



FDMC Newsletter

30 July 2004

Term 3, Number 10

CALENDAR

AUGUST

3 PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

St Peter's College
Palmerston North
Sports Exchange

4. (PACE) Parents as
Career Educators
7.30 p.m. – 9.00
p.m.

Bishop Stopford
School, UK, Rugby
Visit

- 8 TSS Ten Pin
Bowling

Youth Mass @ St
Joseph's

- 9 Y12 Geography trip
to Auckland (until
Wednesday)

- 10 TSS Junior
Basketball

College Assembly

Y13 student to
NPGHS – Bursary
Exhibition

- 11 Y8 Retreat 1

1-XV & Under 15
Rugby @ Wanganui
High School

- 13 Y8 Retreat 2

- 15 ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

TSS '8' Ball

Dear Parents & families,

Welcome to term 3, which gives us much to look forward to and which has already begun at an exciting pace.

For the senior school, there is only six weeks until their trial external NCEA assessments (Week 9) and then only a short four weeks of school in term 4 until the final external NCEA assessments. One of the challenges for the rest of the term will be to give to their studies the time needed to achieve to the best of their ability in final assessments.

This term will also see students in Years 10, 11 and 12 students choosing subjects for 2005.

The decisions around preparation for NCEA external assessment and choosing options for 2005 shouldn't be divorced from the general choices that all students – and indeed all members of the College community – are required to make each day. An approach to all these challenges is reflected in the following prayer:

*Lord,
I want to be responsible for my own life,
and I want to make positive choices each day.
Inspire me to get my priorities right and be generous
in my care and concern for others.
Inspire me to make my choices well
and to understand my responsibilities and the consequences of what we do.
Help me to make good use of the opportunities that come to me.
Lead me to be positive in my attitude,
that I may work well with others and live each day to the full. Amen.*

NEW APPOINTMENTS

A special welcome to newly appointed staff members – Mr Taare Ruakere who has until now been teaching part-time at the College has been appointed Teacher-in-Charge of Maori and Mr Kane Rowson (PE/Health).

OUR LASALLIAN HERITAGE

During the recent holidays, the College hosted 24 teachers from our brother schools in Mangere and Rotorua who together with 7 teachers from FDMC, gathered to explore our common Lasallian heritage. Leading the three days were Mrs Trish Carroll, Bro Gerard Rummery and Bro John Cantwell from Lasallian Education Services.

PARENT-TEACHER EVENING

A reminder that the Parent-Teacher evening will be held on Tuesday 3rd August from 3.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. and from 6.50 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. in the College Gym. Students were given appointment slips at the end of last week.

Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.

Brother Peter
Principal

2004 CLUB RUGBY FINALS

Congratulations to the 1st XV who played in the Club Rugby Finals on Saturday 24 July. They came to the Finals undefeated throughout the season. The Finals match was against Spotswood United, and FDMC were victorious 24-22. The winning team members were:

Shaun Poole, Ryan Christensen, Simon Bourke, Andrew Tonks, Abraham Schumacher, David Hughes, Richard Stieller, Ben Siffleet (C), Campbell Fleming, Shae Fleming, Keith Preston, Reuben Berghan, Shane Cleaver, Jacob Smith, Kevin Curtis.

Reserves: Jonathan McCormack, Jason Meuli, Andrew Kale, Riley McGregor, David Joines, Ryan Marra, Scott Fuglistaller.

Coaches: Bryce Koch, Steve Simpson

Manager: Br Peter Smyth Student Manager: Phillip Walsh

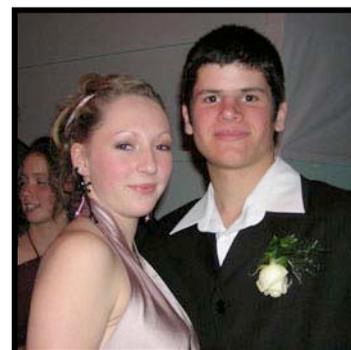
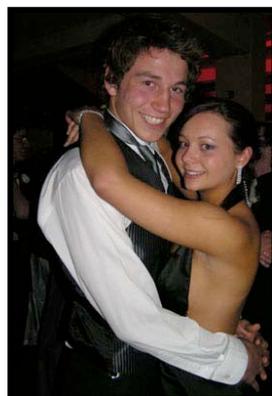
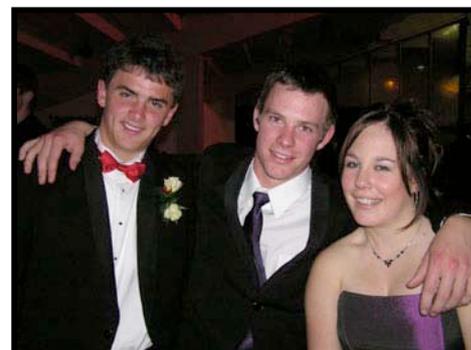
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COLLEGE BALL

The annual College Ball was held on Saturday 24 July at the New Plymouth Race Course. The theme for 2004 was the POLICEMAN'S BALL. The enthusiastic work of the Ball Committee was truly impressive. The Committee members gave up many hours to organise the Ball and it was a marvellous occasion.

Well done to everyone involved in the organisation of the Ball and congratulations to all the students who attended and entered into the spirit of the evening.



NCEA EXAMINATIONS

Fees should have been paid by now and are overdue. Please pay these to the office as soon as possible. Financial assistance is available to some families. Please ring the school office if you have questions. To qualify for assistance you need to have two or more children enrolled for exams, or be receiving a benefit, or have a community services card.

DE LA SALLE MEDALLION

Three times a year the boys from Years 7 and 8 have a chance to be awarded a De La Salle medallion. The criteria used for selecting students for these medallions are consistency in the following:

- Spirit of forgiveness
- Spirit of generosity
- Christian attitudes
- Courteous behaviour and good manners

The names of boys receiving these medallions will appear in the newsletters.

BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN

We are running a short 4-week programme of preparation for Baptism for older children, celebrating Baptism at the end of that time. The first meeting is on Wednesday 4 August from 7:00pm to 7:45pm in the Cath Donohue Room in the Presbytery. Any families interested in this programme please contact Margo LaBerge at 751 2681 or at the Parish Office 757 3682 for an enrolment form and for further details.

Congratulations to Phillip and Brendan Walsh and Rory Smith who were confirmed in Opunake on 25 July.

YEAR 8 D.A.R.E. PROGRAMME

Over the next three months all Year 8 students will be working on the Police Drug Education module "Dare to Make a Choice". It aims to help young people make responsible choices about their use of drugs and to give them skills to carry out these choices.

The module will be taught by your son's Health teacher, Mrs Sjaane Simpson and the local Police Education Officer, Anna Duncan. Constable Duncan has had special training to work with the teacher in this way. Constable Duncan is well known to our Year 12 and 13 students who have received Driver Education from her this year or last year.

To be most successful, the activities the Year 8's do in the classroom will be reinforced with homework activities. Parent(s)/Caregiver(s) may be required to have some input into some of these homework activities.

If parents of Year 8 students have any questions or concerns regarding the programme, please contact Mrs Simpson or Constable Duncan.

KIA KAHA PROGRAMME

Most Year 7 to 10 classes have now completed the teaching component of this programme. Some senior classes are yet to complete their Kia Kaha related module. As stated in an earlier school newsletter, a "telling" environment is most important. Students should feel safe to "tell" about bullying and that reports of such incidences will be acted upon.

If parent(s) or caregiver(s) have any concerns relating to their son being bullied please feel free to contact the appropriate year level Dean or the Deputy Principal (Admin) Mr Chris Moller. Even better, you could encourage your son to speak to these people personally.

MATHS FAIR QUIZ

The year 8 Maths Fair Quiz teams performed exceptionally well at this year's event. Callum Tanner, Michael Putt, Jake Boulton and Jeremy Bridger won the Taranaki wide competition picking up the Trophy for the first time since our last victory in 1991. The second Year 8 team of Nick Dravitzki, Kerr Sharpe-Young, Zac Milner and Matthew O'Neill secured a close and creditable fourth place.

YEAR 7 DEBATING TEAM

The following students chose to become members of the Year 7 Debating Team last term:

Cameron Ryan, Timothy Apps, Jan Coetzee, Travis Mischefski, Lance Molyneaux, Finlay Neeson. Much preparation went into the first debate, with Shehan Gunatunga coaching the students. On 1 July three students, Finlay Neeson, Timothy Apps and Cameron Ryan faced their first challenge – St Joseph’s Stratford Year 7 Debating Team. The moot was “That schools should be co-educational” – the Francis Douglas Memorial College team taking the negative case. Looking very smart in their dress uniforms, the Francis Douglas Memorial College team put up a spirited case which, due to a technicality, is still being decided.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS SCIENCE COMPETITION

96 students from Francis Douglas Memorial College entered this competition which attracted over 410,000 entries from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific region. The boys demonstrated outstanding scientific skills.

The best achievement came from three students; Daniel Burkett (Year 13), Michael Lucas (Year 13) and Simon Velvin (Year 10) who received High Distinction awards.

Four students received Distinction awards; Travis Judd (Year 7), Callum Tanner (Year 8), Robert Crowe (Year 9) and Kyle Crowley (Year 12).

Twenty eight students achieved Credit awards, also a very high standard. There were also 61 participation awards.

The competition assessment includes observing and measuring, interpreting and evaluating data, drawing conclusions and inferences, making predictions, experimental design, reasoning and problem solving. These are all essential skills in science.

Congratulations go to all participants.

NORTH ISLAND CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS

Under 15 – 3000m

Nathan Coombes – 10 minutes 36 seconds – 5th

Sean McCallum – 10 minutes 40 seconds – 7th

Matthew Bennett also competed and did well.

IN LINE HOCKEY

At the beginning of the July holidays we sent a team to the inaugural secondary school championships held in Hamilton. The boys performed well, gaining 5th place in their division. Special thanks go to Mr John Beardman and Mr Noel Bridgeman for accompanying the boys.

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS SKI/SNOWBOARD COMPETITION

This event was held on our local Manganui Ski Field on Monday 26 July. We were lucky to have a clear day with plenty of snow. Each competitor got to race twice down a giant slalom/slalom course.

Well done to our teams for their great performance, and thanks to the club members and parents for their support.

The results are:

Skiing	Junior boys	Jack Barr – 5 th , Matthew Perry – 9 th Trent Lockhead – 13 th
	Senior boys	Stuart Baker – 2 nd Morgan Davies – 7 th
Snowboarding	Junior boys	Taylor Brien – 2 nd David Jimenez – 10 th
	Senior boys	Kelly Barclay – 3 rd Anaru Hurunui – 8 th Sheldon Hill – 9 th

DUATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following article was printed in The Daily News on Tuesday 13 July: "Francis Douglas Memorial College fourth former Nathan Coombes finished second in the junior boys' section of the national secondary schools duathlon championships held at Clive, near Napier, on Saturday. Coombes (14) chased winner Scott Busell (Rangitoto College) home with Bjorn Battaerd (Rangitoto College) third."

HOCKEY

Congratulations to the following boys who have been chosen to represent Taranaki in national competitions:

In the **Hatch Cup** team: Nick Dravitzki, Jake Blanks, Sean Honeyfield, Brad McCormick, Conor Watt, Todd Bennett, Ciaran King

In the **Curtis Cup** Team: Joshua Ferries, Brett Vickery, Thomas Hobbs, Dean Fraser, Brynn Chadwick, Alejandro Barrientos

In the **Taranaki Under 18** Team: Todd Gould and Connor Landrigan (Captain)

The college and the intermediate hockey teams would like to thank Dominic Firkin of the Merrilands Dental Centre for his generous donation of team playing shirts and a goalie gear bag for the FDMC intermediate team. This donation is greatly appreciated.

SOCCER

13th Grade B Team - Saturday 3 July 2004

The 13th Grade B Team journeyed to Eltham for their second away game of the season. 20 minutes into the first half the defense was under pressure, however David Lepper recovered the ball from an Eltham breakaway run, just short of the FDMC goalmouth. Bad weather meant the team was cold and wet by half time but they kept their team spirit up. Patrick Mosquera scored a goal early in the second half as the game. The teams defense continued to work hard to block some good attacking moves by Eltham to finish 2:1 to FDMC.

Saturday 23 July 2004

The team had a home game against Moturoa Steelers. Over the holidays, the team had been advanced to the top table to face tougher opposition teams due to good results to date. It was a nail-biting start to the game with some more brilliant attacking crosses by Sam Wells on left wing to striker Sam Easton. Moturoa broke through FDMC defense's, eventually stealing a goal and an unfortunate own goal from FDMC in the first half. Moturoa continued to apply pressure in the second half with a third goal. FDMC played well against the tougher opposition and more work on positional skills at practice will help the team to be competitive against the top table teams in the future.

YOUTH TEAM SOCCER

The Youth Team are developing into a good team. They are being coached by Jeremy Clark and managed by Mr Clark. The team is a stepping-stone to the First XI. They are currently on top of the table as they move into the final round. The commitment of Chris Murray and other players has been good to see.

BADMINTON

Congratulations to the following senior students; Dylan Kemp, Rhys Butler and Junior students; James Bailey, Ryan Fabish and Dylan Vanner for being selected to play in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Badminton Competition. Badminton is held every Tuesday at lunchtime in the school hall. Dylan is number one, but has been pushed hard by Rhys in singles. Rhys has developed very good doubles skills and reads the game well. James has proven to be the strongest junior, and all skills are improving. Our doubles will be a combination of James and Dylan and Ryan, who all combine reasonably well together. Ryan is a promising player who plays with intelligence.

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ZESPRI HORTICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

See the Careers Centre for information.

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND ANNUAL COURSES AND CAREERS DAY

Saturday 28 August from 9:00am to 3:00pm. All faculties will be open for prospective students to explore study options and career opportunities and life on campus.

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS 2005

Information is available from the Careers Centre on the following scholarships:

- Academic excellence, all round ability and leadership. All fees paid plus a living allowance and airfares
- Chancellor’s Award for top Maori and Pacific Island students
- Access awards available to students with the academic potential to succeed at the University of Auckland, who would face financial hardship. Awards are up to \$3,000 per year.

UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION APPLICATION 2005

Students considering university in 2005 should be completing accommodation applications currently. Confidential referees’ reports should be given to Brother Peter Ryan or Mrs Milne by the end of Week 4 so they have sufficient time to complete this process by the end of term. Applications should be very neat and legible with as much detail as possible. If you need any assistance or have any queries please see Ms Land or Ms Chapman at the careers Centre.

PARENTS AS CAREER EDUCATORS – PACE WORKSHOP

Wednesday 4 August 2004 – 7:30-9:00pm – FDMC Library

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend this workshop presented by Careers Services. This workshop provides some ideas for helping your son (or daughter) succeed in this changing world.

As parents you have first hand experience of how the working world has changed. More than two-thirds of the jobs in the future will require education beyond secondary school. Your son will need to adapt to change, use technology, work as a team member, communicate and solve problems. Those who get the most education and training will have the widest options. Your son can expect a lifetime of learning.

This workshop will explore how you, in your role as a parent/caregiver, can help your son with his career development by developing a self-understanding and an understanding of the world of work.

YOU HELPED THEM TO WALK AND TALK ... NOW HELP THEM TO EXPLORE THE WORLD OF WORK AND TRAINING.

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NAME:

Yes I/we would like to attend the PACE workshop.

Number attending:

Signed: Phone :

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www.fdmc.school.nz