



# Francis Douglas Memorial College

## Important Dates

Monday 26  
October

Labour Day  
school closed

Friday 30 October

Leavers' Mass

9.00 am

Prizegiving

11.00 am

Graduation  
Dinner

7.00 pm



Daniel Chow

Board of Trustees  
Student  
Representative

### From the Principal

#### Father Patrick Bradford

Former student Patrick Bradford was recently ordained in Melbourne for diocesan work in that region. On the last day of term he celebrated Mass for our Year 9 students among whom were his cousin Eliah Bradford and nephew Joseph Bernet as pictured.



### Starlit Hope

In the last week of school last term a special assembly was held to present Roland and Sarah Devine with an \$18,025 cheque to support Starlit Hope, a trust begun by their now deceased daughter Gabby while she was suffering from cancer. The proceeds are used to purchase entertainment items that can make child cancer sufferers' burden a little lighter. All proceeds came from our senior leaders' project for the year, the main part of which was a fundraising dinner. Previous projects have raised around \$6,000 so this year's group can feel especially proud.



### Colours awards

Colours in Service, Culture and Sport were issued by popular former student guest speaker and TV3 Political Editor Paddy Gower on the last day of term. It was wonderful once again to witness the sense of achievement and family pride on the day as well as juniors' increased awareness of the full lives our seniors live. The list of awardees appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

### Skills are important

As our students prepare for their exams they need to see them as preparation for their future in the world of work. A publication I read recently ranked the skills that will be needed in well-paying and higher demand jobs near 2020 and beyond. The top ten have been graphed and feature some surprises. It is interesting to observe however that oral and written skills will still be vital in tomorrow's world in most occupations.

Daniel Chow of Year 11 has been elected from three nominees to serve on the school's Board for one year.

### PTA

Our PTA does good work in representing all parents in offering feedback to the school management and raising precious funding to purchase items that enhance students' education. From their recent donation we have purchased:

- Climbing ropes, harnesses and carabineers
- A personal locator beacon
- A Garmin GPS
- 8 x heart rate monitors
- 3 person tent
- 2 x cookers
- Canon DSLR camera
- 1 x Ezyup marque
- Enhancements to sound system
- 15 x iPads
- 3 x iPad storage units
- 12 x rugby post protector pads

This is an impressive list of items, quoted at \$27,427, that we are most grateful for. Some of our curriculum areas not represented above are able to use their own funds to make purchases.

*St John Baptist de La Salle – Pray for us*  
*Live Jesus in our hearts – forever*  
*Martin Chamberlain - Principal*

**Sports Awards 2015**

Athletics: L F Walsh Challenge Cup Senior Champion - Thomas Wright, Basketball: Siffleet Family Trophy Rookie of the Year - Jack Williams, Basketball: Crowley Family Cup Most Outstanding Team Player - Ethan Adams, Basketball: Dobson Trophy Best Defense Player - Owen Griffiths, Basketball: Dennis Toon Trophy Most Improved Player - Ollie Doherty - Ramsay, Basketball: Kent Mori Cup Senior A Captain - Nathan Cousins - Lapworth, Basketball: Andy Cowie Trophy Most Valuable Players - Nathan Cousins - Lapworth & Sam Wright, Basketball: Joseph Riordan Trophy Most Outstanding College Basketball - Matthew O'Connell, Badminton: FDMC Badminton Trophy Outstanding Badminton Player - Zian Popata, Cricket: D'ath Family Trophy Most Valuable Bowler - Jensen Taumoepeau, Cricket: Kirk Family Trophy Most Valuable Batter - Bailey Wisnewski, Cricket: Fleming Trophy Most Improved Player - Robson Chapman, Cricket: Bolstad Trophy Most Valuable Player - Quin Sorensen, Cricket: Peter Stachurski Cup Most Promising Player in First XI - Jesse Vertongen, Cricket: Br Peter Smyth Trophy Contribution to Cricket - Bailey Wisnewski, Cycling: George Wharehoka Cup Outstanding Senior Cyclist - Shaun Palmer, Cross Country: Br Tim Trophy Champion - Thomas Wright, Hockey: Landrigan Cup Captain 1<sup>st</sup> XI - Quin Sorensen, Hockey: Br Tim Trophy Development as a Player - Method Te Huia, Hockey: Bedford Trophy Most Valuable Contribution to Hockey - James Herdeegen, Hockey: King Trophy Team Award - Cody Rothwell, Multi Sport: Maclean Family Trophy Outstanding Performance - Senior Adventure Racing Team, Rowing: Most Outstanding Performance - Bodie Butler & Mason Porteous, Rugby: Keinzley Cup Outstanding First Season in 1<sup>st</sup> XV - Stephen Gibson, Rugby: Michael James Milham Trophy Sportsmanship - Oliver Polson, Rugby: John George Cup Most Points in the Season - Shaun Phillips, Rugby: Crawford Cup Most Valuable Player - Mason Taylor, Rugby: Kane Paltridge Memorial Trophy Outstanding Player - Enele Fidow, Rugby League: Wackrow Trophy Greatest Contribution to Rugby League - Enele Fidow, Sailing: Port Taranaki Trophy Junior Sailor of the Year - Anthony van Hameren,

Sailing: Fitzroy Yachts Trophy Senior Sailor of the Year - Sam Street, Skiing: Lynsky Cup Fastest Skier - Cole Hareb, Skiing: Neeson Family Trophy Most Improved Skier - Nikolai Murray, Snowboarding: Kelly Barclay Trophy Best Overall Snowboarder - Charlie George, Golf: Barrett Family Cup Golf Open Champion - Matt Allen, Football: Crow Cup Outstanding First Season in 1<sup>st</sup> XI - George Monk, Football: FDMC Football Cup For Most Improved Player - Dawson Webber, Football: Hall Cup For Outstanding Contribution to Football - Thomas Wright & Ben Moore, Football: FDMC Soccer Trophy Player of the Year - Connor Hay, Football: Hareb Cup 1<sup>st</sup> XI Players Player - Tyler Paterson, Squash: Charteris Cup Best Squash Player - Blake Habib, Swimming: Quintas Challenge Cup Senior Champion - Eliot Lundon - Moore, Tennis: Moore Cup Senior Champion - Caleb Fleming, Waka Ama Toa Waka Ama Trophy Contribution to Waka Ama - Poi-laiu'amea Kirifi.



Contribution to College Sport - Shaun Palmer, Team of the Year - First XI Cricket, Sportsman of the Year - Eliot Lundon-Moore, Outstanding Act of Fair Play - First XIII Rugby League.



Interhouse Trophies: Swimming - Solomon, Athletics - Solomon, Cross Country - La Salle, Football - La Salle, Rugby - Solomon, Basketball - Loreto, Winning House - Solomon.



*Mark Wales  
Director of Sport*

**North Island Secondary Schools Ski Competition**

This was held on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September at Mt Ruapehu Turoa ski field.

Once again it was a popular event attracting 124 schools and 566 competitors. Over the three sunny days the students raced in Giant Slalom and Dual Slalom events gaining individual placings and school points. All our boys put in a solid effort skiing well throughout the event. Kieran Cullen (our fastest junior skier) and Sam Street won their Dual Slalom.

Our team was: Kieran Cullen, Sam Street, Nikolai Murray and Zachary Smith.

Thank you to the parents who supported their sons and Andy Cullen for volunteering as Course Assistant.





### Seismic strengthening of our three storey building

Work on this major project has started and will see students being relocated to other areas of the school for their classes until the project is completed next March. The disruption will be a nuisance but our compliant fully renewed classrooms will be much improved teaching spaces. The whole building will be closed for school use from 2 November and when the school year starts on 1 February, only the second floor will be available. In the second week we should have the first floor back and the Ground Floor should be completed by mid March.

### Science News

#### 2015 Otago Senior Science Quiz

The following students excelled in the 2015 Otago Senior Science Quiz, and were awarded Certificates of Merit.

Congratulations to Thomas Morgan, David Codd, Thomas Hadley, Daniel Chow, John Frengley, and Conor O'Neill.

#### Australian National Chemistry Quiz

The following students excelled in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz, a very challenging competition involving top students in many countries.

Congratulations to Declan Barrett, William Hadley, Vince Ropitini, David Codd, Felix Webby, Kyle Hancock, James Ansley, John Frengley and Connor Lindsay on their Merit Awards.

Congratulations also to the following students who were awarded Certificates of Distinction.

Rahul Rajasingh, Tomas Borsje, Michael Theron, Jayden Smith, Daniel Chow, Dominic Jacquemard, Jostijn Dessing and Conor O'Neill.

Two students, Manuel Dessing and Thomas Morgan, deserve special mention for scoring in the top 10% of New Zealand students and receiving Certificates of High Distinction.

Well done to all students who participated.

Colleen Severinsen  
HOD Science

### Colours Recipients

**Sports Colours:** Ethan Adams, Bryn Chard, Nathan Cousins-Lapworth, Brendon Dent, Luke Dravitzki, Enele Fidow, Feterika Fidow, Connor Hay, Mitchell Hurley, Polaiu'amea Kirifi, Joseph Landrigan, Connor Lindsay, Jack Matthews, Ben Moore, Josh Morris, Shaun Palmer, Tyler Paterson, Shaun Phillips, Oliver Polson, Steven Snoxell, Quin Sorensen, Mason Taylor, Sam Wright, Thomas Wright.

**Cultural Colours:** Patrick Fisher-Evans, John Frengley, Cormac Griffin, Benjamin Hall, Dominic Jacquemard, Polaiu'amea Kirifi, Tyler Paterson, Ziah Taumoepeau, Mason Taylor, Colby Wall, Michael Wells.

**Service Colours:** Stephen Gibson, Alton Gondipon, Michael Kerr, Joseph Landrigan, Connor Lindsay, Shaun Palmer, Tyler Paterson, Louis Poole, Ryan Sadler, Logan Walsh, Bailey Wisnewski, Sam Wright.

### Swimming Results

Three of our students, Jaxon Madden, Matthew Meuli and Troy Ryan qualified and represented FDMC at the NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Championships 11 -13 September 2015 in Hamilton.

Matthew Meuli placed 3rd in the 100m backstroke (14 years). He achieved top ten placings in the 50m Back (5th), 200m back (5th), 100m fly (7th), 100m free (8th), 400 free (9th), 50m fly (9th), 200m free (10th).

Jaxon Madden achieved top ten placings in the 200m back(7th), 50m back(8th), 100 back (10th).

Troy Ryan achieved top ten placings in the 200IM(6th), 200m fly(9th), 200m breast(10th), 100m breast(10th).

Congratulations to all three.



### Rugby League Year 9/10

Sunday last was wet, windy and a tad chilly but that didn't stop our loyal players in the Year9 /10 Rugby League team from fronting up to play for their College.

The format was 9's. We played Stratford and won; Opunake and won; Hawera and won. Our goal was to make the final and we did. Sadly Boys' High School were too good for us, especially a young fellow by the name of Tabare who I'm sure learned his 'slice-through-the-line' skills when he was in the Intermediate team at FDMC! I am happy with Runners Up.



I am again very proud that our boys, some of whom had never played league before, were complimented by the referees for their positive, disciplined play.

Another crop of boys is being moulded into 'Men of Integrity' through their commitment and passion for the game.

It was great to see old boys Ben Sofeni, Eruera Williamson, Jordan Penn and present pupils there to support us.

Also thanks to the sideline whanau for their help and cheerful support. The team was: Andrew Kere-Rako (Captain), Ben Smith, Jacob Kneepkens, Rikki Sofeni, Seth Diamond, Jon Buhler, Aidyn Kettle, Callum Grayling, Finn Hosking, Shay Smith, Jakob Neilson, Lachlan Rhodes, Mairenga Laapo and Kadyn Luke.

Ms Wackrow  
FDMC 1st XIII League Team

**Situations Vacant** The Diocese of Palmerston North is looking for experienced accounts staff to fill two roles, based in Palmerston North, to manage the collection of attendance dues for Catholic state-integrated schools in the region. Visit [www.pndiocese.org.nz/vacancies](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/vacancies) to view the job advertisement. or contact David Mullin to find out more: [dmullin@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:dmullin@pndiocese.org.nz); 06) 213 9264. Applications accepted until Friday 30 October 2015.

**MAD** day was once again a highly successful event and reports from many quarters was that it was the best one yet. We currently have \$29500 handed in for MAD day. This is a very good total but short of our aim. Those 130 students who have not yet handed in their sponsorship money or donation because they did not get sponsors need to hand in their money as soon as possible so we can reach our target of net \$30000. This is especially applicable to senior students who finish classes next Friday.



### Calendar Term 3 2015 October

Sun 25 1st XI Cricket to  
Waikato

Mon 26 Labour Day

Fri 30 Leavers' Mass  
Senior Prizegiving  
Graduation Dinner

Sat 31 Pasifika Day at Sanders  
Park 10 am - 2 pm

### November

Fri 6 Catholic Athletics  
Day for Year 7 & 8

Mon 9 TOPEC Year 10

Mon 16 Yr 9 & 10 exams

Wed 18 Yr 8 Retreat

Mon 23 Yr 9 & 10 cricket  
tournament - Napier

Wed 25 Year 10 Retreat

Fri 27 Orientation Day

### December

Wed 2 Yr 7 & 8 Tabloid  
Sports at SHGC

Tues 8 Activity Day  
Yr 9 to Aquatic Centre  
Yr 10 to Skate Park

Fri 11 Junior Prizegiving  
11.00 am

Students will be dismissed for  
the year at the conclusion of  
prize giving.

### 2016 Field Trip

Any current Year 11 or Year 12 student who wishes to be considered as a member of a school group going to the French and Belgian battlefields and La Sallian connections in Northern France next December please see Mrs Marris asap.

### Careers Department Opportunities

#### Yoobee Courses: Wellington

On Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September I travelled down to Wellington to attend the Film Production course in the first week of the school holidays. The course consisted of: filming, editing and adding in music to make a short music video. I really enjoyed the course and I wish to thank the Careers Department for making this available to me. *Isaac Boon Year 12*

Supporting college Football 1st XI



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