

## St. Bernard's College

"To Stand on Life-Giving Ground"

Newsletter July 2024

Kia ora tātau

The thing I don't like about newsletters is that they tend to be 'out of date' as soon as they are produced. We try to put photos and short items into them so that you, as our wider community, get a sense of what is happening in your school but I have to admit to always feeling a bit let down by them. This is because a newsletter can never really show the awesome, full-on nature of what it is like in this place in the 'everyday'. It is a community of humor, work, interaction, success and failure and brilliance as well as occasional thoughtlessness and the need to fix things up. It is a place where every day always has something happening that is not just an 'everyday' thing...be it fieldtrips or speeches in classes or model making or cooking or algebraic success. Often when it comes to 'newsletter time' most of these things are done and we've moved on so it is quite hard to get these things from history recorded and shown to you.

So with all that it mind I have discovered that, along with the much followed and loved sports and careers Instagram accounts, we have an official school Instagram. I made our first post on it a couple of weeks ago. It was nothing spectacular unless you think our year 7/8 Pacifica group having a meal together before practising for their Huttfest performance on a Friday night was spectacular. I actually thought it was pretty awesome thing for a group of our parents to do for these boys so I posted it. So if you are on Instagram and want to see the everyday news as it happens in our school feel free to follow the account – sbclowerhutt and enjoy.

We are also in the process of re-developing the college website. I wonder if this form of communication, along with the weekly 'week ahead' information that Mr McGrath sends out with the engagement grades, means that newsletters are now a thing from the past...a reminder of the days before the internet and social media. We would like to hear your views on this so email <a href="nrainey@sbc.school.nz">nrainey@sbc.school.nz</a> to have your say.

We finish this term with a full-on week. We have three separate groups performing at Huttfest over the week and are currently in the midst of a sports exchange with Francis Douglas from New Plymouth. This involves hosting around 100 students and 7 different sports fixtures. I acknowledge and thank all of the families who have shown hospitality to our visitors through billeting them and looking after them. I also acknowledge and thank Mrs Wendy Tukapua and the various team coaches and managers who have worked hard to make this exchange a success. And finally we welcome our new Arch-Bishop to our school for the first time to celebrate our end of term mass on Thursday.

We hope that the boys have a great break and come back re-energized for the term ahead.

Simon Stack Principal



Follow us on instagram Sbclowerhutt



We were privileged to have Archbishop Paul Martin lead our end of term liturgy.

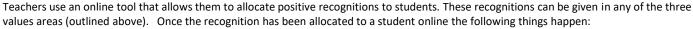


#### PB4L

At SBC, our values and 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.

How does the PB4L recognitions process operate at SBC?



- 1. The recognition is recorded in the database against the student's name.
- 2. Students (who have registered their cell phone number) will receive a text message to tell them that they have received a recognition, who gave it to them and which value they were recognised for displaying.
- 3. After 3 recognitions have been given to a student, an email is sent home (to the main parent email) to let you know that your son has received 3 recognitions.
- 4. At the end of the week all the recognitions given that week are tallied up against each student, tutor class and house. Each Monday, the summary of this data is sent to all staff and is also put in the school notices.
- 5. House points are put towards the House Sheild at the end of the year.
- 6. Students who get recognitions also go into random prize draws through the year. We gave out 18 Canteen vouchers at the start of this term to students who gained recognitions in Term 1.

Deans also use the information and the Year 9 the swimming reward trip each term is awarded to the Year 9 Tutor class with the most recognitions.

So far this term, a total of 3500 recognitions have been given to 528 students from 33 tutors classes by 32 members of staff – teaching and non-teaching. The student with the most recognitions in Term 2 was Inigo A, the top scoring tutor class was 7WL and the house with the highest number of PB4L's given was Chanel.

We would like to congratulate all the students for their positive learning at SBC during Term 2. Have a safe and restful holidays.

If you have any questions about PB4L at SBC, please contact Manuhiri Corcoran (PB4L Lead) on mcorcoran@sbc.school.nz



Teacher Jess Carter's farewell, heading away on her OE at the end of term

All the best Jess, you'll be missed

Another great soup week, all proceeds go to the Home of Compassion



## **Huttfest 2024**



The boys did themselves and SBC proud at Huttfest

The performance from the junior and Senior groups were a true credit to all the time invested by students, staff and helpers.

Well done!

Junior





Senior

## Science





Last week our school attended the annual 'Massey University Crisis Lab Challenge'. Teams had to use their expertise in science, engineering, and programming to design a 'Tsunami Alert System' for the Wellington Region. Our team included: Ben Housden, Euan Monteclaro, Matthew Smart, Caleb Thompson and Tarkon Yu Hoi.

We won the prize for best science communication and were runners up in the overall standings. We were also commended for having the best quality programming code in the competition.

Congratulations to our hard working, skilled team of students!

## Music

Musical success of St Bernard's student, Xavier Ngaro, who is a member of the Virtuoso Strings Octet which was recently selected (along with just one other Wellington group, of which Xavier is also a member) to perform at the Michael Fowler Centre on 2 August 2024 in the National Finals of the NZCT Chamber music contest

https://www.chambermusic.co.nz/nzct-contest

We hope you are able to celebrate his tremendous achievement on violin and encourage staff and other St Bernard's students to hear him perform at the National Final.

## **Physical Education**

Level 2 P.E. have been coaching year 7's for their leadership strategies internal assessment. Congratulations to the red team for winning the basketball tournament!



## **Community News**



#### Our last Learn to Row course for 2024 will start on Sunday 28 July.

This will be an 8-week course suitable for high school students (year 10+) and adults wanting to learn to row and go on to join our Novice or Masters Squads for the 2024/25 season.

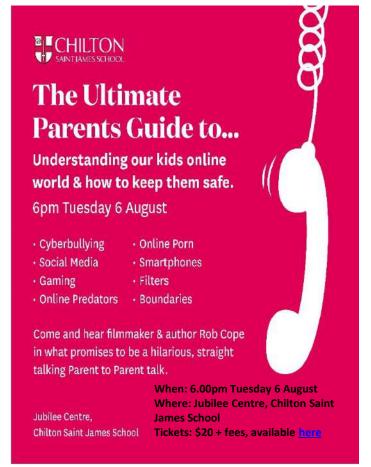
Cost: \$200 for 8 weeks

**Time:** Sunday morning 9:30am -11:00am **Location:** Meet up at 160 The Esplanade, Petone

Bring: running shoes, thermal top layers, gym clothing, a change of

clothes (in case you get wet).

To register please email: <a href="mailto:clubtreasurerprc@gmail.com">clubtreasurerprc@gmail.com</a>









#### Samoan Trip Raffle Results

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$300.00 petrol vouchers – Tony Burton 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Warriors Jersey – Zayne 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Resene Paint Voucher – Anna Ellis

Congratulations to our winners!
Thank you to all who bought tickets

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## THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US

Thank you to our Sponsors/Partners in supporting SBC Sport.

We are very grateful for your generosity.

Term 2 Sports newsletter will be out via our social media networks over the holidays.

### **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**

July

22 Term 3 Starts

25 RCIA Parents Meeting22-29 Bee Healthy Van onsite

August

SBC Sports/Cutural PhotosY10 NCEA Parents Evening

**31** Y12/13 Ball

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

## **Uniform Shop**

#### HOURS

Tuesday 8am – 9am Thursday 3pm – 4pm



Check out our online ordering

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 to make an appointment.

As most of our information is now sent by email.

Free appointments with a doctor are available at the VIBE Clinic.

They can be made through the nurse, or directly with VIBE:

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

Please check your settings to make sure we are a trusted sender.

Vibe:566-0525 IT'S FREE!

## Reminders

**Contact Details** 

information.

E-mail

#### **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.** 



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