



Kia ora tātau

We are coming off a couple of great weekends. Two weeks ago our O'Shea team were competing over two days in Napier against the 17 Catholic colleges from the lower North Island and Upper South Island to finish fourth overall. In doing so they also picked up two trophies and represented our community beautifully. While we were driving back down to Wellington the news came through that our First XV had just won their final grading game against HVHS with a last minute try to again make the Premier division. I admit to the relief of getting the final result without the anxiety of actually having it all unfold in real time! Our open day last Saturday was also so well attended that the office were having to print off extra enrolment packs on the day...and the first XV won their first round Premier 1 competition game against HIBs.

Thank you to all of you who could attend the parent-teacher interviews over the last two weeks. We know that one of the most important factors in ensuring the success of our boys is the communication between teachers and parents. We also know that our seniors in particular are starting to feel the pressure as the number of their NCEA assessments begin to increase. This included around 115 of our Year 10 – 11 boys completing their first set of the new numeracy and literacy exams last week without any issues.

O'Shea Shield

Sacred Heart College in Napier hosted the annual O'Shea Shield competition between the seventeen Catholic colleges of Wellington Archdiocese and Palmerston North Diocese.

It was great to finally get to the Hawkes Bay as we had been due to travel there for the last couple of competitions but Covid and Cyclone Gabrielle had other ideas.

The St Bernards team was made up of 15 students who competed in Religious Drama (**Efeso Tuuga, Tevita Alatini, PJ Leiataua, Zion Matagi and Angelo Araiza**), Religious Questions (**Matthew Smart, Thomas Van Der Gulik and Angelo Araiza**), Debating (**Finn Gentry, Euan Monteclaro and Caleb Thompson**), Oratory (**Deklin Frew-Parks**), Junior Prepared Speech (**Lars Meyer-Westfield**) and Impromptu Speaking (**Denzel Masveta**). The final two events are scripture reading in English (**Efeso Tuuga**) and Te Reo Maori (**Tenakee Love**).

Thanks also to Trace Iti and Roman Kersten who accompanied, supported and took photos during the event.

The team had put in a load of preparation and competed beautifully.

Our drama team won Section B in the Religious Drama and Tenakee won the cup for Te Reo Scripture. Our debating team also won their debate.

Overall, we came fourth out of the seventeen schools and we couldn't be more proud of the way that they conducted themselves as they supported one another and made connections and friendships with students from around the lower North Island.

Thanks also to the staff who coached various events and travelled to support the team.



PB4L

Why is it important to recognise positive behaviours?

Because there are positive outcomes for both the teacher and the student when we recognise positive behaviours. Highlighting positive behaviours encourages that positive behaviour to continue. There are times when we might need to stop and teach (or re-teach) the behaviour we want, just as we teach other skills. It is important to remember we try and focus on what you're looking for rather than what you don't want when teaching these new skills.

Small moments matter. Every time we engage positively with our rangatahi we have an opportunity to build a positive culture. (Adapted from Kathryn Weaver)

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.

Each Monday we publish the data from the previous week in our Daily notices. The notices are accessible from the school website. You may also have received emails from PB4L after every 3 recognitions your son receives.

In Term 2 Week 2 there were Year Level random draws for canteen vouchers to recognise the students who got at least 7 recognitions during Term One.

The winners are as follows:

Year 7: Jonah AY, Stanley Z & Nate W

Year 8: Valli M, Sosefo N & Learie S

Year 9: Shamil S, Jackson S & Yuan T

Year 10: Flynn M, Wade W & Penehe S

Year 11: George F, Josef L & Lenix T

Year 12: Xavier B & Blake F

Year 13: Atonio P

Congratulations to all our students, tutor classes and houses for their positive learning at SBC so far this year.



By Teariki Faapepele Year 7

SADD Conference



During the first week of the school holidays, Deklin and Riel attended a Students Against Dangerous Driving (SADD) conference. The primary goal of the conference is to bring together like-minded young individuals to learn, create, and enhance the safety of our community. With a shared passion for ensuring the safety of New Zealand's road users and preventing accidents, we embarked on our journey at the conference. Upon arrival, we unpacked and were introduced to one another. Our first session delved into exploring ways we could contribute to our community's safety. Soon after, we were presented with the SADD conference challenge: to develop a media outreach campaign targeting youth. With just one day to conceptualize, film, and produce a video, the pressure was on. My group, focusing on the importance of wearing helmets titled "Protect Your Noggin," dedicated ourselves from 9 am to 4 pm crafting our message. Extensive research on the alarming statistics and consequences of not wearing helmets informed our approach.

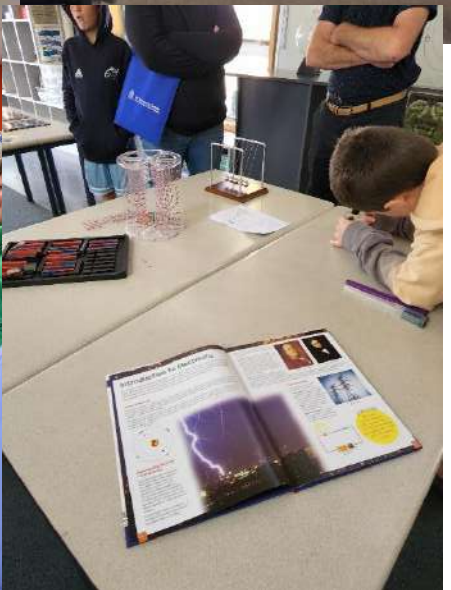
On the second night, we enjoyed a quiz night, fostering camaraderie with our fellow attendees. To our delight, my group emerged victorious, earning a McDonald's treat as a reward. The highlight arrived on the third day: presentation day. We showcased our work to SADD leaders and community partners, including the NZ Police, Fire and Emergency, St. John Ambulance, Wellington Free Ambulance, AA, Waka Kotahi, ACC, Upper Hutt City Council, and others. After all groups presented, the judges announced my group as the competition winners.

In addition to the group achievement, Deklin received individual recognition, earning a Spirit Award for actively contributing to discussions, demonstrating teamwork, and providing invaluable assistance throughout the conference. Overall, it was an unforgettable experience—one that left a lasting impression and was an honor to be a part of.

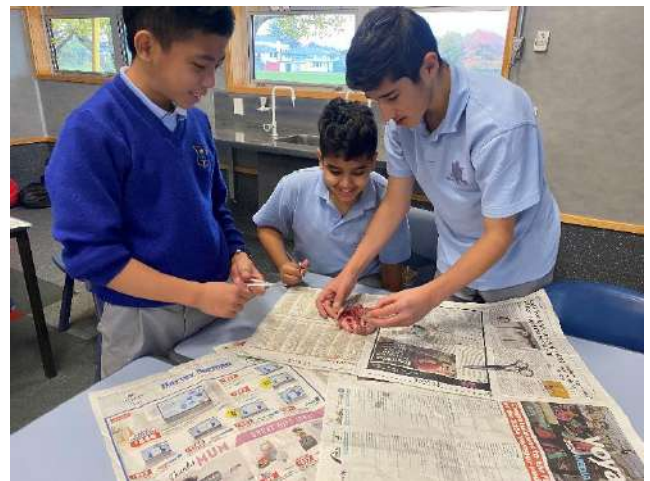
Pink Shirt Day



SBC Open Day



Junior Science



Our Year 7 students have started learning about a broad range of science concepts in the context of a pirate. The boys have learnt about the states of matter and the water cycle. They have completed practical experiments investigating the states of matter.

Our Year 8 students are busy learning about human biology this term. They start by learning about the heart and the circulatory system. They then move onto the respiratory system, having a closer look at the lungs and how they work. In the last couple of weeks, all Year 8 classes have done dissections on the heart and a pluck (heart and lung). The boys really get into this.

My favourite quote is from Carson 8CL "Might have to become a science teacher so I can do this everyday".

If you have a job in or have previously worked in a job involving human biology, physio, personal trainer, nurse, doctor, radiology, dentist etc, we are after some guest speakers to come in and chat to the boys about their jobs. If this sounds interesting to you please contact Emma Burns eburns@sbc.school.nz.

On 22 May we had two teams of Year 9 students representing our school in the local Hutt STEM Science Quiz. These boys did very well participating in such an event. The boys involved were Caleb Dadulo 9HY, Toby Jones 9BY, Liam Allanson 9BN, Jake Bouzaid 9BN, George Matheson 9BN, Kieran Conway 9HY, Exodus Malaesilia 9LG and Zaiden Martin 9BY

Mathematics

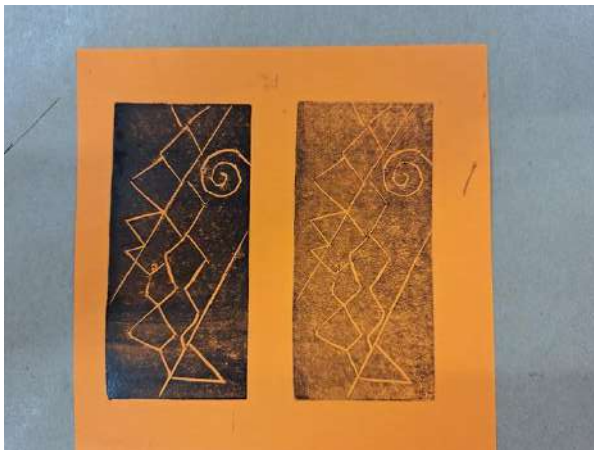


Our year 8 students have begun working on their first Number project, Phil's Fishing Farce. This involves reading word problems and working out which operation to use. These problems are often multistep. The photos here are from 8BR using a game activity to solve decimal questions. The boys are having fun trying to beat each other. Looking ahead we have maths week coming up next term, 12-16 August, where senior students will host a range of activities for our junior students to participate in.

ESL

ESL (English as a Second Language)

As part of the internal assessment, we visited the Dowse Art Museum. We were guided through the most prominent exhibition, Nuku Tewhatewha. We learnt about the history and every detail on the pātaka. We also attended an art workshop which gave us an opportunity to carve patterns on a piece of vinyl. It required more skills than we thought, but we had so much fun. It was a valuable experience for us to understand more about tikanga Māori.



Community News



SGCNZ UOSWSF National Shakespeare Festival
St James Theatre, Courtenay Place, Wellington

Saturday 1st June: 9.30am - 5.30 pm
Sunday 2nd June: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Sunday Night 2nd June: 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm:
SGCNZ YSC Showcase, Competition Prize-giving
& Scene Award Ceremony

Tickets \$15-\$35 at ticketmaster.co.nz
Group & weekend passes & door sales available.
Performance order on sgcnz.org.nz. Enquiries to 027 283 6016.

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SHAKESPEARE
FESTIVAL 2024

Do you know someone 5-15 years old, with asthma, who may be open to participating in a world-leading study?

The Medical Research Institute of New Zealand (MRINZ) are currently running a groundbreaking asthma trial for tamariki. [The START CARE Asthma Study](#) compares two different inhalers to find out which one is better at preventing asthma attacks in children. This potentially world-changing research, by Aotearoa New Zealand's leading independent medical research institute, aims to help kids everywhere, particularly tamariki here in Aotearoa, which has some of the worst asthma rates in the world.

Watch the little video below to find out more, or head straight to the [START CARE STUDY summary](#) to get all the details.



Hutt Valley Student Welfare Initiative.

Schools across the Hutt valley have been approached to be apart of a new Wellbeing focused initiative lead by the Ministry of Education and Police. The purpose of the Programme is to notify schools in a timely manner when one of its students has been affected by a family harm episode. The Ministry of Education will manage and monitor alerts from Police and send a notification to the enrolling school with no other detail other than the students name. As a result of these notifications the school is then aware that a child has experienced an event within the last 24 hours and is then better able to assist these students through more appropriate and sensitive behaviour management, and the provision of additional supports when required.

This programme fits within our Child Protection policy requirements therefore the Board have agreed that the school will opt into this programme. The school has created a process to ensure information is kept private and safely stored.

We need your Help!

HOMESTAY HOST

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Ever thought what it might be like to host an International Student?

Here's a chance to dip your toe in the water – a short stay of just 13 nights with a student from Japan in late July/early August 2024.

We are looking for 3 families, preferably without pets to host a student from Aoyama Gakuin Yokohama Eiwa Junior High School.

- This is a wonderful opportunity to share what makes our lifestyle special and in turn to experience a little of one of the world's ancient cultures.
- You will be paid \$350.00 per week for hosting the student
- The student becomes an extension of your family and do whatever you do
- You will be greatly assisting the College.

Like to know more?

Contact Megan Smith on msmith@sbc.school.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

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RATING TBC

**LIGHT HOUSE PETONE
52 BEACH STREET**

**WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 5.45PM
ARRIVE AT 5.30PM | TICKETS \$20**

Fundraising for 10 boys from
St Bernard's College sailing
on the Spirit of Adventure

To book tickets contact
Lisa Cross
lisacross130@gmail.com



**YOU'RE INVITED TO A
FUNDRAISER SCREENING OF
DEADPOOL AND WOLVERINE**



RATING TBC

**LIGHT HOUSE PETONE
52 BEACH STREET**

**THURSDAY 25TH JULY 8.30PM
ARRIVE AT 8.00PM | TICKETS \$20**

Fundraising for Secondary Schools Football
Tournament in Napier

For tickets contact

Melissa Olsthoorn: text on 0272486862 or email
lisswells1973@gmail.com

Mairead Conway: text on 0212928519 or email to
mconway1972@gmail.com

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

June	
3	King's Birthday Holiday
4	Teacher only Day
17	Staff PLD – early finish 1.15
20/21	Contributing Schools visit
28	Matariki Holiday
July	
5	2025 enrolments close

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/

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 to make 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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