



St. Bernard's College

"To Stand on Life-Giving Ground"

Newsletter April 2023

Kia ora tātau,

Three weeks ago we had a team of external reviewers in our school looking at how we do our 'special character'. 'Special character' is a pretty broad term that, at its most basic level, describes us as a Catholic school where we do Religious Studies as well as all of the 'normal' subjects and activities that any school does. In our school we say that our special character should be present in all that we do. It includes the way we expect to be treated and how we treat each other. It includes how we deal with things when things go wrong or are not perfect. It includes how we try to focus on each boy as 'having his own story'...and lastly it includes trying to help each of our boys grow up to have wonderful careers and lives as good and loving men

The review team were with us for three days and had nothing but positive things to say to me in their verbal feedback. They'd interviewed groups of boys – chosen at random. They had gathered feedback from staff and from parents they spoke to at the careers expo evening. They met members of the Board. They spent time in classrooms and just around the school. One of the reviewers – a Principal of another Catholic College in Wellington – said to me in their final verbal feedback that we had 'such a calm school'. I'd admit that I was a bit taken aback by that. It wasn't a particularly 'calm week' and my teachers were tired and so were many of the boys. We were again in a state of relying on a very small pool of relievers.

Later that week I was at the Greater Wellington Principals meeting and came away from that with a renewed understanding of the significance of that reviewer's comment. I do not intend to make a political comment when I say that things are not great in education at present. Some schools have still not been able to staff vacant teaching positions from the start of the year because there are simply no suitable teachers applying. Standdown and suspension rates are higher than normal and schools are finding that many of their senior students are working long hours to help support families or just because 'they can' and therefore their attendance and attainment is suffering.

I stand back and look at our school and once again I am grateful for the fact that you choose to send your sons here and therefore are so supportive of who we are and what we do. I am grateful that we are fully staffed by teachers who choose to teach in a school that has its special character as its center. I am grateful that external reviewers can see that the boys are generally happy and 'calm' here. Our year 9s have just finished their "ko wai mātau" ("who are we") unit in Physical Education and had to come up with one word that best summed up their experience of St. Bernards. Their common word was "brotherhood". Even after eight years here I still find that quite awesome!

Simon Stack
Principal

Media Studies

On the 21st of March, the Y12/Y13 Media Studies, went to Reading Cinema to be Censors for the day. Here is a collection of photos from our day out as Censors. At SBC, media studies is taught at Y13 and Y12. It is a university approved subject and students can also get their writing credits from these courses.



Attendance Dues



Message from the Attendance Dues Team

The 2023 statements have been sent by email to all accounts that have an outstanding balance.

If you do not receive your statement by 13 March 2023 and believe you have an outstanding balance, please contact our office on 0800 462 725 or email dues@wn.catholic.org.nz. Statements will be posted to accounts without an email address.

Please check that the statement has not gone to your Spam/Junk Inbox and that all your children are listed on the statement.

Payments are due in full by 31st May 2023 unless you have a regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment to clear the balance by 30th

November 2023. Payment can be made by Internet banking or pay online by credit/debit card here.

Financial assistance is available to families experiencing financial hardship. Please contact your school to apply.

If you have any questions, please contact us:

Phone: 0800 462 725

Email: dues@wn.catholic.org.nz

Text: 021 0890 7902 www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues



PB4L

What is PB4L?

The acronym stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning. It is a framework for recognising and encouraging positive behaviour that helps us in our learning and teaching and with our understanding of each other.

At St Bernard's College our values are:

- Love God - being thankful for what we have
- Love Others - being positive with each other
- Love Self - having mana and pride in ourselves and our work.

As teachers, we aim to recognise students' positive behaviour in various ways. Some students enjoy the recognitions of positive behaviour on our online PB4L platform and the associated texts and emails home, while others enjoy positive comments and other treats. We are always working to recognise the positive behaviours we see in our students, and we are thankful for their efforts.

The data below represents the PB4L recognitions given to students since the start of the year. There are weekly summaries published in the school notices every Monday morning, which are accessible from the school website.

In the period from January 31 until 2 April 2023, a total of 5066 recognitions have been given to 594 students from 34 tutor classes by 39 members of staff.

Weekly top students so far this year: **Cali R, Zaiden M, Valli M, Rohan B, Ben F, Isaac J, Tenakee L, Luke H and Mackay W.**

Weekly top tutor classes so far this year: **8PH (twice), 8BR (4 times), 7AC and 7FS.**

Weekly top house so far this year: **Ignatius (3 times) & Chanel (5 times).**

We would like to congratulate all the students, tutor classes and houses for their positive learning at SBC so far in 2023. Keep up the great work.

This week we did a random end of term draw of students in each year level who got 1 or more recognitions a week in term 1.

The following students were the winners of the random draw and received a canteen voucher from Mr Stack. Keep up the great work in Term 2.

Year 7	Lebron Lemano
Year 8	Tomas Hunt
Year 9	Felix Bradshaw
Year 10	Christopher Ellis
Year 11	Jacob Win
Year 12	Kenny Watkins
Year 13	David Anand

English

We were lucky to have well-known slam poet Te Kahu Rolleston visiting our kura this term. Te Kahu writes and presents poetry and has a real gift working with young people. He performed short pieces for the Year 12 students, along with assisting them to craft quick bits of their own writing.



A select group of senior English students, along with some juniors who have an interest in words, then had some time working more closely with Te Kahu. He guided them through an exercise writing about a topic of their choice. Ms Hare's topic was chocolate cake – a clear sign of her area of focus!

Some writing from the workshop

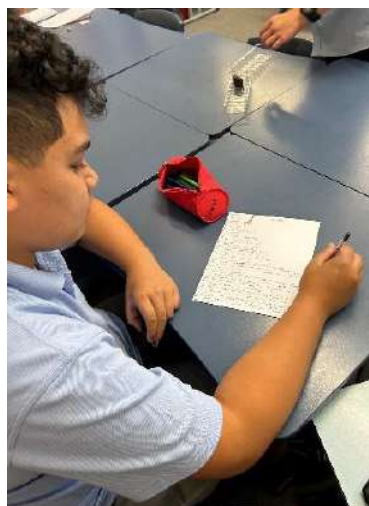
Ethan Morrison – extract from “The Combat Sport of Western Boxing”

The head movement is that of a sniper, swiftly moving, patient moving to and from position to set up the precise shot on target to bring forth the glory and fame of winning big. The ring is a spotlight, all eyes on the pair, toe to toe, eye to eye, the tension too great to bear, the beginning of the end, the make-or-break moment, the definition of a man's career. Like a kangaroo backing up on its tail mimicking the sport, asserting its dominance against another in a contest of nature, a savage animal pitted against another in a raw struggle. The blow against the head, the trip to the hospital bed, all a blur in the rage and blinding red, entrapping his mind nothing left to be said, the result of a fist made of only lead.



Penehe Sola – extract from “Murder”

The scene was chaos inside the house; the walls were covered with blood that raced down the wall. The man struck the person like a hyena biting on a poor antelope and would never let go. After he saw his target down, he laughed like a madman or a seagull laughing like an annoying person. As the woman stood still, she heard a weird creak, then heard a silent laugh and she knew she was found.



You, mosquito!

blood sucking vampire
constantly spreading your diseases
Malaria
Dengue Fever

the deadliest animal on Earth,
a title you wear proudly

You, mosquito!
... have a hearty appetite
never satisfied
never full
but always drinking
always drunk on blood.

by Troy Blythen

James” by Luke Henry

Every Sunday, he wakes up in the late morning.

He's like a gorilla
with his messy monster hair.
Boom! Boom! Boom!
You can hear
his goliath, gargantuan,
grizzly,
grubby slippers
with their freakish friction.

He cooks his eggs
like a master maker of meals.
The smell of small salty eggs makes you smile
as you sniff the air.
It's like opening gifts on Christmas morning.

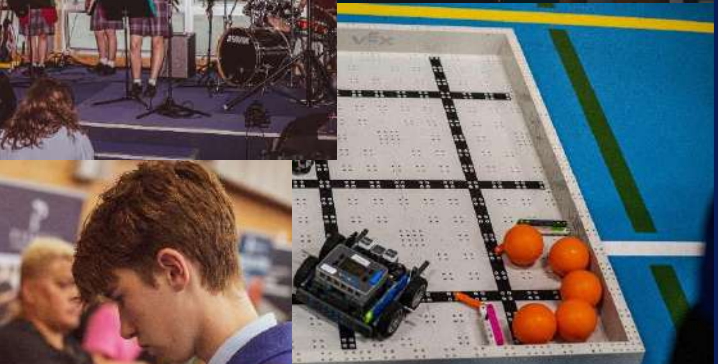
Dad.

Careers Expo 2023

In week 8 we teamed up with Sacred Heart College to host a Careers Expo here at St Bernard's College. While the weather didn't come to the party we still managed to host an action packed evening with over 60 exhibitors in attendance.

We wish to say a huge thank-you to all of the exhibitors who joined us to make the evening a great success. Thank you to all the students and staff who supported the running of this wonderful event and of course to all of the students and their whānau who attended. We hope you got plenty of valuable information to support your future pathway planning.

Careers Expo 2023



SBC 75th Jubilee

St Bernard's College Old Boys' Association – 75th Jubilee (postponed)

March 17th- 19th 2023

On the weekend of March 17th-19th the St Bernard's College Old Boys' held a Reunion to celebrate the 75th Jubilee of the College 1946-2021, postponed due to Covid 19 restrictions until 2023.

The event began with late registrations from 4pm in the gym followed by the Cocktail Party starting at 6pm in the evening. Over 300 Old Boys from the first secondary class from 1952 right through to Old Boys from the 2000's.

The Old boys were welcomed by the Principal Simon Stack as well as an address from this year's Head Boy Duncan Ah Young. The mix and mingle evening had a wonderful air of friendship and camaraderie right through the generations. Various class photos through the decades were taken and for many the night ended too early.

On Saturday an Open day at the College was held with current students acting as guides for Old Boys to enjoy tours of the school, barbecue sausage sizzle and refreshments in the staffroom. This was a relaxing day where Old Boys could wander throughout the school and continue reminiscing and story- telling.

On Sunday a Special Mass was held at Ss Peter and Paul Church in Knights Road Celebrated by Cardinal John Dew and concelebrated by SBC Old Boy Marist Fathers Pat and Jim Dooley.

Special thanks to the SBCOBA Executive Fintan Devine, Mark Fairfield, Mark Keating, Russell Shaw, Br Doug Dawick and John Lambert for their efforts as well as members of St Bernard's College staff who organized the weekend.

Such was the success that there are already whispers about doing it all again in 2025 to celebrate the College's 80th.



Integrated Studies

There has been new learning for the teachers of Integrated Studies and the teacher aides this year. We have been working with the Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour (RTLb) team to learn about and understand structured literacy, as well as how to use it within the secondary setting. Currently our Integrated Studies teachers are using Heggerty Phonemic Awareness starter activities in class, and both teachers and teacher aides will be incorporating the scope and sequence from RHNDT next term. We also have students from Year 8 and 9 developing their skills with the Heggerty Bridge The Gap resource. The science of reading has opened a huge amount of understanding about how students acquire literacy skills, and we are all working together on this learning journey as we support out students to succeed.



If you have any questions, you can get in touch with your child's Integrated Studies teacher or Junior School SENCo Melissa Watt. mwatt@sbc.school.nz

Athletics

Hutt Valley Athletics Results – CONGRATULATIONS!

Junior

Hendrix SAKALIA	1 st 100m 3 rd 200m
Peyton GLEESON	1 st 4x100m Relay 1 st 200m 2 nd 100m
Rylan FELISE	1 st 4x100m Relay 2 nd High Jump
Wiremu RERITI	1 st 4x100m Relay 1 st High Jump*
Stanley CAMPBELL	1 st 4x100m Relay 1 st 800m
Nei SOLA	1 st 1500m* 2 nd Shot Put

Intermediate

Kris SAGATO	1 st Shot Put
Ben AH-HI	3 rd Shot Put
Karter WILSON	3 rd High Jump 3 rd Long Jump 3 rd 4x100m Relay
Liam TAYLOR	2 nd 800m
Ezra WEBSTER-WILLIS	3 rd 4x100m Relay
Sian VILLON	3 rd 4x100m Relay
Teokatai MATAITI	3 rd 4x100m Relay

Senior

Ben MALUSCHNIG	1 st 100m* 1 st 200m* 1 st 4x100m Relay
Daniel McNATTY	1 st 3000m 2 nd 1500m
Caleb TU	1 st 4x100m Relay
Ryder MOORE	1 st 4x100m Relay
Jax WILLIAMS-BALDWIN	1 st 4x100m Relay

Sport

School Sport remains as important today as it has in the past. It provides tens of thousands of students each year with the opportunity to strive for their goals, create new and lasting friendships, and create memories that will last a lifetime. However, we know we face challenges to keep Rangatahi engaged in sport and we must listen and take action if we are to ensure that the next generation has access to these same benefits and opportunities that sport can bring.

School Sport NZ is proud and excited to confirm that it has been selected by Sport NZ as a partner organisation in its Strengthen and Adapt programme. The programme is in its fourth and final wave and will support School Sport NZ to investigate how it can scope, prioritise, and resource initiatives that will have the greatest impact for the school sport sector, and strengthen the organisation to achieve its outcomes.

To do this it is imperative that we engage with the sector, and none more so important than the Rangatahi at the centre of our purpose. We will then be following this with a survey for school sport staff, Senior Leadership within schools, National Sport Organisations, and Regional Sport Directors. The information gathered will be fundamental to the development stage of potential initiatives to be scoped.

We have created a Rangatahi survey that will form the backbone of the work we are about to begin.

Can you please help us by completing the survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSNZRangatahi1>

*Selected for the Wellington Representative Team to the North Island Secondary Schools Champs in Palmerston North.

Community News



Silverstream

Please support New World Silverstream if you can.



A BIG THANKS to Paul Deere and the team at New World Silverstream for kindly donating a weekly box each of bananas and apples free for students to eat.



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Book Now at <https://codecamp.co.nz>



FREE! FREE! FREE!

The VIBE Nurse will be onsite Monday & Wednesday

Free and confidential appointments at the college.

Come to the school office or use the QR code to make an appointment at school or contact VIBE on 566-0525 to make a FREE doctor's appointment at VIBE



**SAIL ON A LEGENDARY
ROUND THE WORLD MAXI YACHT**

Steinlager 2 LION NEW ZEALAND

Tikapa Moana - Adventurous Journey

Tikapa Moana youth explorer is a 5 days of sailing and kayaking.

Two nights sailing on the internationally renowned maxi yachts, Lion NZ or Steinlager2. Everybody on board has the opportunity to learn to sail the boats, help with the preparation of meals and sleep aboard.

Two nights are spent on the water with Auckland Sea Kayaks, where students learn how to kayak and camp in a safe, fun and supportive environment.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH (OPTIONAL)

The programme is structured in a way that allows the participants to participate in complete components of the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award (DOE). The programme components meet the requirements for the Adventurous Journey and as such, any participants who are interested in using this programme for DOE can do so.

For further information check out: www.nzsailingtrust.com/sail-kayak

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL



St Vincent de Paul Society is looking for quality furniture and homeware for its Petone store.



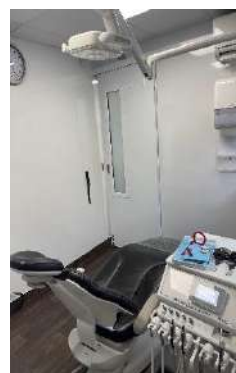
To arrange collection call 04 568 6408 or email svdshopmanagerpetone@xtra.co.nz



Items can also be dropped into the store at 316 Jackson Street Petone, Lower Hutt



March 2023



The **Capital Dental Mobile Clinic** is enroute to St Bernard's College where we will be providing free basic dental care under the Ministry of Health Service Agreement for school students below 18 years of age.

If you would like your child to be seen by the Capital Dental Team, simply click the link below and you will be directed to our website. Please choose MOBILE as the preferred practice.

<https://www.dentistwellington.co.nz/form/patient-medical-history>



TE RŪNANGANUI O TE ĀTI AWA

Whānau Wellbeing Saturdays April 2023

Bring your whānau along and get your check ups together!
All services available include:

- Whānau Ora (MSD)
- Drivers License
- Hauora Services
- Hearing Clinic
- Vaccination Drive-Thru
- Waiwhetu Medical Centre
- Mirimiri
- Hapū Ora Clinic
- Tamariki Ora
- Bee Healthy Dental

148 Whites Line East,
Waiwhetu

CALL NOW TO BOOK
0800 RAUKURA

* Excludes Easter & Anzac weekend

Term Dates

Term 1	31 January – 6 April
Term 2	24 April – 30 June
Term 3	17 July – 22 September
Term 4	9 October – 12 December

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

April	
24	MOE PLD Day – School Closed
25	ANZAC Day Holiday
26	Term 2 starts
26 Apr-31 May	Bee Healthy Dental on site
28-30	Relay for Life
May	
1	7&8 Vaccinations
6-7	O'Shea Shield
10	Class photos
20	SBC Open Day

Full school calendar is available at www.sbc.school.nz

Uniform Shop

Thursday 1pm – 4pm

Check out our online ordering

www.sbc.school.nz



2nd 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.

FREE VIBE Consultation

The VIBE nurse is at SBC each Monday and Wednesday

See the office to make a **Free and confidential** appointment .

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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