



**kia ora tātou,**

Congratulations to Mrs Emma Burns and her team of Year 13 leaders for pushing through some initial "Covid-inertia" and getting our Relay for Life team up and running. It really was a wonderful thing to be a part of. The same is true of the O'Shea Shield held at Viard College a couple of weekends ago. As adults we have all probably learnt the hard life lesson that you cannot actually control whether you win or lose at anything. The only real control you have is about how well you prepare, how you perform and, in a team event, how well you support each other. By those measures our boys were wonderful. The fact that we were disappointed at a fourth equal finish out of 17 schools might say something about the expectations we have set for ourselves for this event. The way our boys represented all of us; the way that every one of them delivered almost faultless performances left me feeling very proud.

I was also left feeling very grateful. Those two iconic events did not happen last year because of the pandemic. I know the regret that many of the 2020 Year 13s felt about that. I also know the regret that many of us had when we were unable to be together to watch and support our boys at their sports or music or drama events that were able to happen through much of terms 2 and 3 last year. Taking part in the ANZAC remembrance service or Rockquest or being able to show off our school on our Open Day are things we can do this year that we could not last year. Let's embrace with thankfulness what we used to take for granted before 2020. Let's be a part of as much as we can as we support and celebrate the growth of our boys at our College.

**Staffing.**

We were very sad to have Ms Kirstyn Hatton leave us at the end of last term. Ms Hatton has been a wonderful teacher of so many of our boys and a supportive and positive colleague. We have been very fortunate to have Mr Grant Miles join our staff to replace her. Mr Miles is well known to many of us already as a leader in Catholic education for many years. He has also had wide roles as a national leader in the area of DVC over his teaching career. We welcome Mr Miles and can already see his positivity, professionalism and enthusiasm for knowing each of his students coming through in the way he has settled in so quickly.

Nga mihi

Simon Stack  
Principal



**ANZAC Remembrance**



**Mr Grant Miles**



**Relay4Life**

**St Bernard's College**  
*Te Kura Tuarua o Hato Perenara*



*Te Whakatuwhera i te Whare*

The Proprietor and the St Bernard's College Board of Trustees  
are pleased to invite you

**to the Blessing and Opening  
of our New Library and  
Classroom Block.**

by Cardinal John Dew  
on  
Tuesday 1 June 2021

Please assemble at the front of the new building at 6.30am

A BBQ Breakfast will be provided at the close of the ceremony at  
7.30am

RSVP with numbers by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
to [ngrant@sbc.school.nz](mailto:ngrant@sbc.school.nz)



# Music

## SBC Music – NZ Music Month May 2021

Happy NZ Music Month!! Things are certainly shaping up nicely in our Music department here at SBC.

The SBC Choir is preparing to sing Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy' from Symphony No. 9 with the NZSO and Troy Kingi in September in te reo! They rehearse every Wednesday at lunchtime. All students are welcome.

The SBC Rock Orchestra has gained funding from Musical Futures to attend WEBO (Wellington Ensemble, Band & Orchestra Festival) in August. They are currently rehearsing some jazz numbers, some pop & rock, and Ravel's 'Bolero' every Monday at lunchtime. They will be rehearsing at our Open Day on May 28 if you'd like to pop in for a nosey!

A Year 9 Music Group has just started rehearsing on Thursdays at lunchtime. They are preparing to play at the Wellington Orchestra Festival, also in September. All Year 9s are welcome to join this group.

Meanwhile, our Smokefree Rockquest bands have made it through the heats and will be performing at the Wellington Regional Final of the Smokefree Rockquest on 3 July at the Performing Arts Centre at Sacred Heart College in Lower Hutt. They were outstanding in the heats and we're really looking forward to supporting them in their preparation and performance for this next stage of the competition.

This term, we farewelled drum tutor Michael Jensen, and welcomed Olivia Campion to our music tutor team. Drum lessons now happen on Wednesday and Guitar lessons have moved back to Tuesdays. Students managing to attend these instrumental lessons are working well and we look forward to our regular Pop-Up Concert on the last day of the term in the Music Room. All students in the Instrumental Programme are welcomed to perform and share their musical development with other music students.

'Where words fail, music speaks' according to Hans Christian Anderson. So come and have a listen sometime!! You'll be very welcome!



# O'Shea 2021

## O'Shea Shield 2021

The fact that we were here at all was great news. The boys had worked so hard and the practice assembly in front of the school went really well. We were at O'Shea Shield 2021!

The competition this year was co-hosted by Chanel College and Bishop Viard College at Bishop Viard in Porirua. An early start on the Saturday morning and two vans left SBC. We arrived and were ushered into the gym where groups of students and staff from across two dioceses were milling around expectantly. Then, the powhiri began. Our own Matua Jonas spoke on our behalf as visitors, which was great. Following the powhiri there was a first for O'Shea, an Ava ceremony, reflecting the Pasifika community of our hosts.

From there, the debates. **Ieti Ah Young, Jack Tetley and Luke Collins** (all year 12's) were up against a polished outfit from Francis Douglas Memorial College. They convincingly argued their case but were just pipped by their opposition. To illustrate how close, both colleges received the same score. A great effort boys.

From there it was time to explore and get ready for our next event, the impromptu speech. **Monet Faifai-Collins** was incredible, totally engaging his audience and we just knew, he had absolutely crushed it. Junior prepared speech followed with **Toatoa Sisley** who took his speech to another level speaking about his family.

In the afternoon **Saran Ramachandran** gave his oratory. He was last out of the 17 schools. And he was wonderful as he described in detail the journey he has undertaken as a migrant child, leaving the country of his birth, to becoming head boy at his St Bernard's. You could sense the emotion in the room as we learnt of his being bullied for eating curry at lunchtime at primary school, to taking on the communication responsibilities of his household as the strongest English reader and speaker. Congratulations Saran.

In the evening it was Drama time. Our team of **Jayden Best, Raniera Wichman, Nicholas Tuuga, Tyler Ferguson, and Junior Leleisiuao** were creative, polished and funny as they told the story of Leo, a son, and grandson, taking on the lessons of those who had gone before. What a day, and we were only half way through.

Sunday morning, not surprisingly, is time for the scripture readers to show their poise and knowledge of their readings. **Lewis Collins** was first up and proclaimed the scripture beautifully. He was followed in the Te Reo Scripture reading by **Jade Rangihuna** who also showed remarkable confidence as he had only joined the St Bernard's brotherhood during term one.

Whilst the scripture readers were doing their thing, **Angelo Cabauatan, Damian Scahill and Gershom Anton-Uthayaraj** were illustrating their knowledge of Christus Vivit, an apostolic exhortation from Pope Francis in Religious Questions. They demonstrated great team work and brought tears to the eyes of those watching as they made personal connections to the text and inspired the audience.

Once it all wrapped up after Mass, celebrated by Cardinal John Dew, it was time for the prize giving. We were delighted to see Monet recognised with the cup for Impromptu Speaking. Congratulations to St Joseph's Maori Girls College on their first win of the O'Shea Shield. We can still remember the excitement when we first won. In the wash up, we had come fourth equal. Not our year this time but absolutely proud of the work that the boys had put in and the way that they represented the college.

A huge thanks to all the coaches who helped and guided along the way, **Matua Jonas Malmanche, Mrs Jenny O'Brien, Mr Hamish Sutherland, Mr Alan Grant, Mrs Melissa Watt, Mrs Kirsten Edie, Mr John Palamo and Mr Andrew Clarke.** We couldn't have done this without you.

It was just great to be there again after the cancellation of last year. Thanks to Bishop Viard for hosting us. Next year we visit the winners. We'll be off to Napier and St Joseph's Maori Girls college.



# Relay 4 Life

Over the afternoon and evening of the 10th and morning of the 11th of April the boys of our college participated in and made St Bernard's very proud at Relay for Life. The boys showed brotherhood, commitment, kindness, and dignity while running laps throughout the night. By the end of the night we ended up running 448 laps with nearly 100 boys participating and signed up as a part of the St Bernard's College team. Despite the wet, cold, and miserable weather, our team pushed through with an amazing effort coming in an overall second place behind HIBS for the most laps completed overnight. Not that it was a competition, but our boys were determined to give it their best effort the whole time "Cancer doesn't just stop, sleep or take it easy so neither did we". We had a vast variety of boys participating from year 7, all the way up to year 13. It was amazing seeing our senior boys run alongside our junior students and the encouragement they were giving to the future of our school.

Our year 13 Relay for Life team this year found that the event was an amazing success and achieved both of our main goals which was increasing the number of participants and getting junior students involved. Our second goal was actually fundraising \$1000 for the Cancer Society. On our SBC Team page our students and teachers raised \$3000 dollars! Which was an outstanding effort from our boys and fundraising team. Events that contributed to extra fundraising included, Year 7 and 8 Dance, Sausage Sizzle and Non-uniform Day.

We want to also take this opportunity to thank and praise the amazing work that was done behind the scenes and in preparation for the Relay for Life event. We would like to thank the parents for their amazing support and firstly allowing their boys to participate because we wouldn't have been able to do so without them and for the amazing parent help and support we received on the night.

Secondly we would like to thank all the teachers, Ms Watson and Mrs Gillies who helped with the preparation, organisation and support leading up to and on the night/early hours of the morning.

A massive thank you to Mrs Burns for her amazing work being team captain and being our teacher in charge, you were amazing!

We would also like to say thank you to the board for their support in fundraising for the event and providing us with opportunities to fundraise for the event. We look forward to seeing what comes next for St Bernard's with Relay for Life in 2022.



## Careers

### MITO Automotive Careers Tour Wellington

On the Wednesday 14th April Nic England (yr. 12) & Dante Hamilton (yr. 13) had the opportunity to attend the MITO Automotive Careers Tour. This entailed visiting three different areas of the automotive service, Cable Price Services, Blair Wright Panel Beaters and King Toyota Hutt Valley. It was a great opportunity to see behind the scenes and to talk to both managerial staff and their apprentice's.



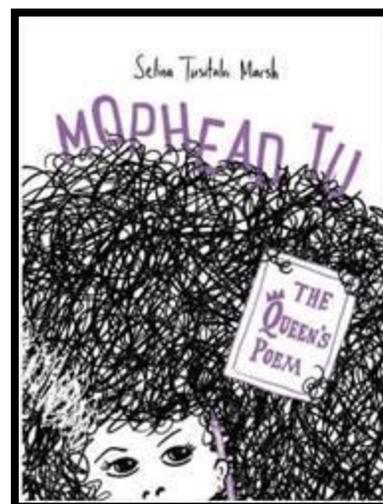
## Library

Mophead Tu is by Pasifika / NZ poet Selina Tusitala Marsh. In 2016 she was invited to perform for the Queen of England in London. But when her colleague calls her a 'sellout', Selina starts doubting herself. Can she stand with her people who struggled against the Queen...and still serve the Queen? From the sinking islands in the South Seas to the smoggy streets of London, this is a hilariously thought-provoking take on colonial histories and one poet's journey to bridge the divide.

### Fortnite, Fades and Kicks

E-sports, Gaming, Free haircuts and Pizza. See Fortnite player Jahlyn Evernden in action playing live, meet sneakerhead Sean Aickin and hear about some of his epic purchases and get your haircut by the 'Whos Next Barbers' for free. Arepa Gamers Club will be running VR gaming stations, a PS4 racing rig station and PS console gaming area. Free for all to play. This is a free event run at the National Library in Wellington (near the train station) Sat 19<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 2pm. More info at: <https://natlib.govt.nz/events/fortnite-fades-and-kicks-june-19-2021>

### Book of the Month



## Science



Congratulations to the following Yr10 Students Thomas Doyle, Mathew Smart, Trace Iti and Euan Monteclaro who won the HVDHB Trophy at the Stemm Student Challenge held last week at the Lower Hutt Events Centre. They were the top Junior Secondary (Yr9 and 10) team in the Hutt Valley.

# Polish Festival 2021

The Polish Festival 2021 brought a joyful celebration of European culture, traditions, dance and cuisine to St Bernard's College, Lower Hutt earlier this month. The Hutt community was invited to join with our Polonia from the Wellington region to sample the sights, sounds and taste of Poland. The dates aligned for us to celebrate 2 May, the day of Polonia and the Polish flag together with 3 May our National day of Independence.

Visitors were entertained by dance and music in the hall and able to sample pierogi (polish dumplings), kielbasa (spicy sausage), bigos (cabbage and sauerkraut stew) and placki (potato pancakes) sold outdoors from our camp kitchen. Coffee, tea and Polish cakes could be purchased for afternoon tea.

Children were catered for with an activity space and storytelling and a Bouncy Castle outdoors. There were interesting crafts on view and for sale. Another space catered for history displays and information about Polish settlers to New Zealand from as early as the 1870s. Several of our new portable panels from the exhibition 'From Poland to Pahiataua' attracted many views.

The Polish Association festival committee thanks St Bernard's for providing a fantastic venue for our celebration and also our funding partners Hutt City Creative Communities, Polish Embassy and Polish Charitable and Educational Trust.

Irena Lowe  
Coordinator Polish Festival 2021  
The Polish Association in New Zealand



# Sport

## Waterpolo

The St Bernard's College Senior Water Polo team travelled to the Waikato to compete in the National Division II championships. The event was held from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April until Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Games were held at Waterworld Te Rapa, Hamilton and St Peter's School Cambridge.

The team played Avondale College on the Saturday evening under lights in Cambridge. Traditionally water polo is played outside but in New Zealand this is unusual. The match was very close with SBC dominating shots on goal but our conversion rate was low and we fell to a narrow 7-8 loss. The next two games were played in Hamilton. The first game against Orewa College was hard fought but we fell with another narrow loss. Our final pool match was against a very strong Hamilton BHS side. It was goal for goal for around 2/3 of the game but given the game was not going to impact on our placing the coaching staff took the opportunity to rotate players to prepare for post-pool play.

We were placed in the Bowl competition for our final three matches. First up was Scots College - who we had beaten earlier in the season quite comfortably. This was a disappointing performance and we once again went down narrowly 8-10. We then faced Takapuna Grammar who had just beaten St Patrick's College Silverstream and in the early part of the tournament had very close losses against the eventual Gold and Silver medal winning teams. The boys responded brilliantly and put together a complete performance and comfortably won 8-4. In the final game of the tournament, we were matched with St Patrick's College and this game would determine our final placing. Both sides knew each other well and the competition was hard but played with an excellent spirit. Goal for goal for the entire 24 minutes. There was plenty of encouragement from the parents who had travelled up to support the team - we thank them for the tremendous support. At the final whistle we came away with a very hard fought 10-9 victory - exactly the result we required to win the Bowl section. A successful trip!



## Futsal

NZSS Futsal National Tournament 2021 - SBC Junior Team

### Day 1

The team came up against the best 3 teams in our pool, one of the teams came second overall, the other team came in the top four all games were losses. There were some great moments and the boys by the end of the day were starting to know and learn each other's movements.

### Day 2

With a very early start today, the boys asked to change things up a bit and change the on court formation. We took this on board, they looked like a completely new team, and the games flowed on court. This new formation helped us become undefeated this day

### Day 3

Finals - the lads were sore and tired but they dug in to win all games this day, they ended up winning the plate final.

We were very lucky for one of our players to come away with golden boot of the junior section - well done Rereao - what a great personal achievement and such a positive reflection to the SBC name!

On reflection if the games on day 1 were different, our team would have had a good chance at hitting top eight. That is the nature of tournaments though. Overall, I was incredibly pleased with the way the lads behaved both personally and in wearing their school colours.

# Sport

## Softball

St Bernards were privileged to take a Secondary Schools national team to Palmerston North to compete in the Div 2 Secondary Schools Nationals. The Palmerston North venue is of international standard so the playing conditions for our boys were second to none. We had quite a young team this year due to many of our seniors leaving at the end of 2020. We had our amazing senior students who helped mentor and guide our younger yr 9 players and there were a lot of bonding sessions after the games. This team is going to be a force to be reckoned with in the coming years as the talent pool is amazing.

It was a 4 day tournament with at least 2-3 games per day, so the boys needed to self-manage and make sure they were hydrated, fed and looking after their bodies. The weather was also amazing We were also lucky to have found great accommodation at the old Turakina Maori Girls college in Marton. Their facilities were just what the boys needed after long hard days on the diamond. They could swim, play basketball or just chill in the room.

We were lucky to have great volunteer coaches who not only coached on the diamond but also helped myself being the manager off the diamond with cooking, cleaning and maintaining the behaviour of our boys, although this was the best behaved group of boys that I have ever managed.

All in all our boys performed very well and placed 4<sup>th</sup> which is great. I was super proud of them and their efforts that week and also their behaviour on and off the diamond. We also managed to have two players named in the tournament team! Proud is an understatement.

Karipori Wanoa- Tournament team

Tyler Fergusson- Tournament team

Ari MacGregor-Sikuea- Manager of the tournament team.

Thank you to Himi Orupe (Head Coach) Damian Wanoa (Assist Coach) Pat Tangipo (Assist Coach, Head chef, Head cleaner upper, Head organiser) TK Smith (Scorer) and all the parents who supplied meals and food and moral and physical support to us we are very grateful! Until next year☺



# Fundraising

20% of your Membership purchase comes directly to us!

BONUS \$100 Gift Card	BONUS \$200 Gift Card	BONUS \$500 Gift Card
Single City <b>\$69<sup>99</sup></b>	Multi City <b>\$119<sup>99</sup></b>	Multi Plus <b>\$229<sup>99</sup></b>
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Discover all the best savings in your city	Enjoy savings across Australia, New Zealand and Bali	2 years of savings across Australia, New Zealand and Bali
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# Community notices



Have you got one of those kids who loves to be outside, has a thirst for biking, loves a day out, is just an all-round outdoor enthusiast and a good egg? Well bring them along to the Dirt Duathlon adventure racing series. June, July and August 2021 based between Wellington and the Horowhenua. Each event is approx. 3-4hrs. Minimum age is 10 and must be accompanied by an adult. This is some serious fun!  
[www.dirtduathlon.co.nz](http://www.dirtduathlon.co.nz)



## David Wells Video Series - June Cluster Meetings or Twilight Talks

We are excited to finally be bringing David Wells to you.

In early June we will be hosting a series of Twilight Talks in your clusters, to bring you three of the six videos in a series from David Wells, based on Pope Francis' social encyclical "Fratelli Tutti".

There will be refreshments and group discussion, with two hours professional development (PD) for those who attend.

Email [jboon@sbc.school.nz](mailto:jboon@sbc.school.nz) for more information.

**TWILIGHT TALKS**  
 DAVID WELLS VIDEO SERIES  
 FRATELLI TUTTI / 4PM - 6PM

Tue 2 June St Bernards College, Lower Hutt  
 Wed 3 June St Annas Parish Hall, Newtown  
 Thu 4 June Our Lady of Mercy School, Harewood  
 Fri 5 June St Mary's School, Carterton  
 Sat 6 June St Marys High College, Masterton

Register at [courses.catholic.org.nz](http://courses.catholic.org.nz) or <http://www.gao.govt.nz/0480004>

Cluster Meeting with all ADM secondary & primary school staff, BOTT's and faith community - bring your chaplains, leaders, Priests, LPL and more.  
 At the above request for wine & cheese, discussion & refreshments.

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**FRATELLI TUTTI**  
 SULLA FRATERNITÀ E SOLIDARIETÀ SOCIALE  
 INTRODUZIONE DI ANDRÉA SPINELLI

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## Term Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	2 February - 16 April
<b>Term 2</b>	3 May - 9 July
<b>Term 3</b>	26 July - 1 October
<b>Term 4</b>	18 October - 14 December

### WE NEED BIKES!!



Do you have any bikes lying around that you would happily donate to the PE department for our Outdoor Education Programme?

If so please contact Hayden Mourits  
[hmourits@sbc.school.nz](mailto:hmourits@sbc.school.nz).

### Marist Community Development Trust

The Marist Community Development Trust (MCDT) was set up to support, preserve and enhance the Special Catholic Charism of St Bernard's College, the essence of the school.



St Bernard's College has opted into the Government Donations Scheme, there is no longer any payment request from the College for course costs.

Family donations can still be made to the Marist Community Development Trust, when making an online payment please use your son's name and MCDT as the reference, bank account **ASB 12-3142-0164653-000**.

Any amount will be gratefully received and will be paid back to the college to support Special Character initiatives which can't be funded from operational funding.

All donations qualify for a tax rebate from the IRD, receipts will be issued in early April.

## Calendar Alerts

### May

<b>24</b>	School finishes 1.15pm
<b>25</b>	Pompallier House Day
<b>28</b>	School finishes 1.15pm
<b>29</b>	SBC OPEN DAY
<b>31</b>	Samoan Language Week

### June

<b>1</b>	<b>Tutor</b> Class Photo's
<b>2</b>	Bee Healthy Dental van on site
<b>7</b>	Queen's Birthday
<b>8</b>	Marcellin House Day
<b>14</b>	School finishes 1.15pm
<b>18</b>	Year 10 Retreat

Full school calendar is available at [www.sbc.school.nz](http://www.sbc.school.nz)

## Uniform Shop

**Thursday 1.15pm - 5.15pm**

Check out our online ordering

[www.sbc.school.nz](http://www.sbc.school.nz)



2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform is now sold at the college Uniform Shop during opening hours

We would still really appreciate any donations of quality second hand uniform, please drop off to the main office.

## Nurse Consultation

Nurse's consultation at St Bernard's College, see the office to make an appointment with a nurse from VIBE at school.

Free appointments with a doctor are available at the VIBE Clinic.

They can be made through the nurse, *or* directly with VIBE:

Vibe:566-0525 **IT'S FREE!**

## Reminders

### Leaving School During School Hours

If your son needs to leave school during the day please follow these steps.

- Send him with a note explaining why he is leaving
- He needs to get that signed by his dean
- Bring the note to the office when he is leaving.
- Sign out.

### Payment Of School Charges

The school prefers all school charges to be paid directly to our bank account: **ASB Queensgate 12-3142-0164653-00**.

Please include your **son's first name and surname, in the reference fields**. Receipts are issued for all payments and given to students in class.

**If you are facing financial difficulties please contact The Business Manager.**

### Contact Details

It is very important that we are able to contact you, especially in case of an emergency. **Please make sure we have your current contact information.**

### E-mail

As most of our information is now sent by email.

Please check your settings to make sure we are a trusted sender.

## Contact Us

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