



St. Bernard's College

"To Stand on Life-Giving Ground"

Newsletter March 2024

Kia ora tātau.

It has been another great start to our school year with a full school of enthusiastic and overwhelmingly positive boys. As always we began the year with a full school powhiri to welcome our new families and staff and then we were into our teaching and learning. We continue to be deliberate in having a number of opportunities for community building during this first term. Events such as our Athletics day, our dedication mass, the Day's Bay day for our Year 7 and 8 boys, our Year 13 overnight retreat and our Year 9 three day 'camp' provide opportunities for our boys to come together outside of normal classes and help build the sense of family that is central to our school's vision. In this regard it is also great to see our sporting culture continue to go from strength to strength both in terms of participation and success. It is particularly wonderful to turn up to watch and see so many of you supporting your sons and our college and in such a positive way. Thank you to those of you who are able to give up your time to commit to coaching or managing our sports teams in such a positive way.



Yr 9 Camp

Thank you to the many of you who were able to attend our recent whānau interviews with your son's tutor teacher. Again, these interviews were deliberately put on the calendar early in the year in order for us to better work with you to help your sons thrive and grow and succeed here. Thank you also to those of you who responded to our request for feedback on our cellphone policy. You were overwhelmingly supportive and the boys have, in the main, settled into their new cellphone-less world without too many issues.

If you have visited the college over the last few weeks you will have seen significant building work going on. The laying and marking out of our new wooden gym floor is complete and the boys are waiting patiently for the sealant to cure before we are back into being able to use it for sports and whole school gatherings. Our Physical Education teachers have dealt with the inconvenience and hassle of having their main 'classroom' out of action for the term with good humour and positivity and without complaint. Our proprietor – the Catholic Diocese of Wellington – is also investing significant amounts into recladding and making some alterations to our Tech block. This is causing us some issues with some classes having to be moved out temporarily but we remain grateful that our school continues to be modernized and invested in so substantially.



Athletic's Day



Start of Year Powhiri

Finally we are grateful to be almost fully staffed again for this year given the significant and on-going crisis in teacher recruitment at present. We are particularly grateful to Mr Lawrence Hobbis (Food Technology) and Mrs Elsie Prasad (English) who answered the call for help at the start of this year as we filled the final positions. As always we express our thanks to our team of regular relievers who allow us to take classes out on class trips or to cover staff who are ill. We acknowledge our new staff for 2024.

Mr Ed West has come to us after teaching in a number of Wellington Colleges and takes over as our Head of the Social Sciences faculty. We welcome Ms. Kelly Summ (Social Sciences and History) and Mr Nilesh Adip (Mathematics) who are both highly experienced teachers and we also welcome Mr Mitchell Bialy who many of you may know from his work at Our Lady of the Rosary school and extensive involvement in sports coaching/organising. Finally we welcome Ms Kaila Robertson (English) and Mr Gareth Connell-Smith (Food Technology) into our school and into the teaching profession as a first year teachers and Ms. Samantha Crawshaw into the newly created role of 'Sports Co-ordinator'.

Simon Stack
Principal

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 – they are accessible from the school website.

In the five week period from January 30 until 2 March 2024, a total of 1732 recognitions have been given to 531 students from 33 tutor classes by 27 members of staff.

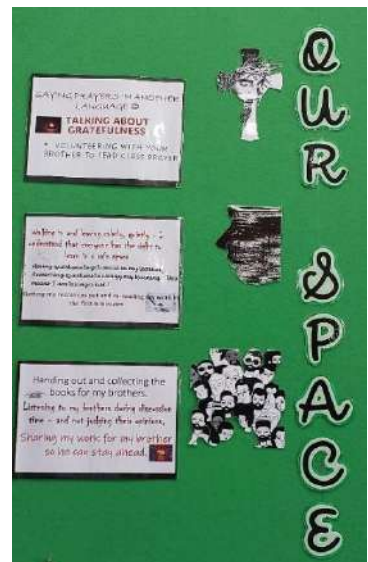
Weekly top students: **Xavier B x3, Heath S & joint winners TJ D, Luke H, Lars M-W & Inigo A.**

Weekly top tutor classes: **12UI (2 times), 7AC, 10FI & 10BA.**

Weekly top house: **Ignatius (3 times), Marcellin & Chanel.**

We would like to congratulate all the students, tutor classes and houses for their positive learning at SBC so far in 2024. Keep up the great work.

If you would like any additional information about PB4L at SBC please contact Manuhiri Corcoran on mcorcoran@sbc.school.nz



Tama Pasifika Workshop



Careers & Pathways

There is a lot happening in the careers and pathway space in Term 1.

Some of our Year 12 & 13 students have started their Gateway placements, boys have been out and about meeting employers and checking out local businesses. University in school visits have begun this week and we are underway with pathway planning for many of our senior students.

We have definitely hit the ground running in 2024.

Please encourage the boys to keep an eye out in the daily notices for the various events happening around the school and if you can help us out in our Gateway programme, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Emma & Alo | SBC Careers & Pathways

Tradesecrets

My name is Michael Renata and I am writing to extend a warm invitation to all students and their parents who may be interested in pursuing a career in the trades and exploring the multitude of opportunities within the construction industry.

We will be holding a local event on the 14th of March 2024 at Hutt City Church - 22 Marsden Street, Lower Hutt from 6pm - 8pm. Primarily this event would be targeted for your Year 12 and 13 students.

A very successful event was held at Whitireia at the end of 2023, and we would like to provide the same experience to the schools around Te Awakairangi.

We will provide catering at the event and access to Pacific and Māori construction employers, current apprentices, and apprenticeship training advisors who will share their experiences and knowledge, providing valuable guidance to those considering a career in construction. I have attached a flyer with details and a registration link for those who are keen to secure a spot for this informative and engaging evening. Enrol Here [Tradesecrets.nz](https://www.tradesecrets.nz) for catering purposes.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at mike.renata@bcito.org.nz. We look forward to your participation and hope this evening will be an enlightening and empowering experience for all our Māori and Pacific peoples.

Inspirational former students



Hi I'm Tracey Mehrtens, I look after the public relations for EarnLearn training provider and I'm emailing about a couple of your former students who are doing really well as plumbing apprentices and working locally in Lower Hutt. They are a great inspiration and role model for your current students.

Former students Caleb Samuels who works at Harbour City Plumbing along with fellow former student Gabe Leonor. They are well into their apprenticeships, which allows them to work and learn at the same time.



Relay 4 Life 2024

PARENTS/WHANAU INFORMATION EVENING TUESDAY 12 MARCH in STAFFROOM 6-6.30pm

\$20 per person registration fee until Sunday 10 March then this cost goes up to \$25.

\$25 (OPTIONAL) SBC Team T-shirt- paid to the school office- See Mrs Graham. *Cash or EFTPOS*

A sell out yesterday on the BBQ. The boys cooked and sold over 150 sausages. A great start! Our seniors are busy raising funds for Relay for Life.

Sausage sizzles will be on Thursday next week, 14 March and on 21 March.

\$2 outside the Science block.

Thank you to all the boys and teachers that donated and bought sausages.

To join our Relay for Life team use this link below <https://relayforlife.org.nz/t/sbc-183-r-4-l-2024> on this page there is a JOIN TEAM button- click that to register.



Yr 7 & 8 Days Bay Trip

Last Friday, the Yr7s and 8s headed out to Day's Bay for a day of fun, surf, and friendship. After a slightly dewy start – the boys rushed to the wharf to begin a long day of poppin' manus, catching barracudas, and revelling in the beautiful water of the Pacific Ocean. Those who decided to stay on-land, flexed their sporting muscles with game-after-game of soccer, broken only by absolutely essential trips to the Pavilion to fill up on utterly necessary curly-fries and ice-cream. The boys returned home windswept and happy – their friendships solidified - with the only question left on their mind being: "when can we go back!?"

A massive thank you to all the parents who came along to help support. We literally could not have done it without you. Your manaaki is greatly appreciated.

Photos by Ryan Benseman



Yr 7 Te Papa Trip

On Tuesday 5 March all three year 7 classes went in to visit the current exhibit of "Dinosaurs of Patagonia". Each class had their own tour of the exhibit where they were able to ask questions and compared fossils and dinosaurs to what we've been learning about in class. Some highlights include seeing the really big dinosaur that could be the size of the gym. Also learning about the differences between a theropod and a sauropod. We also saw the biggest fossilised bones ever found. They were as big as us. Most boys also had time to go through the ANZAC exhibit. It was a day enjoyed by all and the boys represented the college well. Thank you to all the parents that came along and with the help of our senior leaders we had a great time.



Dragon Boating

On Sunday March 3rd the SBC Dragon Boating team competed in Wellington Dragon Boating Festival. None of the boys in the team had tried dragon boating before this year which made it extra special when they placed second in the boys Grand Final. The boys showed our school values of Love Self, Love God, and Love Others throughout the day as they continued to improve through the heats and then put in their best performance for the final. It was awesome to see all the whānau who came to support and the SBC staff like Ms. Carter and Mrs Bull who were there cheering the boys on as well. Coaches/Van Drivers, Mr. McGrath and Mr. Risdon, were very proud of the way the boys conducted themselves inside and outside of the boat. A big thank you goes to the Director of Sports, Wendy Tukapua, for getting the boys entered, organising training and organising singlets. Congratulations to first place winners Aotea College. Looking forward to seeing you in the water next year!



On an early day
I wandered down to the beach
To watch the sunrise
- Toby Jones

The apple tree grew
A lot of apples today
They were very yum
- Polito-Siaki Leafe

The Wind is So Fast
During The Cold Rainy Days
I Love Wellington
- Cali Renata

I love speedway heaps
Speedway makes me feel at home
Speedway is awesome
- Bailey Crook

Magical forest
A young, superb puppy sleeps
Beyond the petal
- Ruben Dahiya

English

9BY Haikus

The autumn leaves fall
Ready to grow again soon
After winter's come
- Zaiden Martin

I was on a hike
The birds were loud some quiet
Because they are prey
- Ngarua Dagg

SBC Athletics Day



Chanel
Marcellin

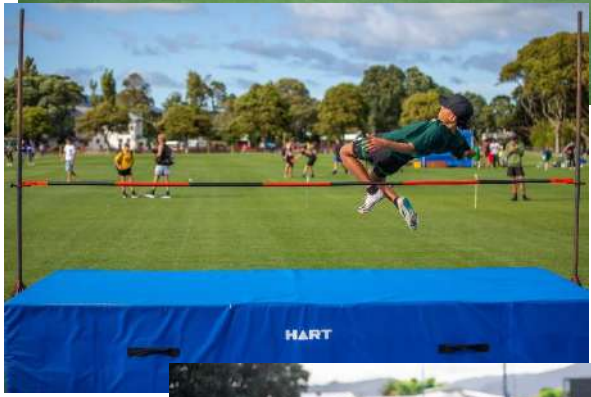


Ignatius
Pompallier

HOUSE WINNERS – POMPALLIER



SBC Athletics Day



Sport

It has been a great start to the term with having 2 new members enter our Sports Office, Sam Crawshaw who is looking after Tournaments and Funding along with Daniel Peckston who is the Coordinator of Sponsorship. Both have settled into their roles well and will be a great addition to our Sports Office.

Term One started with us meeting all the Year 9's and talking to their classes on Orientation Day. This involved what it meant to play sport at SBC, how to register and our 8 Player Expectations when signing up to sports. It was great to see many familiar faces and also new students to our school.

There is always plenty going on with Sports: Registrations, teams and selections, training and games, along with the many College Sport Wellington One Day Tournaments on offer and Summer Tournament Week. At present we have more teams playing in term 1 than last year, it is great to see so many more students getting involved in sports.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT WEEK:

This is a Nationwide week of sports from 16th to 22nd March where all Premier summer sports teams from colleges around the country head off to tournaments throughout New Zealand. It is a major week in our sports calendar.

Thank you to Sam, we are now sending more teams away than last year. It is great to see more of our students competing at a higher level. We wish our teams all the best on their preparations for the tournaments ahead. And thank you to our dedicated coaches and managers for giving the students the opportunity to attend.

- Senior 3x3 Regionals: Walter Nash, 16th - 19th March
- NZSS Tennis: Renouf Tennis Centre, 18th - 21st March
- NZSS Volleyball: Palmerston North, 18th - 22nd March
- NZSS Softball: Auckland, 18th - 22nd March
- NZSS Junior Futsal: Akau Tangi, 20th - 22nd March

SPONSORSHIP:

We would like to thank the sponsors below who have jumped onboard and are partnering with us to provide better resources for sports at St Bernard's. We are extremely grateful for their generosity and we know with their partnership we will continue to make positive changes into our Sports Programmes to create opportunities for our students.

The Sponsorship opportunities are never closed so if you are able to support in any way please get in touch with myself or Daniel Peckston sponsorship@sbc.school.nz

ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE SPORT SPONSORS



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PLEASE SUPPORT THESE BUSINESSES AS THEY SUPPORT US!

Sport

SOCIAL MEDIA:

For the most up to date information on sports please follow our Facebook or Instagram pages:

SBC183SPORT

SBC183RUGBY (rugby information)

SBCSupportersClub (run by year 13's, instagram only)

Lastly I would like to thank all our teams that have had to travel in order to train due to our gym floor being under construction. I appreciate your patience and understanding, and to our community who 'just make it happen'. Thank you to Sacred Heart College, St Orans College and Walter Nash for the use of their gyms over this time. All three gyms are busy already, so to fit us in I know was a stretch.

We look forward to a great year ahead!

Wendy Tukapua

Director of Sport

wtukapua@sbcs.school.nz

8 PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

WHAT DO WE TEACH OUR PLAYERS IN SBC SPORT?



Love Self

Being Coachable

Listen and respond with positive action. Be enthusiastic, ask questions.

Work Ethic

Bring your best all the time, do extra if required. Persevere through and show resilience when needed.

School Pride

Support our teams, wear uniform correctly, clean and tidy - for yourself and those that have gone before you.

Be Prepared

Come with everything a good sportsperson needs for your sport.

Love Others

Communication

If you cannot attend, let your manager know and let coaches know if you need extra help.

Being On-Time

For your teammates, coaches, and managers.

Respect

For your teammates, coaches, managers, officials, opposition, supporters and other's property.

Help Out

"Team bag, before your own bag". Make sure you help-out and clean up before leaving a training or game.

In doing all these and being grateful, shows the love of God

Community News

Our Learn to Row programme for 2024 kicks off on **Sunday, 17 March**.

Athletes will learn about safety, both on and off the water, be able to identify boats and equipment, and most importantly learn good rowing technique.

Once athletes have the basic skills they can choose what to do next. This might be more serious rowing like joining our men's or women's novice squads for the 2024/25 season.

Date: Sunday mornings starting Sunday, 27 March (we train rain or shine).

Time: Please arrive at 9:20am for a 9:30am start.

Costs: \$250 (Learn to Row is a 12 week programme). To be paid at the start of the programme.

Where: Petone Rowing Club 160 The Esplanade

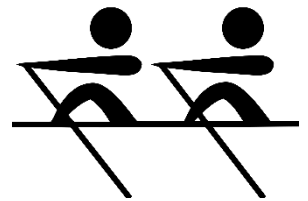
Bring: a towel, change of clothes, warm layers, hat, sunscreen, running shoes, and a drink bottle

Ngā mihi

Caroline Robertson

Committee Member, Petone Rowing Club

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The VIBE Nurse will be onsite Thursday

FREE! FREE! FREE!

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

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

March	
18-22	Summer Tournament Week
28	Easter Liturgy
29	Good Friday Holiday
April	
1	Easter Monday Holiday
2	Easter Tuesday Holiday
7	Daylight savings ends
12	End of Term 1

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

Uniform Shop

NEW HOURS!!
Tuesday 8am – 9am
Thursday 3pm – 4pm



Check out our online ordering
www.sbc.school.nz

2nd hand uniform is 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 or use the QR code an 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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