



# Francis Douglas Memorial College

## Important Dates

### GALA DAY

Saturday

24 March

11.00 am

### Parent Interviews

Wednesday

28 March

3pm - 8 pm

and

Thursday

29 March

9am - 1 pm

No classes will be held

Friday 30 March

Good Friday school closed

Monday 2 April

& Tuesday 3 April

school closed for Easter break

Friday 6 April

Colours

Assembly

10.15 am

### From the Principal

This is the time of year when Heads of Departments report in writing on specified aspects, to senior management, on progress made last year. The pleasurable thing for me in reading these reports, is to sense the care and professionalism these people show in their work and the pride they have in the work of the members of their teams. Along with our students' parents, our staff are in the business of creating *Good College Men* and they take that role very seriously. The teachers are also proud of our exceptional pass rates in NCEA. Our students in Year 12 are well aware that they had a 94.8% pass rate last year and for our Year 13 group that figure was 97.3%. Our teachers know however, that the whole picture is not as rosy and it is unfortunate that, for all its splendid attributes, NCEA has become a trap for minimalists. The credits earned towards reaching the Certificate are the same in number whether they are earned as Achieved, Merit or Excellence. So rather than students stretching to reach for the heights, it is all too easy to be content with an *Achieved* grade. While this is laudable for many of our students, for others, it is a waste of God-given talent and exasperating from their teachers' points of view. So what are we going to do about that this year? Along with lamenting the level of complacency, our Heads of Departments frequently point to literacy. Our students may know their material but they are not as strong as they could be at putting it into words. They have not mastered the specialist vocabulary or the discipline of putting pen to paper in a manner that is purposeful and intent on conveying clear understanding of the topic. It is for this reason that our staff are concentrating their professional development on student literacy. That was the intent of their work on Monday's *Teacher Only Day*.

As another way of improving things, our students have all been told that for those of them who earn an *Excellence Endorsement* (50 or more Excellence credits) in Level 1 or 2 NCEA this year, the Board will reward them with \$100. Boys understand that sort of incentive! Those who see this as unfair to those who cannot reach these levels should appreciate that our students have a much higher pass rate than most other schools. It is the more academically gifted who are letting the side down. Those students have to lift their game and that should benefit everyone in the classroom. The \$100 is being called the *Kahu Award* after the native harrier hawk that is a high flyer.

To check whether they listened at Assembly, ask your son/s what, "Be an eagle, not a tegal", means.



Another aspect that has lost its importance in the eyes of many, is homework. It is not difficult to find studies that claim it is of little value. But try telling Beauden Barrett that he doesn't have to practise goal kicking before game day... To support the notion of homework's value, one of the most impressive statistics was our boarders' pass rate in NCEA. In 2017, 53 out of the 54 boarders passed. That's 98.1%. Some years it has been 100%. Our boarders are no brighter than our day students, therefore I believe the 1 1/2 hours of study they are required to do each night is responsible for their success. Practice and repetition are essential in all skill building so please, as parents, encourage reflective homework.

Our boys are wonderful young men and the better their academic achievement, the more choices life will place in front of them. We are in the business of excellence.

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

*Martin Chamberlain  
Principal*

### WOMAD Cooking Competition

On Wednesday 14th March, Sreeram Murugaiyen, Kyle Woodhead and Ollie Gooch competed in the 2018 Secondary Schools WOMAD Cooking Competition held at WITT. They were required to prepare one savoury dish and one sweet dish using the ingredients from the pantry items provided. They were judged on a range of criteria including how well the dishes represented what WOMAD stood for. Our team made a Malaysian inspired prawn dish called Nasi Lemak, and a chocolate brownie. The boys represented Francis Douglas exceptionally well and also came second place in the competition. For their efforts they each were rewarded with a day pass to WOMAD.  
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### Outdoor Education

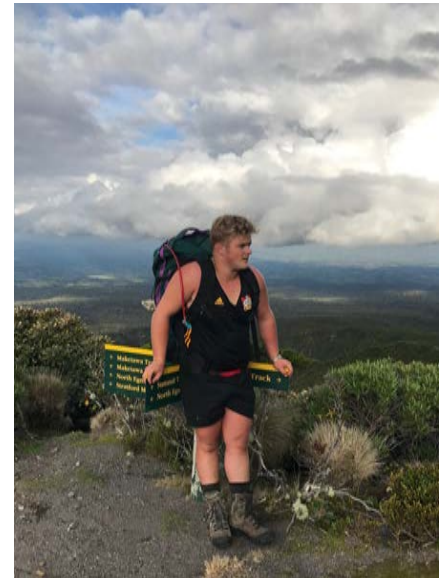
The Year 12 Outdoor Education class completed their first tramping and camping assessment this week on Mt Taranaki. The class hiked up to Tahurangi Lodge on Tuesday afternoon and were up at 3:30 am on Wednesday to make it to the summit in time for the sunrise. Unfortunately the weather didn't live up to the forecast and after some rain, strong winds and freezing temperatures, the group made the tough call at 1950 metres (at about 5 am) to turn around back to the lodge. It turned out to be a wise decision with the weather deteriorating further and by the time it became light it was obvious that a summit trip would be a miserable experience. The group have learned a lot from this trip and are richer for the experience and will look for another time to complete a trip to the summit.

### 2018 Athletic Sports

This year's Athletics Sports day was held in blustery conditions but this did little to dampen the energy and enthusiasm of both staff and students. Participation was excellent and the College Spirit was evident throughout the day. There were many standout performances during the day, including a new record in the Year 7 100m sprint by Liam Corrigan, Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneekens dominating in the 200m and 400m (distances he again dominated at the TSSSA champs a week later) and of course the staff relay team making up for their second place finish in the Swimming to once again take first place in the 8 x 100m relay.

Congratulations to Loreto house for completing the rare first place double in Swimming and Athletics.

*Matt Lash (HOD PE & Outdoor Education)*



### Athletic Champions for 2018

#### Year 7

1st Liam Corrigan (S), 2nd Oliver Kerr (L), 3rd Kingston MacArthur (S)

#### Year 8

1st Albie Francis-Alles (L), 2nd Isaiah Lotufaàmanatu (S), 3rd Kahu Capper

#### Junior

1st Jake Linders (S), 2nd Oscar Hadley (LS), 3rd Zach Bradford (LS)

#### Intermediate B

1st Aiden Bocock (S), 2nd Luke Weston (B), 3rd Kade Saxton (LS)

#### Intermediate A

1st Max Erkes (L), 2nd Gregor Forrest (B), 3rd Xavier Kere-Rako

#### Senior

1st Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens (B), 2nd equal Andrew Kere-Rako (L), Titan Cook (L) and Jordan Roylance (LS)

### House Points

1st	Loreto	1215
2nd	Benildus	995
3rd	La Salle	991
4th	Solomon	955

### Big Day Out

Recently our group of 12 International students joined others in the area to go on a big day out bus trip. Over 40 students attended and the weather was perfect for rowing on the lake at Pukekura park, visiting the mountain and bush walk, sausage sizzle at Tupare gardens, photos at Te Rewa Rewa bridge and finally an ice-cream at the beach. Students of many nationalities had the chance to really experience what Taranaki has to offer and the added bonus of making friends from other schools.

*Margie Smith - International Students Director*



## Careers

### PIHMS Career Weeks 2018

17 - 20 April

9 - 12 July

9 - 12 October

These days are an excellent opportunity for students interested in finding out about a career in hospitality, tourism or hotel management.

Phims Career week provides Year 12 and 13 students with the opportunity to experience PIHMS, their culture, lifestyle, education and training to see if this is where your future lies.

Places are limited so apply as soon as possible online at

[www.pihms.ac.nz/career-week.html](http://www.pihms.ac.nz/career-week.html)

### Yoobee School of Design Wellington

Situated in the West Wing of Wellington Railway Station 2 and 4 day holiday courses during the April holidays - 16th - 27th.

Choose from:

Graphic Design, Digital Illustration (April 16th - 20th)

Game Art & Development, Film Production, 3D Animation using Maya and Digital Character Sculpting (April 23rd - 27th)

To find out more and to enrol go on - [yoobee.ac.nz](http://yoobee.ac.nz) - or ring 04 384 9624 - or email

[grace.bourke@acgedu.com](mailto:grace.bourke@acgedu.com)

### Workshop visit

The year 11 students in Mrs Hermanns' Science class learnt about Physics and Chemistry outside of the classroom last week. They took a field trip to visit the Revivem Auto Restoration workshop in Inglewood. There they were given a tour of the shop and cars in various stages of restoration. They found out how different metals are used in fabrication, repair and inner workings of the cars. They saw how metals can be pressed, folded and used in welding. The students discussed how the different properties of metals made them more suitable for different purposes. The second learning outcome was to observe different body designs. The students were able to compare the less aerodynamic, boxy body shape of a Volkswagen kombi van with the more sporty and aerodynamic shape of a Porche 911. The boys were interested about how many hours go into restoring a car, the value of the finished vehicles and how much parts cost. Thank you to Dave Hermanns for taking the time to give the boys a look around.

*Christina Hermanns*

### Future Scientists in the Making

Mrs Marshall's IISCI class is currently studying **Implications of Heat for Everyday Life**. They are learning to harness solar energy for the everyday purpose of cooking food. The students have constructed solar ovens and have been testing the ovens to determine their efficiency. Once the bookwork has been completed, the class plans to cook up a feast of melted cheese on crackers, followed by melted chocolate and marshmallows with their ovens. This study forms part of the Achievement Standard 90943, which is assessed internally. The oven's design, its functioning and efficiency will be documented by the students in a report that will be assessed for 4 NCEA Level 1 credits.



### Sewing and Mending Classes

We still desperately need sewing machines and overlockers for our Monday afternoon classes. 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.

*Estelle Meyer*



### Swimming Sports Results

#### Year 7

1st Callum Gordon (B)

2nd Kingston MacArthur (S)

3rd Connell Hagenson (L)

#### Year 8

1st Cullen Read (LS)

2nd Sam Corlett (L)

3rd Zac Stolte (L)

#### Junior

1st Brayden Meuli (L)

2nd Morgan Mills (B)

3rd Oliver Tippett (LS)

#### Intermediate B

1st Pawhare Packer (L)

2nd Jack Cleland (B)

3rd Harvey George (L)

#### Intermediate A

1st Olly Spicer (S)

2nd Max Erkes (L)

3rd Gregor Forrest (B)

#### Senior

1st Matthew Meuli (L)

2nd Troy Ryan (L)

3rd Theo Johnsen (LS)

### House Points

1st	Loreto	1162
2nd	Benildus	925
3rd	Solomon	838
4th	La Salle	797





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· QUESTIONS? ·  
**SEE MRS DALLISTON**

# WALKING THE TIGHTROPE

A FREE SEMINAR FOR PARENTS THROUGHOUT TARANAKI

**The balancing act between the social and the safe online – what we can do to support our young people to navigate on-line challenges and complexities**

Wednesday 28 March, 2018

7pm – 8.30pm

Ryder Hall, New Plymouth Boys High School

There has never been a greater need for parents and whānau to take a proactive approach towards supporting their young people as they learn not only the opportunities of being online, but also managing online challenges such as, bullying, harm, and inappropriate content. Netsafe Education advisor, Anjela Webster, will be sharing information to help support parents in what they need to know, and what they can do to support their families and whānau.



For more details, please contact [tsft@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tsft@xtra.co.nz)

## 2017 Calendar of Events MARCH

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 - no classes  
 for students  
 Fri 30 GOOD FRIDAY  
 school closed  
 Sat 31 Tauranga Boys v 1st XI  
 Football

## APRIL

Sun 1 Kings v 1st XI Football  
 Mon 2 Easter Monday school  
 closed  
 Tues 3 School closed  
 Wed 4 Resurrection Liturgy  
 10.20 am  
 Thurs 5 Sheila Winn  
 Shakespeare  
 Fri 6 Colours Assembly  
 10.15 am  
 North Island  
 Sailing competition  
 Mon 9 De La Salle v  
 1st XV Rugby 10.30am  
 Canterbury Uni visit  
 Tues 10 Year 7 Farm visits  
 Wed 11 Year 7 Farm visits  
 Lincoln Uni visit  
 Thurs 12 1st XV Rugby trip  
 Yr 7/8 Social @  
 SHGC  
 Yr 9/10 Social @

### Physiotherapy @ Carefirst

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[carefirst@clear.net.nz](mailto:carefirst@clear.net.nz)

### 1st XV Rugby Fundraiser

This year the 1st XV have a trip to the South Island in the April holidays as a lead up to the 2018 club competition. To help with fundraising, the players will be taking orders for :

Yarrows: Cookies (Oat and Raisin, M&M, White Choc, Choc chip) and Croissants

Kingsway clothing (Pants, Shorts, pants, jerseys etc)

Andersons: Pies and Savouries

James Rowland



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