



St. Bernard's College

"To Stand on Life-Giving Ground"

Newsletter December 2023

Kia ora koutou,

We finished the term with the blessing of sunny days as we ran our activities program for the junior school. Thank you to Mr Piripi for his hard work in organising such an awesome program of activities and ensuring the safety of all. Thank you also to our teachers who planned and ran individual events and activities for the boys. It was a wonderful way to finish our term and our year!

Congratulations to all of our juniors who won awards at our junior prize-giving. Because our Gym is having its new wooden floor laid, we held this ceremony/liturgy in our local Parish Church. This was quite fitting as it was also the last time our Parish Priest - Fr Patrick Bridgman – was with us in an 'official' capacity.

Fr Patrick has been a familiar presence in our college over the last 8 years and has always been available when we have needed him. He often tells me how much he loves our school...the welcoming nature of our boys...the sense of belonging he sees here...their positivity and humour. He has led us in liturgy and has tolerated with humour and patience the seemingly total inability of the boys to be silent during the often chaotic process of trying to take communion. Fr Patrick is moving on to a new role next year and we will miss him.

2024 looks to be an exciting year with the on-going teacher shortage as well as new policies and rules and directions in education driven by our new Government. What will not be different for us will be our work in building and maintaining a community where the dignity of each person is celebrated and their potential encouraged. A community where we hope and pray our boys can meet Jesus Christ.

We hope that you have a wonderful Christmas.

Simon Stack
Principal

*Merry
Christmas*



Junior Prize Giving

Year 10

Brendan Keogh
Christopher Ellis
Daniel Hayes
Ethan Morrison
Josef Lummis
George Fraser
Taika Cross
Andrew Breen
John O'Grady
Matiu Badcock
Timothy Stanfield
Chanda Chalabesa-Hehir
Richard Ferguson
Sebastian Alzona
Miguel Avelino
Thomas Bartup
Angus Beveridge
TJ Fonoti
Luke Hayes
Reuben Latu
Kose Tauailoto

Academic Excellence, McGuinness Family Cup for Commitment to Study
Academic Excellence
Academic Excellence
Academic Excellence, Heart Award
Academic Excellence
Academic Excellence
Industry and Achievement, Year 10 Trophy for Overall Contribution & Academic Improvement
Industry and Achievement, Michael Sherry Memorial Cup for Generosity & Service, Heart Award
Industry and Achievement
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Industry and Achievement, Heart Award
Industry and Achievement
Industry and Achievement
Industry and Achievement
Industry and Achievement
Heart Award
Heart Award
Heart Award
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Heart Award



Year 9

Penehe Sola
Johan Pullanthiankkal Shiju
Jesse Rivera
Luke Henry
Anthony Devine
Foxley Morrison
Hadley Barber
Stanley Campbell
Eden Papaletoa
Elijah Ursua
Elijah Taylor
Kewa Kelemete
Logan Smith
Troy Blythen
Joel Fairfield
Sam Cleland
Owen Achari
Jake Allen
Edwin Austin
Kyle Brion
Joey Pallmer
Joel Smith
Jayden Ta'anoa
Layton Timoteo

Anthony Heffernan Memorial Trophy for Commitment to Study, Industry and Achievement
George Flett Memorial Cup for Generosity & Service, Academic Excellence
Year 9 Trophy for Overall Contribution & Academic Improvement, Industry & Achievement, Heart Award
Academic Excellence
Academic Excellence
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Academic Excellence
Industry and Achievement
Industry and Achievement
Industry and Achievement, Heart Award
Industry and Achievement
Industry and Achievement
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Industry and Achievement
Industry and Achievement
Heart Award
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Junior Prize Giving

Year 8

Kieran Conway
Ethan Grooby
Cali Renata

SBC Old Boy's Jubilee Trophy for Commitment to Study, Academic Excellence, Heart Award
SBC Old Boy's Jubilee Trophy for Generosity and Service
The Dicken Family Cup for Overall Contribution & Academic Improvement, Industry and

Achievement, Heart Award
Toby Jones
Oliver McCluskey
Caleb Dadulo
Zaiden Martin
Evan Conway
Shamil Shahabdeen
Sebastian Manahan
Liam Allanson
Exodus Malaesilia
Gabe Bedonia
Jake Bouzaid
Joseph De Vera
Siosaia Lausi'i Tupou
Ben Walker

Academic Excellence
Academic Excellence
Academic Excellence, Heart Award
Academic Excellence
Industry and Achievement, Heart Award
Industry and Achievement
Industry and Achievement
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Industry and Achievement
Heart Award
Heart Award



Year 7

Valli McLeod
Deven Labuschagne
Rylee Page
Kyden Jacobsen
Leo Waitt
Dylan Paxton
James Stokes
Nicholas Shaw
Kaleb Christiansen
Marcus Yuseif
Callum Heerdegen
Brayden Green
James Milham
Gus Counsell
Patrick Berrio Espejo
Xavier Bull
Blake Cotter
Tom McIntyre
Slade Smith

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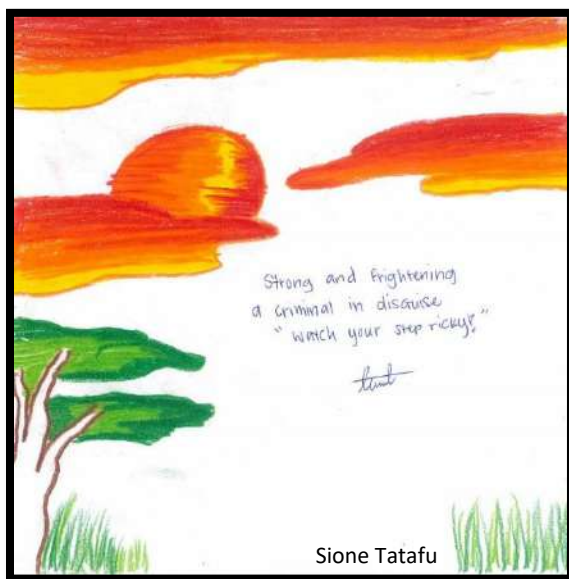
*** CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL OUR AWARD
RECIPIENTS ***



Happy
Holidays



English



"In 9BN" – By Logan Smith
9BN is loud.
Interruptions all the time.
I can't concentrate.



7 & 8 Swap Day

On Thursday November 9th, Year 7 & 8 students had their first SWAP DAY. In the spirit of our faith, students were encouraged to search their hearts and homes for items they were willing to "swap" with others. This act of generosity reflected the core Catholic value of giving and receiving with an open heart. It was a wonderful opportunity to foster a sense of togetherness within our school community. It was a lesson in sustainability, echoing the Catholic teaching of caring for God's creation, and showed contribution to reducing waste and demonstrating responsible stewardship of the Earth.

"Buying less items can be a positive thing because you recognise that you don't need too much in life. You can give items to other people even when it's not swap day from the goodness of your heart" - Kyden Jacobson 7FS

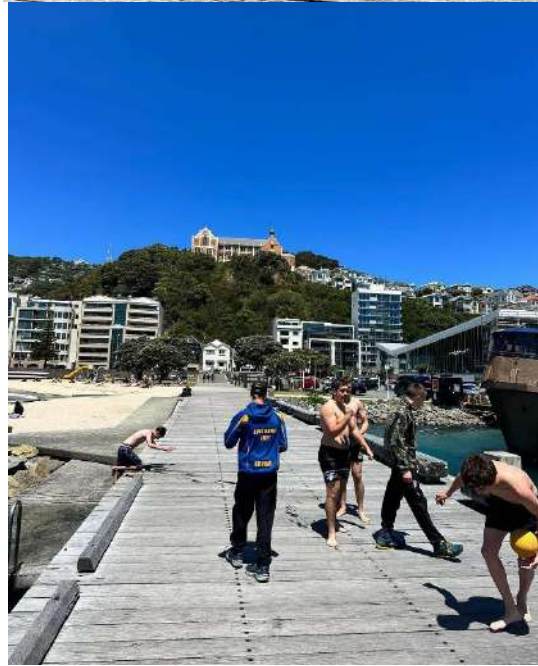
Through our sausage sizzle on the day, we raised \$116, which has gone to purchase wrapping paper and small items for our Christmas Giving baskets.



Yr 10 Commerce

At the end of week 5 the year 10 commerce class held their annual market day. All the groups worked really hard to get their products together to sell during lunch. We had a range of products this year and it was awesome to see some products that really framed the innovative skills of the class. There was handmade jewellery, printed t-shirts, hand painted phone cases, stress balls, protein shakers, posters, loom bands and even go-kart rides! Well done to all the groups for the effort they put into the preparation and execution on the day.









Sport

As the year comes to a close it is great to end with sporting achievement with the following teams winning their grades in the College Sport Wellington Competition:

Senior A Volleyball
Social Volleyball
Junior Ki O Rahi
Intermediate Futsal

Regional Intermediate Athletic Qualifiers:

Jack Gentle: 100m, 200m 1500m

Kelly Thompson: Shot-Put

Ryder Ulugia: 100m

Kaelyn Kiriona: Long Jump

Year 7 Relay: Carson Gleeson, Joseph-Lemi Moemai, Rylee Page, Kaiser Rona

Congratulations to all involved players, coaches, managers and supporters.

Well done to our Award Recipients at our Annual School Sports Awards and special mention to Jaxson Williams-Baldwin our Sportsman of the Year for 2023, fantastic work Jax.

We also attended the CSW Sports Awards on Sunday 5th November, it was a lovely evening celebrating sporting excellence with athletes from schools throughout the region.

St Bernard's achieved the following honours in 2023:

'Volleyball Player of the Year' Vante Siolo-Ah San

'Pennants' (CSW Champions) for Senior Ki O Rahi and Senior Volleyball, congratulations, it is never easy to win the entire competition.

As we head into 2024, planning is underway to introduce a new combined Sports/PE uniform which will continue to unify our identity and provide more versatility across more sporting codes as well as for PE classes. We will be putting final designs up on our social media platforms for your feedback and to pick your favourites. This will be taken into account in selecting the final design.

SPORTS REGISTRATIONS:

Sports Registrations will be digitally processed. The registration forms are now available on our website

<https://www.sbc.school.nz/sports/>

It is important that these are completed as soon as possible, even before christmas would be ideal as this helps with organising and planning in time for Term 1 2024.

NICE JOB:

This year through the efforts of our sports team, code convenors, managers, volunteers and supporters Sport at SBC has seen our participation rates grow again and we remain one of the highest participatory schools in the Wellington Region. As we know - Participation leads to Aspiration and Aspiration leads to Sporting Achievement.

Enjoy your Christmas and New Year, God Bless

Wendy Tukapua
Director of Sport

Senior Volleyball Premier Champions



Junior Ki O Rahi Premier Champions



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.

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



Thank you to everyone who completed the Rongohia te Hau Survey. The winners of the three **\$100 pressie cards** were :-

- ❖ Carelle Austin
- ❖ Trina Page
- ❖ Pania Stead

CONGRATULATIONS!



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2024 Term Dates

Term 1	30 January – 12 April
Term 2	29 April – 5 July
Term 3	22 July – 27 September
Term 4	14 October – 11 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

January 2024

23,24,25	Uniform shop open 10am-2pm
24	Yr 12/13 Course confirmation
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30	Yr 7, 8 and 9 start 8.40am
31	All Year levels start 8.40am
31	Powhiri 9.45am

February

6	Waitangi Day Holiday
8	Parent Teacher Interviews 1.15pm finish
13	Parent Teacher Interviews 1.15pm finish
16	Year 13 Retreat

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

Uniform Shop

NEW UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

TUESDAY 8AM – 9AM

THURSDAY 3PM – 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.

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