

Francis Douglas Memorial College

Important Dates

Athletics Day
Friday 9 March

Taranaki Anniversary Day
School Closed
Monday 12 March

Teacher Only Day
Monday 19 March
school closed

GALA DAY
Saturday
24 March
11.00 am

From the Principal Our Core Values

Saint John Baptist de La Salle created his schools to give students a "human and Christian education." In stating this he was as intent on creating the Kingdom to give deeper meaning for the daily grind here on earth as he was in attaining students' eternal salvation. To encapsulate what Lasallian institutes are all about, five core values are followed globally. Here is our version of them.

Signs around the school display *Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God*. This reminds us all of the primacy of the first of the values so that the other four are more than secular aspirations. A sense of awe leads us to revere our God and hopefully sense God's presence everywhere.

Our entry into the season of Lent was reverently marked with an Ash Wednesday liturgy where all were marked with ash as a reminder of mortality and the need for repentance. For the Year 9 students at the Puniho Marae the ceremony was performed before their day of purgatory on the mountain trail – a good preparation for the sacrifices of Lent.



Our Gala

Our Gala looms ever closer and our PTA members are working systematically and selflessly on our behalf to ensure festivities on Saturday 24 March will live up to our famous traditional benchmark. We look forward to the company and support of all in our wider school community on that day. In addition, we are grateful for your purchase and selling of our grocery trolley raffle. It closes today and ticket books are due back in prior to the draw next week. We also encourage families to supply food items, bake cakes, provide White Elephant goods or donate funds prior to the day. Everything is gratefully received.

The Core Values of our Catholic Lasallian School



Faith in the Presence of God

We value the living presence of God in our world.



Inclusive community

We value a united community where diversity is respected, where no one is left out and everyone is accepted so each person can grow.



Respect for All Persons

We value the dignity, worth and gifts of each person.



Quality Education

We value an education that prepares students for life.



Concern for the Poor and Social Justice

We value a sensitivity and response to people who suffer from the effects of poverty and injustice.

St John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts forever.

Swimming

Our swimming sports were a delight. Student attendance, participation and behaviour were all exemplary leading to an enjoyable day for all. It was a pleasure to be able to congratulate our "Good College Men" at the end of the day. I am also grateful to our wonderful PTA members who catered a lunch for all adults present. Results will feature in the next newsletter.

Teachers Only Day

The teaching staff will spend Monday 19 March on professional staff development and the school will be closed for that day. An additional day (one of the two we plan for this year), was scheduled for Monday 9 April but has now been postponed till later in the year.

Enjoy Taranaki Anniversary weekend.

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

*Martin Chamberlain
Principal*

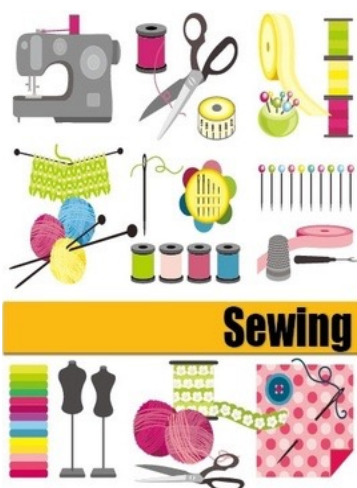
Year 9 Retreat

The year 9 boys spent Thursday at East End for their annual retreat. The theme was Service and the boys enjoyed hearing about volunteering from senior students, outdoor games, reading scripture, prayer and meditation time. The highlight of the day was the sand castle building competition! Thank you boys for your participation.

*Christina Hermanns
TIC Retreats*

Sewing and Mending classes

We are planning on teaching interested boys basic sewing, and mending skills on a Monday afternoon after school from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm. If you have any fabric, thread, buttons,



zips, pins, scissors etc at home and you have no use for them, please send them our way.

We will also need Sewing machines and overlockers. You might have one that is just in your way!! Please donate it to our recycling craft class. Our first class held Monday last week was well attended.

Mrs. E Meyer and Mrs. C Hermanns.



TSSA Mounting Biking

The TSSSA mountain biking event was held last weekend where boys could compete in the cross country or downhill events. We could not have asked for a better day, and some of our boys performed extremely well. FDMC students who made the podium were:

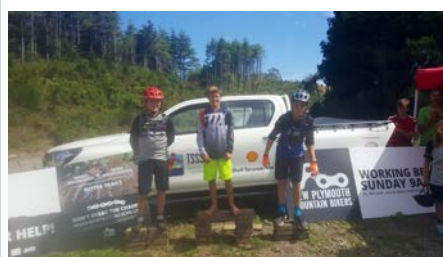
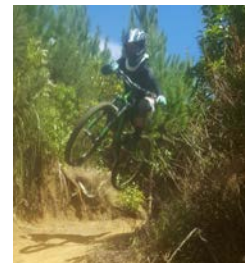
Cross Country

Junior: 1st - Kingston MacArthur
2nd - Tristan Gaudin
3rd - Koen Breman
(we also took 4th - Ethan Davis)

U15: 1st - Isaac Doell
2nd - Jack Ford
(4th - Kobe Allen-Raven)

U19: 3rd - Daniel Ford

*Shintaro Kirkcaldie
TIC Mountain Biking*



Running Squad

This year I am starting an after school running squad. It will be on every Tuesday and Wednesday. The boys are to meet in Lab 1 at 3.30 pm. They should bring running gear, including suitable shoes. They should also bring a water bottle. The group is open to any boys who want to improve their fitness. They may be experienced runners or beginners. There may be boys

who want to use running as a means to get fit for another sport or activity.

Boys should not worry that they won't be fit enough to keep up. I will cater for the weaker runners. Parents are welcome to come along and run with their sons. If there are any questions or concerns, please email ksi@fdmc.school.nz
Kelvin Simpson

GALA UPDATE

Please keep sending grocery items each week for our gala grocery raffle. This week is packets, next week bottles.

If you are available to help with setting up, packing up or on a stall please let us know. Having a clear out this long weekend? Bring along your excess on Tuesday to school and leave in the office foyer. Not long now to a day of fun, food and friendship!

Eligibility for Enrolment at this school

(Please share this with families who may be interested in joining our school for the first time)

Preference of Enrolment

In the main, Catholic schools are bound by law to enroll only students for whom it can be established there is "a particular or general religious connection with the Special Character of the school". A Parish Priest or his agent must decide on preference before the school's Principal may consider enrolling a student. The criteria they may select from are:

1. The child has been baptised or is being prepared for baptism in the Catholic Church.
2. The child's parents or guardians have already allowed one or more of their siblings to be baptised in the Catholic faith.
3. At least one parent/guardian is Catholic, and although their child has not yet been baptised, the child's participation in the life of the school could lead to the parents having the child baptised.
4. With the agreement of the child's parent/guardian, a grandparent or other familial adult in the child's life, such as an aunt, uncle or godparent, undertakes to support the child's formation in the faith and practices of the Catholic Church.
5. One of the child's non-Catholic parents/guardians is preparing to become Catholic.

If you believe your child qualifies for preference you should visit the Parish Priest or designated person in your area (the school can give you contact details if you need them) so that he may consider your case. He will have a copy of the relevant form. If he can be presented with sufficient evidence he will sign that form to grant preference. You can then bring that form to the school so that your child might be considered for enrolment.

Non-preference places

By law the school is allowed to enrol only a specified number of students whose families do not have "a particular or general religious connection with the Special Character of the school". Such students are described as *non-preference*. Each year, due to student graduation, a small number of places becomes available. Prospective parents are encouraged to approach the school to be considered for one of these places. Once enrolled a non-preference student is treated no differently to any other.

Camp 2018

In week three all year nine boys had the opportunity to go on camp. The short camp was focussed on education outside of the classroom. The first day was dedicated to improving the boys' knowledge of local tikanga and the second was all about teaching collaboration and resilience through a 20km mountain walk. The camps, though short, were hugely worthwhile. The boys were impressive, showing they have the makings of good college men!

The following is a report from Jackson Corlett.

On Wednesday the 14th of February 9R and some of 9W went to Puniho Marae down the coast near the small town of Warea. Puniho is Mr Ruakere's marae and is very special and important to him. Upon arrival we were welcomed in with a powhiri and then prepared sleeping arrangements in the whare. Later Matua Clive showed us his collection of taiaha, maori horns and other items that the Maori people have used throughout their history. He also taught us a haka using the rakau and a waiata. As a class we learnt so much about Maori culture and customs during this visit to the Marae. We spent the rest of the day kicking balls around and enjoying the use of our bodies while it lasted. Mr Ruakere created obstacle courses on the

playground there, it was really fun but we soon had blisters the size of tennis balls on our hands. The marae stay was fun but really it was just the calm before the next day's storm.

We woke up at 5.30am, ate breakfast and packed all of our overnight gear up into the bus to prepare for the long tramp ahead. With our spirits high we began our adventure to Holly Hut making good pace through the undergrowth at the foot of the Pouakai Ranges. We had only tramped for maybe an hour before we had 'geographic difficulties.' Mr Casey didn't see one of the orange markers and we headed up the empty river bed instead of sticking to the track. That set us back half an hour. For me the first leg of the tramp was living hell as my calf had been injured a few weeks previously making every step on the rough ground agonising. The next bit of our tramp was hard as we had to cross many rivers, go up and down ladders, looking for the orange markers and trying to keep our balance on the roots that stretched across the route. We made it to Holly Hut all in one piece, sat down and devoured our lunches while the teachers made their next plan of attack.

We began our exhausted ascent up to Pouakai by crossing the picturesque swamp seated inside the mountain range. The climb was tough but we all pulled through all right, it took a while but the track covered in boardwalk made it a much easier journey than the one to Holly Hut. At Pouakai Hut the view was amazing, we could see everything from Oakura to Mokau. The descent to the bottom of Mangorei road was really easy. We had some great conversations with Ms Curd as we made it to the bottom in great time. It was a great effort by Sam who struggled with his bag that was full up with enough food to feed Zimbabwe for a week. The whole class showed great determination. All and all it was a fantastic camp and it showed us that we can achieve anything that we set our minds to.

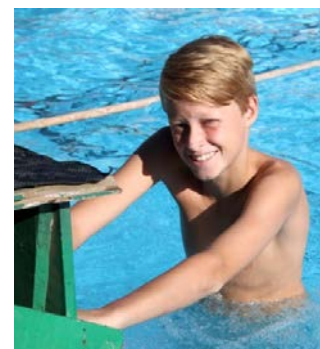
Jackson Corlett

Lasallian Exchange

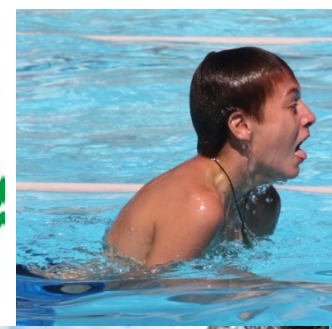
This year we welcomed Diego and Matias, two students from Buenos Aires, to Francis Douglas Memorial College. They are year 12 students who visited New Zealand for three weeks and attended school at the College with Anthony van Hameren and Oliver Wright. While the boys were here, they visited the year 10 Spanish class and spoke to the kiwi students about Argentina. The boys reported that there weren't that many differences between what New Zealand and Argentinian students like. Matias and Diego thoroughly enjoyed themselves and found Taranaki very peaceful and relaxed compared with the busy pace of life in the city of Buenos Aires. Anthony and Oliver are looking forward to returning the visit in April.

Christina Hermanns - Teacher in Charge of Spanish





Swim 18



Francis Douglas Memorial College GALA

Saturday 24 March 2018 11 am - 2 pm

Gala Day Grocery Raffle

We are appealing to our families to supply the items below for the grocery raffle on Gala Day.

- Week 1:** 26 February (Monday)
Tinned item - 'Anything in a tin' - spaghetti, fish, beetroot, pasta sauce, fruit etc.
- Week 2:** 5 March (Monday)
Packet items - 'Anything in a packet' - drinks, soups, cereals, chips, biscuits etc.
- Week 3:** 13 March (Tuesday)
Bottles & Sweets - 'Anything in a bottle or for a sweet tooth'.
- Week 4:** 19 March (Monday)
Absolutely anything - any donation appreciated.

Students are asked to bring any of the above to vertical form each day. This will give them an entry into a weekly draw of four tuck shop vouchers. It would help us if the items have not exceeded their 'use by' date. Any donations from parents of goods/cash/ vouchers from their business will be much appreciated.

Thank you for your help
FDMC PTA Committee



Gala Day Help

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

I am happy to work on a stall on the day (preferred stall _____)

Please return to the College office or email fdmc.pta@gmail.com



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2017 Calendar of Events

MARCH

- Sun 11 1st XI v St Pats
TSSSA triathlon
- MON 12** Taranaki Anniversary
Day - School Closed
- Tues 13 Caritas Leadership
Day
- Wed 14 Waikato Uni Liaison
1.30 pm in the library
- Thurs 15 TSSSA Athletics
Yr 13 Mass 2.20 pm
- Fri 16 1st XI v Wanganui
Collegiate
- Mon 19 Teacher Only Day
school closed
Summer Tournament
Week
- Wed 21 Yr 7/8 Vaccinations
- Thurs 22 Taranaki AWD
Athletics
- Thurs 22 Yr 11 Mass 2.20 pm
- SAT 24 GALA DAY 11 am**
- Mon 26 Massey Uni liaison
1.30 pm in the library
- Tues 27 TSSSA Willie Talau
- Wed 28 Easter Liturgy 10.20am
Parent Teacher
Interviews 3pm-8pm
- Thurs 29 Parent Teacher
Interviews
9am - 1pm
- Fri 30 **GOOD FRIDAY**
school closed
- APRIL**
- Mon 2 Easter Monday school
closed
- Tues 3 School closed
- Thurs 5 Sheila Winn
Shakespeare
- Fri 6 **Colours Assembly**
North Island
Sailing competition
- Sat 7 TSSSA Adventure Race
- Thurs 12 1st XV Rugby trip
Yr 7/8 Social @
SHGC
Yr 9/10 Social @
FDMC
- Fri 13 Last day of Term One
Term Two begins Monday 30 April

Congratulations to Albie Francis-Alles in Year 8 who has been selected to attend a three week training camp at Fulham Football Club in England.



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