



Francis Douglas Memorial College

Important Dates

Tuesday 29 May
PPTA Meeting
 1.30 pm in Stratford
 Students will be released at 12.30 pm

Friday 1st June
Founders' Day
 Students will be dismissed at around 12.30 pm

Monday 4 June
Queen's Birthday
 school closed

Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th June
Parent Interviews

From the Acting Principal

We often hear the word "integrity" as a characteristic that everyone should possess. However, many of us don't stop and think about the exact meaning of this word, or how to apply it in our lives. It's hard to define integrity because it's a somewhat subjective term. To me it means acting honestly and sincerely and being a person of character. During assembly time on Monday I asked students to think about the word integrity. That a good college man should understand the importance of displaying integrity. Two examples of people who had integrity are Father Francis Vernon Douglas and St John Baptist De La Salle.

Both of these figures more than likely had to slow down and discern what was right and what was wrong. We live in a world increasingly concerned with speed so it is important for our boys to slow down at times and reflect. I have no doubt that both Father Francis Vernon Douglas and St John Baptist De La Salle would have been acting on their understanding of right from wrong, showing that they were unashamed of acting on their moral reasoning for the good of others. We will all make mistakes at some point in time. When we own up to those mistakes and atone for them we can make a difference to ourselves and to others. This is acting with integrity.

Integrity is a concept that should be included in every part of our lives. We should practise integrity in everything we do or say - not just at home, school or on the sports field. My message to the boys at assembly on Monday, highlighted that when they enter classroom lessons, go on field trips, cultural events or sports fixtures, that integrity is doing the right thing when no one is watching. This type of positive behaviour among our students can have a huge impact on our society, our community.

Our students are fortunate enough to experience a Catholic Lasallian Education and this is the first step towards living their lives and serving others with integrity. Donations to food bank, Caritas, Mission Action Day illustrate social responsibility towards others. The Year 10 service programme is also another example of integrity and serving those in need. Leading by example is Principal Martin Chamberlain, currently serving other De La Salle schools in Pakistan. All great examples of men of character.....men of integrity.

My challenge to our community is to try to lead a life of integrity - our society would benefit from it.

St John Baptist de La Salle – Pray for us
Live Jesus in our hearts – forever
Tim Stuck - Acting Principal

PPTA Union Meeting

There is a scheduled PPTA union meeting to be held on Tuesday 29 May at 1.30 pm in Stratford. Students will be released at 12.30 pm to enable staff to attend the meeting. Students who need to remain at school until 3.10pm will be supervised by staff until that time.

Founders' Day Friday 1 June

Mass will be held at St Joseph's Parish at 9.15 am which will be followed by a House haka competition in the gymnasium before students are released around 12.30pm.



We also give donations of food to our local Foodbank on this day and we understand the Foodbank is currently very short of long-life milk, as well as non-perishable foods and toiletries so any donations from families would be greatly appreciated.

Buses will run at normal times, and there will be staff supervision for those students who need to wait for a bus.

Homestays are required for International students who will be attending Francis Douglas Memorial College for short term stays in Term 3, 2018.

Homestay hosts are paid and accommodation is required for students arriving at the end of July. If this is something that would interest your family, please contact Margie Smith to discuss:

msm@fdmc.school.nz
 or phone 021 828 683.

Martin Chamberlain in Pakistan

Greetings from Pakistan, where Claire and I are spending the month of May during my Principals' sabbatical and getting to know all the staff and the systems in the Lasallian Brothers' schools here.

FDMC is twinned with *Malkhan Wala High School* which means they have received part of our MAD funding over the past few years (none of the MAD funding has been used to pay our travel). Our visit there confirmed the great need they have. The school has only rudimentary furniture with up to three students to a bench, few books, meagre stationery, chalk boards and dark classrooms where noisy fans provide the only cooling in temperatures around 40 degrees. The drinking water is salty and polluted so students have to bring their own. Nevertheless, the 420 children of the poor in that school appreciate the education they are receiving and show the same pride in the school that their staff does.

Lasalle High School in Faisalabad has a wealthier clientele and the fees they charge are used to keep the other four schools for the poor in this region afloat. That is grass-roots Lasallian work – providing a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor.

Today we go to Kushpur and Multan to spend time in the remaining schools before returning to Faisalabad to give professional development to staff then returning to New Zealand to commence duties at FDMC on the Tuesday following Queen's Birthday. I am grateful and confident that my absence will not have been detrimental to our school given the great staff we have and Tim Stuck's appropriate array of talents.

Martin Chamberlain



Young Enterprise Scheme

One of our Young Enterprise Scheme teams here at FDMC are making pet beds out of recycled coffee sacks and high quality wool that isn't worth selling. They have created two sizes of beds appropriate for a cat or dog of any size and sell either size for just \$25 each with \$1 from every bed sold going to the SPCA. The beds are being marketed through their facebook page *Salvaged Coffee Sacks NZ* and their Instagram Page of the same name. They are contactable though their email address salvagedcoffeesacksnz@gmail.com. At the end of last term the students had to complete a business plan



which was distributed to a lot of local business people for marking and some of the business plans are awarded prizes for various things. *Salvaged Coffee Sacks NZ* won one award for Sustainability from the Taranaki Regional Council and a second award from Barbara Kuriger, Taranaki-King Country National MP, for Enhancing Rural Communities. The Enhancing Rural Communities award involved the boys heading out to Barbara's offices at Inglewood to present their idea to her and receive their award. The students involved in this particular company are Jamie Kestle, Simon Henderson and Riley Blair.

Briana Matthews
TIC Young Enterprise Scheme

Library News

Check out our new look library website at library.fdmc.school.nz Students can access our book collection as well as eBooks, audiobooks, DVDs, the Epic databases, topic searches and the latest in library news.



O'Shea Shield 2018

What a wonderful weekend of friendly competition between the Catholic Secondary Schools of the Palmerston North and Wellington Dioceses. Very friendly as evidenced by these photos! The boys worked hard on their various disciplines and made us very proud of them.

The weekend began with our debating team of William Hadley, Jeremy Johnston and Ethan Turner taking on St Joseph's Maori Girls'. It was a very close debate with the girls taking it out by 1 point.

Ignatius Sofeni-Williams, our junior speech competitor and Xavier Kere-Rako in Te Reo Scripture were next up and both performed very well. Bishop Charles was very impressed with Xavier's proclamation of the Word and congratulated him after the event.

After lunch Corban Dravitzki was in the English Scripture Reading event and Bailey Kuklinski competed for the Oratory Award. He was placed second in his category. That completed Day One with the nights entertainment of the Religious Dramas beginning at 7:00pm. Our team of Tomi Karasawa, Ethan Webber, Daniel Kibby, Jeremy Johnston and Braeden Schultz tackled a very sensitive topic of youth suicide and bullying. They used the stage well. We arrived back at our accommodation at 11:00pm. What a long day.

Sunday morning we arrived back at St Catherine's where Dominic Coleman, Ben Leary and Simon Kleinsman took on the Religious Questions. They had studied a Preparatory Document for the upcoming synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. They were a very composed team and answered the questions clearly. Our final competitor for the weekend was Diarmaid McCarthy who was our Impromptu Speaker. He gave a wonderful impromptu speech on "I'll never do that again" delighting the audi-

ence and the adjudicator with his droll sense of humour. Diarmaid was awarded second place for his efforts. What a wonderful weekend. We are very proud of our team of sixteen who ended the weekend 8th equal with St Bernards' on 32 points. Well Done to our 2018 O'Shea Shield team and the wonderful staff who spent time helping them prepare for this competition.

Live Jesus in our hearts.

Anna Zigovits Mace
Director of Religious Studies



WE WANT YOU

We are the Merry Foresters, a Community Problem Solving group, looking to make a difference by planting a food forest on the school farm. We aim to plant 60 trees. The food will be given to those in need in our community.

We are in dire need of funds for our project. We ask for only \$40 in exchange for placing a plaque with your name/family name at the base of the fruit tree your pledge will buy. This donation would be greatly appreciated and you or your loved ones will be awarded with "immortalisation" in the forest!

This project is a great Lasallian thing for us to do and means we will be upholding our reputation as a group of good college men.

Please email Mrs Wackrow
rwa@fdmc.school.nz to make your pledge.

Yours sincerely,
The Merry Foresters

Isaac Jones
Heath Waayer
Germaine Grewal
Daniel Prenderville
Josiah Gillespie



School Reports

This year Francis Douglas Memorial College will be trialing a new format for reporting to parents/caregivers and whanau. We will be implementing four weekly Progress Reports which will track your son's progress and achievement.

Progress Reports format:

- Four Core Values:
Character, Service to the College, Respect for Others, Collaboration.
- Five Learning Habits:
Coming prepared for learning, actively engaged in learning, working to meet deadlines, working independently, interacting positively with others.
- Four Point Scale:
Causing concern, needs improvement, usually, consistently.
- Senior reports will include a NCEA Summary Sheet.

There will be no teacher comments, instead we will hold additional parent/teacher interviews. Subject teachers will be contacting parents/caregivers of those students who are of concern and all parents/caregivers will be provided with the opportunity to book interview times with teachers. Parents/caregivers will be encouraged to bring their son with them to the interview. Please see the table below for the report and interview dates.

Why are we changing the format?

Progress Reports provide students, teachers, parents and whanau with a clear and concise picture of a student's achievement and progress at a point in time. The teachers at Francis Douglas Memorial College make informed and consistent decisions about student progress using a variety of assessments and observations to inform their judgement. Teachers are able to map a student's learning

and development against a range of learning habits and core values, and place the student on the learning continuum, that best reflect the student's level of performance and progress.

Parent/teacher Interviews are an opportunity to; open communication between home and school, keep you informed about your son's achievement, and develop cooperative strategies that can ultimately benefit your son's progress. They provide an ideal opportunity for the teachers, parents and student to arrange to work together to help the student succeed and achieve to potential. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new reporting format please email either Melinda Stevenson: mel@fdmc.school.nz or Tim Stuck: tst@fdmc.school.nz.

Melinda Stevenson
Deputy Principal

Term One:	All Year Levels - Progress Reports - Friday 16 March NCEA Summary Sheet
Term Two:	All Year Levels - Progress Reports - Friday 25 May NCEA Summary Sheet All Year Levels - Progress Reports - Friday 22 June NCEA Summary Sheet Parent/Teacher interviews Week 9 – Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th June
Term Three:	All Year Levels - Progress Reports - Friday 24 August NCEA Summary Sheet Parent/Teacher interviews Week 6 – Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th August All Year Levels - Progress Reports - Friday 28 September NCEA Summary Sheet
Term Four:	All Year Levels - Progress Reports - Friday 9 November <i>Vertical Teacher comments for senior students only</i> NCEA Summary Sheet Junior Full Reports - Friday 7 December.

Future Problem Solving

The hour when these four boys leave to represent our college in Wisconsin USA at the International Competition for Future Problem Solving is nigh and there is still much to do! These boys have been part of the inaugural Year 11 class for FPS and Level 2 NCEA this year. We are the first NZ school to offer this combination as a class to extend our gifted and talented students. The FPSIC competition will host over 2000 of the brightest minds from around the world. Research from Australia shows that over 80% of Future Problem Solvers go on to higher level tertiary study in disciplines such as medical, science and law.

Today we met with the Mayor, Neil Holdom, to expound our on-going project of educating the public about the plight of the Little Blue Penguin in a bid to save the depleting populations at various sites in North Taranaki.

Gregor Forrest, Samuel James, Jakob Erb and Quinn Scouller were made Ambassadors of Taranaki which means they will be proudly representing and promoting our province at every opportunity whilst in America.

My grateful thanks go to Mrs Page and Ms Dalliston who have generously agreed to accompany and be responsible for the boys welfare.

Best of luck to the Blues Brothers of Francis Douglas Memorial College New Zealand!
Make us proud boys!
Ms Wackrow



TSSSA Crossfit

This event was a test of strength and endurance held at the NP Crossfit gym. Individuals compete across a



range of events lasting for seven minutes, they are to do as many reps as possible, challenges such as squats, rowing, skipping, box jumping to name a few.

Our students were outstanding and pushed themselves to their limits and with the encouragement from team members, the FDMC team managed to win the overall competition by one point. Individual results:

1st Junior Boys Taane Cameron

2nd Senior Boys Ethan Turner

3rd Senior Boys Amedeo Ventresca

Team members: Taane, Ethan, Amedeo, Luke Parkinson, Aiden Bocock, Ethan Borst, Jacob Fletcher, Mitchell Turner and Neko McDonald.



Intermediate Police Challenge

Sixteen students combined with SHGC to make up teams of four competed at the annual Police Challenge event against other schools. Students are put through an obstacle course challenging themselves while climbing, balancing across beams, towing crawling and generally sprinting as fast as they can. Students are timed and need to get around the course as fast as possible.

Two teams made it through to the final 12 - Fynn Collier/Albie Francis-Alles and Sam Taylor/Ethan Davis. 2nd Overall Sam and Ethan.



TSSSA Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who competed at the TSSSA Cross country held in Hawera on Tuesday.

There was an outstanding performance from Luke Weston who was placed 2nd and Oscar Hadley 5th in the Junior boys section running 4km.

Luke together with Oscar Hadley and Max Erkes will head to Rotorua to compete at the NZSSAA cross country event in June.

Gill Hurley - Sports Coordinator

TSSSA Cycling

Students compete in a range of different races for this event. Starting with the individual 200m sprint

Junior Boys

1st Flynn Barrett

2nd Amos Pease

Followed by the teams event, consisting of riders Henri Lerhke, Max Erkes, Flynn Barrett and Amos Pease who were placed 2nd. Last was the road race which was an individual event with Senior boy Henri placing 2nd and in the Junior Boys section 1st Flynn and 2nd Amos.



FDMC Motocross

The FDMC team was made up of Adam Loveridge, Josh Loveridge and Conor Attrill Mundt. These boys managed to get 1st in the North Island Junior Teams and 2nd in New Zealand Junior Teams.

They also managed to take 2nd in the College Cup.

Individually we had great success:

Adam managed to take out two New Zealand Titles. He won his 125cc 12-16 years class and also took out the overall Junior which is 0-200cc 2 stroke and 0-250cc 4 stroke 12-16 year olds. He is now 1st in NZ.

Josh managed to get 4th in New Zealand 0-250cc 4 stroke 12-16 year old. He finished 7th Overall in Juniors in New Zealand.

Conor managed to get 7th in New Zealand. He finished 11th Overall in Juniors in New Zealand.



Nick Taylor - Director of Sport



Robotics

Congratulations to Year 9 student Tim Kowalewski (pictured below on the left) who did incredibly well at the Robotics World Championships held in the United States between 24 April - 8 May. The team he was in placed 9th after three days of competing. What an incredible achievement with over 500 teams taking part in the middle school section alone!

Tim Stuck



National Karate Championships

Jacob Butler (Year 8) recently competed in the National Karate Championship for TSKF - Traditional Shotokan Karate Federation in Turangi, where he came 1st at both individual events he entered - Kata and Kumite for 6-4th Kyu (Green, Blue and Purple belts) for <150cm. He also got 2nd for their team Kata, competing for our local club Coastal based in Oakura.

Ronie Asi
Year 8 Dean



University Scholarships for Year 13 Students

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2019. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students. A list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships completes the list. Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success.

For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the

[MoneyHub Scholarship page](#)

**Lucas Kiser Charity Evening**

23rd June 6:30pm

\$30 per person

\$270 table of 10

More info FDMC facebook page

**From the Spanish Classroom**

This week, the year 7 students of Francis Douglas Memorial College saw the most amazing showcase of Mexican *lucha libre*- free fighting! Señora Hermanns' Year 9 students transformed into *luchadores*- wrestlers.

Some of the fighters were: el Fuego Grande, Cosa Caliente, El Santo, el Pato Pequeño, el Monstruo Desagradable y muchos más. It was a spectacular event enjoyed by all.

Señora Hermanns
Profesora de Español

**2018 Calendar of Events****MAY**

Tues 29 Paid Union Meeting at 1.30 pm
Students dismissed at 12.30 pm

Wed 30 NPBHS Sports Exchange at FDMC

JUNE

Friday 1 FOUNDER'S DAY
Students dismissed at around 12.30 pm

Sat 2 Rugby 1st XV v Fielding High School

Mon 4 Queens' Birthday
School closed

Wed 6 Yr 9-13 Cross Country 1.30 pm

Sat 9 1st XV v St Johns in Hamilton

Wed 13 National Catholic Conference in Wellington
Football v St Peters (a)
Fri 15 Summer Sports photos
Chamber Music competition

Fri 16 Rockquest

Sat 23 1st XV Rugby v Lindisfarne

Mon 25 TOPEC all week

Wed 27 Otago Uni liaison
Parent Interviews

Thurs 28 Parent Interviews
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

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