



# Francis Douglas Memorial College

## Important Dates

Wednesday  
27th June  
Parent Inter-views  
2.30 pm - 8.00 pm

Friday  
6 July  
Term 2 Ends

Term 3 Begins  
Monday  
23 July

### From the Principal

Don't those Barretts bring joy to our community? Those who know their parents are not surprised that Kevin and Robyn have produced good men – humble, hardworking, uncomplaining and mighty talented. Whether it's Scott's man-mountain reliability, Jordie's wizardly improvisation that we thought was globally unique to Beauden, or their elder who is so vital that our nation's heart skipped a beat when he was upended last weekend. These are *Good College Men* and we pray for their continued success as they grapple with the huge pressures of hard training, public relations, the community's adulation and an over zealous media.

In the same fashion, we are continuing to produce wonderful young men at this college. Young people have never had so many pressures placed upon them from all sides, yet I strongly propose to those I meet that our young people have never been so amenable and positive to interact with. A generation or two ago, most students saw most of their teachers as distant beings to whom they did not easily relate. Disciplinary issues were frequent and corporal punishment was used to maintain order. Skip ahead to today, and we witness students and teachers who see each other as fellow travellers. Interactions are friendly, learning occurs in partnership rather than by coercion and misdemeanours are more often seen as learning opportunities. It would be understandable if this generation was angry with the world they will have to make their way in and yet they bravely face modern life.

Bravely is a deliberately chosen word. The pressures from all sides are great and none more so than those created by the internet – that wonderful but frightening tool we are all so dependent on. For our young people it is an ever present companion like a mirror that is constantly held up to them. What they see in that mirror is seldom themselves but an image constructed by pressure to buy, pressure to act and pressure to put pressure on others. The relentless presence of the 'net forces our young people to create the best image they can in that mirror. It's not the image they would choose so much as one they feel is most acceptable to others. They witness peers being ostracised online by the group and are so grateful that it is not them at the centre, that they usually tolerate or even join in the frenzy in the belief it makes them part of the in-crowd. Given the impetuous nature of the adolescent brain, these harmful actions occur too rapidly for deep thought but anonymity means that little guilt is attached.

Parents can alleviate some of this pressure by insisting phones are left in the living room at bedtime. Our school endeavours to lessen it by switching off our wireless internet from 10:45 to 11:00 and 1:00 till 1:30.

We now have access to another tool that I am seeking parent opinion on. Our FDMC App is very popular and now we are able to access another App, one that allows students to confidentially and anonymously report harm being done to themselves or others. There would of course be high stakes responsibilities for accurate and truthful reporting by students and careful investigation by pastoral staff that protected confidentiality and ensured it got to the root of the matter, but the private anguish some of our students experience from time to time should be able to be addressed by our caring staff in conjunction with their parents. What do parents think of this idea?

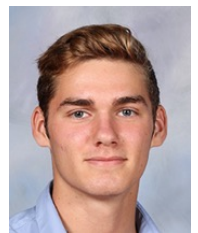
*St John Baptist de La Salle – Pray for us  
Live Jesus in our hearts forever*

*Martin Chamberlain*

### Colin Campbell

Congratulations to Colin who is in Year 12. He has been awarded a scholarship that pays most of his costs for two years of study at the prestigious United World Colleges (UWC) school ISAK, the international school of Asia in Kaurizawa, Japan. Details can be found on <https://uwcisak.jp> UWC is a global education movement that makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. To win the award, Colin had to apply through a national competition, submit essays and undergo a regional selection process and then attend a weekend of interviews with ten others in Wellington. Colin's parents state, "We feel that FDMC's long standing commitment to community service, and dedication to academic excellence has helped Colin to achieve this goal. We thank you and all the staff for the work you have done in helping Colin and preparing him for this fantastic learning opportunity."

Colin leaves FDMC at the end of this term with our proud best wishes.



### Changes to the Year 11 timetable structure for 2019:

“Understanding Faith” is the Curriculum Statement for the religious education of students in all the Catholic Secondary Schools of Aotearoa New Zealand and has been mandated by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops’ Conference. The time allocation for senior secondary students as prescribed by the document is a minimum of 180 minutes per week. While Francis Douglas Memorial College meets this requirement at Years 12 and 13 it is not currently met at Year 11. Therefore, as from 2019 there will be four periods per week of religious education classes similarly to what Years 12 and 13 study at present.

### What will this mean for the Year 11 students at the College?

All of our Year 11 students are required to undertake a programme of learning in religious education, English, mathematics and science. Additionally, Year 11 students will be asked to **select two option** subjects for 2019, for example, geography, history, technology, art etc. Please note, all existing Year 11 options will continue to be offered in 2019.

Students will attend five 50-minute lessons for all subjects each week. They will also attend four periods of religious studies and one “work ready, life ready” skills lesson which will cover topics such as goal setting, study skills, well-being/hauora, digital citizenship and financial literacy. We believe this change in timetable is in line with the nationally signaled intention to reduce the quantity of assessment for NCEA Level One so that students’ learning is shifted away from credit harvesting towards deeper and more meaningful learning experiences. Moreover, it will enable the option teachers to develop programmes of learning which better support our students to develop essential skills for the twenty first century.

The New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) suggests that a school’s local curriculum provides students with the opportunity to experience a broad range of subjects from Years 7-10. However from Years 11-13 it is important that the curriculum provides for greater specialisation as students approach the end of their school years and their ideas and aspirations about their future become clearer. This change to the Year 11 timetable supports the thinking underpinning The NZC.

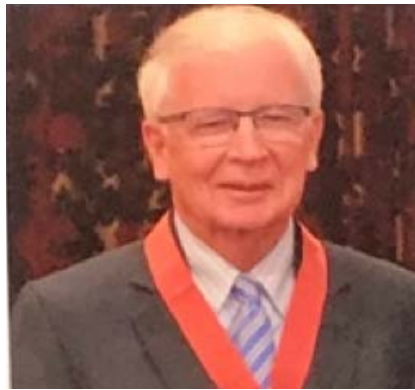
Our pass rate for the last two years in NCEA Level 1 has exceeded 94%

and the additional time each option subject and religious education will be given should ensure the ability to attain the number of credits needed will be enhanced rather than hampered.

*Melinda Stevenson – Deputy Principal Curriculum*

### Catholic Convention

Last Wednesday the ninth tri-annual National Catholic Convention was opened at the TSB Arena in Wellington. Eight staff from FDMC attended and we were very proud to be present as our own Sir Br Pat Lynch



was honoured with a Laureate Award for his services to Catholic Education in Aotearoa.

The keynote from David Wells of Plymouth, England was titled “Shoulder my yoke and learn from me” – Catholic Education and the Art of Accompaniment. He spoke of the joy of the gospel and how the most recent encyclicals from our Pope remind us that we are here for each other. He was a highly entertaining keynote speaker with a message of hope for our church and our future. Together we are the living and loving church.

A highlight of the Convention was the Mass. Bishop Charles Drennan

was the celebrant and co-celebrating with him were the Bishops of each Diocese and Cardinal John Dew. The Mass was alive with beautiful music, wonderful singing, the words of scripture and a community joined as one in the active celebration of our shared faith.

Finally we took the liberty of approaching our Holy Father from Rome for a photo shoot. He stood in position and graciously smiled, while we moved around for the best possible angle, as if he was a cardboard cutout – Oops I think he was! We have returned from this amazing Convention nourished in spirit and full of enthusiasm for the gift of our Catholic Special Character.

*Live Jesus in our Hearts Forever*  
*Anna Zsigovits-Mace*  
*Director of Religious Studies*



*Pictured above are some of the staff members who attended - left to right: Tony Basile, Anna Zsigovits-Mace, Rae Sullivan-Brown, Michelle Stevenson and Sarah Moller.*



**Science**

The wonderful people at Texas BBQ foods, Ash, Jerryn and Cielo, welcomed Mrs Hermanns' Year 11 Science class to their plant on Friday afternoon. The boys saw first hand how important food safety is to producing their special smoked meat



products. As the boys entered the preparation room, they had to remove all jewellery, watches and thoroughly wash their hands. The students then had to put on gumboots, hairnets and plastic coats. As the tour began, the boys had some great questions for Cielo Cuaresma, our guide. Cielo explained how refrigeration temperature, cleaning, cooking temperature and vacuum packing prevents contamination by microbes. At the conclusion of the tour, the boys were treated to generous samples of the smoked pork, beef and cheese. Thank you to Cielo, Jerryn and Ash for taking the time to host us at Texas BBQ foods this should assist the boys in their current microbe internal assessment.



Christina Hermanns  
Teacher of Science and Spanish

¡Qué guay! ¡Qué guapo!

These and other exclamations could be heard coming from Señora Hermanns' class last Friday as a group of boys who normally wear their school uniform transformed into runway models and comperes for the Ugly Fashion Show. Plaid with florals? Fuzzy animal hats? Pijamas in the daytime? Golf clubs and beanies? Sí, sí, sí!



Every fashion rule was broken and all in the name of learning Español! The boys were tasked to describe the partners in Spanish as they walked down the catwalk. ¡Bien hecho chicos!

Señora Hermanns  
Profesora de Español

**Year 10 Body Systems Model**

**Competition**

The following students are congratulated on their outstanding models submitted as part of the Year 10 Human Body Systems Model competition:

- Overall Winner: Amos Pease 10R
- First in Class :
  - Amos Pease 10R
  - Oscar Hadley 10G
  - Jackson Thomas 10B
  - Cullen Luckin 10S
  - Koby Gavin 10W
- Highly Commended:
  - Ethan Koning 10S
  - Robert Morgan 10R

Well done to these students and to all the students who entered the competition. Your models were impressive.

Colleen Severinsen  
HOD Science



What's does that button do? This any many other questions were asked on the field trip to Todd Energy's well and production sites during the visit on Tuesday. The boys were treated to a lovely coach ride through Tikorangi to the Mangahewa well site where oil and gas along with water are removed from the ground. Matt Luscombe from Todd Energy described the process to the boys and explained why it was necessary to remove sand, heat and cool the liquids as they pass through various stages in the process. The pipes that carry the mixture to the production site were pointed out too. At the second stop, a well site that is being developed for operation, the boys found out about the pigs that are sent through the pipes to keep them free from waxy build up and what the different coloured hard hats stand for. Finally, the students had the privilege of visiting the control room in the brand new production site and find out about how the mixture is separated by distillation and where the gas and oil go to be refined. The visit was a lot of fun! Thanks to Hamish McHaffie and Brylee Flutey of Todd Energy for agreeing to host us! - Christina Hermanns



### TSSSA Sport

Congratulations to Year 9 student Noah Lash (*pictured above centre*) on winning the TSSSA Table Tennis in Stratford last weekend.

Our doubles team of Ethan Turner and Amedeo Ventresca (*pictured above left*) won the doubles competition.

Congratulations also to FDMC Cross Country champion Luke Weston (*pictured above right*) who came 7th at the New Zealand Secondary Schools cross country champs in a time of 13.53.

### From Bishop Charles

This week I made a face to face submission at parliament. This was a first for me. The topic was David Seymour's Euthanasia or assisted suicide Bill. With me was a young Wellington doctor, Caroline Newson, who works in acute psych medicine. Check out my facebook page to see something of what I presented: Bishop Charles Drennan. Euthanasia would be a deeply regressive or backward step for New Zealand. We pride ourselves on being a progressive nation. This Bill points to the opposite. It is a cause for national shame or whakamā.

+ Charles

Bishop Charles



### AIMS GAMES PROMOTION

These photos were part of a photo shoot and video session at the College this week promoting the AIMS Games. The games take place every year bringing 10,500 primary school students from 320 schools together to celebrate a wide range of sports. We were chosen as part of the promotion because of our reputation for sporting development but looking at the picture on the right, you can't help thinking the setting may also have helped.

Nick Taylor  
Director of Sport



### PTA Raffle

Our PTA have put together a raffle and ask that each family sells at least one book of tickets @ \$2 per ticket in a book of ten tickets = \$20 per book. Raffle books will be posted to parents early next week and the PTA are asking that all books be returned to the college office by Friday 3 August.

Prizes are :

- 1st \$1200 Hello World Travel Voucher kindly sponsored by HNZ Ltd & Carter Agri Ltd
- 2nd BBQ Webber kindly sponsored by Mason Appliances
- 3rd One night's accommodation at the Nice Hotel
- 4th One HP Chromebook kindly sponsored by CSG/Konica Minolta
- 5th \$250 Canterbury Voucher kindly sponsored by Kingsway Menswear
- 6th \$150 Canterbury Voucher kindly sponsored by Kingsway Menswear.



### Willie Apiata VC

Our Head Boy Daniel Kibby and Lasallian Youth Captain Dominic Coleman recently had an opportunity to listen and learn from Willie Apiata VC who was discussing leadership, wellbeing and resilience. Willie shared some of his insights and experiences with Daniel and Dominic, as well as other young students within Taranaki. By all accounts the afternoon spent listening to the Victoria Cross recipient was well worth it! Tim Stuck Deputy Princi-

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEW PLYMOUTH



## Two Vacancies

## 1. Vacancy-Part-time (20 hours)

## PARISH PASTORAL CO-ORDINATOR

This exciting key role, working for the Leadership Team of the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth, is instrumental to help manage and build parish life in our city. You will work closely with the Parish Priest to promote Parish goals, and to enrich and grow the Parish within the community. You will be jointly responsible with the Parish Priest in managing and delivering commitments for the pastoral enrichment of the Parish.

For this you will need to have energy and passion, be great with people from all walks of life, communicate effectively, possess good leadership skills, sound organisational and planning skills, and have a commitment to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

This is a part-time position of 20 hours per week. Working hours may be flexible if mutually beneficial. Any queries on the role can be directed to Mark Poppelwell e-mail: [leadershipteam@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:leadershipteam@catholicparishnp.nz).

For copy of the full position description and/or to apply with your CV, please contact Wendy Silver [wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz) or phone 06 354 1780 ext 833.

## 2. Vacancy-Fixed term 12 months

## PARISH OFFICE MANAGER

This exciting key role, working for the Leadership Team of the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth, is instrumental to help manage and build parish life in our city.

You will work closely with the Leadership Team (that includes the Parish Priest) to promote Parish goals and to enrich and grow the Parish within the community. You will be primarily responsible along with the Parish Priest in managing and delivering on the Parish's statutory and administrative compliance obligations including health and safety, human resources and finance.

You will also be responsible for providing managerial support to the paid and unpaid staff of the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

For this you will need to have energy and passion, communicate effectively, possess very good management, administration and leadership skills and have a commitment to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

This is a full-time 12 month fixed-term position of 37.5 hours per week. Working hours may be flexible if mutually beneficial. Any queries on the role can be directed to: Mark Poppelwell e-mail: [leadershipteam@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:leadershipteam@catholicparishnp.nz)

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## 2018 Calendar of Events

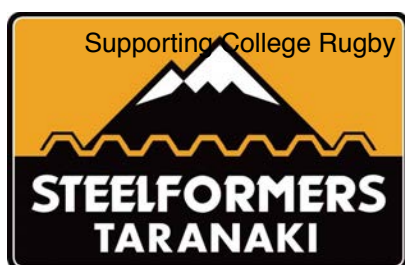
<b>JUNE</b>	
Sat 23	1st XV Rugby v Lindisfarne
Mon 25	Year 12 TOPEC all week
Wed 27	Otago Uni liaison Parent Interviews 2.30 pm - 8.00 pm
Thurs 28	Socials Yr 7/8 at FDMC Yr 9/10 at SHGC
Fri 29	CNO Basketball
Sat 30	Rugby 1st XV v St Pauls (away)
<b>JULY</b>	
Sun 1	TSSSA Squash
Tues 3	Yr 10 Business Studies Market Day
Wed 4	St Bernards' Sports Exchange at FDMC
Fri 6	Term Two Ends

Term Three begins Monday 23 July

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