



Kia ora tātau.

We come to the end of the term and are well and truly into our work now. Our Year 7 boys and our new Year 9 students have become part of the place and our senior boys are into their first round of internal assessments for their NCEA. Our summer sporting teams have thrived with a continued growth in participation and achievement and our winter sporting teams are already trialing and practicing for the winter term ahead. We've had various retreats and overnight camps and field trips and university visits and liturgies to celebrate the start of our year, Ash Wednesday and Easter. Relay for Life saw over 100 of our boys involved and finally, after many years of waiting, the new wooden gym floor is finished and our boys, at last, have a sporting facility that they can be proud of! As this term comes to an end we are thankful.

Thank you to those of you who have been able to help out at various times over the term whether it be with the Year 7 and 8 boys at their Days Bay day or managing/coaching/supporting our various sports teams so positively or coming along on field trips to help supervise the boys. Thank you to all of you who do the regular things that support us so well – sending your son to school in the right uniform and with the gear that he needs; checking in on his engagement grades and engaging with his teachers so positively when maybe things are not going as well as we all hope for.

As the term ends we thank and farewell (again) Mrs Elsie Prasad who returned to us after her well deserved retirement to teach a number of English classes. We also thank Mr Lawrence Hobbs who has been with us full time over the term helping to teach our Food Technology classes.

We also take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Ms Maria Potter, the Principal of Sacred Heart College, as she steps down from that role at the end of this term after her 9 years there and 17 years of Principalship. Our boys see Sacred Heart as our 'sister school' and, I am told, the girls see us in much the same way. It has been a joy working with Maria over the last few years as we have strengthened that relationship and the work of the Catholic community in the Hutt Valley. We wish her well.

Simon Stack  
Principal

## Year 9 Camp



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# English



Logan W, Harry M, Flynn M (10FI) storyboard of Rough Justice

First day at Bernard's  
You go from friends to brothers  
Welcome to Bernard's.

Brotherhood Bernard's  
Welcome to the One Eight Three,  
Making bonds for life.

- Exodus Malaesilia, 9LG

## Basketball

Bouncing ball on the court so wide,  
Aiming high, dunking with pride.  
Swish of the net, a perfect shot,  
Kicking up dust, giving all we've got.  
Energetic dribbles, quick and sly,  
Teamwork soaring, reaching the sky.  
Buzzer beater moments, hearts race,  
Basketball is our favourite embrace.  
All for one, and one for all  
Let's shoot some hoops, live the dream.

- Kelly Thompson, 9LG



Kewa Kelemete storyboard of Sole to Sole

# Commerce



For our first internal assessment this year we studied motivation theory. We needed to study a business and interview a range of people that worked there. A big thanks to Deloitte who were able to host us in town and provide an awesome group of people to talk to in their level 12 boardroom.

In between looking out onto the waterfront all the students took turns asking some very pointed questions in order to gather enough evidence for their internal. It was a fantastic trip and the lads really enjoyed dipping their toes into a business that could be a potential pathway for them one day.

# Social Studies



On Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March, all Year 10 students from St Bernard's College went on a field trip to explore the legacy of the ANZAC experience and our contribution to World War One. The trip was for us to reflect upon the topic we have been learning about in Social Studies.

Both days started with an early morning walk to Waterloo station and taking the train into Wellington. We then walked together across the waterfront to Te Papa. During both days we split off into two groups: one group would explore Te Papa's WW1 exhibition "The Scale of Our War" while the other group would visit historian Ricky Prebble at Pukeahu War Memorial Park. Ricky shared information about different memorials, statues and the tomb of the unknown soldier who represented soldiers who remained on foreign soil.

Overall it was a very enjoyable and successful trip that everyone could take new information out of.

Jake Allen-Hargreaves

# Road Patrol

The boys are in action and going through the training to be part of the school traffic safety team.

We are thrilled to shine a spotlight on a group of students who play an important role in ensuring the safety of our pedestrians and the traffic: **our dedicated Crossing duty Team.**

Every day, rain or shine, these committed students stand at the forefront, guiding the traffic safely across busy road. Their unwavering dedication, vigilance, and sense of responsibility ensure that our students have a safe trip to school and back home. Thank you boys for all the work...!!



# Relay4Life 2024



Thank you to all the boys who participated, we ended up having a team of 113 this year. Our largest group ever. The boys have raised a massive \$9323. A special shout out to Cam Parks, Deklin's Dad, who stayed overnight, down at the track encouraging the boys keeping that baton moving.

Thank you again to the boys that showed up, gave it their best and I hope you join us for Relay 2025!

# Community News

Join us for a **#DMC** in Wellington!

REGISTER 

**YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16-25**


Come along for some free kai and the chance to connect with like-minded young people!

Whāraurau is providing an opportunity for young people to come together to amplify the youth voice, and contribute to the conversation around youth wellbeing.

**18TH APRIL 2024**  
11:00am - 2:00pm  
Wellington CBD

**NO ACCESS TO TRANSPORT?**  
Get in touch to see if we can support you with transport.

**WHĀRAURAU**  

 @ourDMC  facebook.com/OurDMC  yca@wharaurau.org.nz

## SAVE THE DATE- LOOKING AHEAD ☺

MOVIE FUNDRAISER for our Relay for Life Team 2025

Our Relay for Life school team this year have inspired some year 8s to get organized and start the fundraising for next year. They are running a movie fundraiser event in December this year for Moana 2. Tickets will be available from late Term 3- Early term 4. An official invitational flyer will be sent out closer to the time which will include price information and how to book your ticket.

**SAVE THE DATE: Moana 2 on Sunday 1 December at 5pm, Relay for Life 2025 TEAM**



Our public health nurses are coming to your school in the week starting 29 April to provide immunisation for Y7 tamariki.

- If you have changed your mind or your situation has changed please contact us at [res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz](mailto:res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz), or call us on 04 587 2949
- If you have not yet consented, but want to, please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us on 04 587 2949
- If you declined the vaccines last year but you have changed your mind and you now want your year 8 child to receive the vaccine(s) please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us on 04 587 2949
- If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at [res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz](mailto:res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz), or call us on 04 587 2949



My name's Sarah and I'm from [MathsBuddy](http://www.mathsbuddy.co.nz), an online mathematics tutoring program.

We would like to offer families at your school a free trial of MathsBuddy.

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(e) [sarah.murray@mathsbuddy.co.nz](mailto:sarah.murray@mathsbuddy.co.nz)



The VIBE Nurse will be onsite Thursday

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

**No pen needed**

Everyone entering New Zealand needs to complete a New Zealand Traveller Declaration.

**Scan the QR code to:**  
Complete your declaration online, or download the NZTD app (you can complete your declaration while you are offline).

For more information go to [TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](http://TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz)



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Te Kīwaniatanga o Aotearoa  
New Zealand Government

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## Term Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	30 January – 12 April
<b>Term 2</b>	29 April – 5 July
<b>Term 3</b>	22 July – 27 September
<b>Term 4</b>	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

<b>April</b>	
<b>29</b>	Term 2 Starts
<b>May</b>	
<b>2</b>	Yr 7 Vaccinations
<b>8</b>	SBC Cross County (TBC)
<b>13</b>	Junior Production Week
<b>16-18</b>	O'Shea Shield
<b>21</b>	Parent/Teacher – Early finish 12.15
<b>24</b>	Early finish 1.15 – Open Day Prep
<b>25</b>	SBC OPEN DAY
<b>28</b>	Individual & Tutor class Photos
<b>30</b>	Parent/Teacher – Early finish 12.15

## Uniform Shop

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



Check out our online ordering

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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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