



Francis Douglas Memorial College

Important Dates

School
Preliminary
Examinations
Week
17 - 21
September

New Entrant
Test Day
Saturday
22 September

Colours
Ceremony
Friday
28 September

End of Term
Friday
28 September

From the Acting Principal

Over the past two weeks there have been a number of activities that have taken place involving students, staff and parents.

The annual Winter Tournament Week,



MAD Day



and AIMS games



are great examples of our community coming together for the benefit of our students.

In the last newsletter I commented on students being resilient. School life is extremely busy and events like those mentioned will require students in years' 11-13 to persevere and prepare well for the preliminary exams next week. It is a reminder to our community that the end of the school year for senior students will come about rather quickly. Between now and the end of the school year a number of key events will keep us all busy!

With so many valuable activities occurring you can sometimes forget about reflecting on the many things we are thankful for. For me personally I am grateful to the many staff members and parents who willingly give their time to enable our students the chance to be involved in a variety of activities. I think it's important to acknowledge this as giving thanks speaks to who we are as a community and the culture we continue to develop and enhance here at the College.

As I reflect on what I'm thankful for here at Francis Douglas Memorial College I often wonder how we can best show our thanks, appreciation, and gratitude for what we have.

The late John F. Kennedy wrote

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

Living our appreciation and gratitude daily helps enhance the culture at the College. So much of this already occurs here at FDMC and it is why we are who we are. As teachers and parents we can be thankful each day for our students and demonstrate this through our continued commitment to making them the best they can be.

Single-sex schools provide a significant advantage for boys in New Zealand

Attached with this newsletter is the newly released independent report comparing the performance of young men in Years 11-13 at single-sex schools with those at co-educational schools.

End of School Year & Junior Prizegiving

The date for the end of the school year and the Junior Prizegiving has changed and is now 11 December 2018.

*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 can all cups please be returned to the college office as soon as possible



YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS OPTION SELECTION INTERVIEWS

Parents/caregivers of Year 11 and/or 12 students, along with Year 11 & 12 students, will be invited to book a subject selection interview to discuss the student's career pathway/s and 2019 subject selection choices.

The link to book these interviews will go out during the week starting 17 September and interviews will be held on the Wednesday 17, Thursday 18 and Friday 19 October (Week One, Term Four). The interviews run in 20 minute times slots.

It is optional for Parents/caregivers to attend the interview.

If you would like to review the senior subject handbook in preparation for the interview it is available on the school website and there are year level copies available at the College Office.

Please contact Mrs Melinda Stevenson, Deputy Principal, if you have any questions pertaining to the subject interviews: Mel@fdmc.school.nz or Cell: 027 3896 203

NCEA FEES

31 August was the final date for school payment of NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship fees to NZQA.

Late fee payments

Fees unpaid after 31 August, must be paid 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.

Financial Assistance

The purpose of financial assistance is to ensure that fees are not a barrier to participation in national qualifications for domestic students in low-to middle-income families.

Eligibility for benefit and income based financial assistance is based on Work and Income's Community Services Card income limits.

Financial assistance applications must be made to schools using the Application for Financial Assistance form.

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

PRELIM EXAMS

Prelim Exams for senior students start next week (Monday 17 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.

Please Note:

- The morning examinations start at 9.00am and go through to 12.00pm (lunchtime).
- The afternoon examinations start at 1.00pm and go to 4.00pm
- If a student does not have an examination scheduled on a particular day, they should use the time as a dedicated study time.
- Students who are not sitting any of the prelim examinations should view the exam week as an opportunity to complete any outstanding assessment work.
- Full uniform must be worn to all exams. Students attending the Tech and Art workshop sessions may wear mufti.

Illness/Unable To Attend The Prelim Exam

If your son is sick on the day of an examination please notify the College Office immediately.

NO food should be taken into the exam room

Students are not to bring snack food (chippies, crackers, biscuits, fruit, hot food) into the prelim examinations. They may bring in a clear drink bottle containing water. If students bring sweeties into the examination room these must be unwrapped and stored in a Ziplock bag.

Phones in Exams

Phones must be turned on silent and stored in the student's bag at all times. Any breach of this rule could result in a No Achieve grade being given and a Breach of Examination Rules / Misconduct note being added to the student's school records.

Watches in Exams

Student's watches brought into the exam must be placed in Ziplock bag and placed under the student's chair.

COLOURS AWARD CEREMONY

The Colours Awards Ceremony is a significant school event. This ceremony celebrates the outstanding achievement of a number of our students who have excelled in a sport and/or the arts and culture and/or have taken a significant leadership role in supporting the Special Catholic Character of the College. This year the Colours Ceremony will be held at 10.15am on Friday 28 September. Letters have been sent to all of the students who applied for a Colours Award.

If your son is going to be a recipient of a Colours Award, please RSVP the College by Thursday 20 September to confirm your attendance at the ceremony.

PROGRESS REPORTS

The next lot of Progress Reports will be made available on **Friday 28 September**.

Melinda Stevenson
Deputy Principal

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>



Winter Tournament Week

1st XI Football – Lotto Premier National Football Tournament 2018

The team flew into Christchurch on Sunday afternoon excited with anticipation for the challenge that lay ahead for the week.

All matches played were at high pace and the team competed in all matches. The team ended the week well with two wins to finish on a high.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

Pool Play:

vs Wellington College – Lost 3-0 (Halftime 0-0)

vs Westlake High – Lost 1-0 (Halftime 1-0)

vs St Thomas – Lost 2-1 (Halftime -1-0)

vs St Peters Cambridge – Lost 4-1 (Halftime 3-1)

vs Waimea 1-1 Fulltime - Lost 4-3 in Penalty Shoot-out

vs Avondale 2-2 Fulltime – WON 3-2 in penalty shoot-out

vs Lincoln WON 4-3 (Halftime 3-0 to FDMC)

An overall 29th was the teams final placing, but some great competitive football throughout the week set the foundation for next season. Other team's placing's from in and around our region saw Palmerston North Boys High School finish 26th and New Plymouth Boys High School finishing in 31st place out of the 32 teams that participated.

One major highlight of the week was the overall positive attitude by the whole team throughout the entire week.

Brandon Sumpter was rewarded for his consistency in goal and was awarded the overall team MVP for the tournament.



A major highlight was the awarding of the Golden Boot award to Tyler Webber for scoring the most goals overall out of the 32 teams in attendance.

A huge thank you to all our supporters, parents and sponsors, including Tony and Betty McGreal, who travelled all the way to Christchurch and were vociferous supporters at all the matches.

A big thank you to our expert coaches, Andrew Moore and Symon Buffoni. A special mention and big thanks must be made to our Year 13s who represented the College for the last time; Daniel Kibby, Jacob Crawford, Ben Leary, Ethan and Tyler Webber & Corbin Richardson. Another special mention goes to Andrew Moore as this was his final tournament and match as the 1st XI Coach.

Andrew has had a significant impact on our students long term involvement in football. With the sharing of his coaching expertise and sporting knowledge, our young footballers have truly benefited from Andrew's ability to share his passion for the sport. Andrew departs leaving a strong foundation for the team to continue to build on.



The final mention and biggest thank you goes to Nicola Crawford and Gavin Webber who were 'Camp Mother & Father' for the week. With 8 National Tournament weeks between them, their experience with managing countless hours of cooking, preparing food, scrubbing white mud strewn shorts, shopping and baking marvelous muffins, were all completed with great enthusiasm and care that both the coaches and players appreciated. Their efforts helped make the week possible. Thank you to everyone and we look forward to another 1st XI season in 2019.

Ronie Asi
Director of Football



Winter Tournament Week

2nd XI Football

The College 2nd XI Football team participated in the 2nd XI Tournament held here in New Plymouth, made up of 1st and 2nd XI teams from around the north island. This year we had a young team entered for this tournament and our aim was to develop and give players experience of tournament football. The Taranaki weather played its part as expected, with gusting winds making playing conditions difficult for all.

Pool play saw us facing St Peter's Cambridge 2nd XI, Otorohanga 1st XI, and Napier Boys High School 2nd XI. Boys battled hard and played some nice football to get a 4 - 0 win against Otorohanga to finish pool play in third place.

Having finished third, we were due to play fourth place from our cross over pool. However, with a team pulling out last minute, this meant we ended up with a bye, and an automatic win to go through to the 9 - 12th playoff.

The next team we faced was Hauraki Plains 1st XI. Our boys came out firing, and took their chances early on to come out on top for a 2-0 win.

9 - 10th playoff game saw us playing Central Hawkes Bay 1st XI. Although arguably playing the better football in the first half, going into the wind and coming up against the very physical nature of the CHB team was tough and saw us going into the half down 3-0. But the boys did not drop their heads and rallied in the second half, with missed opportunities and a penalty hitting the crossbar, we

couldn't quite get the ball in the back of the net and the final score remained 3-0.

The fight and the hunger from the boys was great to see and a final result of 10th place was a top effort from the boys.

Our most improved player over the tournament went to Oscar Ekdahl in goal, who held the ball with confidence and made some outstanding saves.

Golden boot award went to Aiden Bocock with his 2 goals, and most valuable player for our team went to Mehul Killa, who looked dangerous every time he touched the ball.

A special thanks goes out to Andy Price who gave up his time to prepare the team leading up to, and coaching the team through the week, along with assistance from Andrew Clennett. Also a big thank you to all the parent support from the boys for their help and cheering throughout the week.

Shintaro Kirkcaldie - TIC



Winter Tournament Week 1st XI Hockey

The First XI Hockey boys had a good week away at the national tournament in Levin. With a great build up the boys played some outstanding hockey and had the upper hand in most games. Twice getting on the scoreboard first and having the majority of possession and territory, however a few lapses of focus costing them in the last 10 minutes.

With a great win over the rival St Johns Hastings the boys played the hockey they knew they could. In the playoff to see who goes on to the 9/10th spot final game, the boys played out of their skin. With both teams going at each other with pace and intensity our fellas managed to hold onto a 2-1 lead despite being heavily on defence for the last 5 minutes of the game. Showing some real

ticker and pride the team made it to the final placing of 10th.

A huge week and even bigger effort from the boys made the week extremely enjoyable. A massive thank you goes out to the Sponsors Matthew and Co, and Beck Helicopters. Also not only to all the parents and supporters, but to Sarah Moller (TIC) and Tanya Campbell (Manager) for making it all possible.

Thomas Schaare - Coach



Winter Tournament Week

Senior A Basketball

Last Tuesday the FDMC Cardinals Senior 'A' left their comfort of home in the Naki and adventured south to Palmerston North for Zone 3 Qualifying tournament for Nationals. With the boys traveling down the night before and having a light scrimmage Tuesday night, they had a nice cozy sleep at the Palmerston North Holiday Park.

First up on the board for the boys was Wellington College. With Wellington being the centre of basketball in New Zealand and Wellington College having nearly 1000 more students than FDMC, the boys knew they had to come out and play hard. The College came out to a fiery start with a couple of quick baskets from Riley Putt and some well timed passes from Bryn Kearton to Caleb Ludlow for two open 3 pointers (3's). This put us in a good position with a lead of 12-4 out the gates. The second half came and with some very well needed support from the FDMC Hockey team and Mrs Moller set the crowd up in roars for the support of the College. Throughout the second half the lead changed but a couple of late 3's from Wellington College locked up the win 78-82 to Wellington College.

As our second game came upon us we knew that we had to win this one to make Nationals. Facing a well drilled Napier Boys High team who just came off the back of winning the super 8 tournament, we were fighting for every basket we could get. Unfortunately with our fatigue showing after a tough game earlier that day, the boys couldn't hold on and had a tough loss 93-66.

The boys headed back to camp and refilled on some home cooking kindly prepared by the parents. We got a good night sleep knowing that even though we couldn't make nationals we still had our College pride to play for.

Day 2 we played Upper Hutt College and boy did Caleb Ludlow shine in the first five minutes scoring 11 points off some nice court vision from the 'Rookie' Connor Ford and 'Veteran' Ethan Langton. We ended the first half with a 26 point lead. Coming into the second half we looked as though we came out thinking we had already won the

game but this showed us that the game isn't over until the final whistle is blown. Upper Hutt came out with intensity on the defensive end, getting turnover after turnover allowing them to go coast to coast getting fast break baskets and an 11-0 run on us. The boys fought through the bump in the road to come out with a narrow win 88-82 win with some clutch Free Throws and offensive rebounding by Jayden Haslip.

Now that we were out of pool play we had to face Onslow College to see if we would be from the 9-12 bracket or 13-16 bracket. We started the game very lethargic and not hustling for loose balls which let Onslow get a early lead 10-4. A well used timeout was called by Coach, Andy Cowie to pick up our intensity on both ends of the floor and this left us coming out the gate with a lead of 20 going into the second half. We all played hard and fast to secure a win with a good score of 76-59.

Our next game was against a very well skilled Scots College. Riley knew these players and their strengths and weaknesses which helped our team, forcing them to make early mistakes in the first quarter. This gave the boys a lead of 18-10. Coming into the second quarter, Coach told Riley to focus on his game and not make it personal with his old team mates from Scots, so having this in his mind the first thing Riley did was make it personal. With nice shooting from Connor Ford and Brodie Calder we got an 8 point lead at the half. Going into the second quarter the boys were ready to keep the tempo up and come out with a victory over Scots. With Scots coming out into the 4th quarter energised and ready to play, their intense defence led us to make mistakes, letting them pull away with a 9 point victory.

The last day of tournament came in an instant and had the boys playing off for 11th and 12th against Hutt Valley. Being the last "College" game for the Year 13's, we decided to get everyone out there and finish the tournament off with some fun. But also looking to take the win. Early shooting from Valley gave them a quick lead finishing off the 1st quarter. Coming into the second the boys were hungry to get the last win of the tournament and to do so while having fun. We came out of the first half with a 10 point lead on Valley but the game wasn't over yet. The game

came down to the last 2 minutes of the 4th quarter but the shooting of Valley showed to be too much for our fatigued boys. We finished the tournament with a 12th placing and big smiles on our faces.

Improving from a 14th placing last year the boys were happy and they knew that it came down to conditioning in the 4th quarter. We're all looking for to the next season and will be firing on all cylinders to get to that National Championship.

*Riley Putt
Captain - Senior A Basketball*



Winter Tournament Week

Badminton

FDMC sent a team away to North Harbour for the Badminton Secondary School Championships for the first time this year.

Five boys were on this team and faced seven different schools including the likes of JPC and Alfriston College. The boys played their best and finished 14th in Division 2. There were 20 teams in Div 2, so the result of 14th place was fantastic for the first time entry.

*Tomi Karasawa
Captain - Badminton Team*



TSSSA Volleyball

Two teams entered into this competition one in the competitive grade and one in the social grade. Both teams were outstanding and both placed 2nd, narrowly dropping one game each. Under the watchful eye of our gap student Coach Simon and his assistant Amedeo Ventresca and Ethan Turner all the boys progressed strongly throughout the day showing some real skill.



Wanganui Around the Lake Relay

Seven students competed in this event running 2km each. A strong start by runners Senior - Max Erkes and Junior - Luke Weston put the team in a good position. The teams ended up 7th and 8th in their categories which was a fantastic effort as there was many teams from schools around the North Island competed at this event so it was a very strong field.

(Luke Weston ran for both the Senior and Junior team)

Senior team

Max Erkes
William Hadley
Mathew Weston
Luke Westown

Junior team

Luke Weston
Ollie Gooch
Oscar Hadley
Rhys Price



Gill Hurley
FDMC Sport Coordinator

Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

Te Pārihi Katorika Ki Ngāmotu

WHOLE PARISH MASS

Sunday 16 September 2018 at 10am
St Josephs Church, 106 Powderham St, NP



Please join us for a fundraising lunch afterwards at the St Josephs Hall. For those unable to attend lunch, there will be a collection as you leave Mass. Money raised goes to the Caritas Kerala flood relief fund. Our local Indian community appreciate your support to help their families and friends.

The only other Mass in the Parish this weekend will be celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians in Fitzroy on Sunday evening at 6.00pm. We hope this will meet the needs of workers and others who are unable to attend the 10.00am Mass at St Josephs.

Everyone Welcome

Monitored parking for disabled and elderly available in Church car park

MISSION ACTION DAY 2018 (MAD DAY)

Thank you for your involvement in another successful and enjoyable MAD day. Our fundraising efforts will support over 50 children at Malkhan Wala School in Pakistan.

Congratulations to Loreto for taking out the House Singing Competition with their rendition of Country Roads, including a solo by Wyatt Jones.

Tina Dalliston - MAD Day Co-ordinator



Library Visit

The students from Room 4 of St Patrick's School, Inglewood came to visit the Green Room and Library last week. The students used their tablets to take photos in front of the green screen and edit these so that they were transported to Paris or Italy. They went out to the quad and had a game of handball with some of the big boys. Later, they returned to the library and heard from Mrs Page about the Ahi Pepe Moth project and saw the cool display.



Finally, the students had time to browse through the books with Jared, Oliver, Rahul and Connor.

Thanks Mrs Page for hosting the St Pat's students.

Christina Hermanns



Kiwi Science Competition

This year we had 20 Yr7-10 students who were selected to take part in the Kiwi Science Competition run by the University of Canterbury.

The online competition involved answering a series of questions on topics including Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Earth Sciences. From those who took part we had several outstanding results.

In the Y7-8 Competition Clarence Chan and Sam Corlett were both awarded Merit. In the Y9-10 competition Johann Torres, and Felix Van Hatum were also awarded Merit with Flynn Barrett being awarded an Excellence.

This put Flynn in the 98th percentile for all participants. Congratulations to these students and all who took part.

Josh Morris



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.



ROWING

Ever thought about
rowing?
Come give it a go



Where: Clifton Rowing club - Waitara

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4pm
Sundays – tidal times

Club opening day: 23rd September 2018 at 10am

Free coaching to anyone over
14 years until 21st October 2018

More info:

Contact: Jodi Haskell 0279339409

Website: cliftonrowing.org

Facebook: Clifton rowing club



2018 Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Mon 17	Preliminary Exams (all week)
Wed 19	Yr 7/8 Vaccinations
Thurs 20	Yr 8 Mass Chapel Socials Yr 7-10
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 Sportsman Dinner
Thur 27	Y10 Mass Chapel
Fri 28	Yr 8 Vaccinations Colours Ceremony End of Term

OCTOBER

Mon 15	TERM 4 begins Basketball Assembly
Thur 18	Yr 8 Mass Chapel
Mon 22	Labour Day

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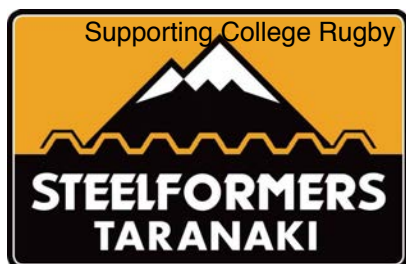
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