



St. Bernard's College

"To Stand on Life-Giving Ground"

Newsletter October 2023

We begin this new term reflecting on the strength of this community which was so clearly shown during the last week of term 3. In that week we came together to support each other as we said farewell to Mr Hart. During that week we also celebrated 14 of our boys receiving the various sacraments of initiation into our Faith during our RCIA mass and we celebrated St Bernard's day. It capped a term of sport and tournaments such as the AIMS games; learning and internal assessments and examinations as well as retreats and liturgies. We hope that this newsletter gives you some insight into the full-on life of this place.

Our senior students only have 3 weeks remaining before they are into their prize-givings and external NCEA examinations. For our Year 13 boys it is the end of what for many of them has been 7 years of their lives here. Most of these young men reflect to me on how quickly these years have gone by for them. The 'days can seem to go slowly but the years rush by' was famously said by our Headboy of a few years ago. The advice they often say they would give to their younger selves or to the younger boys here is to take up every opportunity offered to you. We wish these young men all the best as they complete their final exams and head off into the excitement and opportunities of 'what comes next'.

Ngā mihi
Simon Stack

Principal

Chris Hart

23 April 1977 – 15 September 2023



PB4L

At SBC, our expectations are that we;

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

The online PB4L recognition system that we use here at SBC recognises students in the following areas.

Love of God	Being Thankful Participating in Prayer appropriately Respecting the environment Showing Gospel values
Love of Others	Listening respectfully Sharing your ideas Helping & encouraging others
Love of Self	Being organised Wearing your uniform with pride Working to your best ability Being engaged in reading

Whanau receive an email after 3 recognitions and if students have registered their cell phone details they can receive a text message each time they get a recognition. The weekly summaries are published in the school notices every Monday morning. The notices are accessible from the school website.

The data below represents the PB4L recognitions given to students between Weeks 1 & 9 of this term.

- In the period from July 17 until September 17, a total of 4060 recognitions have been given to 549 students in 33 tutor classes by 37 members of staff.
- The top 3 tutor classes in Term 3 were 9KL, 9BY and 7GL.
- The top 5 students were Stevie Lucas 71, Corbin Matheson 47, Hadley Barber 45, Felix Bradshaw 38 and James Stokes 37.
- House scores for the Term are: Chanel 1163, Ignatius 1061, Pompallier 956 and Marcellin 880

We would like to congratulate all the students, tutor classes and houses for their positive learning at SBC during Term 3.

Literacy



After studying the movie Freedom Writers, the year 11 Literacy class visited the NZ Holocaust museum in Wellington, students deepened their understanding of this historical event and explored the concepts of racism and what indifference can lead to.



Evolocity Challenge



This year, a team of three Year 10 students from St Bernard's, Richard Ferguson, John O'Grady, and Brendan Keogh have come together to participate in the Wellington region EVolocity challenge 2023. This challenge involves schools from around Wellington designing and racing go-karts against one another. We have made the vehicle already, and are in the process of improving and adapting the design. We will (hopefully) race it the 18th of October, at Kartsport Manawatu.

Outward bound

Outward bound was an experience as rare as they come. We walked into the course with mixed emotions as two teenagers oblivious to the opportunities around us, but returned to our homes with our entire lifestyles flipped around for the better.

From the cold showers every morning to the long tramps, each and every moment at Outward Bound put us a step closer to being the best versions of ourselves in terms of character, work ethic and having an overall love for our people.

Over the 7 days, we faced moments of self-conflict and there were often activities that required mental determination, but the support and encouragement from our peers was undeniably a power that helped us overcome.

Two things we were consistently reminded of by our instructors were the sayings “Live in the moment” and “Be grateful for things big and small.” We thank our instructors Jeremiah and Alice for constantly pushing us into the forefront of change and instilling these morals in us, whilst also nourishing our spirits and prioritizing our safety.

Thanks to them along with our watch members, we developed a home-like connection to Anakiwa and everything surrounding it.

Lastly, we thank our careers department, Mr Faamoe and Ms Bull, for entrusting us with this privilege and sharing with us the importance of stepping out of our comfort zones.

Above all, it is to everyone involved that we owe our gratitude, for we now stand firm and ready to face whatever life brings.

Sheppard 704 forever.

Miracle Faatau & Fakaalofa Lupi



Science

Space Place

The Year 8's went to the Space Place this term. It was a great experience. We went into a classroom and learnt about the 8 planets for roughly half an hour. We then progressed to the Gallery to do a quiz. After completing the quiz, we moved onto the Planetarium show which was a little movie explaining all 8 planets, the sun, and the milky way. They then did a little presentation to show all about the galaxy. It was a great experience, and my class loved it.

By Bailey Crook

Crisis Lab

This year for the first time we entered a team into a regional competition run by Massey University called Crisis Lab. Our students had to use skills in coding, physics and engineering to develop an early detection system for tsunami tidal wave events.

The team won an award for best Data Display.

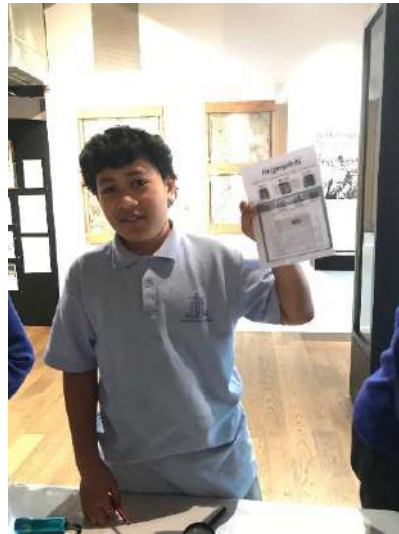
Congratulations to our students for applying their learning to a real world problem, and working as a team to produce top quality work!

Team members were Elvis Zhang Ollie Austin Adam Theelen.



Science Trips

Yr 7 – Police Museum



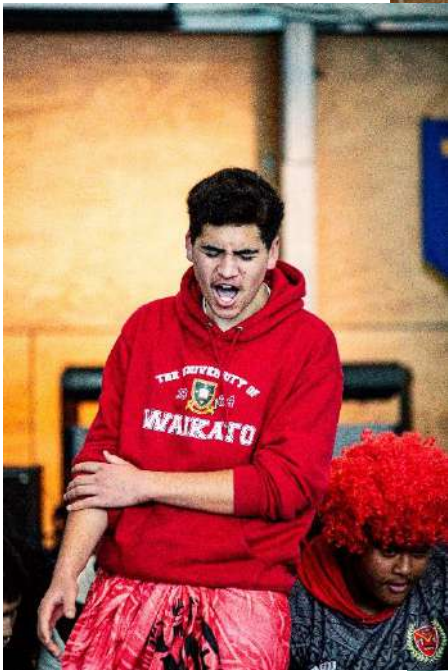
Yr 10 Te Papa



Yr 13BIO Zoo Trip



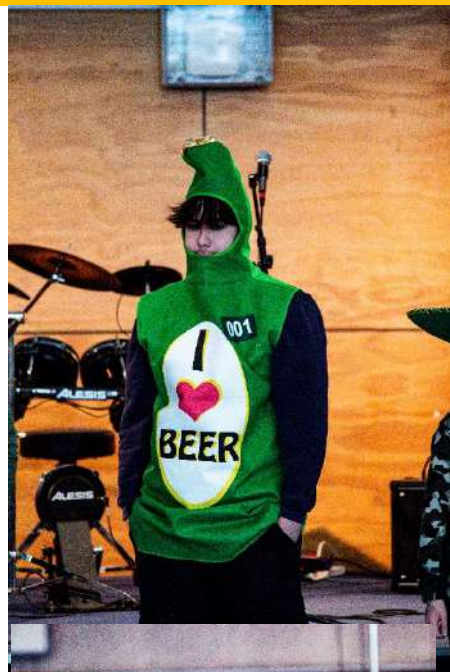
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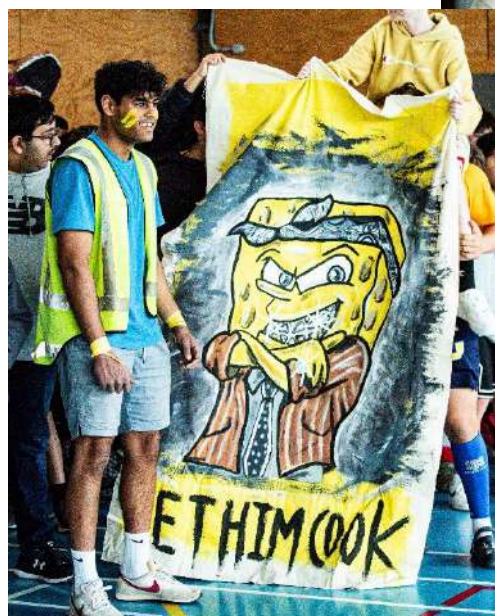
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Sport

As our winter sports come to a close and our summer sports will be in full swing next term, overall we have much to celebrate.

CONGRATULATIONS to teams that won their College Sport Wellington grades: Rugby 2nd XV and the Football yr13's. For teams to compete week in week out takes dedication, time and commitment from the players and coaches, so thank you for the effort in getting these results, outstanding job!

Winter Tournament Week (WTW) is a huge event Nationally, with college teams from all around the country heading off in all directions to represent their schools in various sports. We had our Senior & Junior A Basketball teams attend their events in Napier, with our Senior A Basketball team placing 6th which qualifies them for Nationals, (this starts next week for them in Palmerston North). Our 1st XI football team went to defend their title at the Jim Wishart Cup in Nelson, not the results they wanted but always great memories to have for the boys. A few hockey players were lucky enough to join with Whitby Collegiate in order to give them an opportunity to play their sport and an U15's and U14's rugby team attended the Hurricanes Tournament.

Following from WTW was AIMS Games, where we sent 3 intermediate teams to one of the biggest sporting events in schools calendars, Football, Sevens Rugby and a Basketball team. For some students this was the first time being away from home and experiencing what it is like competing against some of the best. I had the privilege of also attending this trip and it was a real blessing to have fantastic coaches and managers who made the trip enjoyable and fun for our students. Thank you also to the Greenwood Retirement Village for taking in 3 of our adults and taking care of us and making it feel like home away from home. Special thanks to Colleen Gunn who is one very special person and has many stories to share on when our previous students stayed at their village also. Overall a great trip and one to be repeated in years to come.

Without the coaches and managers for these teams the events could not happen, so thank you to the extra effort our volunteers put in over this time: time off work, the extra trainings, the shopping, washing, driving, phones in, lights out antics, this is where the magic happens. We appreciate you and all you have done.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to every manager and coach who dedicates their time through Winter sports, it is a long season for some and the effort and dedication does not go unnoticed. You have created an opportunity for our students to play the sport they love and we are all truly grateful.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

We have acknowledged many sporting achievements and memories via our facebook and instagram accounts. Please continue to send photos/videos in, this helps build as 'one community', keeping us connected in what is happening with sport at SBC.

Follow:

Instagram: [sbc183sport](#)

Facebook: [SBC 183 Sport](#)

OUR TEAM:

Wendy Tukapua: Director of Sport

wtukapua@sbcschool.nz or sport@sbcschool.nz

Mark Harrison: Director of Football

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Tessa Siolo-Thompson: Convenor of Volleyball

Mitch Bialy: Convenor of Touch Rugby



"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

AIM's Games



Winter Tournament

Junior basketball



1st XI football



Senior A Basketball



SPORT ON OFFER TERM 4

VOLLEYBALL:

- Venue: Various schools around Wellington
- Playing Days:
 - Juniors: 18th October to 29th November
 - Seniors:
 - Prem: 15th September to 10th November
 - Div 2 & Below: 13th October to 17th November

BOWLS

- Venue: Massey Avenue Bowling Club
- Playing Days: Thursdays 12th October to 16th November
- Can play as singles

CRICKET

- Venue: Various schools around Wellington
- Playing Days: Saturdays 28th October to 9th December

FUTSAL:

- Venue: Walter Nash Stadium
- Playing Days:
 - Juniors: Wednesdays 18th October
 - Seniors: Fridays 13th October

TOUCH

- Venue: College Sport Wellington and Total Touch Comp, Fraser Park
- Playing Days:
 - Juniors: Tuesdays 24th October
 - Intermediates: Thursdays 26th October to 30th November

WATER POLO

- Venue: WRAC and Huia pools
- Juniors: Thursdays 12th October to 7th December

JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS:

- Ki O Rahi
- Golf
- Tennis
- Rip Rugby
- Softball
- Rugby League - Nines
- Rugby Sevens - (see Mr Risdon)



Community News



Silverstream



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.

Junior Learn to Sail Course 2023

Course: 11 October, 6 – 7pm at Huia Pool
14 – 15 October, 9am – 3pm, Petone
Coaching: Term 4 2023 - Term 1 2024, Saturday mornings 9 – 12pm, Petone
Course details: www.sailhbc.org.nz
Contact: instruction@sailhbc.org.nz



Suitable for students aged 8 – 13

TE AWAKAIRANGI R.C.I.A JOURNEY 2023 – 2024

The parish is starting the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) programme in September. If you are interested in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist) and desire to be a part of the Catholic faith journey in 2024, or know of others who may be interested, contact Fr. Alfred alfredyctong@gmail.com or call the Parish Office for general information and an inquiry form. The first session will run on Sunday 10th September, 4-5 pm at the meeting room of St Peter and Paul's Church.



The Attendance Dues Team

We are getting a new data base which will be going live by the end of the year. This will include a Parent Portal at some stage, which will mean parents can log in and see their account balance and manage their account details. This secure self-service platform will also allow you to make payments. Watch this space!

All communication by us are now via email so please check that emails from dues@wn.catholic.org.nz do not go to your Spam/Junk Inbox so that you receive all communications from ourselves.

If you are paying by regular instalments your account should be paid by the end of November, or by payment plan as agreed by us. It is preferable to have a regular instalment that keeps your account in hand.

Financial assistance is available to families experiencing financial hardship (loss of income/redundancy, family reasons, etc.). It is a condition of the assistance application that the family has an affordable regular payment in place. You apply for this assistance with the school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

Phone: 0800 462 725 Email: dues@wn.catholic.org.nz



Rongohia te Hau Survey

If you haven't completed the Rongohia te Hau, use the QR code or the link below to do so

[St Bernard's College Whānau survey 2023](#)

In appreciation of your time, we also have 3x \$100 pressie cards to give away. After completing the survey, please fill in the google form below with your name to enter the draw. The survey will close on Wednesday the 4th of October and winners will be notified soon after.

[Whānau survey entry form](#)



St Bernard's College Board Parent By-Election 2023 - Results
Congratulations to Kate Mooney who was elected on to the Board of Trustees.

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

October

9	Start of Term 4
9	Fiji Language week
16	Niue Language week
20	Sports Prize Giving 1pm
23	Labour Day Holiday
23	Gagana Tokelau Language week
30	Leavers Mass & Dinner
31	Yr 13 finish Pd 2, Yr 12 finish pd 3
31	Senior Award Giving

November

1	Yr 11 finish pd 3
6	NCEA Exams begin
12	Staff PLD lessons end 1.15pm

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 Thursday

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.
- Students must not leave school without parent permission

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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