

Francis Douglas Memorial College

Important Dates

Friday
15 June
Summer Sports
Photos

Wednesday
27th June
Parent Interviews
2.30 pm - 8.00 pm

Friday
6 July
Term 2 Ends

Term 3 Begins
Monday
23 July

From the Deputy Principal

It has been a rather busy few weeks and a number of important events have occurred during this time. The annual open evening was a success with a significant number of families looking at the College as a place to nurture and grow their sons in 2019. It was reaffirming to hear Year 7 students, Samuel Gardner and Riley Scrivener talk openly about their experiences at the College thus far. Both boys talked about the notion of "Brotherhood" – we sometimes forget how daunting it must be for new students arriving at the college. Teaching and talking about the core Lasallian values of being inclusive and respectful to others, certainly assists with the new students' transition. The sports exchange with New Plymouth Boys' High School was a great learning experience for our students and all teams can be congratulated for the way they handled themselves during the fixtures. Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is. The attitudes of the college men I witnessed indicated a desire to play hard, not only for their team-mates, but because they wanted to win the game. I certainly respect this and encourage our good college men to continue to strive for excellence in all that they do.

Founder's day is celebrated each year. Lasallians throughout the world honour St. John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and patron saint of teachers. It's a day to reflect on the rich history of the Lasallian mission and celebrate the man whose vision and dedication to providing a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor, launched the worldwide Lasallian network. Francis Douglas Memorial College is a part of the worldwide Lasallian network and the trip by our Principal Mr Martin Chamberlain to Pakistan illustrates this. While Mr Chamberlain and his wife Claire reached out to those in need in Pakistan, the students of FDMC were demonstrating service to others by bringing in items for the annual foodbank appeal. The quantity collected and displayed on Founder's Day was yet again humbling. Sir Br Pat Lynch delivered the Homily at Mass and talked about how we can all add value to humanity by choosing to do kind things and being excellent in all that we do. I looked around the church and was proud of our young men, men of integrity, all of whom chose to help those less fortunate in our immediate community. For this I am grateful.

We welcome Mr Chamberlain back from his sabbatical and look forward to hearing of his stories and adventures in Pakistan. His commitment to serve others in need is a fine example of a good college man.

Tim Stuck
Deputy Principal

From the Principal

After spending the first five school weeks of this term on sabbatical in Lasallian schools in Pakistan, it is good to return to this Lasallian school with an appreciation of the good work that is being done in the name of St John Baptist de La Salle in other places also and to be reinforced as to how fortunate our young men in New Zealand are. Those of you who receive this newsletter by email may wish to read the other attachment which is a copy of my first impressions newsletter sent home to Brothers, staff and Boards.

The contrasts between here and Pakistan are stark – blackboards and chalk vs Chrome-books, no high involvement sports and examinations which test only material learned of by heart rather than those that dig deeper to seek out understanding and application skills. Our students are more fortunate in many ways, yet less aware of their personal need to strive strenuously for a better future.

An example of this was at yesterday's cross country where too many chose the walking option. We know this event is somewhat specialist and does not spark everyone's enthusiasm but every task placed in front of us is worth our best. Yesterday's effort, especially by our seniors, gave an impression to our juniors that there was no need to dig deep in challenging situations. The school's management will review yesterday's event and determine how it can still be staged in a manner worthy of the time out of class where *Good College Men* give of their best, even when it hurts.

It's good to be back and I am grateful to Tim Stuck and many others who stepped up willingly during my sabbatical.

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

Martin Chamberlain
Principal

Founder's Day 2018 was a wonderful day celebrated in beautiful sunshine. We gathered in Faith, Service



and Community. The day began with a Mass in honour of our Founder at St Joseph's Church where we were joined by our brothers and sisters from De La Salle College, Mangere, John Paul College Rotorua and Sacred Heart Girls' College. Fr Sanjay celebrated Mass for us and our very own Sir Br Pat Lynch shared pearls of wisdom with the boys developing the theme "Men of Integrity" which has been a focus at recent assemblies.

As part of our thanksgiving we once again brought forward a multitude of items for the Food Bank. Every year the generosity of our families continues to grow.

During the Mass Mrs Christina Hermanns and Jeremy Johnston were commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers. Our musicians gave our Mass a sense of joy and the various roles were ably carried out by boys of var-

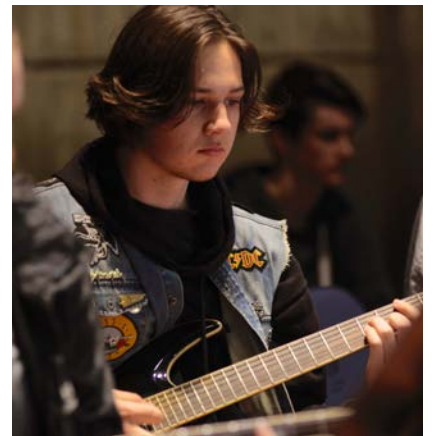


ious year levels. It is a pleasure to be involved in a celebration where time and energy are willingly given and there is active participation from all those present. Back at school the celebrations continued with the annual Haka Competition with Loreto gaining the well-deserved win and leading the school in a final Haka.

The staff began a new tradition and sung two waiata while the judges adjudicated and our Samoan youth honoured their Independence Day



with a beautiful rendition of the Samoan National Anthem. Our day ended with the traditional pie before the boys went home to enjoy a long weekend.
Lasallians Together
Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever
Anna Zigovits-Mace



Rodger Fox - Some of our students recently enjoyed a Jazz day with Rodger Fox. Left to right are Dylan Bines, Rueben Chan, Clarence Chan and Samuel Hudson.

Cross Country 2018



	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
JUNIOR	Oscar Hadley	Felix van Hattum	Michael Fearnley
INTERMEDIATE B	Luke Weston	Ollie Gooch	Kade Saxton
INTERMEDIATE A	Max Erkes	William Hadley	Henri Lehrke
SENIOR	Mathew Weston	Aidyn Kettle	Andrew Painter

Auckland University Open Days

Come along to AUT's first series of Parents Information Evenings where you will hear from some of our leading researchers, academics, and alumni and find out what sets us apart from other universities. Gain insights around what industry are saying they want in a university graduate, and how AUT's focus and vision is to produce great graduates.

At each event registration will begin from 5.30pm and the presentation will commence at 6.30pm. Refreshments will be served and you will be given a pack with course information and a guide to AUT specially created for parents and whanau. This event is taking place at each of our three campuses so you can choose the location most convenient for you. The links below will take you to a registration page for each event.

- City Campus Parents Information Evening
25 June 2018
55 Wellesley Street East, Auckland Central
- North Campus Parents Information Evening
26 June 2018
90 Akoranga Drive, Northcote, Auckland
- South Campus Parents Information Evening
28 June 2018
640 Great South Road, Manukau, Auckland.

2018 Calendar of Events**JUNE**

- Sat 9 1st XV v St Johns in Hamilton (away)
- Wed 13 National Catholic Conference in Wellington
- Fri 15 Football v St Peters (a) Summer Sports photos Chamber Music competition
- Fri 16 Rockquest
- Sat 23 1st XV Rugby v Lindisfarne
- Mon 25 Year 12 TOPEC all week
- Wed 27 Otago Uni liaison Parent Interviews 2.30 pm - 8.00 pm
- Thurs 28 Socials Yr 7/8 at FDMC Yr 9/10 at SHGC

JULY

- Wed 4 St Bernards' Sports Exchange at FDMC
- Fri 6 Term Two Ends

Term Three begins Monday 23 July

The University of Auckland

FUTURE STUDENT EVENINGS

**TARANAKI**

14 June 2018
7:00pm

LOCATION:

Novotel New Plymouth Hotel,
Waitangi Room

Hobson & Leach Streets, New
Plymouth 4312

Secondary school students and caregivers are invited to an information evening hosted by the University of Auckland.

Come and hear about our undergraduate programmes, entry requirements, scholarships, campus life and more.

Please register your attendance online at least 24 hours before the event:

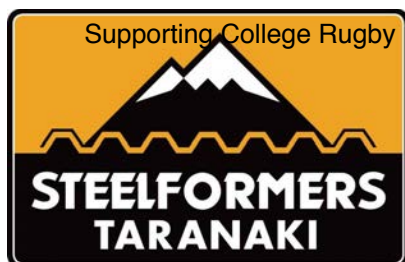
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