



Francis Douglas Memorial College

Important Dates

Ash Wednesday
14 February

NCEA Level One
Information
Evening
Tuesday 20
February 6.30pm

Swimming Sports
Friday
23 February

Athletics Day
Friday 9 March

Taranaki
Anniversary Day
School Closed
Monday 12
March

GALA DAY
Saturday
24 March
11.00 am

From the Principal

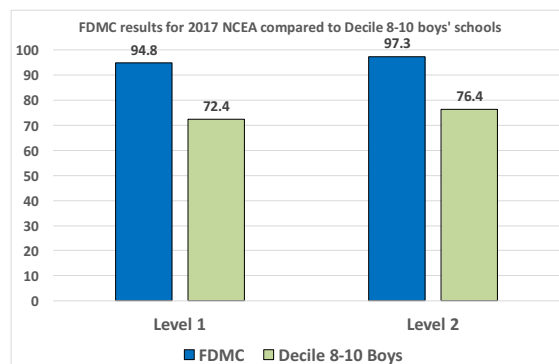
Our students and staff have returned refreshed for another year. Our speedy start is a credit to the preparatory work put in by clerical, pastoral and property staff.

As is our custom, new students were welcomed to the school by our senior leaders. Junior student Keelan La Master is pictured, being greeted by Dominic Coleman – Lasallian Youth Captain (left) and Head Boy – Daniel Kibby.



The Exams

Summaries of interim NCEA results, for all of our students who were on our school roll half way through the year, are compared with boys from Decile 8 to 10 schools in the graphs below. The results for our boys who were in Levels 1 and 2 are exceptional. They must live up to this as they embark on L2 and L3 respectively. Once again these results are testimony to capable teachers, motivated students and supportive families. Greater focus of staff on individual student needs and an enhanced student resolve to remain in the examination room, have all borne fruit.



Swimming & Athletic Sports

Our swimming sports will be held on Friday 23 February. This is an important day in the school's calendar because it gives us a chance to engage in a whole-school day where there is healthy competition and opportunity to build school pride and spirit. The day also gives our swimming stars a chance to shine in front of their peers.

While it is recognised that swimming does not suit all students, it is important for all to stretch beyond their comfort zones at times and be there to cheer on others who excel on such days. Procedures for absence are:

- Those who are unwell should stay home and supply a note on their return
- Those who cannot swim or are injured must have a note signed by their PE teachers and should attend the swimming and assist with organisation
- A student who chooses to be absent on the day without a genuine parent note will face follow-up action.

The same procedures will apply for Athletics day on 9 March.

Students should come dressed for changes in the weather and ensure they have very good sun protection. Some sunblock will be available. Only approved senior students may wear costumes and/or body paint.

In an effort to encourage the small number of students who are not good participants when it comes to irregular school days, I am keen to point out that unjustified absence from swimming, athletics, cross-country, founder's and MAD days will see the school contemplating non-issue of testimonials and ineligibility to attend the Graduation Dinner.

Family Hospitality at our Swimming Sports

Our PTA are keen to host families during the short lunch break at our Swimming Sports on Friday 23 February. Please ensure your son has a packed lunch for the sports, as for any other school day, and he can lunch with his friends. You however, and any of your family members or other supporters, are welcome to visit our PTA in the Canopy building for barbequed food and a drink at no cost except perhaps encouragement to join the PTA. We look forward to seeing you.

Staff changes

We welcome new staff members pictured in alphabetical order:



Anton
Berndt
Technology



Sheree Asi
Science



Tony Basile
Religious
Education



Kit Hacker
English



Eric Noack
Agriculture



Kelvin
Simpson
Mathematics

WOMAD advice

Wonderful WOMAD is being hosted once again from 16 till 18 March. After the event in 2014 I was paid a special visit by the organisers who had concerns about student behaviour. They felt annoyed and upset for a number of embarrassed families whose sons were returned to them by the police having been apprehended with alcohol or drugs or in a state of intoxication. For an unaccompanied young person to be provided with an expensive three day pass to WOMAD in an environment they perceive to be their permission to go crazy, is not wise parenting. Please ensure your son has sensible boundaries to remain safe if he is fortunate enough to be attending this special festival.

As a school, we welcome your prayers and assistance in this new year.

St John Baptist de La Salle – pray for us

*Live Jesus in our hearts – forever
Martin Chamberlain - Principal*

UNIFORM SHOP

Our regular Uniform Shop hours are as follows:

Tuesday and Friday 11.30am – 2.00pm.

The Uniform Shop is only open during term time. Students may only visit the Uniform Shop during their lunch break (12.45 – 1.30pm) on these days. Please note that Blazer Hire is only available on these days. Orders can be placed by sending a completed order form (available on the College website – under the “For Students” tab), and cash/cheque into the College office with students or by scanning and emailing a completed order form through to uniform@fdmc.school.nz and depositing the funds into our bank account using your son’s student number, name and “uniform” in the reference fields eg: 18396, Samuel Brown, Uniform. Once the order is paid for and made up, your son’s name will be placed on the Daily Notices to collect it from the Uniform Shop the next time it is open. The College bank account details are:

FDMC Board of Trustees
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**Swimming Success**

Congratulations to Brayden Meuli (pictured below) who competed at the Victorian State Swimming Champs in Melbourne over the holidays. Brayden got 4 top 10 placings,



including a bronze medal in the 200 fly. He broke the Taranaki record for the 100 fly which had stood since 2002 and took over 8 seconds off the 200 fly record which he already held.

Last School Day for 2018

The last day of school this year will be Thursday 13 December. I apologise for my earlier notification of 7 December.
Martin Chamberlain

Safety

Please do not drop off, or pick students up, at the top of the College driveway. Students can be dropped on Tukapa St, Omata Road, Julian Place or Waimea St. We would ask all parents to adhere to this to keep students safe. The College would like to keep the congestion at the start and end of the day to a minimum in this area for safety reasons.

Māori Education Trust 2018

Secondary Scholarships

The closing date for 2018 secondary scholarships is fast approaching. Please promote the attached flyer to students who may benefit from a scholarship. Applications for the 2018 Secondary Scholarship round must reach us no later than **4.30 pm, Friday, 2 Poutū-te-rangi (March) 2018.**

Secondary scholarships comprise the following:

Year 9

Rose Hellaby Scholarship

Tī Maru Māori Trust Secondary Boarding Scholarship

Year 9 – 13

Sister Anne Henry Scholarship

Year 12 – 13

RJ Graham Scholarship

Year 13

VW & LM Rosier Scholarship.

Secondary application forms can be obtained from our website www.maorieducation.org.nz.

Alternatively, application forms can be posted. If you or your students have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office on (04) 586 7971 or by return email.

Heoi anō.

nā Shelley Gear

Scholarships Administrator

Toitū Kaupapa Māori Mātauranga

MĀORI EDUCATION TRUST

Gifted and Talented

Extensions and activities for interested boys are starting over the next two weeks. I will be calling for those keen and committed in Robotics, Coding and Law Mooting next week. Parents/caregivers might like to discuss these opportunities with their sons. I am always open to suggestions for extensions for our students and can be contacted at rwa@fdmc.school.nz

Robyn Wackrow

Gifted & Talented Co-ordinator

Year 7 and 8 Vaccination Video

The Health Nurse will be coming on **Tuesday 27 February** to show our boys a DVD about the Year 7 vaccinations and also to hand out the consent forms.

This will take place in the library at 1.30 pm for Year 8 students and 2.20 for Year 7 students. Parents/caregivers are invited along.

Borneo Outreach

We are so proud of our recent old boy, Alton Gondipon, who recently completed his first international mission work in Sabah, Borneo. Alton, a young man only 2 years out from school, has founded the charity "Borneo Outreach", to provide a sense of hope and humanity to those less fortunate on the island of Borneo.

With the support of 45 companies from around the world, including our very own Fonterra Cooperative Group Ltd, he and his team were able to reach out to many people in need.

Alton managed to provide basic needs to orphanages and to less fortunate people in rural areas. He also provided aid to a Lasallian Hostel in Nabawan, Borneo, that was founded by the late Brother Peter Phelan. The De La Salle Mission Hostel caters for young people from less fortunate families in Borneo. Alton is a true Lasallian and a fine caring College Man.
Colleen Severinsen - HOD Science



NCEA Level One Information

There will be a "Getting to know NCEA Level One" information evening for parents/caregivers of Year 11 students.

This will be a Q & A evening about the NCEA requirements, literacy, numeracy, pathways, assessment policies and practices etc. which will be held on Tuesday 20th February at 6.30 pm in the Theatrette.

Year 7 Retreat

The Year 7's had their retreat in the Chapel here at school yesterday. The theme was "Jesus and Me". The boys worked in small groups, they sang, they participated in games and a scavenger hunt to find their way around the school. The Year 13 leaders came and helped out for every session. What a wonderful day.

If you want to see a video of their waiata please like and follow the FDMC Special Character Facebook page.

Anna Zigovits-Mace

Director of Religious Studies



The year 7 boys are pictured below playing 'Jockey' with the senior leaders.



Francis Douglas Memorial College GALA

Saturday 24 March 2018 11am - 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 the college foyer before school 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.

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

2017 Calendar of Events

- February**
- Friday 9 Year 7 Camp concludes
 - Mon 12 Year 9 Camps
 - Wed 14 Ash Wednesday
 - Thurs 15 Tennis v Stratford High School (away)
 - Mon 19 Yr 9 Camps
 - Tues 20 NCEA Level One Information 6.30 pm in the Theatre
 - Fri 23 Swimming Sports
 - Sun 25 Cricket 1st XI v St Peters (at home)
 - Mon 26 Yr 12 Biology field trip
- MARCH**
- Thurs 1 Yr 9 Retreat
 - Mon 5 Yr 8 TOPEC Camps
 - Wed 7 Victoria Uni liaison 1.30 pm in the library
 - Fri 9 Athletic Sports
 - MON 12 Taranaki Anniversary Day - School Closed
 - Wed 14 Waikato Uni Liaison 1.30 pm in the library
 - Thurs 15 TSSA Athletics
 - Mon 19 Summer Tournament Week
 - Wed 21 Yr 7/8 Vaccinations
 - Thurs 22 Taranaki AWD Athletics
 - SAT 24 **GALA DAY** 11 am
 - Mon 26 Massey Uni liaison 1.30 pm in the library
 - Wed 28 Easter Liturgy Parent Teacher Interviews 3pm-8pm
 - Thurs 29 Parent Teacher Interviews 8am - 12noon

Scrap for CARITAS 2018

Our annual Caritas Appeal starts on Ash Wednesday 14 February. This day typically begins six weeks of monetary collections through vertical form classes. As Caritas is one of several charitable organisations we support throughout the year, we are increasingly conscious of how often we ask our community for donations. So this year for Caritas in lieu of cash donations if you prefer, we are asking for your scrap metal instead. We would like you to gather up any scrap metal e.g. old car/truck/tractor batteries etc and deliver them to Energy City Recyclers at 2 Craig Place in Waiwhakaiho. Just let them know that you are offering your scrap on behalf of FDMC and your contribution will be added to the total collection. Many thanks. *Tina Dalliston*

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