



Francis Douglas Memorial College

A Catholic College in the tradition of
the De La Salle Brothers

12 March 2010

From the Principal

Athletics day was a success. The sun shone and a gentle breeze kept everyone cool. There were too many costumes and too much body paint for my liking because it concerns me that, if left unchecked, an athletics day can turn into a mere carnival where striving for the best physical outcomes can be compromised. On the other hand however, I have to recognise that an impressive ten records were broken or equalled on the day...

On Monday 15 March at 4pm, Brother Mark McKeon will run a two hour session with any interested adults in our Chapel in a bid to form a group to look after the legacy of the Brothers. The global movement is called *Signum Fidei* and involves lay people who meet to pray, receive teaching and plan action in the spirit of St John Baptist de La Salle. More than a dozen staff members will be present and all others are welcome. Similar groups are forming in the other two Lasallian communities in Rotorua and Mangere. A complimentary meal will follow at 6pm. Those interested can telephone me for more details.

Our Gala looms ever closer. The PTA members are working systematically and selflessly on our behalf to ensure the day will live up to local legend. I look forward to being part of the spectacle and then being part of deciding on where the much needed proceeds are best spent.

As notified earlier, we have shifted the date of Parent/Student/Teacher interviews to 1:30 till 8:30pm on Monday 29 March. The reason for the shift was to have more student assessment to talk about. Reports are scheduled to be posted home around 17 March so that parents may gain an indication of progress and perhaps become even more resolved to attend.

Another event for calendar inclusion is the O'Shea Shield. On 1 and 2 May, for the first time in its history of more than 60 years, our college will host the weekend. Those interested in public speaking, debating and scriptural events are welcome to attend during what promises to be a very busy weekend as we host 16 schools from our diocese and the Wellington diocese.

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

No lessons to be taught Wednesday 24 March after Period 3

Teacher's Paid Union meeting (PUM)

As one of the conditions of their Collective Agreement, teachers who are members of PPTA are entitled to specified allocation of paid union meeting time to discuss employment matters. Because of the residual small number of staff who are not union members, it will not be possible to conduct our regular programme during the next scheduled meeting. As a consequence the school will not offer tuition to students during Periods 4, 5 and 6 on Wednesday 24 March. Students are free to go home any time after 11:55am depending on their parents' wishes. For parents who prefer their children to remain at school, non-union staff members will be acting in a supervisory capacity to ensure students are safe. During this time they may study, work in the library or join in games they initiate. Buses for day students will run at normal times. Year 9 retreat will run as normal.

Gala Day Saturday 20 March

Our Gala Day is now only a matter of a week away. The PTA have been busy collecting donations from a significant number of businesses whose support we greatly appreciate. A full list of sponsors will be published following the Gala Day and wherever possible we ask the College community to support those businesses. In the meantime the PTA is still seeking additional items for the various stalls on Gala Day - Books, Cakes, Sweets, White Elephant, Clothing, Raffle items. The White Elephant Stall needs lots of plastic bags. Any items can be delivered to the College office by Friday 19 March. At 1.30pm on the Gala Day a number of items will be auctioned by Peter McDonald, including the following:

All Whites shirt signed by Ryan Nelsen
All Blacks jersey signed by Conrad Smith
Taranaki Jerseys signed by Tony Penn
Hurricanes jersey signed by the team
Cricket Bat signed by Stephen Fleming
We look forward to a big crowd and a great Gala next Saturday
Lindsay Thomson - PTA

Fonterra Science Roadshow

Several Year 7 boys had the opportunity to attend the Fonterra Science Roadshow on March 2nd. They were able to get their hands on interactive demonstrations and exhibits. Pola Kirifi and



Tom Reumers lay down on a bed of nails, Tyrone Brown used a microscope to view fibres in different textiles. William Peters' throwing speed was clocked at 70kph. The highlight for the boys was the exploding bubbles of hydrogen and oxygen gas and liquid nitrogen demonstration.

Christina Sugiyama



Yr13 Biology Trip to Kawaroa

On Tuesday, 9 March, the year 13 Biology class visited the Kawaroa rock platform to become acquainted with the niche of the intertidal shrimp. The students will be doing their own individual investigations on the shrimp in the next three weeks as part of an internal assessment.



The Air Force Challenge

This is being run in the July school holidays from 5 - 9 July at RNZAF Base Ohakea. It is an opportunity for students to spend a week living on base and to experience life in the Air Force. They will be exposed to a range of different careers in the Air Force and will also experience a lot of practical challenging activities. See the Careers department for more information.

CPP

A group of CPP students attend a carpentry course one day a week provided by G & H Training. These boys will complete a Level 3 Unit Standard towards a building apprenticeship.



Fundraising

Between 1 March and 31 May PGG Wrightson & Ballance Agri-Nutrients are giving away \$2 cash to your local school for every tonne of Ballance fertiliser ordered. You can also put your school in a draw to win one of four great new HP computers - just nominate your school.

To find out more contact your nearest PGG Wrightson Rural Store or your technical field rep about this great fundraising opportunity.

Go to www.pgwgiveback.co.nz to fill out the form.

NZ Army

The Army are now recruiting people for soldier and officer careers. Apprenticeship and support career intakes will be taking place in the early months of 2011. Students need to apply no later than September. Applications for Officer careers are being called for now. The Army are looking for students who strive to achieve above and beyond the minimum entry criteria with regards to NCEA results. See the Careers office for more information.

Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the board of trustees. A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nominations close at noon on 23 April 2010 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

The poll closes at noon on 7 May 2010.

Diana Blair - Returning Officer

Athletics Carnival 2010

Athletic Championship Results

Year 7

- 1 Thomas Wright (S)
- 2 Ben Moore (L)
- 3 Zia Taumoepeau (S)
- 4 Cameron Sharrock (B)
- 4 Bayley Betts (LS)

Junior

- 1 Karl Wright (S)
- 2 Simon French (S)
- 3 Tyler Feakins (S)
- 4 Matthew Codd (LS)

Intermediate A

- 1 Luke McCallum (L)
- 2 Adon Burkett (LS)
- 3 Scott Alexander (LS)
- 4 Ayden Mitchell (L)

Highlight of the day was the 10 records that were either equalled or broken.

Records Equalled:

Intermediate B 200m Scott Murfitt 24.44
Year 8 High Jump Mathew Howcroft 1.43

New records

Intermediate B 400m Scott Murfitt 54.22
Intermediate Javelin Kyle Van der Merwe 46.45
Junior High Jump Karl Wright 1.63
Year 8 200m Patrick Hay 27.44
Year 8 Long Jump Patrick Hay 4.85
Year 7 High Jump Thomas Wright 1.37
Year 7 Ball Throw Shaun Phillips 33.62
Year 7 4 x 100 m relay Benildus 59.35

House Points

Solomon	1870
Loreto	1685
La Salle	1524
Benildus	1294

Vertical Form Relay was won by Solomon 2.

The following students qualified to go on to Taranaki Secondary Schools Athletics Day which was held Wednesday 10 March at Inglewood. Jamie Hareb, Dion Beer, Troy Stevenson, Andrew Hindle, Trent Van der Poel, Nick Arnold, Reegan Corbett,

Year 8

- 1 Patrick Hay (S)
- 2 Jayden Taylor (L)
- 3 Zack Thomson (L)
- 4 Cole Hareb (LS)
- 4 Patrick Fisher-Evans (B)

Intermediate B

- 1 Scott Murfitt (LS)
- 2 Sean Kelly (B)
- 3 Kyle Van der Merwe (LS)
- 4 Scott Mellow (L)

Senior

- 1 Jamie Hareb (LS)
- 2 Samuel Wells (LS)
- 3 Dion Beer (S)
- 4 Nick Arnold (S)

Victor Sheppherd, Shaun Neal, Adon Burkett, Scott Alexander, Luke McCallum, Daniel Morris, Tapiwa Mapuvire, Scott Murfitt, Kyle Van Der Merwe, Rhodri Williams, Kurt Leuthart, Nathan Clough, Scott Mellow, Jordan Penn, Ethan Perrett, Liam Buckland, Sean Kelly, Liam Doherty, Joseph Smith, Blake Barrett, Simon French, Karl Wright, Jordie Barrett, Du Plessis Karifi, Matthew Codd, Ryan Hawken, Aaron Ritchie, Paddy Ford, Timothy Headey, Jeremy Radich, Nicholas Tipler.

Congratulations to the following stand out performers on the day:

Scott Alexander	1st 400m, 2nd 200m, 2nd Discus, 2nd Javelin
Luke McCallum	1st 800m, 2nd 1500m, 2nd 3000m
Kyle Van Der Merwe	1st Discus, 1st Javelin, 1st Shot Put
Simon French	1st Long Jump
Karl Wright	1st Discus, 2nd High Jump
Jordie Barrett	1st 1500m, 1st 3000m
Matthew Codd	2nd Triple Jump, 3rd High Jump 3rd 80m Hurdles

The Intermediate 4 x 100m Relay was won by the FDMC team of Scott Alexander, Scott Mellow, Adon Burkett and Rhodri Williams.

The following students will go on to the North Island Championships on 20 & 21 March in Wellington - Matthew Codd, Simon French, Karl Wright, Scott Alexander, Kyle Van der Merwe and Dion Beer.

Steve Simpson

Turf Hockey

Hockey is under way for 2010. We hope to field three teams in the secondary school competition and one in the intermediate competition. Boys are practising skills and drills Monday at school 3.30 to 5.00pm and Wednesdays on the New Plymouth turf 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm. Graham Blanks



Brother Oliver's Roses

A very limited issue of standard roses, grafted, planted and lovingly tended by Brother Oliver are on sale for \$20 each. These roses are a living piece of memorabilia to plant somewhere special.

All roses will be pre sold but lifted after pruning in winter. Viewing of the roses can be done during the Gala Day or earlier by special appointment at the school office. The proceeds from these sales will go directly into the Gala Day returns.

New Plymouth BMX Club

The More FM Summer Series racing is underway, new riders are always welcome, the first three race nights are free. Come and try out our brand new start gate and new track alterations. Racing is on Wednesday evenings from 5:30, race bikes, helmets and gloves are available to hire, but you can bring your own bikes if you wish. All riders must have a helmet, long sleeves, long pants, gloves and covered shoes. For more information visit our website

www.bmxnewplymouth.co.nz

Soccer Holiday Programme

Sport Taranaki are running a holiday football programme from 6 - 9 April. See Mr McGrath to complete a registration form. If you have any queries, please contact Manuel Luque - CoachForce Football

Ph 06 759 0930 Ext 743

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www.sporttaranaki.org.nz

Weetbix Kids Tryathlon

The WeetBix Kids Tryathlon is going to be held at Ngamotu Beach on **Wednesday 31st March** and volunteers will be required from approximately 9.30am-2pm. It is a great way to support the children and is always a fun day to be part of.

For further information please contact Jo Stephenson at Sport Taranaki
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Calendar

March

Friday 12

Mufti Day

Yr 12 Bio Field Trip

Saturday 13

TSS Bowls - Stratford Avon Club

Monday 15

TSS Surfing Oakura

Yr 9 Camp (15th-17th) Vertical

Horizons, Inglewood 9B

Auckland University Liaison Period 4

Yr 9 Camp - Vertical Horizons 9G

Tuesday 16

Wed 17

TSS Rogaine Lake Mangamahoe

Saturday 20

GALA

TSS Triathlon - Ngamotu Beach

Mon 22

Yr 9 Camp Vertical Horizons 9R

Tuesday 23

Yr 8 Camp Vertical Horizons

TSS Swimming at Stratford

Wednesday 24

Yr 9 Camp Vertical Horizons 9S

No classes after period 3

Thursday 25

Yr 12 Bio Field Trip

Yr 9 Camp Vertical Horizons 9W

Friday 26

1st XV Rugby to Rotorua BHS

Monday 29

Parent/Teacher Interviews

1.30 pm - 8.00 pm

Canterbury University Period 4

Tuesday 30

Colours Assembly - Academic

Wed 30-31

Rugby 1st & 2nd XV v De La Salle

April 1

End of Term 1

Gala Cake Stall

We need your help with baking, home produce or sweets/lollies. Please return your goodies to the school office on Friday 19 March.

Thank you

FDMC PTA

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Gala Day

Saturday 20th March
11am - 2pm

Rides, Stalls, Food and Drinks, Quick Fire Raffles, Silent Auction, Auction of sporting items signed by Ryan Nelsen, Conrad Smith, Stephen Fleming, Tony Penn, and The Hurricanes.

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