January

### From the Principal

As from last Sunday, we are now in the season of Advent. This is the Church's time of expectation, when we look forward with renewed hope to the birth of the Christ child, the Prince of Peace, Emmanuel (God with us). We also look ahead to warm weather, annual vacations and pleasing exam results.



Advent also marks the start of the Church's year and this new year is very important to the Lasallian world because it marks the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St John Baptist de La Salle. He died in Rouen, France in 1719 after establishing a legacy that survives and thrives to this day. In 1900 he was canonised a saint and in 1950 was made the patron saint of teachers of the youth.

One of the ways our school remembers him is in our stained glass Chapel window and for next year we also have a banner in our foyer.



In addition, we gave each Year 13 the statue pictured and we will be placing larger versions, blessed at our end year Mass, in each of our Vertical Form rooms next year.



The large House competition points board, gifted by the Year 13 students in 2012 and now mounted on the lift building, is a wonderful addition to our College for inspiring greater House rivalry. Separate segments that are in proportion to placing and the event's relative participation, are inserted as the year proceeds so that students can see who is leading whom. It has been Loreto's year as any of them will be keen to remind you.

The holidays will see some construction work around the school. The two major jobs are repaving the driveway and laying an outdoor "3 on 3" basketball court. In the new year a start should also be made on our refurbished careers centre which will be situated in the old art room.

May you enjoy the increased hours of company you can share with your sons over the holiday period.

God bless and Merry Christmas

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

## TOUCHING HEARTS | TEACHING MINDS | TRANSFORMING LIVES

**Start Up Information for 2019**

**Tuesday  
29 January** Yr 7 students & families - Welcome Mass 5.30pm at St. Joseph's Church

**Wednesday  
30 January** **All Yr 11-13** (school uniform) to come in for 1:30 pm meeting with Deans. If there are issues with subject selection, you will be required to stay on. Student leaders meet Mr Stuck at 2:30 pm in Room 1

**Thursday  
31 January** **All students at school in uniform**  
Yr 7/9 to Gym for Powhiri.  
Y8 & 10-13 meet with Deans in the main quad @ 8.45am. Normal classes commence after meetings. Year 9 bring togs and PE uniform for swimming and athletic prelims

**Friday  
1 February** Yr 7 & 8 to bring togs and PE uniform for swimming and athletic prelims  
**Full assembly at 10.25 am**

**Monday  
4 February** School Photographs

**Wednesday  
6 February** **Waitangi Day - school closed**

**Senior Subject Confirmation**

Thursday 24 January 9.00 am - 3.00 pm  
Deans and Heads of Department available for option changes

Friday 25 January 9.00 am - 12 noon  
Deans and Heads of Department available for option changes

No option changes can be guaranteed after these dates.

Deans may contact some parents and students in order to meet with them regarding option choices.

Parents and/or students may also make appointments to see Deans by emailing:

Yr 11 Dean Kath Curd [kcu@fdmc.school.nz](mailto:kcu@fdmc.school.nz)  
Yr 12 Dean Shintaro Kirkcaldie [ski@fdmc.school.nz](mailto:ski@fdmc.school.nz)  
Yr 13 Dean Pascale Joines [pjo@fdmc.school.nz](mailto:pjo@fdmc.school.nz)

**Student Stationery**

The school does not supply stationery for students. It should be ordered online via a link from the College website [www.fdmc.school.nz](http://www.fdmc.school.nz) after 12 December. To avoid any delays orders should be placed by 15 January 2019 at the latest. This is the best way to order to avoid shortages and delays and will ensure your son has what he needs to start work on day one. Lists of required items for all class levels are available from the office for those who wish to purchase elsewhere.

**Contact details**

College phone 06 753 6149

College email [office@fdmc.school.nz](mailto:office@fdmc.school.nz)

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Yr 10 Dean	Scott Crocker	<a href="mailto:scr@fdmc.school.nz">scr@fdmc.school.nz</a>
Yr 11 Dean	Kath Curd	<a href="mailto:kcu@fdmc.school.nz">kcu@fdmc.school.nz</a>
Yr 12 Dean	Shintaro Kirkcaldie	<a href="mailto:ski@fdmc.school.nz">ski@fdmc.school.nz</a>
Yr 13 Dean	Pascale Joines	<a href="mailto:pjo@fdmc.school.nz">pjo@fdmc.school.nz</a>

Business Manager Diana Blair Extension 833 or [dbl@fdmc.school.nz](mailto:dbl@fdmc.school.nz)

**Lost Property**

Any unclaimed lost property on the last day of school will be donated to charity.

**Office Hours**

21 January - 25 January	9.00 am - 3.00 pm
From 28 January	8.00 am - 4.00 pm

**Uniform Shop Hours January 2019**

Monday 21 January	10 am - 1 pm
Tuesday 22 January	10 am - 1 pm
Wednesday 23 January	10 am - 12 noon
Thursday 24 January	5 pm - 7 pm
Friday 25 January	10 am - 12 noon

**NB:** The uniform shop will be in Rooms 1 & 2 which are located in the main block.

**Buses**

Buses will run from Thursday 31 January. Any inquiries may be directed to Tranzit on 06 757 5783 or visit the depot at 15 Sunley Street, Westown, New Plymouth.

**Gala 2019 - Saturday 30 March 11am - 2pm**

Please leave your name at the College Office if you are able to assist on Gala Day. Donated items for the Gala may be dropped off at the College during school hours.



## FDMC Sport

My goal for the year was Participation, Enjoyment, Success and I really believe that this goal has been met by all of our boys.

Obviously we need to recognise our elite athletes who continue to excel at a National level in their chosen sport. Sam Street (sailing), Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens (rugby), Henri Lehrke (cycling), Adam Loveridge (cross country motocross) and Brayden Meuli (swimming) have all represented New Zealand or are New Zealand Champions.

However, all students have played their part in making this sporting year successful. Simply put, the students love representing FDMC.

The traditional sporting exchanges against NPBHS, Highlands Intermediate, St John's and St Bernard's are highlights for the boys and memories that they cherish. Tournament week and Aims Games were also wonderful opportunities for our boys to compete against athletes from other schools around New Zealand.

TSSSA events are hugely successful and I would like to thank Gill Hurley for all of the amazing work that she does for this.

I would like to acknowledge our sponsors and our volunteer coaches and managers. Sport at FDMC could not operate without them.

Their contribution to the different College sporting codes is extremely generous and very much appreciated.

Lastly, thanks to the parents of our College community for all the encouragement and support that you provide for your sons. We are truly lucky at this College to have parents in our community who value the importance of sport.

It has been an amazing year on the sporting scene and I am immensely proud of what we have achieved in 2018.

Nick Taylor  
Director of Sport



## Subscription payments

Families are reminded that for the next season, all team members must have paid their subscriptions before the fourth game of the season commences.

## End of Year Activity Aquatic Centre



... and so the game of 'Water League' was invented by the FDMC Y9 & 10 students.  
Robyn Wackrow



### 🏆 Touch Champions 🏆

Congratulations to the FDMC Year 8 touch team, who won their final on Monday night.

14 teams entered into the touch competition held this term at Devon Intermediate.

FDMC team Two made it through to the final and had a very intense game Monday night which went to drop off - they got down to four players and managed to score on the 4th phase coming away with the win beating Highlands Eights 4-3!!

A Personal Thank You to all parents, students and volunteers who gave up their time each Monday to help organise players, without your help

these teams could simply not happen. Awesome stuff lads.

Gill Hurley  
Sports Co-ordinator



### TSSSA Show Jumping

It's so good to have boys represent the College in the sport that they love.

Last week Caleb Megchelse and his horse "boom boom" came third in the TSSSA Show Jumping.



### NZSS Athletics

Oscar Hadley and Luke Weston travelled to Dunedin to compete in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic Championships this past weekend.

Oscar competed in the 1500m and the 3000m for the Junior boys.

Luke (pictured) was 4th in the Junior boys 2000m steeplechase only 7 seconds away from receiving a medal for 3rd place.

Gill Hurley  
Sports Coordinator



### Rugby Sevens 🏉

Congratulations to next year's Sports Captain, Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens who has just been selected to train with the New Zealand Men's Sevens team in 2019.

What a fantastic achievement Jacob!



### Sailing

Sam Street finished up first equal second on count back in the 470 Olympic class at the Sir Peter Blake Regatta over the weekend.

Jane Aitken-Connelly





## Scarecrow Competition Future Problem Solving

Scarecrows were a popular addition to the quad this week. The Merry Foresters who have won the right to represent New Zealand at the Future Problem Solving International Finals in Boston, USA in 2019, needed some "scarepower" down in our food forest so a creative competition was born.



Vertical Forms were challenged to use only recyclable materials and their imagination.

The result was a cluster of charming characters seen in the attached photo. Students and teachers were encouraged to vote with their pocket money. The winner by a narrow 90c was a combined effort from LS4 and L6 who came complete with a "please excuse" note for wearing the incorrect shoes!

Robyn Wackrow  
TIC Future Problem Solving



## Condor 7s

Last week FDMC had two teams attend the Condor 7s Tournament (New Zealand Secondary Schools 7s) at Sacred Heart College in Auckland.

Our U15 team travelled up on Thursday morning to play in the afternoon. They had strong first halves in each of their games, but struggled to compete in the second half in hot temperatures. They had losses against Pukekohe, Hamilton Boys, Manukura and Wesley College. It was fantastic for them to get a win against Rakaumanga.

The tournament was an amazing experience for the team, a huge thanks must go to Dee Luckin, Maree and Philip Saxton, and Mark and Gloria Hofmans for all they did to support the boys.



Our Steelformers FDMC 7s team struck a difficult pool in the tournament, and had first up losses against eventual winners Hamilton Boy's, and St Patrick's Silverstream. After these disappointments they put in strong performances to beat Cambridge High School, Western Heights High School and Nelson College. These wins saw FDMC through to the Bowl final, where they couldn't quite beat Otago Boy's High School. It was an amazing tournament, with a high standard of skills on display, and the boys did the College proud.



At this tournament Chris Bryan played his last game for the College and we wish him well for the future. The rest of the boys will be back next year bigger and better than ever. The team were fortunate to be coached by Scott Crocker and were grateful to Taranaki Steelformers for their sponsorship.

A big congratulations to Jacob Ratumaitavuki Kneepkens who was named in the NZ Secondary Schools 7s Team off the back of his Condor 7s performances. Another amazing achievement for a Year 12 student.

Paula Corlett  
Steelformers FDMC 7s Manager



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## Gateway, Work Experience, Y10 Work Exploration

We would like to mention a special thank you to all the businesses that have supported us this year with Gateway, Work Experience and our Year 10 Work Exploration. Without these fantastic community businesses supporting our school, our pathway programmes we run wouldn't be as successful.

Please support these wonderful businesses. We have had many positive outcomes for 2018 and are very proud of our students.

### Gateway

Anytime Fitness, Aquacare Plumbing Services, Auto Super Shoppe, Bell Building, Cavalier Homes, Chris Bell Construction, Clem Electrical, Custom Construction Limited, Gardiner Plumbing & Gas, Gareth Collins Building Limited, Gough Cat, Glenn Turner Builder, LA Homes, Newton Gordge Joinery Ltd, NPE Tech, PACE Engineering, Pepper Construction Limited, Plumbtech Taranaki Limited, Quintin Oakes Builders Limited, Steve Whitaker Builder, Taranaki Electronics Limited, Taranaki Electrical Services Ltd, Onsite Engineering Services, Trans Ag Centre, Switched Electrical, HEL Electrical Services Glen Law Builders, M D Brown & Co Ltd, Laser Plumbing, Western Auto Services Ltd, South Coast Construction Ltd, Dairy Pro Ltd, Fabish & Jackson, Scott Electrical Solutions, Coastal Services Ltd, V C Wilson Engineering, Choices Flooring, Uhila Building Solutions, Deluxe Diner, Rimu Electrical, Cooks Honda New Plymouth, NZ Farmers Livestock, CA Glass & Aluminium, Mark Frost Electrical, Cheapskates, ACE Engineering Equipment Ltd, MECO Engineering, Fonterra Whareroa, Norwoods Hawera, Merv Lucas Auto Electrical, Clelands Construction, Garner Holdings, Jones & Sandford Joinery

### Work Experience

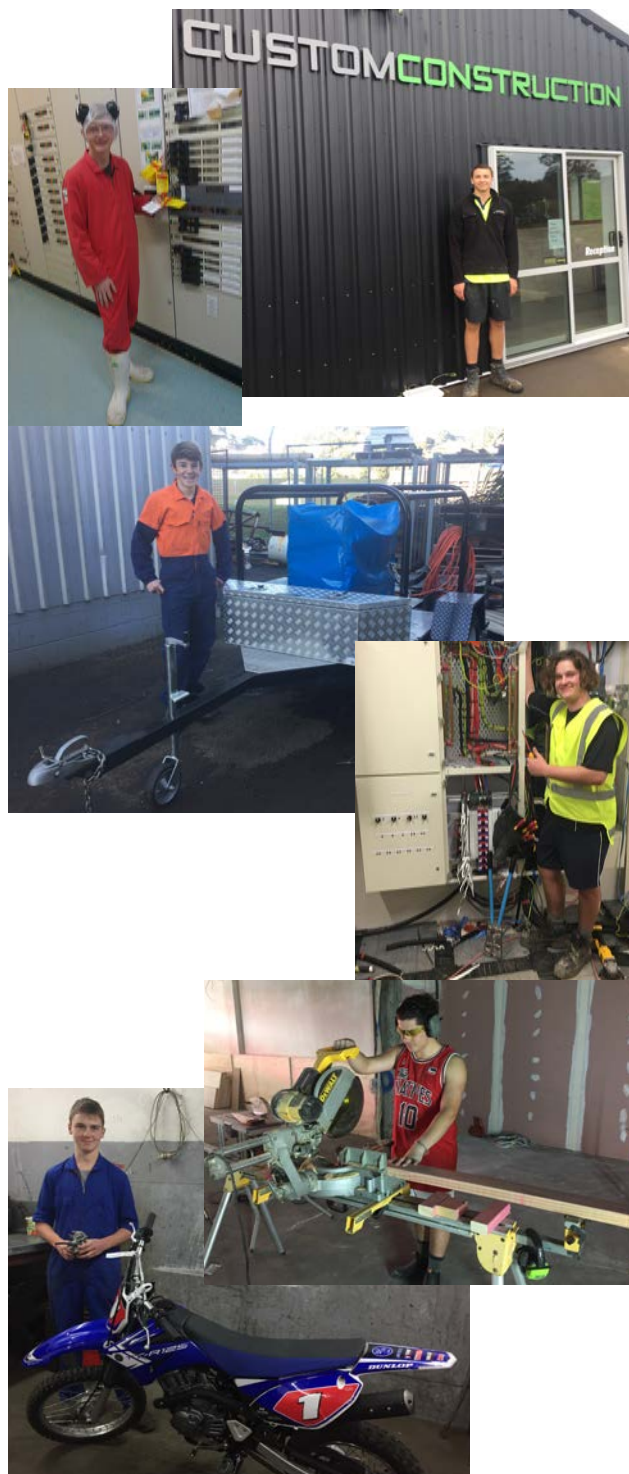
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### Yr 10 Businesses

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Kylie Read  
Gateway Coordinator



## Tennis

After attending a six week training program for tennis, students got to witness some real action this week.

NZ No. 1 Rubin Statham from Auckland challenged local hero former NPBHS student Ajeet Rai NZ No. 2 to a match at Rotokare Tennis Club.

FDMC students Sammy Lewis and Jake MacLean had the privilege of being ball boys for the match. (See picture of Jake and Rubin).

Weekly tennis will start again term one for all age groups and abilities. We have had an excellent turn out this term and we would like to thank David Barnard for offering his coaching knowledge and to the Rotokare tennis club for allowing us to use their amazing facilities.

Briana Mathews  
TIC of Tennis



## 2018 Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER

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, 1.30pm  
Thurs 31 All Students

### FEBRUARY

Wed 6 Waitangi Day  
School closed

## LOST PROPERTY

There is currently a fair bit of un-named mufti clothing and uniforms in the Lost Property. Anything left after the last day of term will be given to a charity shop.

Please come and check if you have lost something.

## 2019 TERM DATES

Term 1	Monday 28 January	To	Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April	To	Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July	To	Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October	To	To be confirmed

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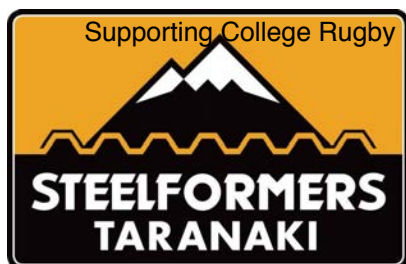
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