From the Principal
Our Year 13 students and a small number in Year 12 have now left the secondary education system and most are preparing for NCEA external examinations. Our Year 13 graduates finished their time with a moving Mass and a Prizegiving that flowed well. The Graduation Dinner was also a fabulous occasion. I am grateful to all staff who coordinated these functions. Our students acquitted themselves as the Good College Men we aspire for them to be and the parent support all year and at the dinner meant the group has finished its journey in a manner it can be proud of. The next step involves the external exams and we hope the group performs similarly well there.

I congratulate Felix Webby who is our Dux for 2017. He is the son of Zane Webby and Lauren O’Reilly from New Plymouth.

Thomas Hadley is our Proxime Accessit for 2017. He is the son of David and Katharine Hadley also of New Plymouth.

The following students will have the privilege of being school leaders to their peers next year. Based on our tradition, I know they will work hard to fulfill the potentials of the mantles given to them:
Deputy Head Boy: Ben Leary, Lasallian Student Captain: Dominic Coleman, Head Boy: Daniel Kibby.
Hostel leaders are: Head Boarder - Jayden Smith, Deputy Head Boarder - James Batchelor.
Daniel Kibby Ben Leary and Dominic Coleman are fortunate in that they will be sent to Australia along with Head Boarder, Jayden Smith for a week in January for deeper training in what it means to be a leader in a Lasallian school.

Congratulations also go to the Year 10 Community Problem Solving team of Jakob Erb, Gregor Forrest, Quin Scouller and Sam Street (absent from photo) whose investigation to reduce little blue penguin mortality has won them the right to attend the world championships in Wisconsin next year.

All families of students entering Year 9 next year should have received an email outlining our request that all students come to school with their own computer. If there is any question about the email’s contents or family hardship, please email me at mch@fdmc.school.nz.

Our PTA is renowned for its fine Gala. Next year’s is scheduled for 24 March. At this time of the year the central committee looks forward to volunteers who wish to assist for only part of the year in Gala planning. We will be contacting families for assistance soon.

Attendance Dues
These are paid directly to the diocese and will experience no percentage increase next year so that the rate for a student in Years 7 and 8 will remain at $447.00 and for students in Years 9 to 13, $894.00. As has always been our practice, families who will find this too difficult are advised to approach our Business Manager Diana Blair,dbl@fdmc.school.nz to book an appointment to explore other arrangements such as partial exemptions.

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

Scholarship Correction
In our last newsletter we advised that James Avey had received an Engineering Cadetship from Worley Parsons. This information was incorrect. The cadetship is from Downer, not Worley Parsons.
Building Families
My heart is lifted every Sunday by the presence at Mass of young families, teenagers, and young adults. I know that many have made great efforts to be present. I also know that some of us feel we do not belong or worry that we may not fit in. God’s whānau, the Church, is everyone’s home. There is room for everyone at Mass. No one need feel alone or different.

I want to encourage you all to step up and get to Mass. Pressures tugging us away are strong. But Sunday Mass far from reducing our freedom enhances it, as it shapes the persons and families and communities we are called to be. Jesus wants to help build your family. So does your parish. The special children’s liturgy part of Mass means you needn’t worry about keeping little ones occupied. And as teenagers and adults why not take just one hour a week to chill out spiritually, to be nurtured with God’s Word and to receive Jesus himself in holy communion. The cafes will still be open, the sports fields never go away, friends and cussies won’t shift. Check out Mass times at https://pndiocese.org.nz/pastoral/masstimes/. For some of you it may be the first time you have been to Church for a long time. Welcome. For others give yourself a challenge to change your question from “shall we go to Mass today?” to “which Mass shall we go to today?” Thanks to you all for your sense of belonging, no matter what stage that is at. Feel encouraged. The priests and I are here simply to serve you, and we love doing that.

Bishop Charles

ICAS Mathematics Exams
ICAS exams involve approximately 1 million students over 6,000 schools in the Australasia, Pacific, Asia, Middle East, USA, and South Africa. This year we registered our top two stream in the Yr 9 and Yr 10 classes as well as any seniors who volunteered making up 104 students. Eleven students gained a Merit and 17 students gained a Credit award. Congratulations to Thomas Morgan and Oscar Hadley for gaining distinction which puts them in the top 10% of students. Special congratulations go to Rahul Rajasingh for gaining High Distinction putting him in the top 1%.

J Neeson
TIC Junior Mathematics

TSSSA Road Relays
For the first time in 16 years students from Francis Douglas defeated defending champions NPBHS at the TSSSA Road relays competition. Each boy ran 2.5 km around Brooklands Park. The students in the photo below were the winning team of the Intermediate event (year 9 &10) Hamish McKie, Henry Parker, Max Erkes, Luke Weston.

Gill Hurley - Sports Co-ordinator

Modified Sports Week
This week, some of the year 9 and 10 students have been participating in the TSSSA modified sports week. Tuesday was Renegade Hockey, Wednesday was 5 aside Football, Thursday was Flags and today is Rotation Sports including dodgeball, darts, squash and frisbee. Each day the McKean Shield is up for grabs between the competing schools from around Taranaki. On Wednesday our football team was able to win the McKean Shield early on and defend it for the rest of the day. Unfortunately, the shield was not able to be defended on Thursday.

All boys were enthusiastic for the duration of the week and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.
Nick Taylor - Sports Co-ordinator

Office Lockbox
At the office we now have a lockbox that the students can put their forms and money into. It would be great if they can put their names, forms and money into an envelope or bag and drop them in our lockbox.
Marie Cockshedge - Office

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Senior Prizegiving

Special Awards

Year 13 Attainment and Diligence Awards
Senior Prizegiving Continued
First in Subject Year 12
Michael Back - Agriculture & Horticulture,
David Barnard - PE Studies,
James Batchelor - Applied Mathematics,
Devin Carruthers - Technology - Wood
Manuel Dessing - Brother Tim Peter Cup for Religious Studies, First in Biology,
Tim Evans - Design & Visual Communication,
Bailey Kuklinskii - Geography,
Ben Leary - English,
Quinn McKenzie - Te Reo Maori,
Joshua McLeod - Chemistry,
Michael McNamara - Business Studies,
Samuel Megaw - Technology - Engineering,
Malici Moore - Outdoor Education,
Pongpat Murin - Mathematics,
Nikolai Murray - Economics,
Jonah Sellwood - Digital Technology,
Benjamin Silk - Physics & Religious Studies,
Jaron Coombe - Diligence in Applied Economics,
Titan Cook - Diligence in English,
Jaron Coombe - Diligence in Applied Mathematics,
Jacob Crawford - Diligence in English & Religious Studies
Tim Evans - Attainment in Chemistry,
Jacob Farrant - Attainment in Design & Visual Communication and Visual Art - Painting, Diligence in Physics,
Conal Fisher - Attainment in Religious studies, Diligence in Biology,
Ben Fitzgibbon - Attainment in Technology - Engineering, and Technology - Wood,
George Fleming - Attainment in English, Diligence in Chemistry,
Christian Fletcher - Attainment in Chemistry & Religious Studies, Diligence in English, Physics and Biology,
Kelvin Fu - Diligence in ESOL, Phoenix Geater - Diligence in Agriculture/Horticulture,
Brayden Herbert - Diligence in Visual Art - Painting, Applied Mathematics & Outdoor Education,
Joel Heyen - Attainment in Religious Studies, Diligence in Mathematics & Geography,
Danyon Hodges - Attainment in History,
Luke Hughes - Attainment in Mathematics & Physics, Diligence in Technology - Engineering,
Aidan Kettle - Diligence in Outdoor Education,
Daniel Kibby - Attainment in History & Religious Studies, Diligence in Mathematics,
Zack Lamb - Attainment in Technology - Wood,
Ben Leary - Attainment in Biology & Religious Studies,
Ollie Lovell - Attainment in Visual Art - Photography,
Rory Maxwell - Attainment in Religious Studies, Diligence in English, Mathematics & Physics,
Jacin McDonald - Attainment in Technology-Engineering,
Joshua McLeod - Attainment in Mathematics & Biology, Diligence in English & Physics,
Michael McNamara - Attainment in Geography,
Samuel Megaw - Attainment in Physics,
Matthew Meuli - Attainment in Physical Education,
Joshua Morris - Attainment in Business Studies, Diligence in Accounting,
Pongpat Murin - Diligence in ESOL, Nikolai Murray - Diligence in Mathematics, Physics & Digital Technology,
Pacey Murray - Diligence in Visual Art - Photography,
Jakob Neilson - Attainment in Correspondence German,
Harry Newman - Attainment in Religious Studies,
Keanu O'Brien - Diligence in Applied Mathematics,
Ollie O'Connor - Attainment in English, Mathematics, Physics & Religious Studies,
Cavaghn Prosser - Attainment in Mathematics,
Jonah Sellwood - Attainment in Physics & Religious Studies,
Benjamin Silk - Attainment in English, Mathematics, Religious Studies & Digital Technology,
Shay Smith-Luond - Attainment in Outdoor Education,
Benjamin Smith - Attainment in Economics,
Jayden Smith - Attainment in English, Mathematics & Religious Studies,
Daniel Tofts - Diligence in Visual Art - Photography,
Liam Turner - Attainment in English, Mathematics & Media Studies,
Bradley Van Beers - Attainment in Technology - Engineering, Diligence in Mathematics,
Daniel Van Lith - Attainment in English, Design & Visual Communication and Business Studies, Diligence in Visual Art - Photography & Digital Technology,
Jesse Verntonge - Attainment in Geography, Ethan Webber - Diligence in English, Chemistry & Mathematics,
Tyler Webber - Attainment in Physical Education,
Ben West - Diligence in History,
Mathew Weston - Attainment in Technology - Engineering & Technology - Wood,
Teagan Wilson - Attainment in Mathematics & Physics,
Sunny Wong - Attainment in Mathematics, Diligence in ESOL,
Keegan Wright - Attainment in Agriculture/Horticulture and Design & Visual Communication.

Attainment & Diligence Year 12
Matt Allen - Attainment in Religious Studies, Geography and Design & Visual Communication,
Jonathan Austin - Attainment in Mathematics, Physics & Religious Studies,
David Barnard - Diligence in Business Studies,
James Batchelor - Attainment in Economics & Accounting
Dylan Bines - Diligence in Music,
Jack Blackman - Diligence in English & Business Studies,
Ben Bradley - Attainment in Physical Education & Religious Studies,
Jarod Brophy - Attainment in Agriculture/Horticulture,
Christopher Bryan - Diligence in History,
Fletcher Burnett - Diligence in Agriculture/Horticulture,
Callum Butler - Diligence in Visual Art - Painting, Religious Studies & Technology - Wood,
Brodie Calder - Attainment in Physical Education,
Dominic Coleman - Attainment in Physics & Religious Studies, Diligence in English & Digital Technology,
Fergus Conley - Diligence in Economics,
Titan Cook - Diligence in English,
Jaron Coombe - Diligence in Applied Mathematics,
Jacob Crawford - Attainment in English & Religious Studies
First in Subject - Year 11
Declan Barrett - Visual Arts
Colin Campbell - Accounting & Economics
William Hadley - English
Xavier Kere-Rako - Te Reo Maori
Simon Kleinman - Brother Peter Bray Cup for Religious Studies, First in Science, History, Geography, Design Visual Communication and First Equal in Mathematics,
Liam Matthews - Physical Education
Vince Ropitini - Music, First Equal in Mathematics
Darrel Smith - Media Studies & Digital Technology,
Jay Sybrandy - Technology Engineering,
Liam Walton - Technology - Wood,
Konrad Ward - Agriculture/Horticulture.
Senior Prizegiving Continued

Year 11 Attainment and Diligence Awards


Pictured below are Felix Webby our 2018 Dux (left) and Thomas Hadley our 2018 our Proxime Accessit.
## MĀORI EDUCATION TRUST
### 2018 SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS

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<td><strong>RJ Graham Scholarship</strong></td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>Available to Year 12 and Year 13 Māori students with academic merit studying Te Reo Māori and either mathematics, information technology or science.</td>
<td>40 recipients</td>
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<td><strong>Rose Hellaby Scholarship</strong></td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>To assist Year 9 Māori students with the purchase of school uniform or textbooks. Available to students with demonstrated financial need, academic ability and aptitude.</td>
<td>80 recipients</td>
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<td><strong>Sister Annie Henry Scholarship</strong></td>
<td>$700</td>
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<td>Available to a Māori student who is a direct descendant of Reverend John George Laughton or of Tūhoe descent, to assist with education or training costs.</td>
<td>1 recipient (in total, at Secondary or Tertiary level)</td>
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<td><strong>Tī Maru Māori Trust Secondary Boarding Scholarship</strong></td>
<td>$1,000</td>
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<td>Available to Year 9 Māori students with demonstrated financial need, academic ability and aptitude, who wish to attend a secondary boarding school.</td>
<td>20 recipients</td>
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<td><strong>VW &amp; LM Rosier Scholarship</strong></td>
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<td>Available to Year 13 Māori students with academic merit, studying mathematics and two science subjects at NCEA Level 3 (or higher).</td>
<td>6 recipients</td>
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<td><strong>Regina Rudland Memorial Scholarship</strong></td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>Available to Year 13 Māori students who are undertaking study in the field of Agriculture or Apiculture in 2018 at Level 3 or higher.</td>
<td>1 recipient</td>
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Applications are available to download from the Māori Education Trust (MET) website. Alternatively, call, text or email the office and an application form will be sent to you.

**NOTE:** Applications and supporting documentation must reach the Māori Education Trust by 4.30 pm, Friday, 2 Poutū-te-rangi (March) 2018.

Feel free to contact the office for further information.

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2017 Calendar of Events
TERM FOUR
November
Fri 17 Year 9/10 Exams
Mon 20 Year 9/10 Exams
Wed 22 Year 9/10 Rugby League
Thurs 23 Year 9 Retreat
Fri 24 Orientation Day 1:30 pm
Yr 7/8 Tough Challenge
Mon 27 Yr 9/10 Cricket Tournament in Napier
Thurs 30 Tabloid Sports Year 7 & 8
December
Tues 5 Activity Day
Fri 8 Junior Prizegiving School closes 12.30

2018 Term Dates
Term 1
Mon 29 Jan to Fri 13 April
NB: Waiting Day is Tuesday 6 February - school will be closed
Term 2
Mon 30 April to Fri 6 July
Term 3
Mon 23 July to Fri 28 September
Term 4
Mon 15 Oct to Fri 7 December

Homestays Required
Homestays are required for International students who will be attending Francis Douglas Memorial College in 2018. Homestay hosts are paid and accommodation is required for students arriving end of January. If this is something that would interest your family, please contact Margie Smith to discuss:
msm@fdmc.school.nz or phone 021 828 683