



# Francis Douglas Memorial College

## Important Dates

Friday  
6 July  
Term 2 Ends

Term 3 Begins  
Monday  
23 July

### From the Principal PTA

Our PTA has recently donated \$37,000 to the Board of Trustees and work is currently being done to allocate the funds based on the many requests that have come from curriculum areas, sport and other activities. We would be much the poorer without these funds. Once the allocation has been finalised I will compile a report so that you may see what great benefit comes to our students because of the generosity of the PTA team and the support families give them. Each family will have received a PTA raffle book detailing prizes anyone would want to win. Please ensure they are sold over the holidays. There are more books at the school for any family that wants another. If you are not able to sell yours, please return it promptly so that someone else can.

### Down with the old

Our front paddock sign, familiar to many, is making way for a more modern version that better encapsulates our schools intentions for our students.



Its replacement features a Lasallian slogan – touching hearts, teaching minds, transforming lives. These three aspirational phrases speak well of the work done here by students working in conjunction with their dedicated teachers.

Next term will be crucial for our senior students' progress. There are ten weeks of tuition with practice examinations during Week 9. Please prepare your sons for a busy term 3 because term 4 is only two and a half weeks long with their retreat, Labour Day and Prizegiving with graduation dinner included. In the meantime, enjoy their company over the next two weeks.

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

Today Franco and Lachie who are current Lasallian volunteers visited us to talk with our Year 12 and 13 schools.

Lachie and Franco both come from Australia. They are working at De La Salle, Mangere and living in the Brother's Community in Mangere.

The opportunity to be a Lasallian Volunteer is available to any of our Lasallian students the year after they leave school. They may be unsure of what they want to do or they may want to give back to others in the wider Lasallian world they have been part of since arriving at FDMC.

There are opportunities to be a Volunteer in Aotearoa, Australia and Papua New Guinea.



### Homestay Required

Kind and caring school families are required as homestay hosts for International students attending Francis Douglas Memorial College and Sacred Heart Girls' College. Long and short term starting in term 3. Homestays are paid for this. If you require more information please contact Margie Smith, International Student Director FDMC and SHGC, [msm@fdmc.school.nz](mailto:msm@fdmc.school.nz)

or phone 021 828 683

### IMPORTANT - NCEA FEES ARE DUE BY THE END OF AUGUST

- The NCEA fees are set at \$76.70.
- These need to be to the school **by the end of August**
- You can pay the via internet banking or at the school office
- PLEASE check your school account or contact the school office if you are you have any questions about NCEA fees.
- Information about fees can be found on the [NZQA website](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/new-zealand-scholarship/)

### New Zealand Scholarship

New Zealand Scholarship provides recognition and monetary reward to top students in their last year of schooling. New Zealand Scholarship assessments enable candidates to be assessed against challenging standards and are demanding for the most able candidates in each subject. Assessment is by either a written/spoken examination or by the submission of a portfolio or report of work produced throughout the year. The cost is \$30.00 per Scholarship Exam. If you have applied and been granted Financial Assistance, then this covers Scholarship.

To find out more about Scholarship please visit the NZQA webpage <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/new-zealand-scholarship/>

### Candidate NSN Cards

Students will be given their Candidate NSN Card early in term three. The card gives the student's personal details and explains how they can register on the NZQA website to access their assessment data through the learner login. Once he has received his card, please encourage your son to register on the NZQA learner login, as this will enable him to view his results online and request official copies of his certificates and Record of Achievement.

### Financial Assistance

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

### 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/>

### Progress Reports

The next lot of reports will be sent out on Tuesday 21 August.

Parent/teacher interviews are scheduled for week six of Term Three.

An alert about the reports will be sent out via School Links. Reports will be available via the parent portal and will also be emailed to parent/caregivers.

### Prelim Exams

Prelim Exams for senior students will be held in week 9 (Monday 17th 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.

A Derived Grade is a grade reported by a school based on pre-existing evidence. Students can apply for a derived grade if:

- they believe their preparation for, or performance in, an external exam was impaired, or
- they were unable to sit an exam for reasons beyond their control.

A Derived Grade is based on (or derived from) pre-existing authentic, standard specific evidence (such as practice/prelim exams) produced during the year by the student.

Please take the time to talk to your son about preparing for the exams. Support him to prepare a study timetable with allocated slots for study each day (between one and two hours of study each day is a good benchmark).

Your son should be going over his study notes and working through past tests, quizzes and/or practice papers that have been returned to him during the term.

### Driver Licence and 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 should speak to Mrs Melinda Stevenson or Mr Nick Taylor about how to access these credits.

WE'RE HIRING!

## CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTER

*We are looking for a dynamic, outgoing person who can meet young people where they are at and share life and faith in the beautiful North Taranaki! This is a full-time role.*

Applications close Wednesday 18th July. For more info and to receive an information pack please contact Nick Wilson: [nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz) | 06 350 3824 | 021 822 314



### Adventure Racing

Congratulations to the combined FDMC/SHGC team gaining **FIRST PLACE** at the Hillary Outdoors 6 Hour adventure race in Rotorua on Sunday. This has qualified the team into the Grand Final comprising of the top 12 teams in NZ, in May 2019. Boys from left are William Hadley, Geordie Vink, Finn Morris and Tom Le Fleming. Girls are Stella Webby, Taylor Simpson, Jorja Simpson and Anna Waayer.

### TSSSA Badminton

Congratulations to the FDMC team who had great results at the TSSSA badminton.  
Senior Champion - Shinuk Park  
Senior runner up - Ethan Turner  
Senior Doubles Champions - Ethan Turner and Tomi Karasawa  
Junior Champion - Mitchell Turner



### Table Tennis Coaching

Central Table Tennis are running a coaching programme in Term 3. It is open to all students aged 10-15. The venue is **Methodist Church Hall** between 6-7pm on Thursday evenings. The cost is \$20.00. Booking is essential  
[delwynjsingh@hotmail.com](mailto:delwynjsingh@hotmail.com)

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Tuesday and Wednesday saw FDMC host St Bernard's in the annual sports exchange. Students always look forward to this exchange as it gives us the opportunity to represent the College in sport.

The results certainly went our way this year and I would like to make special mention of the volunteer coaches and managers who give up their time to support College sport.

Badminton - FDMC won 6-0

Golf - FDMC won 1.5 - 0.5

1st XI Hockey - FDMC won 13-0

U15's Rugby - FDMC won 19-7

1st XI Football - FDMC won 3-0

Senior A Basketball - FDMC won 93-87

1st XV Rugby - FDMC won 63-29

**In the pink!** Wednesday's St. Bernard's exchange also served as a fundraiser for the Mellowpuff Trust which supports young people in Taranaki who are dealing with serious illness. It was great to see our senior teams don the Mellowpuff Pink and do it justice and see so many of our students make a donation on the day.  
*Nick Taylor - Director of Sport*





### St Bernard's Sports Exchange

As part of our traditional exchange with St Bernard's this year FDMC invited a group of sporty year 6 students from St Joseph's New Plymouth, St John Bosco, and St Pius X schools to join us.

These boys got to experience some expert coaching in their choice of rugby, football or basketball. They enjoyed a hostel lunch, team building games, as well as watching our top teams play.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the boys to see first hand what FDMC is all about, to meet other students and to become more familiar with our school.

The day finished with prayer in our chapel, and a prize draw with boys winning College tee shirts, hats, mugs and rugby balls. Each student got to take home with them an FDMC handball, it was certainly a successful introduction of College sport to these young lads.

*Paula Corlett*  
Year 7 Dean





### Manu Korero Speech Competition

Fabian Te Huna Matuku and Xavier Kere-Rako recently represented the



college at the regional Manu Korero speech competition in Waitara. They both did exceptionally well in their sections, which were junior and senior English. Xavier placing 2nd in the impromptu and 3rd in the prepared speech titled 'Trust me with our future' Well done Fabian and Xavier for representing the college and your whanau so well.



Congratulations to Samuel Hudson who has been doing well in music this year.

Here are some of Samuel's recent achievements:

- The Jellyman Family Trophy (Central Districts - Slow Melody U17)
- Mulrainey Cup (NP Regional - U19)
- BDO Musicianship Award (Taranaki Regional Winner - Overall Competition - Musicianship Award) Held last weekend in NP.
- Selection to the NZ National Secondary School Brass Band (playing Euphonium)

Samuel is off to compete at the NZ National Brass Band Competitions held in Blenheim next week where he will be competing in Junior Euphonium, Junior Ensemble and all band competitions.



### College Uniform

Due to relocation of the Uniform Shop, it will be closed this week and the first week of Term 3. Under no circumstances will we be able to provide uniform or blazer hire. The Uniform Shop will reopen on Tuesday 31 July.



Callum Butler and Joshua Bolger are pictured above at the Special Olympics on Wednesday playing Bocce.



### M3S Year 12 Mathematics Competition

This year for the first time we had 2 teams competing in the M3S Year 12 Mathematics Competition run by Massey University in Palmerston North. Our boys performed exceptionally well, with the team comprising of Vince Ropitini, Simon Kleinsman and Declan Barrett finishing 2nd overall. Well done also to our other team comprising of Andrew Paynter, Xavier Kere-Rako and Bertrand Amory who were awarded a special prize for getting one of the difficult questions correct.



### Year 10 Business Studies Market Day

All term the Year 10 groups have been slaving away creating exquisite products for Market Day. Snazzy notices were created and the atmosphere was buzzing. Incredible food was made by the Fire, PIYS, JACH and Wiener Bros Stalls and refurbished handballs from the Balls 'r' Us Stall. The groups all gained valuable hands on experience to be used in years to come. The day was a complete success, all stalls completely sold out of stock! *Aimee Watkins*



### Mellowpuff Trust

On Wednesday our Year 13 Leadership Group got their Charity Fundraiser underway. This year they have chosen to support the Mellowpuff Trust to help young people with cancer.

The staff and students dressed in pink - the colour of Mellowpuff - and donated for the privilege. Keep on the lookout for more opportunities to support this fabulous charity.

Live Jesus in our Hearts

*Anna Zigovits Mace*  
Director of Religious Studies

Pictured below are Solomon 6 vertical form engaged in hand knitting during vertical form time with Mrs Meyer.



The very popular Passionist Youth Retreat is happening again! Youth: 9-13<sup>th</sup> July Camp Rangī Woods, Pohangina Valley, Ashurst. There are just a few spaces left! Book your spot now at <https://www.passionistfamily.org.nz/retreats/>. Contact Nick Wilson@ Diocesan Young Catholic office [nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz) or 021822814 for more information. Transport is available from Palmerston North this event. We don't want financials to be a barrier to someone attending. There is some financial support available for those who need it. Thanks for your support of Young Church!

**Nick Wilson**

Team Leader Diocesan Young Catholics/Tertiary Chaplain - Manawatu Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North

**PAUSE 2018 ME TŪ**

A vocations retreat for those discerning a call to the diocesan priesthood or religious life as a Priest, Brother or Sister.

Friday 6 July evening to Sunday 8 July afternoon.

Magnificat retreat centre in the Wairarapa. Transport provided.

God is calling me – yeah right? What will my friends and family say?

It's so confusing: Diocesan Priests, Orders, Religious, charisms, Brothers, enclosed, apostolic, contemplative Sisters, consecration, habits and not? Where on earth do I begin?

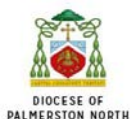
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What if I find out it's not me?

Join me, Sr Fina, Fr Neil and

others for a time of reflection whakaaroaro, prayer karakia, and korero. Check out more at [www.pndiocese.org.nz](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz)

To secure a place email [bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz). All welcome.

**Attendance Dues Notice – July 2018**

*We thank all parents and families who have and are continuing to pay their Attendance Dues on time or who have a payment arrangement with us.*

- Attendance Dues statements will be posted in the first week of July, requesting payment of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment, plus any arrears from the first two instalments and/or previous years, by the **31<sup>st</sup> July 2018**.
- The instalment amounts are:
  - \$111.75 for each Primary student (Year 0 – 8) and
  - \$223.50 for each Secondary Student (Year 9 – 13).
- If you don't already have a payment plan in place and would like to set up a payment arrangement please contact the Attendance Dues team to discuss payment options.
- One off payments by credit card or debit card (Visa or Mastercard only) can be made using our website: [www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues).
- The Attendance Dues team - Marcy, Susan and Mark may be contacted on **0800 200 208** or by email: [dues@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:dues@pndiocese.org.nz).

**Come away to be refreshed, renewed & restored – Dove Retreat 27-29 July.**

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women National team is delighted to invite all women to a retreat weekend with special guest speakers Wilma Conroy and Anne Claessens.

**Theme: "Harvest" Come and enjoy your personal harvest**

**Venue:** Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach, Auckland

**To Register online** (or download a Registration Form) visit [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz).

For further information contact Shona Williams 07 543 0101

or email [shonawilliams58@gmail.com](mailto:shonawilliams58@gmail.com)

**2018 Calendar of Events****JULY**

Fri 6 Last day of Term 2

TERM 3 Commences

Monday 23 July

Tues 24 St Johns Sport Exchange (a)  
Why Ora 10 am - 12 noon

Sat 28 1st XV v St Peters (h)

Sun 29 TSSSA Rifle Shooting

Tues 31 Highlands Sports Exchange  
Yr 12 Agriculture Trip

**August**

Fri 3 ACC TSS Ag Safety Challenge at FDMC

Sat 4 1st XV v Rathkeale (h)

Mon 6 Year 12 TOPEC

Attitude Presentations  
Wed 8 BP Business challenge (Year 10)

Fri 10 Yr 7 & 8 Rugby v Hawera Intermediate

Sun 12 Year 13 Geo Trip to Rotorua

Tues 14 Censor Day

Wed 15 Assumption Liturgy  
Speech finals

Thurs 16 Year 10 Retreat

Fri 17 Yr 7 & 8 Rugby v Devon Intermediate  
Debates FDMC v Spotswood College

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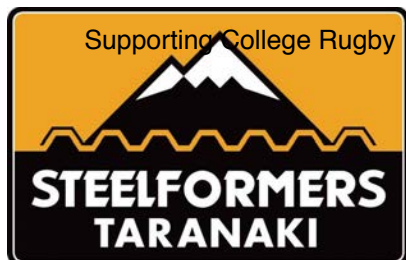
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