

*Francis Douglas*



*Memorial College*

**2015**

**CATHOLIC LASALLIAN SCHOOL FOR BOYS  
FAITH SERVICE COMMUNITY**





**TOP ROW:**

**Head Boy:** Louis Poole, **Deputy Head Boy:** Tyler Paterson,  
**Lasallian Student Captain:** Michael Wells, **Sport Captain:** Oliver Polson,  
**Culture Captain:** Patrick Fisher-Evans

**MIDDLE ROW:**

**House Captains:** **Benildus:** Connor Lindsay, **La Salle:** Cole Hareb,  
**Loreto:** Shaun Palmer, **Solomon:** Steven Snoxell

**BOTTOM ROW:**

**Prefects:** Kurt Biesiek, Vanshay Bindra, Stephen Gibson,  
Jack Ternouth, Logan Walsh, Bailey Wisnewski

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is the privileged role of all adults who work in this place to educate students for life and to make our school a place where we share the Good News of Jesus Christ within a Catholic environment in keeping with the courageous Father Francis Douglas and the persistent spirit of the Lasallian tradition. This year the College catered for 800 students for the first time, 121 of them boarders.

Central to our objective to do the will of God, is our regard for the poor and the marginalised. More than \$28,000 was raised for Lasallian missions on Mission Action Day, \$18,025 for Starlit Hope and more than \$4,491 for Caritas. These impressive sums give witness to our community attempting to be compassionate in serving the needs of others.

The Education Review Office's report's final summary statement after their visit to the College in July this year reads, "The Catholic Special Character is central to college life. Students experience a wide range of educational pathways to suit their interests and aspirations. Overall, students achieve well. Provision for wellbeing is responsive to individual student needs. Leaders and teachers continue to develop evaluation to further strengthen curriculum expectations and outcomes for students."

In addition, the comments about our hostel were, "The school hostel, La Salle House, accommodates 125 students, 15% of the school roll. Students, their parents and whānau receive clear, useful information about how the hostel operates and what is expected of them. Suitable, stable staffing ensures that students' wellbeing and learning are well supported. Boarders enjoy good facilities that are being appropriately refurbished over time. The hostel environment closely reflects the school's special character with its emphasis on helping students to develop self-management skills."

NCEA results from 2014 were most satisfying and among the best we have had. An emphasis on students not being too strategic about being satisfied with the minimum number of credits and encouragement to stay in the examination room longer, once again paid off. The number of students reaching Excellence Endorsement saw all levels exceed national averages and the total number of endorsements across the three year levels has moved from 10 to 59 in the last six years. Year 13 students attained ten New Zealand Scholarships. We can be proud that only two of last year's school leavers departed without NCEA Level One and 87.5% of all leavers had Level Two at time of leaving.

It was a joy to open three new Science laboratories and two new Art rooms earlier this year. These impressive facilities come from the faith and funds of our



Proprietor whose resources will also see the seismic strengthening of our three storey block occur over the Christmas period. The disruption of the works and the SNUP programme rewiring the school for computers, will all be worthwhile as we greet a modernised school in the new year. Central to all of this work are our Lasallian Brothers – the school's proprietors, represented principally by Brother Sir Patrick Lynch. His proprietorship of our school is unique to Brother Pat, but it was fitting to hear of his knighthood last New Year as an acknowledgement of his stewardship of all 330 state integrated schools in New Zealand and the special relationship he has fostered with many governments over a generation to place the sector in a position of admiration, credibility and desirability.

We have seen staff departures of Lyn Blair, Karen Gray, Liz Huston, Jan Meyer, David Prentice and Jean Read and in their stead have welcomed Sarah Beckett, Matthew Casey, Scott Crocker, Andrew Evans, Allen Jones, Louise Pease, Anna Scott, Rae Sullivan-Brown and Kylie Anne Read. We sink or swim on the basis of our staff and can feel proud of the ethos that exists among them.

The support of Boards, and PTA is an ongoing strength of the school, where harmony, resolve and a work ethic is strong in all cases. As a staff, parent and student body we owe much to these three groups. Funding from the PTA has seen the purchase of goods we would not otherwise have.

Our school is successful because of its glorious past. Its future however will depend on our persistence in carrying the baton given to us faithfully. As God, Francis Douglas and De La Salle would have us do, let's pick up that baton willingly once again next year...

St John Baptist de La Salle pray for us.  
Live Jesus in our hearts forever.

**Martin Chamberlain**  
**FDMC Principal**

## COLLEGE STAFF/ROLES

## Senior Leadership Team

**Senior Leadership Team:**

Principal.....	Martin Chamberlain
Deputy Principal.....	Richard Marris
Deputy Principal.....	Tim Stuck
Director of Religious Studies .....	Anna Zsigovits-Mace

## Heads of Learning Areas

Arts .....	Jane Aitken Connolly
Careers .....	Lauren O'Reilly
English .....	Sally O'Neill
Languages.....	Ruth Marris
Mathematics .....	Graham Blanks
Physical Education .....	Matt Lash
Religious Studies.....	Anna Zsigovits-Mace
Science.....	Colleen Severinsen
Social Sciences .....	Ross MacNicol
Technology .....	Allen Jones
Intermediate Department .....	Richard Doherty

### Teachers-In-Charge

Accounting and Economics .....	Mark Sewter
Agriculture and Horticulture .....	Jon Wilcox
Assistant to DRS Resp. Y7-10 Religious Ed. ....	Joan Coles
Biology .....	Jeanne Marshall
CPP/STAR/Trades Academy/Gateway .....	Lauren O'Reilly
E-Learning .....	Martin Dravitzki
Health .....	Lana Rowland (Maternity Leave T3/T4) Tim Stuck
Information Technology .....	Peter Smith
Junior English (Y9 & 10) .....	Renee Woollaston
Junior Mathematics (Y9 & 10) .....	John Neeson
Junior Social Studies (Y9 & 10) .....	Mark Wales
Junior Technology .....	Andy Evans
Maori .....	Taare Ruakere
Media Studies .....	Pascale Joines
Music .....	Tobias Wright
Physics .....	Leigh Hucker

## Guidance and Deans

Guidance Counsellor .....	Carol Land
Year 7.....	Jenny Sheriff
Year 8.....	Marc Gallagher (T1/2/3) Ronie Asi (Study T1/2/3)
Year 9.....	Lana Rowland (Maternity Leave T3/4) James Rowland
Year 10 .....	Estelle Meyer
Year 11.....	Lauren O'Reilly
Year 12 .....	Ruth Marris
Year 13.....	Pascale Joines

### Other Key Responsibilities

Arts Co-ordinator.....	Jane Aitken Connolly
Basketball Director .....	Andy Cowie
Buses .....	Mike Ingram
Careers Advisor.....	Jenny Sheriff
Director of International Students .....	Margie Smith
Director of Sport .....	Mark Wales
Football Director.....	Christina Hermanns
	Ronie Asi (T1)
	Andy Evans (T2-4)
Gifted and Talented.....	Robyn Wackrow
Lasallian Facilitator .....	Mike Ingram
Lasallian Services Co-ordinator.....	Peter Costello
Librarian.....	Jean Reed

Outdoor Education.....	Matt Lash
Principal's Nominee / NZQA Liaison.....	Richard Marris
Retreats and Liturgies .....	Pascale Joines
Rugby Director .....	James Rowland
Sacramental and Prayer Life.....	Anna Zsigovits-Mace
Specialist Classroom Teacher .....	Nick Taylor
Special Education	
Needs Co-ordinator .....	Jeanne Marshall
Sports Co-ordinator .....	Scott Crocker (T 1/2)
	Sarah Beckett (T 3/4)
Student Leadership .....	Richard Marris
Supervision Co-ordination and	
Administrative Assistance .....	Nick Taylor
Yearbook .....	Jane Aitken Connolly

### Teaching Staff

Ronie Asi.....	Homeroom, Religious Education
Sarah Beckett.....	Mathematics, Physical Education, Health
Matt Casey .....	Mathematics
Peter Costello .....	Religious Education, Mathematics
Scott Crocker .....	Physical Education, Health
Michael Crow .....	Science, Information Technology
Kathryn Curd.....	English/Drama
Tina Dalliston .....	English
Andy Evans.....	Wood Tech., Metal Tech., and Graphics
Guy Fisher .....	Physical Education
Marc Gallagher .....	Homeroom
Christina Hermanns .....	Science, Spanish
Michael Ingram.....	Religious Education
Pascale Joines .....	Religious Education, Media Studies, English
Bryce Koch .....	Homeroom, Mathematics, Art
Jeanne Marshall .....	Science, Biology, Special Needs
Estelle Meyer .....	English, Social Studies, Information Technology
Briana Matthews.....	Art, Religious Education, I.T., Media Studies, Young Enterprise Scheme,
Jo Morris-George .....	Specialist Reading Teacher
Ruth Morrison MacNicol .....	Social Studies, Special Needs
John Neeson.....	Mathematics
Stephen Ritchie .....	Technology, Science
James Rowland.....	Physical Education,
Lana Rowland.....	Physical Education, Art, Health (Maternity Leave T 3/4)
Anna Scott.....	Art, Arts Drama module (T 3/4 - Maternity Leave cover)
Jenny Sheriff .....	Homeroom, Mathematics
Heta Smith.....	Graphics and Technology
Margie Smith.....	ESOL
Rae Sullivan- Brown .....	Senior Mathematics
Nick Taylor.....	Science, Biology, Chemistry
Charl van der Heever.....	Science
Robyn Wackrow.....	English
Jon Wilcox.....	Agriculture and Horticulture

### Administration and Support Staff

Business Manager.....	Diana Blair
Archives.....	Linda Crowe, Liam O'Neill
Art Technician.....	Cath Spindler
Careers Assistant, Correspondence	
Co-ordinator, Teachers' Aide.....	Christel Chapman
Caretaker.....	Miles Blair
ELL's Tutor.....	Lynda West
Gateway/ Clerical Support.....	Karen Maclean
Groundsmen.....	Neville Rowlands Mark Jenkins
International Student Director.....	Margie Smith
Laboratory Technician.....	Cath Spindler



Library Assistant..... Louise Pease  
 Network Technician ..... Bruce Lester  
 ORS..... Kristen Wilkes  
 (Teacher of the Deaf - provided by Van Asch)  
 Ruth Morrison MacNicol  
 Pathways Assistant..... Kylie Read  
 Principal's Personal Assistant..... Maree Fleming  
 Property Manager..... Rodney Bishop  
 Receptionists ..... Marie Cocksedge  
 Karen Gray  
 Keri- Ann Barnard (T4)  
 Teachers' Aides ..... Mary Baker  
 Julia Butler  
 Christel Chapman  
 Monica Fenney  
 Pam Low  
 Catrin Scott  
 Michelle Stevenson  
 Uniform Shop..... Keri- Ann Barnard  
 Workshop Technician ..... Nicholas Taylor

#### Lasalle House Hostel Staff

CEO ..... Martin Chamberlain  
 Dean of Boarding..... Heta Smith  
 Year 9 Hostel Supervisor..... Matt Cursons  
 Year 10 Hostel Supervisor..... Gurpreet Singh  
 Year 11 Hostel Supervisor..... Mark Walsh  
 Year 12 Hostel Supervisor..... Andy Cowie  
 Year 13 Hostel Supervisor..... Heta Smith

GAP Supervisors ..... Neal Bacher (T 1/2)  
 Sebastian Schaumann (T 3/4)  
 ICT Supervisor ..... Liam O'Neill  
 Cleaners..... Suzie Broadfoot  
 Leah Horo  
 Head Chef ..... Steve Muir  
 Second Chef ..... Judy Kobza  
 Kitchen Hands ..... Iris Clark  
 Barbara Fox  
 Carmen Cavalcuic  
 Linda Purdie  
 Laundry Supervisor ..... Marline Tohia  
 Laundry Assistant..... Karyn Pui  
 Matron..... Briar Sutherland  
 Tuckshop Manager ..... Amy Loveridge  
 Tuckshop Assistant..... Tracey Fenn

#### Itinerant Music Staff

Jocelyn Beath  
 Susan Case  
 Phillip Cook  
 Ross Halliday  
 Mike Harding  
 Amanda Henry  
 Stewart Maunder  
 Ken Sole  
 Ross Townsend  
 Robin Wells  
 Mary Williams



#### College Staff

**Back Row:** Rodney Bishop, Mike Crow Taare Ruakere Mark Walsh, Mike Ingram, Guy Fisher, Mark Wales, Mark Sewter, Matt Cursons, Mark Jenkins, Scott Crocker  
**Fifth Row:** Kylie Reed, Sarah Beckett, Michelle Stevenson, Steve Muir, Matt Casey, Marc Gallagher, Bryce Koch, Tobias Wright, Charl van der Heever, Tracey Fenn, Christina Hermanns, John Neeson, Julia Butler  
**Fourth Row:** Diana Blair, Neil Imrie, Peter Costello, Neville Rowland, Peter Smith, Heta Smith, Jon Wilcox, Nick Taylor, James Rowland, Steve Ritchie, Ruth Morrison- MacNicol, Andy Evans  
**Third Row:** Christel Chapman, Pascale Joines, Marie Cocksedge, Martin Dravitzki, Jean Read, Briana Matthews, Judy Kobza, Leigh Hucker, Estelle Meyer, Karen Gray, Karen MacLean, Margie Smith, Marline Tohia  
**Second Row:** Robyn Wackrow, Joan Coles, Lyn Blair, Rae Sullivan- Brown, Jenny Sheriff, Renee Woollaston, Andy Cowie, Briar Sutherland, Tina Dalliston, Gurpreet Singh, Iris Clark, Joanna Morris- George, Suzy Broadfoot, Ruth Marris  
**Front Row:** Colleen Severinsen, Richard Doherty, Sally O'Neill, Allen Jones, Anna Zigovits- Mace, Richard Marris, Martin Chamberlain, Tim Stuck, Graham Blanks, Jane Aitken Connolly, Ross MacNicol, Lauren O'Reilly, Matt Lash

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIRPERSON

I am pleased to have the opportunity of presenting my annual magazine report. A very busy year draws to a close and it's an appropriate time to reflect on the "year that was"; to reflect on the achievements of the past year and to add up how our lives have been affected by the events we have lived through, personally and together as a College.

For the Board it has been a very busy and challenging year. Once again I was honoured to be re-elected as Board Chair. I personally would like to thank all Board members for their on-going support and confidence.

Some wonderful news was received in the 2015 New Year Honours' List and that was that our own Brother Pat Lynch was knighted for his services to education. On Behalf of the Board and the wider school community, congratulations

"Brother Sir Pat".

We are fortunate to have Brother Sir Pat Lynch from the De La Salle Brothers on the Board. His wealth of knowledge and experience cannot go unmentioned-thank you. To all Board members, thank you for making yourself available and contributing to the governance of the College throughout the year.

The role of Board Chair has meant that I have had cause to visit the College on a number of occasions throughout the year and the aspect which is so apparent is the almost indescribably positive atmosphere within the College environment. That is undoubtedly fostered by the College's 'special character' and the Lasallian ethos which pervades all the activities at the College.

That is positively reflected by the cheerfulness and courtesy of our students and has flowed through the College's success in its academic, cultural and sporting activities.

The College can be very proud of the success being achieved on the academic front with results being higher than those of schools of a similar size and decile ranking. The staff has made it all happen over the last 12 months. Their dedication and commitment to their jobs both inside and outside the classroom are enormous. The huge range of academic, sporting and cultural opportunities that happen at the College is unequalled in many other schools in New Zealand. I know many families choose to enrol their sons here because of that. I know that the appreciation that many students show is instrumental in staff going that extra mile.

On the sporting and cultural fronts we have had another outstanding year, with too many achievements to be acknowledged in this report, but they are evident



throughout this magazine. The College continues to grow in strength in its cultural aspects encompassing music and the arts.

The mix of talents and abilities are obviously encouraged by the College Staff without whom our students' success would not occur.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Martin, the teaching staff, administration staff, ground staff and those parents and others who have made 2015 another successful year for the College.

As reported last year we approved five new classrooms: two Art rooms and three Science labs. It is pleasing to report that they were opened on time and on budget. From all reports they have been well received by staff and students. A special big thank you to all those involved.

I again would like to acknowledge Diana Blair, our Business Manager, for her effective financial stewardship and our Heads of Departments who so sensibly manage their budgets.

At Francis Douglas Memorial College we are blessed with the support of parents and fundraising work undertaken by the PTA. There are always many more projects than funds available and the Board is most appreciative of the work put in by all parents and supporters of the College.

The College Board is comprised of a diverse group of proprietors and parent representatives, a teacher representative and our excellent principal. I acknowledge the willingness of Board members to give up personal time to attend to Board matters. A special thank you to Board members Anthony Vincent and Bridget Burke, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes throughout the year. Other fellow Board Members must not be forgotten either for their dedication, contributions and support.

It is a privilege to be part of this College that celebrates success but continually seeks ways in which to be better.

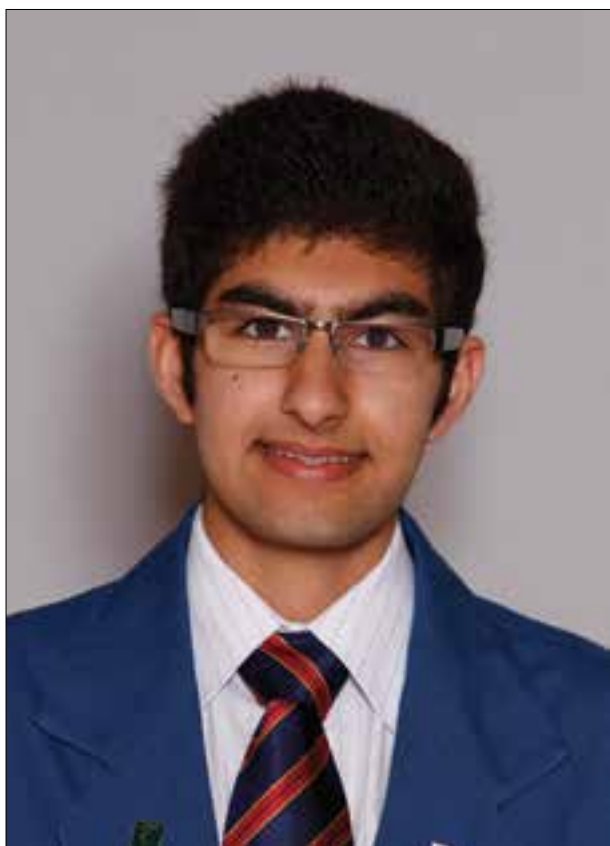
**David Leuthart**  
**BOT Chair**

## BOT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

In late 2014 I was re-elected as the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. This meant my term was extended for another year and I held this position until the end of Term 3 2015. Because of this re-election I was able to have some continuity in this role. As such, a major overhaul of the student council was undertaken this year. It was rebranded as "Student Voice" and is focussed on delivering results. Its purpose was to remove the politics which can be created within a democracy. Those students who were keen to be a part of this group volunteered to be in it.

During Terms 1 and 2 various issues of student concern were raised which the group then filtered through, ensuring they tackled problems that could be dealt with. It was decided that the installation of lockers was a priority as were clean water filling sites. Other issues raised were more interaction with our sister school Sacred Heart Girls' College, more artwork displayed around the quad and cash outs available from the office at lunchtimes. Some good ground work was laid down to ensure that these endeavours are completed. As the 'Student Voice' is a fluid model and will carry on year upon year, many projects will be completed next year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Board and in a weird way will miss the two hour long meetings that were held periodically throughout the year. In the past two years I have been able to raise awareness of



this role within the College and for the 2015 elections we had three candidates. They all gave speeches to the school before elections and the catch phrase that resonated with all the voters was "Chow for Change". I wish Daniel Chow the best of success for 2016 as he gains more knowledge in how decision making is carried out within the school.

Throughout my time on the Board I realised that the role of the Student Trustee is two fold. He has a responsibility to the students to ensure that they are well represented. He also has the opportunity to voice his own opinions and make a stand for himself as an equal trustee. The role is there as a stepping stone to discovering the art of decision making and how complex issues can be solved. Thus, it is a learning experience and I hope that Daniel maximises his time on the Board and that any other worthy student takes up this wonderful opportunity on offer in the future.

**Vanshay Bindra**  
Student Representative



## GRAEME MUSTCHIN

A landmark event in our College history occurred with the retirement of long serving staff member Graeme Mustchin at the end of this year. Graeme had taught at the College from 1978 until 1980 and then from 1990 until the present. In total he has given 51 years of service to Catholic education in New Zealand and we suspect he will still be contributing in some fashion into the future. While Graeme has held many different roles and positions during his time at FDMC it is his enthusiasm and skill in the classroom that will be one of his greatest legacies. It has always been a parent's wish that their sons be 'Mustchin-ed' in one way or another: be it from his vast knowledge of Religious Studies, Classical Studies, History, Mathematics and Calculus to name but a few of his subject strengths, or just in the course of lively and provoking conversation in his classes. Graeme's wealth of information is legendary. He is well travelled, well read and has an encyclopaedic memory. Not only has Graeme been the 'go to guy' for staff and students, he has also provided huge Lasallian service to the College in his roles as Director of Religious Studies, as an HOD and more recently in a Chaplaincy role. Graeme 'walks the talk' and expounds the values of Faith, Service and Community that this Catholic Lasallian College is based upon.

We feel sure that there are many 'old boys' and those that he has more recently taught, who will recall fondly the time they have spent in Graeme's classes. We all wish him the best for his well deserved retirement. Graeme Mustchin - wise man, master teacher, College legend.

### FAREWELL SPEECH

The Book of Ecclesiastes is one of my favourite books of the Bible. Everything has its season. It has a beginning and an end which in itself begins a new stage in the cycle of life. Today sees the beginning of a new cycle for me. It is part of what Shakespeare called the seventh age in the play "As you like it."

*The sixth age shifts  
Into the lean and slippered pantaloons,  
With spectacles on nose and pouch on side,  
His youthful hose, well saved, a world too wide  
For his shrunk shank, and his big manly voice,  
Turning again toward childish treble, pipes  
And whistles in his sound. Last scene of all,  
That ends this strange eventful history,  
Is second childishness and mere oblivion,*

*Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.*

I've been a part of Catholic Education in this country since I was in my mother's womb. Life was about Garden Parties and Raffles, and highly illegal Casino nights, and 'working bees' to help build new schools and upgrade facilities for the religious who staffed the schools. It was our life in the Hutt Valley towards the





end of the Second World War and shortly afterwards. And so it was that by the time I was ten years old, I was going to be a Catholic School teacher.

I was born to teach. I had a very strong sense of vocation. Within the Roman Catholic Tradition it meant you were destined to be a priest or a religious. I never did agree with that and still get angry when I hear the earnest plea to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. I do wish the powers that be would get over it. A vocation is a calling. It's a desire to spend one's life doing something for which one has gifts and talents for the benefit of others. In that sense everybody has a vocation in life. For me it has been teaching and I'll do it until I die. What an extraordinary gift to receive.

My journey began in 1958. I went to a training college where enquiry learning was a given. I was primary trained and I will always be grateful for that opportunity. Since that time over a period of 51 years I have worked in 8 different Colleges with 18 different Principals, each College and Principal quite unique. It took me twenty years to get my first degree.

I've always loved the classroom. The only time I have ever felt uncomfortable was when I was thrust into Senior Management for ten years. Being able to return to the classroom was my salvation. And that's another area of strong disagreement for me. Why on earth is success in the teaching profession measured by your ability to be promoted (I use the term loosely!) into Management? That was the pressure I was constantly under when I was a successful classroom practitioner.

And what keeps you going when life becomes a bit of a struggle? It's family of course. I have been truly blessed with a wonderfully loving and supportive partner, Mary, and three enrichingly diverse outstanding kids in Leonie, Clem and Luke who together with their partners and our two gorgeous grandchildren, Arthur and Hugo continue to fill my life with laughter, great pride and lifegiving energy.

And now as I continue my journey I would like to leave you with these two challenges. As staff you have at the very least two responsibilities which have always been very dear to my heart:

Mrs. Douglas gave her permission for this College to be named after her son shortly before she died in August 1946. This College is a Memorial. Each of you must make sure that this place continues to be a living memorial and that you know the story.

When Archbishop McKeefry opened this College he had this to say:

"This college is dedicated to the memory of a young priest of whose final days you and I know nothing. If from this school there are pupils who, in moments of trial, rise above themselves as Fr. Douglas did, and remain faithful to (their) God, then we shall be able to say that our recognition of his memory by making it tangible in stone has not been in vain."

My second challenge is this:

The College motto is "Christo Duce". Everyday we should be aware of this when we have dealings with each other. It should be enshrined in the hearts of every member of our community be they parents, students or staff. It should colour our thinking and enhance our teaching.

If neither of these two things happen then I believe that here in this College we are living a lie.

I love this place and this community. You all have my deepest admiration and respect. Each of you in your own unique way has touched my heart and influenced my thinking. I love the people of Taranaki. My own kiwi ancestral origins lie in Inglewood and Tariki, even though it wasn't until 1976 that I first set foot in New Plymouth. Our students are perfectly capable of holding their own anywhere in the world and many of them do. Our job, I believe, is to make them fully aware of the enormous potential that each and everyone of them has through the great privilege of being born or of living under the protective mantle of Mt. Taranaki.

May your God, whatever that might be, continue to help you unfold the great mystery of who you really are and your place in this mighty universe. And may you share that learning with all whom you come in contact with.

**Graeme Mustchin**



## BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

### New Buildings

Five new classrooms were opened at the beginning of the year. In attendance were the representative of our Proprietor (De La Salle Brothers) Brother Sir Patrick Lynch, Father Craig Butler (who blessed the buildings), David Leuthart - Board Chairperson, Corinne Richdale - Operations Manager Catholic Schools' Board Ltd, Lynette Roberts King - Manager for Schools, Rosalie Connors - Review & Development Advisor, Janet Fleming - La Salle House Board Chairperson, Hemi Stevenson - Saunders and Stevenson Ltd. - Quantity Surveyors and Project Managers, Scott Ferguson - Jackson Architects, Andrew Pepper - Pepper Construction and Steve Fry - Pepper Construction.

The ceremony was centred around the students where it was pointed out that the \$1.5 million cost of the three science laboratories and two art rooms was optimistically incurred for the benefit of their promising future. As a celebration of Brother Pat's recently announced knighthood all students departed with an ice cream.



### Seismic Strengthening and Building work continues

Our three storey building has long needed to be strengthened against earthquakes and modernized, so it is a relief that building work is well underway. Since senior students went on exam leave (12 October onwards) all Juniors have been re-located out of these rooms and on 2 November all of the 15 rooms in the block were vacated. Asbestos removal was undertaken at ground level, and the builders quickly erected scaffolding, demolished the old fixtures and have now reroofed the whole building, and are inserting the strengthening beams and refitting the classrooms which will be fully renewed in 2016. There have been large trucks, trailers, diggers and cranes on-site and the boys just seem to accept their presence quite nonchalantly.

In the new year, one floor (5 classrooms) will be vacated on a rotational basis until all the carpentry is completed

for all 15 rooms on or about 17 June. The result will see a strengthened building with up to date classrooms that will have been totally re-modeled. There will be disruption but the result should be worth the wait.

When the school year starts on 1 February, only the second floor will be available but in the second week it is anticipated the first floor will back in use and the Ground Floor should be completed by mid March.

## WELCOMING POWHIRI

As is our custom at the beginning of a new year, new students were welcomed to Francis Douglas Memorial. Junior student Ethan Coward is pictured shaking hands with our Head Boy, Louis Poole with Deputy Head Boy Tyler Paterson in attendance.



The start of 2015 saw a number of changes in the PTA. We said goodbye to Chairman Lindsay Thompson. I am sure that you will all join me in thanking him for the hard work and dedication he has provided during his last 5 years as Chair of the PTA.

The new Chairperson of the PTA, Bruce Forrest, demonstrated his enthusiasm at Gala time and is coach of one of our junior football teams. Bruce has a wide community knowledge and an infectious enthusiasm that will see our PTA's reputation for service and community continue.

Bruce writes:

One of the PTA's major projects in recent times has been to assist our Proprietor in funding our entrance wall. The addition of our school crest (part funded by a donation from the departing Year 13 students of 2011) has meant it is now complete.

Subsequently I would like to offer my thanks to all of those who have helped me during my new appointment as PTA Chairman. In particular thanks go to the other members of the committee for their achievements, time, dedication and support.

We also say farewell to Heidi Griffin who resigned this year as PTA Secretary. Heidi's enthusiasm and innovative ideas have helped to improve the success of the Gala Day each year.

I wish to extend a further thank you firstly to our College Principal, Martin Chamberlain, for consistently making himself available to the PTA and providing a valuable link between students, the school, parents and caregivers and to newly elected PTA Secretary, Catherine Donlan, Treasurer, Keryn Williams and Teacher Representative, Lauren O'Reilly. They have all worked very hard this year and contributed a lot of their personal time to coordinating the Gala Day and its activities.

Once again this year's Francis Douglas Gala was a huge success. The PTA made a profit of \$29,468 thanks to the efforts of the many people involved which included students and staff as well as sponsors and local businesses. It was a successful team effort with a fantastic result. The Gala Day provides a tremendous opportunity for the school community to come together and work towards the common goal of helping to support the school. It also gives us a chance to gather as friends and family for a day of fun and activities.

The PTA ran its mid-year raffle and I am happy to report that a further \$9,000 was raised. I would like to thank all the students and parents who contributed and took part in the raffle as well as the various businesses who



lent their support by donating all the wonderful prizes on offer.

The total of these combined fundraising efforts was \$39,000 in donations. This allowed the College to purchase equipment not already provided by the school's main income. This year we were able to purchase climbing equipment, sporting equipment, support accessories such as 8 x heart monitors, 1 x Garmin GPS, 1 x ezy-up marque, and 15 x iPad's for our classrooms to provide fun and exciting learning opportunities for the boys.

The PTA serves as a communication link between the Parents and the School and it works to support the school in various ways, particularly in raising funds for projects that fall outside of the school's operating budget.

I encourage all parents who are thinking of joining the PTA to attend our meetings which are held on the first Monday of every month in the College Boardroom at 7.30pm.

Lastly, I wish you all the very best for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

**Bruce Forrest**  
**PTA Chairperson**





## FDMC GALA DAY

11.00 am Saturday 28 March saw all the 'fun of the fair' descend on to the school grounds. Students, teachers and PTA united to provide the community with a rich range of stalls and amusement activities. The 'white elephant' was as popular as always with many bargains being nabbed. The food stalls delivered a huge range of cuisine for everyone's tastebuds, and the produce market, bookstalls, clothing, photo-booth etc. kept the large crowd occupied as seen in this collection of random snaps taken on the day.





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ADMINISTRATION Gala Day



## DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Over the past year we have been involved in many events related to our Special Catholic Character and Lasallian Charism.

The Catholic Young Leaders' Conference was attended by four of our senior students. This camp was held just outside Ashurst and our boys were in the company of students from Catholic Schools throughout the Palmerston North Diocese and as far away as Gore. The following is written by one of the participants at this camp, Ryan Sadler.

"Each year a camp aimed at preparing students for leadership roles in their schools and the wider community is held in Palmerston North. The camp, called Young Catholic Leadership (YCL) is held from the 13-17 of December. Last year a small group of students from Francis Douglas Memorial College (John Frengley, Cole Hareb, Ryan Sadler and Steven Snoxell) attended the five day long camp along with other Year 12 students from around the Palmerston North Diocese.

The camp began with registration at 11.30 on the 13th, and throughout the camp we learnt a variety of fun, team-bonding games and challenges that could be applied at retreats for the younger students in our schools. We partook in sessions designed to give us good Catholic morals and values as well as teach us how to deal with issues we may face in leadership positions. The camp was a fun and exciting experience, encouraging new friendships, and for each person to step outside of their comfort zone. We did abseiling, rock climbing, trust falls and numerous other outdoor activities to ensure there was never a dull moment. Dinners were always an interesting experience as different groups were tasked with setting up each night. One group decided to have a 'date night' and so each boy pulled the name of a girl out of a hat, and had to ask them to accompany him to dinner. This quickly became a race to find the most creative way to ask, with proposals ranging from treasure hunts to Shakespearian plays. The final day involved teachers from each school coming to present

badges to the students who had attended the camp, as well as each school saying their goodbyes to everyone. We decided to team up with the girls from Sacred Heart Girls' College, New Plymouth and write a song to the tune of the 'Fresh Prince of Bel-Air' rap. This went surprisingly well as we stood on the small stage and attempted to remember our lyrics. All in all, the camp was a fun and exciting experience which prepared us well for our leadership roles this year, and any we may have going forward. I believe that I speak for all of the students who attended when I say that we thoroughly enjoyed the camp, and would certainly recommend it to all year 12 students."

Our Student Leadership Team of Louis Poole, Tyler Paterson and Michael Wells went with Mr Mike Ingram to a Lasallian Leadership Camp in Sydney and made new friends and came back with lots of fresh ideas to share during their year leading the school.

The school year began with a Powhiri and welcome for our new students and a Dedication Liturgy to bless the 2015 School Leaders. Ash Wednesday was the next liturgy to lead us into Lent, followed by the very moving Holy Week Liturgy at the end of Term One. The Assumption is always a beautiful liturgy focusing on the gift of women in our lives. As we come to the end of the year we celebrate All Saints' Day and then begin the next year in the Church's calendar with Advent. My thanks to Mrs Pascale Joines for all her work in preparing the liturgies. They are always meaningful and very well organised.

The Caritas Day of Difference held for Year 7 students from both FDMC and SHGC was a great success. All the participants paid to be involved and the money was sent to Caritas. FDMC raised over \$400.00 with SHGC raising a similar amount. The success of this day was due to the organisational skills of Michael Wells, Ryan Sadler, Adara Segedin, Megan Fromont and Rebecca Wormald. They were a fine team who ensured that while the younger students were having fun they were also learning about the difficulties of life for children in less advantaged countries.

Every Year Level Group has celebrated Mass at least once a term in the Chapel and in Term Three we had an Open Invitation Mass which was offered to anyone who wanted to attend Mass from any year level. We had students of varying ages and our celebrant was Father Craig. It was a beautiful celebration of the Eucharist.

We were able to send a group of students and staff to the Founder's Day celebrations of De La Salle Mangere and John Paul II College, Rotorua. Their staff returned to be with us for our Founder's Day Mass held at St Joseph's Church. What a wonderful day it was! During Mass our 'Foodbank' offerings were brought up to the altar to be blessed before being delivered to our community Foodbank. Back at school we had our House Singing Competition before ending the day with the ritual pie.





This year we have held all our retreats, except Year 7's, at St Joseph's Church Hall. As part of each retreat we attended midday Mass with the boys taking on roles of responsibility and delighting those of the community gathered together. Mrs Pascale Joines has done a fabulous job organising all the retreats which have included opportunities for the boys to work together whilst growing in their relationships with each other and God through the carefully planned activities. The Year 13 retreat was a very special occasion with an old boy guest speaker and a "Men's Panel" to share many words of wisdom. Thank you to Mr Heta Smith, Mr Martin Dravitzki, Mr Peter Costello, Mr Mark Wales and Mr Joshua Hickford.

### Religious Education Curriculum

The dedicated staff teaching Religious Studies are a pleasure to work with. I thank them for their energy and enthusiasm in passing on their knowledge and witnessing their faith to the students. The boys have worked well throughout the year and the Senior Students have generally made the most of the credits available to them for NCEA through Religious Studies. We offered an Ethics paper from Otago University this year and two Year 13 students enrolled for this. Congratulations to Ryan Sadler and John Frengley who took this course which was a combination of online posts, audio conferencing, assignments and a three hour exam which they both passed.

The Religious Education Curriculum has been in its present form for a number of years. In 2016 we will be undertaking Professional Development to realign the Years 7 to 10 programme. We will be working with SHGC and are looking to implement this change in 2017.

As we look forward to Christmas we remember the innocent young mother, her courageous husband, the humble stable and the birth of a new beginning in her little baby, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. May you all be blessed this Christmas Season and throughout the coming year.

St John Baptist De La Salle      Pray for Us  
Live Jesus in our Hearts      Forever

**Anna Zsigovits-Mace**  
**Director of Religious Studies**

## LASALLIAN SERVICES

What a man, pure Lasallian, a prime example of what it means to be "A true College Man".

Alton Gondipon has been at FDMC since 2012 and has a wonderful secret that he has not yet shared with others. In appealing to corporate sponsors he is able to persuade them to support whatever he is asking for. So this year we have been inundated with thousands of dollars worth of goods, from a signed All Black jersey (with Conrad Smith's autograph included), cartons of drinks, boxes of tea from Red Seal, cereals from Kellogg's, clothing (from Kathmandu, Fiji Airways, Cathay Pacific, Emirates - including three Arsenal soccer jerseys), Z Energy petrol vouchers, chocolates, Rebel Sports' back-packs and vouchers, and Staedtler stationery. Because of the success of Alton's magical words, every student who participated in MAD Day received a prize of some sort. Alton has yet to share what magical words he uses to win over the hearts of the sponsors, but what he has done is a clear example of our Lasallian ethos of reaching out to "touch the hearts" of others.

### Caritas

During Lent students are asked to make their own cash donations in support of this national Catholic Social Services' agency, with this year's theme being "A Day of Difference". Our 'Day of Difference' was spread over the six weeks of Lent as well as a training day for some students in Term 3. During Lent each Vertical Form is given a donation box and the senior students collect money that is counted weekly. The tuck shop is also given a box and the women working there encourage students to put some of their change into it. When Easter arrived the generous attitude of the students was clearly seen, as we were able to donate nearly \$4,800 to Caritas. It is a clear indicator that most students do appreciate the God-given opportunities here at FDMC.

### Foodbank

The returns for this year's Founder's Day were once again impressive but were noticeably down on those of recent years. We celebrate Founder's Day on the Friday before Queen's Birthday weekend and our focus is on the local level, of reaching out to people in this area









who need temporary support because of their tough circumstances. The New Plymouth 'Foodbank' does a wonderful job of ensuring these people get some respite and nurturing in their time of need. They are deeply appreciative of the contribution that the FDMC community makes to their supply store in the middle of the year. Hopefully in 2016 we can once again return to the very high levels of contributions that we have seen in previous years.

#### Mission Action Day Walkathon

The spirit of the students for this year's MAD day was probably among the most joyful and enjoyable we have ever experienced. It certainly fitted our theme for this year of "Being An Act of Hope". There was a palpable sense of 'joie de vivre' on the day, whether it was because people knew they were going to get a prize courtesy of Alton's efforts or because the Haka Competition was noticeably of a much higher standard, or just that everyone feels good about doing things for other people. Whatever the reason, the spirit of the students certainly enhanced the whole occasion. Mrs Joines maintained the usual high standard of the Francis Vernon Douglas Memorial Liturgy and the students were very respectful of the 'sacred space' the gym becomes for this liturgy. It is truly a prayerful time to reflect on the life-giving sacrifice that Fr. Douglas made and gives a clear example to the whole FDMC community of what following Jesus can sometimes mean. Once again the students enjoyed their run, walk or stroll around the walkathon course and receiving a sausage and prize at the end.



The total for this year is \$30,709.90, a \$300 increase on last year's record total with some funds still trickling in. However it was about \$200 short of our target of \$30,000 net. We would easily reach that target if the approximately 100 students who did not contribute to the cause actually became involved in getting sponsors or making donations themselves. So nearly \$30,000 will be forwarded to the Lasallian Foundation to support fellow Lasallians in much tougher circumstances than many of us could even envisage. Many thanks to Kurt Biesiek, Michael Wells and other leaders in helping to promote MAD day.

All those who raised \$100 or more were entered into the draw to win the major prizes that Alton had obtained from generous sponsors.

Congratulations to George Newton for winning the signed All Black jersey and many thanks to old boy Paddy Gower for being the host and drawing out the names of the major winners.

#### NZ Blood Service

We had a late call up in Term 3 to see if we could fill two loads of their bus to go to St Andrew's Church to donate 400ml of blood. This was easily achieved and very quickly. Many thanks to those senior students who so willingly became blood donors. Hopefully we will be able to arrange a full visit in 2016.

The strong ethos of Faith, Service and Community continues to thrive at FDMC.

May God bless all those who have been so generous in their response to the needs of others this year, and may it inspire all members of our FDMC community to always be generous throughout their lifetimes with their time and efforts in serving other people.

**Peter Costello**  
Lasallian Services Co-ordinator

## LASALLIAN CAPTAIN

Seven years of being a 'College Man'. Seven years of being part of the quilt that is Francis Douglas Memorial College. But at the College, despite the diversity apparent among the students present, there is perhaps one thing we all have in common: being Lasallian.

This year was a true test of that word and what it meant. A test that began for me on the 6 November 2014, when it was announced that I would be The Lasallian Captain for 2015. This began a journey of spiritual enlightenment, a pilgrimage that has carried me through this year and out the other end.

Coming into this position there was little infrastructure concerning the Lasallian Student Leadership group, with 2014's 'age of enlightenment' doing away with what one might call a group of substance. Here we were, a ragtag team of about six boys, ranging from Year 11 to Year 13. The odds were stacked against us and no one believed we could climb out of the hole that had been dug for us. If my faith was ever in question, it was now. However, as time marched onwards, the Lasallian year progressed in a manner I never thought possible.

One of the big events during the Lasallian year was the restructure of Caritas Day. This took place during September and involved the Year 7 students from FDMC and Sacred Heart Girls' College coming together to take part in a number of challenges centered around the themes of empathy and charity, and challenged the younger students to step into the shoes of those who live in poverty throughout Oceania. This also



involved each of these students donating \$5.00 to contribute to the work the Caritas organization does in the Philippines. As well as this, the students took part in activities such as 'Stop it', where they were unable to use any electronic devices during the day and 'Live it', where some of them pretended to be taxi drivers and others tourists, with the taxi drivers attempting to make enough money to feed their family.

These are just a few of the activities that took place during the conjoined FDMC and Sacred Heart Caritas Day and allowed the Years 11 and 12 boys who had taken part in the Caritas Justice Leadership Day in Palmerston North during early 2015 to put the skills they had learned to the test. As well as improving awareness of Caritas and the work it does, this day also stood as a means which allowed FDMC and Sacred Heart to connect on a spiritual level. It allowed for the construction of a bridge of faith between the two schools, as well as sowing the seeds of faith in a younger generation; something I had set out to do during my time as Lasallian Captain. A special thanks must go to the Head of the Religious Education Department, Mrs Anna Zsigovits-Mace. Mrs Mace is unique in that she is one of the kindest and most compassionate people I have ever met and someone who although new to the school in 2014, has truly brought more to FDMC than was ever required.

The Lasallian Student Leadership group also got involved with the local Taranaki Youth Mass, which takes place on the last Sunday of each month at St. Joseph's Church at 5:30pm. This was orchestrated by Ryan Sadler, John Frengly and Megan Fromont, who diligently took on the role of assigning people roles to play throughout the mass. Special thanks must go out to Ryan, a man who truly defines what it means to be Lasallian, someone who has been a real asset to me this past year, and without whom, events such as Caritas Day and the youth masses would not have been possible. He is a man I am proud to call my Lasallian brother.

During the Term Three holidays, FDMC played host to Camp Lasalle where younger, less privileged students from FDMC, John Paul College, and De la Salle Mangere all come together for three days to live in the hostel. This is an opportunity for boys who might otherwise go without a fun holiday to have one, and





gives them the chance to get to know other boys from the two other De La Salle schools in New Zealand and to make friendships that are life long. This involved taking the boys out for games at 'Bowlarama', and out around the Sugarloaf Islands on Chaddy's Charters. Mr Ingram must be mentioned here. He has put huge amounts of time and effort into not only Camp Lasalle, but into every aspect of school life, and I thank him for his support and commitment to the College's special character.

I am thankful for my time as Lasallian Captain at the College. This is a position that has allowed me as a student to ponder much more deeply on what it means to be Lasallian, and as 2015 draws to a close, I think I have found my answer. To be Lasallian, one must embody the values of comradeship, brotherhood, and I think this is true of our Year 13 group. We have all become closer as brothers this year, and as a result this has strengthened not only our bonds as mates, but also our roots as Lasallian College men. I know that the College will be in good hands in terms of faith next year, and that the boys involved can continue the Lasallian legacy established by the LSL group this year. This is a year I will always remember as a year lived in faith and servitude.

St John Baptist De La Salle. Pray for Us.  
Live Jesus in our heart. Forever.

**Michael Wells**  
**Lasallian Captain**



## STARLIT HOPE CHARITY

On Friday 31st July, the school leaders held the Starlit HOPE Charity Dinner at the Devon Hotel. The night was filled with entertainment, ranging from musical performances to hilarious stories from guest speaker and 'Old Boy', Patrick Gower. His speech entitled "From the Corridors of the College to the Corridors of Power," detailed how he achieved his goal of becoming a senior journalist for TV3 News. He talked about his rebellious school days and his practical jokes, causing us all to burst into laughter. While there was hardly a dull moment, his speech had an underlying message: that childhood dreams can come true.

Following Paddy's speech, we announced the winners of our raffles and auctioned off quality items that were kindly donated by businesses around Taranaki and New Zealand. Auction items ranged from a portable barbecue and wine chiller to rugby and cricket gear signed by Richie McCaw, Dan Carter and the New Zealand Black Caps. All in all, the night was very successful and our profit from the evening was over \$10,000. We would like to thank all of our sponsors, especially the Devon Hotel who provided the venue free of charge, and we would also like to thank our guests for supporting our event.

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 were used to purchase entertainment items that can make child cancer sufferers' burdens a little lighter. All proceeds came from our senior leaders' project for the year, with the main proportion being from the fundraising dinner. Previous projects had raised around \$6,000 so this year's group feels especially proud of their efforts.

**Logan Walsh**  
**On behalf of the 2015 Leadership Group**



## O'SHEA SHIELD

The 69th O'Shea Shield was held over the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd at St Patrick's College in Wellington. The team of 15 accompanied by Mr and Mrs Marris and Mrs Blair travelled down on Friday 1st May, with Mrs Mace and Mrs Connolly driving down after school that evening. Staying at the YHA in Wellington we took advantage of the opportunity to view the Gallipoli Exhibition at Te Papa on Friday afternoon which was well worth doing.

The O'Shea programme began early on Saturday with the powhiri at 7.45 am, an early weekend start for many of the students. The first event was the debate and our debaters Vanshay Bindra, James Heerdegen and Michael Wells engaged in a good debate against Garin College on a difficult topic - *"That a worthwhile life is defined by the measure you give not the measure you get"*. The debate was won by Garin College and Vanshay Bindra was awarded best speaker.



We then moved onto the individual events. Polaiu'amea Kirifi gained a distinction in the Impromptu Speech section and Corban Dravitzki gave a good performance in the Junior Prepared Speech with his speech on 'The Social Media World'.

Tyler Paterson gained a 6 which is the highest grade awarded. He was in the senior oratory division and was judged second place.

Saturday evening is always one of the highlights when 17 schools each perform a five minute religious drama on a set theme. The five minutes is strictly enforced and



only items of school uniform can be worn. Although unplaced our boys gained a distinction grade.

Sunday morning is devoted to Scripture Reading and Religious Questions. Chris Headey's reading of scripture earned a distinction. The Religious Questions team of Patrick Fisher-Evans, Kurt Biesiek and David Codd gave excellent answers to their questions and showed a thorough understanding of the document they had prepared. They also achieved a distinction award but unfortunately were unplaced. Thanks to all the staff who assisted in coaching: Mrs O'Neill, Mr Chamberlain, Mrs Mace, Mrs Marris, Ms Joines and Ms Woollaston.

For the second year in a row O'Shea Shield was won by St Catherine's College, Wellington. Next year the event is being hosted by Sacred Heart Girls' College here in New Plymouth.

**Richard Marris**  
Deputy Principal





## INVESTITURE MASS

Our Leaders' Investiture ceremony on Wednesday 25 February was once again a pleasant occasion where our chosen student leaders and their proud families felt well supported by a student body that used the occasion to reverently seek God's blessing on our school and its new leaders for 2015. We were grateful for the support of Parish Priest Father Dondon Rancho and Lasallian Brothers Jack Iremonger and Adrian Watson who travelled to join us. Newly installed Sacred Heart Girls' College Principal, Mrs Paula Wells and leading students from her school lent their support along with parents, friends and relatives from our own community.



## HEAD BOY

It's overwhelming to think that the 2015 school year is almost over, and soon I will no longer be a student of the College.

I am at a pivotal and very important time of my life. I have spent five years at the College, and today marks my last day. These five years may have flown by, but the experiences, opportunities and friendships will last well after I'm gone.

The College has been a special place for me; a place to grow from a boy into a man, and a place to broaden my mind and experiences.

It is with great excitement, that I look to what the future may hold but there is an element of sadness that comes with leaving the College that helped form who I am today.

There is such a thing as the self-determination theory. An individual is responsible for the way their life unfolds. It is a matter of will and skill. We need the will to learn and succeed and we rely on others to provide the skills.

Together will and skill light a fire for learning. One can't work without the other.

My will was severely altered in Year 7 when the Francis Douglas hostel leaders visited my primary school. Prior to that point, I hadn't really thought too much about the future.

The evening those first Francis Douglas ambassadors spoke about the College and boarding hostel, I witnessed a true passion, spark and energy that ignited a desire to belong to their group. They spoke of the College brotherhood, hostel stories, and Francis Douglas in general. They were so sincere and positive that I couldn't help but want to be like them. I wanted to be supported and valued, as they so obviously were; to make something of myself and to share in the life and experiences that they were enjoying. I wanted to belong.

Throughout 2015, and all my years at the College, I, like all other students, found my place and now belong. And that is probably the most important aspect of College for me; because it really is true.

Boys who come here are cared for, nurtured and surrounded by an awesome group of people. They grow in the spirit of the College, as well as their individual spirituality, inspired by our patron Saint, St John Baptist De La Salle and our founder Francis Vernon Douglas.

We all arrive as individuals but we leave the College belonging to a huge Lasallian brotherhood.

A moment which really resonated with me was when Paddy Gower, the TV3 Political editor and 'Old boy', came to speak to the College. In his words, he was never the best student, he didn't conform, and he did not have school as a top interest.

But in later life, he realised that despite all his misdemeanours, teachers always had faith in him and wanted the best for him.

This in fact still rings true today, not only because most of the same teachers are still here, but because that is the spirit of the College. Our teachers possess dedication to education, pride in teaching and ultimately play a huge role in forming us into the men we become and the successes we achieve. It is said that "educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." I believe this is what is done well at the College. We are taught that faith, service, and community are the aspects that distinguish us from the rest. So thank you to all those staff who prioritise the heart of our school and form us into caring and wise men.

One of the most inspiring people for me this year was someone I had never met: Gabby Divine. Gabby was an extremely selfless girl who never pitied herself. She found true joy in giving to others and despite constant discomfort, still had the strength to make other peoples' lives much more joyful.

I clearly remember the day that I got a phone call telling me Gabby had passed away. I was in disbelief and very saddened. Gabby's legacy of 'random acts of kindness' inspired the Leaders and through the support and generosity of the community, we were able to raise 18,000 dollars for Starlit Hope, surpassing our goal of \$6,000.



When Gabby passed, the leader was gone but the movement carried on. Gabby's ideals have been carried forward like a ripple effect, transforming many lives one random act of kindness at a time.

College House competitions have been a highlight this year, and these have definitely been events to remember.

We started the calendar year with Swimming Sports, as well as a few extra treats. To the disgust of the caretakers the morning did not start well with them discovering six eels swimming around the pool. Solomon Captain, Steven Snoxell, went to extreme measures to get the win when he attempted to dye the pool red; a tactical move by red-head Snoxell to rally up the Solomon lads to a controversial win.

The next event was Athletic Sports. Solomon once again dominated from the get go, and this trend continued throughout the day. The only bright point in the day for the other houses, was the traditional streak. To this day we have not found out who was on the motorbike. However, some teachers maintain that one of these students was no stranger, he was definitely a Grainger- as the history goes.

Overall the House Competitions this year were very tight. In the end they were taken out by La Salle. Congratulations to Cole Hareb for leading his house to victory, and to House Captains Connor Lindsay, Shaun Palmer and Steven Snoxell for putting in a solid effort. Another aspect vital to my College life in 2015, was First XV rugby. The team had a great culture and a tight bond shared between all members. A lot of banter was exchanged in the team from no other than Mr Taylor. Cheers for caring for me during all my injuries and being like a second father to me. A thanks must also go to Mr Dravitzki and Head Coach, Mr Stuck, for all the hours they put into us throughout the year.

The College has had an outstanding sporting year with many teams and individuals reaching successful levels. Congratulations to all of the sporting students and Sports Captain, Ollie Polson.

Leadership is an often misused word because it's not just a title that makes you leader; it's about your actions as a leader and the tough decisions you make which don't always make you popular with your mates.

Leadership does sometimes force you to stand apart. However it is in standing apart from each other that allows perspective to take shape, which is when you fine-tune your visions and ideals so you can reform and have a more unified focus.

This has happened time and again during the year when I have found it hard to find a compromise between ruckus from the boys, and knowing when to stop. Even though tough decisions don't necessarily make you popular, they are necessary. They can gain you

respect, and really show you who your true supporters are. Those that demonstrate loyalty and the underlying values of being 'College brothers' make it an awesome experience.

Behind the student body there is a strong support from our senior management. I have had the privilege of working with Mr Chamberlain, Mr Stuck and Mr Marris throughout the year, and I would like to stress how thankful I am for the unconditional support and guidance I have received.

To the leaders: one thing that is so important to the College is the Leadership Team. You have all done an exceptional job and as a team we have achieved great things. Many of you went above expectation and possessed commitment, independence and dedication to the highest degree. A special thanks must go to my 'right hand man', Tyler Paterson. Cheers for always having my back, helping to ease the load, and most of all, thank you for being a great friend.

Being a 'Head Boy' as well as a boarder is a pretty rare achievement and I would like to mention the importance of Lasalle House, my second home. To quote Mr Mustchin, "the boarders are the heart of the school"; the lifeblood, the story makers and tradition creators. The values and respect you show towards the College resonates throughout the whole school.

The time I have spent in the hostel with my Year 13 brothers is unforgettable, and I am pleased to have been able to know many of the different year groups as well. A big thanks must go to all of the hostel supervisors throughout the years - Mr Mark Walsh, Mr Cowie and Mr and Mrs Smith, as well as all the Hostel staff.

To the Year 13's: thank you for all the support and encouragement throughout the years, especially this year. 2015 has by far been the busiest year and the most taxing for all of us, but at the end of the day we have had a great time here together, made some crack-up stories, and got to know one another which is a privilege and honour for me. I will truly miss all the banter that flew around during our schooling life and seeing everyone on a daily basis. Congratulations for keeping pride in our school throughout all of these years. It doesn't finish here: carry that College spirit forward in your future lives, and be proud 'old boys' of the College.

I spoke initially about the fire that the ambassadors ignited in me. They provided a motivation for my will to succeed and belong, and everyone I have mentioned today has had a part in developing my skills for living and learning and given me the self-belief to proceed to the next stage of my life.

No one can ask more than this of their school. On behalf of the Year 13 students who are gathered today, I would like to thank the students, special guests and



especially the parents of the Year 13's, for supporting us throughout our College years. You have granted us a great privilege in attending FDMC and we have grown over these years to become 'College men'. Your unconditional support will be cherished in our hearts forever.

To my own parents, Steve and Maria, my grateful thanks for your patience, continuing support and loyalty. I may not be the perfect son, but you've been the perfect parents.

As I said at the start of year to the College students: "The school's future reputation is completely in your hands. What you do, and how you behave in and out of school, will have a direct influence on the reputation and legacy of the College. Don't underestimate the influence you have as ambassadors of the College. And, always keep the College at the centre of your heart. For the College is our home-our life, our love and our passion."

Nothing compares to the College.  
With Christ as our leader.

**Louis Poole**  
**Head Boy 2015**

## REFLECTION LEAVERS' MASS

You guys are immortal diamonds. You are sparkling jewels. You are absolute gems. You are a real SQUAD of young men. You know what it is to live a DRY weekend lifestyle. There's nothing WET about you guys! As last week's retreat video clip showed, you know how to enjoy a cup of tea.

Today is the last time ever that the Leavers' class of 2015 will gather together. Never again will this group of people gather. There will certainly be occasions when many of you gather socially but never again will you go into Room 4 and have your drink bottles thrown out the window by Mr Blanks. Never again will you arrive late to the Religious Education module first thing on Monday morning. Never again will you have to put up with Mr Costello telling you that he is better looking than you!

What are some of the moments and people that I remember from the cohort of 2015?

- You are the first group to travel 7 years with Mr Chamberlain.
- You are the last group to experience a De La Salle brother on the teaching staff.
- Shaun Palmer insisting that the \$500 he won on MAD day 2013 be split so someone else could share in the prize.
- The amazing Alton Gondipon gaining so many sponsors' products to help motivate people in our fund-raising for various causes.



- This year's Leaders raising an amazing \$18,000 for Starlit Hope.
- Logan Walsh in all his challenges, never beating me at handball.
- Louis Poole paying \$250 for a \$200 petrol voucher - that was "Precious".
- Zack Thomson in the Religious Education module when we were focussing on Euthanasia, asking what young people in China have to do with Religious Education.

All the above stories are real - some actually happened!

You are a group of young men who are prepared to put deep thought into your sharing and questioning in a Religious Education module. There are some insightful, open-minded thinkers among you who are prepared to challenge and be challenged.

So what can you expect when you leave school? As you reflected on your Retreat Day last week, many of you hope to enjoy success and happiness in your lives ahead and all of you will experience moments of those throughout your lives. But you will not experience a life of 'plain sailing'. There will be many highs and lows in your life, exhilaration and exhaustion, ecstasy and despair. How well prepared for your life away from the confines of school life are you? I want you to carry away two major ideas from today that you can hang onto throughout your many years ahead: Service and Self-centredness.

A phrase we frequently used to hear around the College, especially a common saying from the brothers, was: Enter to learn, Leave to Serve.

Over your seven, five or fewer years here at FDMC, you have all had the opportunity to imbibe our strong College ethos of Faith, Service, Community. FDMC has developed a strong sense of ensuring that we do not become inward looking and focussing only on our own needs and wants. In the spirit of this College we look outwards and find out how we can support local, national and international folk who do not have the resources necessary for education and even mere survival. Your wonderful support and involvement in 'Starlit Hope' is a clear example of this. I hope you have

imbued this spirit of generosity and selfless service for yourself, so much so that throughout your lifetime ahead you continue to be involved in charitable causes. While people become involved in these causes out of a sense of service, it is amazing how fulfilled people become because of the time and energy they put into serving others. As so many of you indicated last week, you are looking for happiness. One way of ensuring that you do experience moments of happiness in your life ahead is putting yourself out for others; serving others.

So what about the other word I want to focus on today: self-centredness?

As you will no doubt recall from the RE module, there is intense pressure in our modern world to deny the spiritual, the transcendent, the existence of God. I want you all to become more and more self-centred as you grow to be the people you have the talents and abilities to become and so too, become truly spiritual beings. Do you want to reach your potential, even if you do not at this stage of your life realise what that might mean? The more self-centred you become, the more likely you will be to reach that potential. When I speak of self-centredness, it is the exact opposite of selfish. It means to be so in tune with ourselves we can't help but find our God at the centre of our being.

The English poet Gerard Manley Hopkins brings out this idea very clearly in what is probably my favourite ever poem:

***That Nature Is A Heraclitean Fire And Of The Comfort Of The Resurrection***

(Heraclitus - a Greek philosopher who said that fire is the origin of all things and that permanence is an illusion as all things are in perpetual flux (circa 500 BC))  
*Cloud-puffball, torn tufts, tossed pillows ' flaunt forth,  
 then chevy on an air-  
 built thoroughfare: heaven-roysterers, in gay-gangs ' they throng; they glitter in marches.  
 Down roughcast, down dazzling whitewash, ' wherever an elm arches,  
 Shivelights and shadowtackle in long ' lashes lace, lance, and pair.  
 Delightfully the bright wind boisterous ' ropes, wrestles, beats earth bare*



*Of yestertempest's creases; in pool and rut peel parches  
 Squandering ooze to squeezed ' dough, crust, dust; stanches, starches  
 Squadroned masks and manmarks ' treadmire toil there Footfretted in it. Million-fuelèd, ' nature's bonfire burns on.  
 But quench her bonniest, dearest ' to her, her clearest-selvèd spark  
 Man, how fast his firedint, ' his mark on mind, is gone! Both are in an unfathomable, all is in an enormous dark Drowned. O pity and indig ' nation! Manshape, that shone  
 Sheer off, disseveral, a star, ' death blots black out; nor mark  
 Is any of him at all so stark  
 But vastness blurs and time ' beats level. Enough! the Resurrection,  
 A heart's-clarion! Away grief's gasping, ' joyless days, dejection.  
 Across my foundering deck shone  
 A beacon, an eternal beam. ' Flesh fade, and mortal trash  
 Fall to the residuary worm; ' world's wildfire, leave but ash:  
 In a flash, at a trumpet crash,  
 I am all at once what Christ is, ' since he was what I am, and  
 This Jack, joke, poor potsherd, ' patch, matchwood, immortal diamond,  
 Is immortal diamond.*

As I said at the start of this talk, you are, we all are 'Immortal Diamonds'.

So how does this poem fit in with being self-centred? The first part of the poem reflects Heraclitus's belief that like secular materialism there is nothing permanent. Everything exists only for a brief time - "how fast his firedint". Nothing is permanent, including humankind. But as Hopkins says, "enough of that". Throughout the rest of the poem he uses the words that Yahweh called himself when he revealed Himself to Abraham and Moses - "I am who I am". And if you look closely in the centre of the last word you once again see "I am". We are immortal diamonds who have at the centre of our being our God - "I am". The more we become our true selves, developing into the diamonds we have the potential for, the more we become self-centred and find our God at the centre of our being. I can wish for nothing greater than that you become more and more self-centred throughout your lives. In that way you will know God is with you, you are reflecting that you are made in God's image - 'immortal diamonds' who serve each other and all of humanity. Forever, immortal diamonds.

**Peter Costello**  
**Lasallian Services Coordinator**



2015

# ROLL OF HONOUR Leavers' Mass



## SPECIAL AWARDS

First in Media Studies awarded to the top student in Media Studies.....Kurt Biesiek

Moana Clothing Cup for Graphics is awarded to the top Y13 graphics student, taking into account their year round effort and achievement.....James Heerdegen

Senior Award for top student in Design is awarded to the student with the highest marks in Y13 Design ..... Jordan Quinnell

Senior Cup for Mathematics awarded to the top Y13 student in Mathematics..... Vanshay Bindra

St Cecelia Cup for Music is awarded to an outstanding Music student in Y13..... Patrick Fisher Evans

Senior Cup for Statistics is awarded to the top Y13 student in Statistics .....Jack Ternouth

Roger French Cup for Visual Art is awarded to the top Y13 photography student .....Jordan Quinnell

Senior Award for Painting is awarded to the top Y13 painting student..... Ryuki Han

Senior Cup for Geography is awarded to the top Y13 Geography student..... Alastair MacNicol

L.A. Alexander Award For Agriculture is awarded to the top all round student in the field of Agriculture .....Jack Ternouth

The Smith Family Award for History is awarded to this year's top History student ..... Kurt Biesiek

The Hills Family Award for English is awarded to the top student in Level 3 English .....James Ansley

Senior Cup for Chemistry goes to the top student in Y13 Chemistry..... Vanshay Bindra

Senior Cup for Physical Education is awarded to the top student in Physical Education at Y13 .....Shaun Palmer

Medicross Award for Biology is awarded to the top Y13 Biology student, taking into account their year round effort and achievement.....Jack Ternouth

Senior Cup for Classical Studies goes to the top student in Classical Studies .....Alex Gray

Senior Award for Accounting is awarded to the top Y13 accounting student .....James Freeman

The Leo Walsh Award for Economics is given in memory of long serving staff member Mr Leo Walsh to the top student in Economics..... Tyler Paterson

Kirk Trophy for Business Technology goes to the student who is first and has contributed the most within the Young Enterprise Programme in 2015.....Jack Ternouth

Br Bill Firman Cup for Religious Studies is presented to the top student in Y13 RE..... Kurt Biesiek

Margaret Wright award for Music is given to the senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to the college in the musical fields ..... Ben Hall

Taama Tuu Tama Ora Award Is given to the top senior student of Maori ..... Taiawhio Waipoua-Bryers

Kelly Endowment for Physics This award was established and is still funded by distinguished academic and old boy Dr Michael Kelly. It is awarded to the top student in Y13 Physics .....Shaun Palmer

Gaines Award for the Study of Law. This award is given by the Gaines Family every year to a Y13 student who intends to study Law at University. The criteria for the award state that the college should take account of effort, commitment, diligence and attitude ..... Finbarr McCarthy

Butterworth Cup for Culture this award is made to the student who has made an important contribution to cultural activities in the areas of debating and/or public speaking ..... Kurt Biesiek

The Smith/Drinkwater Shield is awarded every year to a student who has made an outstanding contribution to Drama while at the college ..... John Fregley

Daily News Award for Literary Excellence is made to a senior student who displays literary excellence across a rang of subjects ..... Finbarr McCarthy

Shell Todd Oil Services Trophy for Senior Science is awarded to a senior student who has attained a high level of academic success, has participated in a wide range of science activities and has made a positive contribution to the promotion of Science at the College.....Jack Ternouth

Medals for Academic Excellence these medals are awarded every year to students in Y11 and 12 who have gained first in three or more subjects ..... Y11 Felix Webby  
..... Y12 Jostijn Densing

Michael Finnigan Award For Service is awarded every year to a student who has given great service to others in their time at FDMC.....Alton Gondipon

The Moriarty Cup for Diligence is awarded to a Y13 student who has shown diligence in his studies during his senior school years.....Brandon Martin

Wayne Kibby Memorial Cup this cup was presented by the Kibby family in remembrance of Wayne who was a long serving and valued member of the FDMC staff .....Alton Gondipon

Margaret Fleming Trophy is one of two trophies donated by the O'Sullivan family and goes to the Deputy Head Boarder .....Louis Poole

Br Anthony Hawkins Memorial Trophy is the second trophy donated by the O'Sullivan's and is awarded the Head Boarder ..... Steven Snoxell

Lasallian Student Captain goes to the Lasallian Student Captain for 2015 ..... Michael Wells

Sports Captain Cup goes to the Sports Captain in 2015 ..... Oliver Polson

Cultural Captain Cup goes to the Cultural Captain in 2015 ..... Patrick Fisher Evans

Peter Costello Trophy goes to the Deputy Head Boy in 2015 .....Tyler Paterson

Butler Family Trophy goes to the Head Boy in 2015 .....Louis Poole

Proxime Accessit this award goes to the second highest academic achiever in Y13 in 2015 ..... Kurt Biesiek

Dux is the supreme award for academic achievement in Y13 at FDMC in 2015.....Jack Ternouth

## YEAR 13 ATTAINMENT & DILIGENCE AWARDS

Alex Gray	English	Attainment
Alex Gray	History	Attainment
Alister Gondipon	English for Academic Purposes	Attainment
Alister Gondipon	Design	Diligence
Alister Gondipon	Geography	Diligence
Alton Gondipon	English for Academic Purposes	Attainment
Alton Gondipon	Agriculture & Horticulture	Diligence
Alton Gondipon	Business Studies	Diligence
Andrew Xiao	Chemistry	Attainment
Andrew Xiao	Physics	Attainment
Andrew Xiao	Biology	Attainment
Bailey Wisnewski	Geography	Attainment
Bailey Wisnewski	Business Studies	Diligence
Brandon Martin	Statistics	Diligence
Connor Lindsay	Economics	Attainment
Connor Lindsay	Business Studies	Diligence
Conor O'Neill	Mathematics with Calculus	Attainment
Conor O'Neill	Physics	Attainment
Derique Cabatingan	Media Studies	Diligence
Derique Cabatingan	English	Diligence
Elijah Lamb	Photography	Diligence
Finbarr McCarthy	Classics	Attainment
Finbarr McCarthy	English	Attainment
Finbarr McCarthy	Statistics	Attainment
Finbarr McCarthy	Religious Studies	Attainment
Finbarr McCarthy	History	Attainment
Hayden Moral	Accounting	Attainment
Jack Ternouth	Chemistry	Attainment
James Ansley	Visual Art/ Painting	Attainment
James Ansley	Mathematics with Calculus	Attainment
James Heerdegen	Design	Diligence
Jayden Calder	Religious Studies	Attainment
Jayden Calder	Business Studies	Diligence
John Frengley	Mathematics with Calculus	Attainment
John Frengley	Physics	Attainment
Johnathon Carswell	Design and Visual Communication	Diligence
Jordan Quinnell	Visual Art/Painting	Attainment
Josh Dempster	Design	Attainment
Joshua Hulbert	Chemistry	Attainment
Joshua Hulbert	Physics	Attainment
Joshua Hulbert	Religious Studies	Attainment
Joshua Hulbert	History	Attainment
Kaia Harrison	English	Diligence
Keegan Hodges	Agriculture & Horticulture	Diligence
Kurt Biesiek	Classics	Attainment
Kurt Biesiek	English	Attainment
Kurtis Grainger	Classics	Attainment
Lleyton Taylor	Media Studies	Diligence
Logan Walsh	English	Attainment
Logan Walsh	Biology	Attainment
Logan Walsh	Religious Studies	Attainment
Logan Walsh	Chemistry	Diligence
Logan Walsh	Mathematics with Calculus	Diligence
Logan Walsh	Physics	Diligence

Louis Poole	Biology	Attainment
Louis Poole	Statistics	Attainment
Louis Poole	Religious Studies	Attainment
Martin Sear	Photography	Diligence
Martin Sear	Tourism	Diligence
Mason Taylor	Accounting	Diligence
Mason Taylor	Statistics	Diligence
Michael Wells	Classics	Attainment
Michael Wells	Religious Studies	Attainment
Michael Wells	History	Attainment
Michael Wells	Statistics	Diligence
Oliver Polson	PE Studies	Attainment
Patrick Fisher-Evans	Media Studies	Attainment
Patrick Fisher-Evans	Geography	Attainment
Quin Sorensen	PE Studies	Attainment
Quin Sorensen	Geography	Attainment
Ryan O'Sullivan	Media Studies	Diligence
Ryan Sadler	Chemistry	Diligence
Ryan Sadler	Mathematics with Calculus	Diligence
Ryan Sadler	Physics	Diligence
Sam Moon	Geography	Attainment
Shaun Palmer	Chemistry	Attainment
Shaun Palmer	Geography	Attainment
Stephen Gibson	PE Studies	Diligence
Steven Snoxell	Design and Visual Communication	Attainment
Thomas Austin	Chemistry	Diligence
Thomas Austin	English	Diligence
Thomas Austin	Physics	Diligence
Tyler Paterson	PE Studies	Attainment
Tyler Paterson	Chemistry	Diligence
Vanshay Bindra	English	Attainment
Vanshay Bindra	Physics	Attainment
Vanshay Bindra	Biology	Attainment

## YEAR 12 FIRST IN SUBJECT

Cameron Sharrock	Statistics
Dominic Jacquemard	English
Dominic Jacquemard	Biology
George Monk	Accounting
Isaac Boon	Digital Technology
Jahdal Jordan	Media Studies
Jason Skvor	Technology - Wood
Josh Morris	Agriculture/Horticulture
Jostijn Dessing	Chemistry
Jostijn Dessing	Economics
Jostijn Dessing	Physics
Manuel Dessing Year 10	Mathematics
Matt Browne	Geography
Sam Wright	Brother Tim Peter Cup
Taine Julian	Religious Studies
Taylor McDonald	PE Studies
Todd Western-Normanton	Photography
Todd Western-Normanton	Classics
Tom Reumers	History
Yuto Fujii	Design and Visual Communication
	Visual Art

## YEAR 12 ATTAINMENT & DILIGENCE AWARDS

Alister Ang	Economics	Attainment	Hanson Qi	Engineering	Diligence
Alister Ang	Religious Studies	Attainment	Hanson Qi	English	Attainment
Andrew Adams	Religious Studies	Attainment	Diligence	Technology - Engineering	
Andrew Adams	English	Attainment	Hanson Qi	Design & Visual	
Andrew Mount	Tourism	Attainment	Hendrik Hofstee	Communication	Diligence
Andrew Mount	Statistics	Diligence	Hendrik Hofstee	Mathematics	Diligence
Andrew Mount	Design & Visual		Hendrik Hofstee	Media Studies	Diligence
	Communication	Diligence	Henry Baylis	Digital Technology	Diligence
Ben Beer	English	Diligence		Agriculture/	
Ben Beer	Geography	Diligence	Isaac Boon	Horticulture	Attainment
Ben Collier	English	Diligence	Isaac Boon	Mathematics	Diligence
Ben Hall	Biology	Attainment	Israel Finnigan	Media Studies	Diligence
Ben Sarten	History	Attainment		Technology -	
Beni Kalin	English	Diligence	Israel Finnigan	Engineering	Diligence
Beni Kalin	Mathematics	Diligence	Izaak Karasawa	Technology - Wood	Diligence
Beni Kalin	Physics	Diligence	Iziah Willetts	Japanese	Attainment
Bernie Keegan	Design & Visual		Iziah Willetts	History	Attainment
	Communication	Attainment	Iziah Willetts	Legal Studies	Attainment
Bernie Keegan	Statistics	Diligence	Jack Koch	Classics	Diligence
Callum West	Visual Art/Photo	Diligence	Jack Koch	Economics	Attainment
Callum West	Technology - Wood	Diligence	Jack Koch	Classics	Diligence
Calum Simpson	Technology -		Jack Matthews	Chemistry	Attainment
	Engineering	Diligence	Jack Matthews	Biology	Attainment
Cameron Sharrock	Technology -		Jack Matthews	Physics	Attainment
	Engineering	Diligence	Jack Matthews	English	Diligence
Cameron Sharrock	Technology - Wood	Diligence	Jacob Mills	Agriculture/	
Cameron Tofts	English	Attainment	Jacob Mills	Horticulture	Attainment
Chris Balsom	Technology -		Jahdal Jordan	Biology	Attainment
	Engineering	Diligence	Jahdal Jordan	PE Studies	Diligence
Cole Hortor	German	Attainment	Jake Chard	Physics	Diligence
Cole Hortor	Statistics	Diligence	Jarrold Smillie	History	Attainment
Cole Hortor	Physics	Diligence		Technology -	
Connor Hay	Physics	Diligence	Jason Skvor	Engineering	Diligence
Daniel Heerdegen	Economics	Attainment	Joseph Landrigan	English	Attainment
Daniel Heerdegen	Accounting	Attainment		Agriculture/	
Daniel Heerdegen	Mathematics	Attainment	Jostijn Dessing	Horticulture	Attainment
Daniel Heerdegen	Religious Studies	Attainment	Jostijn Dessing	English	Attainment
Daniel Heerdegen	PE Studies	Diligence	Kalin Aylward	Religious Studies	Attainment
Daniel Wells	English	Attainment	Kellen Fisher	English	Diligence
Daniel Wells	Mathematics	Attainment	Kyle Hancock	Chemistry	Diligence
Daniel Wells	Religious Studies	Attainment	Liam McBreen	Classics	Attainment
Daniel Wells	Geography	Attainment	Liam McBreen	English	Attainment
Daniel Wells	Chemistry	Diligence	Liam McBreen	Religious Studies	Attainment
Daniel Wells	Physics	Diligence	Liam Pelham	Chemistry	Diligence
Danyon Roguski	Geography	Attainment	Liam Pelham	Visual Art/Photo	Attainment
Danyon Roguski	English	Diligence	Matt Browne	Visual Art	Attainment
David Joffe	Visual Art/Photo	Attainment	Matt Browne	English	Attainment
Dominic Jacquemard	Mathematics	Attainment	Matt Browne	Religious Studies	Attainment
Dominic Jacquemard	Chemistry	Attainment	Matt Browne	Physics	Attainment
Dominic Jacquemard	Physics	Attainment	Matt Browne	Mathematics	Diligence
Ekachai Sirimaha	English	Diligence	Matt Jane	English	Diligence
Ethan Muggeridge	Accounting	Diligence	Michael Kerr	English	Attainment
Ethan Muggeridge	English	Diligence	Michael Kerr	Chemistry	Attainment
Euan Jones	Design & Visual		Michael Kerr	Mathematics	Attainment
	Communication	Attainment	Michael Kerr	Geography	Attainment
Finn Zeylemaker	Visual Art	Attainment	Michael Kerr	Physics	Diligence
George Monk	Mathematics	Attainment	Mitchell Fleming	Geography	Attainment
George Monk	English	Attainment	Nathan Cousins-Lapworth	Media Studies	Attainment
George Monk	Chemistry	Attainment	Nicholas Walton	Digital Technology	Attainment
George Monk	Physics	Attainment	Ollie Doherty-Ramsay	English	Attainment
George Monk	Religious Studies	Attainment	Ollie Doherty-Ramsay	Mathematics	Attainment
Haden Copeman	English	Attainment	Ollie Doherty-Ramsay	Geography	Diligence
Hamish Sandford	Technology -		Owen Griffiths	Visual Art	Attainment
			Owen Griffiths	Chemistry	Attainment
			Owen Griffiths	Physics	Diligence
			Polaiu'amea Kirifi	English	Attainment
			Polaiu'amea Kirifi	Mathematics	Attainment



Polaiu'amea Kirifi	Agriculture/ Horticulture	Attainment	Bailey Thompson	Drama	Attainment
Reuben Douds	Legal Studies	Attainment	Bailey Thompson	Mathematics	Diligence
Reuben Douds	History	Attainment	Bailey Wensor	Science	Diligence
Sam Boschat	Geography	Attainment	Benjamin Zeylemaker	Science	Attainment
Sam Wright	Media Studies	Attainment	Benjamin Zeylemaker	Mathematics	Diligence
Sam Wright	English	Attainment	Benjamin Zeylemaker	Geography	Diligence
Sam Wright	PE Studies	Attainment	Benjamin Zeylemaker	English	Diligence
Shaun Limmer	Geography	Diligence	Benjamin Zeylemaker	Technology - Engineering	Diligence
Taylor McDonald	Visual Art	Attainment	Bodie Butler	PE Studies	Diligence
Taylor McDonald	English	Attainment	Callum Butler	Science	Attainment
Thomas Fleming	English	Attainment	Callum Butler	Visual Art	Diligence
Thomas Fleming	Religious Studies	Attainment	Callum Butler	Correspondence	
Tom Hopkins	Technology - Wood	Attainment		Mathematics	Diligence
Tom Hopkins	Technology - Engineering	Diligence	Callum Milner	English	Attainment
	Religious Studies	Attainment	Callum Milner	Science	Attainment
Tom Reumers	Religious Studies	Attainment	Campbell Grayling	Agriculture/ Horticulture	Attainment
William Peters	Religious Studies	Attainment		Technology - Engineering	Diligence
Yuto Fujii	Mathematics	Diligence	Campbell Grayling	PE Studies	Diligence
Zaki Din	Biology	Attainment		Mathematics	Attainment
Zaki Din	Religious Studies	Attainment	Campbell Grayling	Science	Attainment
Ziah Taumoepeau	English	Attainment	Caylem Cook	History	Attainment
Ziah Taumoepeau	PE Studies	Attainment	Chris Headey	Geography	Attainment
Ziah Taumoepeau	Religious Studies	Attainment	Chris Headey	English	Attainment
Ziah Taumoepeau	Physics	Diligence	Chris Headey	Mathematics	Diligence

## YEAR 11 FIRST IN SUBJECT

Bayley Cardie	Technology - Engineering		Daniel Chow	English	Attainment
Benjamin Zeylemaker	Agriculture/Horticulture		Daniel Chow	Mathematics	Attainment
Brad Saxton	Technology - Wood		Daniel Chow	Religious Studies	Attainment
Chris Headey	Brother Peter Bray Cup		Daniel Chow	Geography	Attainment
	Religious Studies		Daniel Chow	PE Studies	Attainment
Daniel Chow	Science		David Codd	English	Attainment
Daniel Chow	Music		David Codd	History	Attainment
Ethan Diamond	Media Studies		David Codd	Music	Attainment
Felix Webby	Economics		David Codd	Religious Studies	Attainment
Felix Webby	Mathematics		David Codd	Science	Attainment
Felix Webby	PE Studies		David Codd	Mathematics	Diligence
Isaac Brown	Digital Technology		David Codd	Spanish	Diligence
Jack Hutchins	Visual Art		David Codd	English	Attainment
Jacques McCallum-Lind	Drama		Dawson Webber	Science	Diligence
Jonathan Dwyer	Accounting		Dawson Webber	Mathematics	Diligence
Keegan Lindsay	Design and Visual Communication		Dawson Webber	PE Studies	Diligence
	History		Dylan Simpson	Science	Diligence
Sam Poles Smith	Te Reo Maori		Elijah Bradford	Agriculture/ Horticulture	Diligence
Taiawhio Waipoua-Bryers	English			Agriculture/ Horticulture	Diligence
Thomas Hadley	Geography			English	Attainment
Thomas Morgan				Science	Attainment

## YEAR 11 ATTAINMENT & DILIGENCE AWARDS

Aaron Win	English	Attainment	Isaac Brown	Media Studies	Attainment
Aaron Win	Design and Visual Communication	Attainment	Isaac Brown	Media Studies	Diligence
Aaron Win	Digital Technology	Attainment	Isaac Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens	English	Diligence
Aaron Win	Mathematics	Attainment	Jackson Sinclair	Science	Diligence
Aleksandar Timarac	Science	Attainment	Jacob Richards	Mathematics	Diligence
Aleksandar Timarac	Accounting	Diligence	Jacob Richards		
Alex Lightbody	Mathematics	Diligence	Jacques McCallum-Lind		
Alex Lightbody	Technology - Wood	Diligence			





Jacques McCallum-Lind	Music	Diligence
James Avey	Science	Diligence
James Avey	English	Diligence
James Martin	Agriculture/ Horticulture	Diligence
James Martin	Technology - Engineering	Diligence
Jarrod Walsh	Mathematics	Attainment
Jarrod Walsh	Science	Diligence
Jarrod Walsh	PE Studies	Diligence
Joel Ward	Technology - Engineering	Diligence
Jonathan Dwyer	Mathematics	Attainment
Joshua Howe	Agriculture/ Horticulture	Diligence
Joshua Howe	Technology - Engineering	Diligence
Kai Warburton	Science	Attainment
Kaleb Thompson	Digital Technology	Diligence
Keegan Lindsay	Accounting	Attainment
Keegan Lindsay	Science	Attainment
Kyle De Guzman	Digital Technology	Diligence
Lewis Ritai	Te Reo Maori	Diligence
Liam Scott	Design and Visual Communication	Attainment
Logan Olsson	Agriculture/ Horticulture	Attainment
Matthew Hooper	Mathematics	Diligence
Matthew O'Connell	Economics	Attainment
Matthew O'Connell	Mathematics	Attainment
Matthew O'Connell	Science	Attainment
Matthew O'Connell	English	Attainment
Matthew O'Connell	PE Studies	Attainment
Mitchel Walker	Technology - Wood	Diligence
Mitchell Pelham	Mathematics	Diligence
Nathan Hammersley	Technology - Wood	Attainment
Oisin Quinn	Visual Art	Attainment
Oisin Quinn	PE Studies	Attainment
Patrick Back	English	Diligence
Patrick Back	Agriculture/ Horticulture	Diligence
Prathik Rajasingh	Agriculture/ Horticulture	Attainment
Sam Lock	Digital Technology	Attainment
Sam Lock	English	Diligence
Sam Poles Smith	Geography	Attainment
Sam Poles Smith	Mathematics	Diligence
Sam Poles Smith	Science	Diligence
Samuel Garcia	Visual Art	Attainment
Samuel Johnson	Technology - Wood	Attainment
Samuel Johnson	PE Studies	Attainment
Samuel Johnson	English	Diligence
Samuel Johnson	Mathematics	Diligence
Shamus Hurley-Langton	Design and Visual Communication	Diligence
Shyon Noble	Drama	Attainment
Taiawhio Waipoua-Bryers	English	Attainment
Taiawhio Waipoua-Bryers	Mathematics	Attainment
Taiawhio Waipoua-Bryers	Science	Diligence
Taiawhio Waipoua-Bryers	Music	Diligence
Thomas Hadley	Science	Attainment
Thomas Hadley	History	Attainment
Thomas Hadley	Religious Studies	Attainment
Thomas Hadley	Geography	Attainment
Thomas Hadley	Mathematics	Diligence
Thomas Morgan	Mathematics	Attainment
Thomas Morgan	Visual Art	Attainment
Thomas Morgan	English	Attainment

Thomas Morgan	Science	Attainment
Thomas Morgan	Religious Studies	Attainment
Wiremu O'Sullivan	Science	Attainment
Wiremu O'Sullivan	Media Studies	Diligence
Zac Reid	English	Attainment
Zac Reid	Geography	Attainment
Zac Reid	Design and Visual Communication	Attainment
Zac Reid	Science	Attainment

## DUX & PROXIME ACCESSIT

Congratulations to Jack Ternouth who is our Dux for 2015. He is the son of Neil and Heather Ternouth from New Plymouth. Kurt Biesiek, son of Tony and Shelley Biesiek of New Plymouth, is our Proxime Accessit.



## JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Held on Friday 11 December the event was well supported by family and friends. Polaiu'amea Kirifi (Head Boy 2016) performed his first official role by preparing and delivering the opening Prayer. Principal Martin Chamberlain gave an overview of the year, and the Year Level Deans presented the Attainment and Diligence Certificates to their groups. Declan Barrett bravely performed a well-received solo keyboard piece, "Let it Go" and Year 10 students Dylan Bines and Jayden Smith played a guitar duet "Tribute", as a musical interlude. Invited guest, Brother Adrian Watson presented the Years 9 and 10 First in Subject Awards before the 'Special Awards' were granted. Finally Michael Kerr (Deputy Head Boy 2016) closed the event with Prayer. David Codd and Daniel Chow played the closing 'Hymn to the Founder' and this concluded the last official business of the school year. Students, families and staff then departed for what will hopefully be a well earned and relaxing Christmas break.

### Congratulations to the following boys who gained these prestigious awards:

Shell Todd Oil Services Trophy - Junior Science  
Dessing, Manuel

John George Cup - Junior Sportsman  
Vertongen, Jesse

John Whyte Cup - General Excellence  
Sofeni, Denzell

Jonathon Milne Cup - Junior Leadership  
Morris, Joshua

Junior La Sallian Cup  
Lovell, Ollie

Junior Literacy Excellence Award  
Silk, Benjamin

Park City Trophy - Junior Musician  
Sellwood, Jonah

Junior Cultural Cup  
Johnston, Jeremy

## ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 7

### Year 7 First in Subject

Dowd, Max  
Brother Jerome Foley Cup First in Religious Studies

### Year 7 Attainment/Diligence and First in Class Awards

English	Barrett, Flynn	First in Class
	Cleland, Jack	Diligence
	Coombe, Jack	Diligence
	Davison, Bryn	Diligence
	Dowd, Max	Attainment

### Mathematics

Forsyth, Jacob	Attainment
Hadley, Oscar	First in Class
Hill, Brooklyn	Diligence
Hooper, Liam	Attainment
Newton, George	Diligence
Powell, Jackson	Attainment
Ropitini, Robert	Attainment
Ruakere, Jayden	Diligence
Thompson, Cade	First in Class
Waayer, Heath	Attainment

Davison, Bryn	First in Class
Elder, Joshua	Diligence
Emett, Mason	Diligence
Evaristo, Dylan	Diligence
Glennie, Alistair	Diligence
Hill, Brooklyn	Diligence
Hooper, Liam	First in Class
Horgan, Jamie	Diligence
Kretschmar, Chase	Attainment
Linton, Mathew	Diligence
Murugaiyen, Sreeram	Diligence
Naughton, Curtis	Diligence
O'Neill-Kirchheiner, Mikas	Attainment
Powell, Jackson	Diligence
Sampson, Jared	First in Class
Sofeni-Williams, Ignatius	Attainment
Stokes, Thomas	Diligence
Ward, Liam	Diligence
Wells, Alexander	Attainment
Wells, Jordan	Attainment

### Religious Studies

Coombe, Jack	Diligence
Davison, Bryn	Diligence
Dowd, Max	First in Class
Forsyth, Jacob	Diligence
Hadley, Oscar	Attainment
Hill, Brooklyn	Diligence
Hooper, Liam	Diligence
Linton, Mathew	Attainment
Meuli, Brayden	Diligence
Pease, Amos	Diligence
Powell, Jackson	First in Class
Ropitini, Robert	Diligence
Ruakere, Jayden	Diligence
Stokes, Thomas	Diligence
Waayer, Heath	First in Class

### Science

Barrett, Flynn	Attainment
Elder, Joshua	Attainment
Fogarty, Jack	Attainment
Forsyth, Jacob	Attainment
Grewal, Romaine	Attainment
Hadley, Oscar	First in Class =
Hooper, Liam	First in Class =
Kretschmar, Chase	Attainment
Kumar, Jerome	Attainment
Linton, Mathew	Attainment
Morgan, Robert	Attainment
Murugaiyen, Sreeram	First in Class =
Pease, Amos	Attainment
Powell, Jackson	Attainment
Thompson, Cade	Attainment
Waayer, Heath	First in Class

### Social Studies

Barrett, Flynn	Attainment
Dowd, Max	First in Class
Elder, Joshua	Diligence



	Evaristo, Dylan	Diligence		Van Blerk, Qbre	Diligence
	Forsyth, Jacob	First in Class		Van Hameren, Anthony	Diligence
	Hadley, Oscar	Attainment		Vink, Geordie	Diligence
	Hooper, Liam	Diligence		Whaley, Thomas	Attainment
	Killa, Mehul	Diligence		Wills, Joseph	Diligence
	Kumar, Jerome	Attainment		Zhanje, Tawanda	Diligence
	Morgan, Robert	Attainment			
	Murugaiyen, Sreeram	Diligence	Religious	Clennett, Oliver	Diligence
	Pease, Amos	Diligence	Studies	Collier, Bailey	Diligence
	Ruakere, Jayden	Diligence		Hudson, Samuel	First in Class
	Waayer, Heath	Diligence		Kirifi, Isaiah	Attainment
	Whitham, Alfie	Diligence		McKie, Hamish	Attainment
				Partridge, Samuel	Attainment
Physical Education	Baldock, Louis	Diligence		Silk, Oliver	Attainment
	Clegg, Harry	Attainment		Sofeni, Denzell	Attainment
	Cleland, Jack	Attainment		Sofeni, Fenni	First in Class
	Dizon, Ezekiel	Diligence		Tilt, Nathan	Attainment
	Dowd, Max	First in Class		Van Blerk, Qbre	Diligence
	Edquila, Oliver	Attainment		Van Hameren, Anthony	First in Class
	Killa, Mehul	First in Class		Varga, Jordan	Diligence
	Luckin, Cullen	Diligence		Whaley, Thomas	Attainment
	Matchett, Aiden	Attainment			
	Meuli, Brayden	First in Class	Science	Biesiek, Keller	Attainment
	Newton, Louis	Attainment		Church, Corban	Attainment
	Ropitini, Robert	Attainment		Clennett, Oliver	Attainment
	Sofeni-Williams, Ignatius	Diligence		Collier, Bailey	Attainment
	Waayer, Heath	Diligence		Manukonga-John, Ryan	Attainment
	Wells, Jordan	Diligence		McFetridge, Max	Diligence

## ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 8

### Year 8 First in Subject

Whaley, Thomas

Br Julian Watson Cup

First in Religious Studies

### Year 8 Attainment/Diligence and First in Class Awards

English	Biesiek, Keller	Attainment	Social Studies	Boon, George	Attainment
	Carranza, Carlo	Diligence		Church, Corban	Attainment
	Cummings, Hamish	Attainment		Clement, Jacob	Attainment
	Donlon, Jacob	Attainment		Collier, Bailey	Attainment
	Ford, Connor	First in Class		Fleming, Lachlan	Attainment
	Franklyn, William	Diligence		Hardy, Jason	Attainment
	McKie, Hamish	Diligence		Hudson, Samuel	Attainment
	Partridge, Samuel	Attainment		Johnston, Adam	First in Class
	Rajasingh, Rahul	First in Class		Kirifi, Isaiah	Attainment
	Silk, Oliver	Attainment		Quilter-Phipps, Braedan	First in Class
	Sofeni, Fenni	Diligence		Rajasingh, Rahul	Attainment
	Van Hameren, Anthony	Diligence		Scouller, Quinn	Attainment
	Vink, Geordie	Diligence		Sofeni, Denzell	Diligence
	Whaley, Thomas	First in Class		Titter, Joshua	Diligence
	Wright, Oliver	Attainment		Whaley, Thomas	First in Class
Mathematics	Bolton, Vincent	First in Class	Physical Education	Bamber, Jacob	Attainment
	Church, Corban	Diligence		Bennett-Ruakere, Monaro	First in Class
	Clennett, Oliver	Diligence		Boon, George	Attainment
	Donlon, Jacob	Attainment		Donlon, Jacob	Attainment
	Hardy, Jason	Attainment		Hardy, Jason	Attainment
	Jane, Andrew	First in Class		Johnston, Adam	Diligence
	Lawn-Cliffe, Riley	Attainment		Manukonga-John, Ryan	Attainment
	Manukonga-John, Ryan	Diligence		McKie, Hamish	Diligence
	McKie, Hamish	Diligence		Mortensen, Jacob	First in Class
	Mortensen, Jacob	Diligence		Ngatai, Ethan	Diligence
	Parker, Todd	First in Class		Quilter-Phipps, Braedan	Attainment
	Rajasingh, Rahul	First in Class		Sofeni, Denzell	Attainment
	Scouller, Quinn	Attainment		Spicer, Olly	First in Class
	Sofeni, Fenni	Diligence		Vink, Geordie	Attainment

	Zhanje, Tawanda	Diligence
English	Uhlenberg, Cameron	Diligence
Correspondence		

## ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 9

### Year 9 Special Awards

English	Hadley, William	First in Subject
Mathematics	Ropitini, Vince	First in Subject
Science	Skvor, Corey	First in Subject
Social Studies	Kleinsman, Simon	First in Subject
Br Raphael Bassett Cup		
Religious Studies	Kleinsman, Simon	First in Subject

### Year 9 Attainment/Diligence and First in Class Awards

English	Barrett, Declan	Attainment
	Borst, Ethan	Diligence
	Campbell, Jacob	First in Class
	Clement, Joel	First in Class
	Copestake, Liam	First in Class
	Ford, Daniel	Diligence
	Goodwin, George	Attainment
	Gopperth, Jeremy	Attainment
	Hadley, William	First in Class
	Harewood, Sonnie	Diligence
	Henderson, Simon	Attainment
	Johnson, Samuel	First in Class
	Johnston, Jeremy	First in Class
	Kleinsman, Simon	Attainment
	Langton, Ethan	Diligence
	le Fleming, Tom	Attainment
	Lehrke, Henri	Diligence
	Lovegrove, James	Diligence
	Lovegrove, James	Diligence
	Mason, Cillian	Diligence
	Matthews, Liam	Attainment
	Moriarty, Ambrose	Attainment
	Morris, Finn	Attainment
	Paynter, Andrew	Attainment
	Ropitini, Vince	Attainment
	Schultz, Braeden	Attainment
	Sisarich, Matthew	Diligence
	Skvor, Corey	Attainment
	Skvor, Reece	Diligence
	Smith, Darrell	Attainment
	Ventresca, Amedeo	Attainment
	Ward, Konrad	Diligence
	Wilson, Elijah	Attainment

Mathematics	Ammundsen, Oisin	First in Class
	Barrett, Declan	Attainment
	Borsje, Tomas	Attainment
	Corrigan, Joshua	Diligence
	Davison, Riley	Attainment
	Din, Toby	Attainment
	Fleming, Caleb	Attainment
	Ford, Daniel	Diligence
	Gopperth, Jeremy	Attainment
	Harewood, Sonnie	Diligence
	Hurley, Rhys	First in Class
	Kleinsman, Simon	Attainment
	le Fleming, Tom	First in Class
	Lehrke, Henri	Diligence
	Luque, Alfie	Diligence
	McCook, Blane	Diligence
	McGrory, Jadeim	First in Class

McLeod, Ethan	Diligence
Moriarty, Ambrose	Diligence
Ropitini, Vince	First in Class
Schultz, Braeden	Diligence
Sisarich, Matthew	Diligence
Skvor, Corey	Attainment
Smith, Darrell	Attainment
Theron, Michael	Attainment
Ventresca, Amedeo	Attainment
Walton, Liam	Diligence
Ward, Konrad	Diligence
Wilson, Elijah	Attainment

Religious Studies	Ammundsen, Oisin	Attainment
	Borsje, Tomas	Attainment
	Butler, Patrick	Attainment
	Campbell, Colin	Attainment
	Carr, Blake	Diligence
	Clement, Joel	Diligence
	Copestake, Liam	Attainment
	Dravitzki, Corban	First in Class
	Henderson, Simon	Attainment
	Howell, Isaac	Diligence
	Johnston, Jeremy	First in Class
	Kere-Rako, Xavier	Attainment
	Kerr, George	Attainment
	Kleinsman, Simon	First in Class
	Lehrke, Henri	Diligence
	Lovegrove, James	Attainment
	MacLeod, Tahanga	Diligence
	Matthews, Liam	Attainment
	McGrath, Finlay	First in Class
	Ratumaivavuki-Kneepkens, Jacob	

Attainment	Skvor, Corey	Attainment
	Skvor, Reece	Attainment
	Smith, Darrell	Attainment
	Thomas, Rohan	First in Class
	Walton, Liam	Diligence

Science	Barrett, Declan	Attainment
	Borsje, Tomas	First in Class
	Campbell, Colin	Attainment
	Clement, Joel	Diligence
	Dravitzki, Corban	Attainment
	Goodwin, George	Diligence
	Hadley, William	First in Class
	Henderson, Simon	Attainment
	Johnston, Jeremy	First in Class
	Jones, Mason	Attainment
	Kere-Rako, Xavier	Attainment
	Kleinsman, Simon	First in Class =
	Langton, Ethan	Diligence
	Lovegrove, James	Diligence
	Matthews, Liam	First in Class =
	McGrath, Finlay	Attainment
	Merwood, Corbin	Diligence
	Morris, Finn	Attainment
	Paynter, Andrew	Attainment
	Skvor, Corey	First in Class
	Smith, Darrell	Diligence
	Soffe, Cole	Attainment
	Theron, Michael	Attainment
	van Hattum, Oskar	Attainment
	Walton, Liam	Attainment

Social Studies	Barrett, Declan	First in Class
	Borsje, Tomas	Attainment



Attainment	Butler, Patrick	Attainment	Art	Johnston, Jeremy	Attainment		
	Butler, Patrick	Diligence		Lehrke, Henri	Diligence		
	Campbell, Colin	Attainment		Macleod, Blaque	Attainment		
	Dravitzki, Corban	Diligence		Merwood, Corbin	Diligence		
	Dravitzki, Corban	First in Class		Ropitini, Vince	Attainment		
	Gopperth, Jeremy	Diligence					
	Hadley, William	Attainment		Adams, Blair	First in Class		
	Hadley, William	Attainment		Barrett, Declan	Attainment		
	Howell, Isaac	Attainment		Campbell, Colin	Attainment		
	Howell, Isaac	Diligence		Clement, Joel	Attainment		
	Hurley, Rhys	Attainment		Hopkins, Joshua	Diligence		
	Johnston, Jeremy	First in Class		le Fleming, Tom	Diligence		
	Kere-Rako, Xavier	Diligence		Lord, Jaiden	Attainment		
	Kleinsman, Simon	First in Class		Lovegrove, James	Diligence		
	Krutz, Jack	Attainment		McQuoid, Aedan	Attainment		
	Langton, Ethan	Diligence		Ropitini, Vince	Attainment		
	Matthews, Liam	Attainment		Skvor, Reece	Attainment		
	McCarthy, Diarmaid	Attainment		Theron, Michael	Attainment		
	McGrath, Finlay	First in Class					
	Mitchell, Connor	Attainment					
	Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Jacob						
	ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 10						
	Physical Education	Skvor, Corey		Attainment	Year 10 Special Awards		
Smith, Darrell		Diligence	English	Wilson, Teagan	First in Subject		
Theron, Michael		Attainment	Mathematics	McLeod, Joshua	First in Subject		
Thomas, Rohan		Attainment	Br Osmund Uniacke Cup				
van Hattum, Oskar		Attainment	Religious Studies	Leary, Ben	First in Subject		
			Science	Dessing, Manuel	First in Subject		
			Social Studies	Silk, Benjamin	First in Subject		
			Year 10 Attainment/Diligence and First in Class Awards				
			English	Back, Michael	Diligence		
				Barnard, David	Diligence		
in Class	Barbour, Samuel	Diligence		Bradley, Ben	First in Class		
	Campbell, Colin	Attainment		Conway, Tom	First in Class		
	Dravitzki, Corban	Diligence		Cook, Titan	Diligence		
	Gopperth, Jeremy	First in Class		Dessing, Manuel	Attainment		
	Greensill, Lachlan	First in Class		Fleming, George	Attainment		
	Harewood, Sonnie	Diligence		Fletcher, Christian	Attainment		
	Hopkins, Joshua	Attainment		Grayling, Callum	Diligence		
	Hughes, Jonty	Attainment		Hiestand, Jackson	First in Class		
	Jones, Mason	Diligence		Hodges, Danyon	Diligence		
	Kleinsman, Simon	Diligence		James, Liam	Attainment		
	Laapo, Mairenga	First in Class		Kettle, Aidyn	Diligence		
	Langton, Ethan	Diligence		Leary, Ben	Attainment		
	Luque, Alfie	Diligence		McLeod, Joshua	Attainment		
	Macleod, Blaque	Attainment		McNamara, Michael	Diligence		
	Moriarty, Ambrose	Diligence		Megaw, Samuel	Diligence		
	Morris, Finn	Diligence		Murray, Pacey	Diligence		
	Paynter, Andrew	Diligence		Neilson, Jakob	Diligence		
	Picard, Matthew	Diligence		Peters, Nathaniel	Diligence		
	Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Jacob	First		Proctor, Kai	First in Class		
				Silk, Benjamin	First in Class		
				Smith-Luond, Shay	Diligence		
	Health	Kleinsman, Simon	First in Class		Smith, Benjamin	Attainment	
		McCarthy, Diarmaid	Attainment		Taylor, Lorenzo	Diligence	
Paynter, Andrew		Diligence		Webber, Ethan	Diligence		
Ropitini, Vince		Attainment		Webber, Tyler	Diligence		
Theron, Michael		Attainment		Wilson, Teagan	First in Class		
Music			Mathematics	Bradley, Ben	Diligence		
	Ammundsen, Oisin	Diligence		Carruthers, Devin	Diligence		
	Campbell, Colin	Attainment		Coombe, Jaron	Diligence		
	Carr, Blake	Diligence		Crawford, Jacob	Diligence		
	Corrigan, Joshua	Attainment		Evans, Tim	Attainment		
	Davison, Riley	Diligence		Fitzgibbon, Ben	Attainment		
	Hadley, William	Attainment		Fleming, George	First in Class		
	Hurley, Rhys	Attainment		Gaskell, Taite	Attainment		

	Hodges, Danyon	Diligence		Van Beers, Bradley	Diligence
	Karasawa, Tomi	First in Class		Webber, Ethan	Diligence
	Lacey, Camden	Diligence		Webber, Tyler	Diligence
	Limmer, Ben	Diligence		Wilson, Teagan	First in Class
	McLeod, Joshua	Attainment			
	Megaw, Samuel	Diligence	Social Studies	Allen, Matt	Diligence
	Murray, Pacey	First in Class		Barnard, David	Attainment
	Neilson, Jakob	First in Class		Burnett, Fletcher	Attainment
	Pronk-Jones, Mario	Attainment		Dessing, Manuel	Attainment
	Roylance, Jordan	Attainment		Fleming, George	Attainment
	Sellwood, Jonah	Attainment		Giblin, Connor	Diligence
	Silk, Benjamin	Attainment		Gudopp, Jesse	Diligence
	Smith-Luond, Shay	Diligence		Heyen, Joel	Diligence
	Smith, Benjamin	Attainment		Johnson, Connor	Attainment
	Smith, Jayden	First in Class		Kibby, Daniel	First in Class
	Street, Sam	Diligence		Leary, Ben	First in Class
	Taumoepeau, Javaahn	Diligence		McLeod, Joshua	Attainment
	Taumoepeau, Jensen	Diligence		McNamara, Michael	Attainment
	Van Beers, Bradley	Diligence		Meuli, Matthew	Diligence
	Webber, Ethan	Diligence		Peters, Nathaniel	Attainment
Religious Studies				Pronk-Jones, Mario	Attainment
	Coleman, Dominic	Attainment		Silk, Benjamin	First in Class
	Cook, Titan	Attainment		Smith, Jayden	Attainment
	Crawford, Jacob	Attainment		Turner, Liam	Attainment
	Fleming, George	First in Class		Van Beers, Bradley	Diligence
	Horgan, Timothy	Diligence		Webber, Tyler	First in Class
	Johnson, Connor	Attainment		Wilson, Teagan	First in Class
	Jones, Corban	Diligence		Wright, Keegan	Attainment
	Kibby, Daniel	Attainment			
	Kuklinski, Bailey	First in Class	Physical Education	Allen, Matt	Diligence
	Leary, Ben	First in Class		Barnard, David	Diligence
	Maxwell, Rory	Diligence		Bryan, Christopher	Attainment
	Murray, Nikolai	Diligence		Cook, Titan	Diligence
	O'Connor, Ollie	Attainment		Crawford, Jacob	Attainment
	Peters, Nathaniel	Attainment		Hosking, Finn	Attainment
	Pronk-Jones, Mario	Attainment		Hughes, Luke	Attainment
	Sellwood, Jonah	Diligence		Jones, Corban	Diligence
	Silk, Benjamin	First in Class		Kere-Rako, Andrew	Attainment
	Smith, Benjamin	Attainment		Kibby, Daniel	Attainment
	Smith, Jayden	Attainment		Leary, Ben	Diligence
	Turner, Liam	Attainment		Ludlow, Caleb	Attainment
	Vertongen, Jesse	First in Class		Maxwell, Rory	Diligence
	Ward, Joshua	Diligence		McDonald, Jacan	First in Class
	Wilson, Teagan	Attainment		Morris, Joshua	Diligence
	Wright, Keegan	Diligence		Murray, Pacey	Diligence
Science				Peters, Nathaniel	Attainment
	Austin, Jonathan	Attainment		Popata, Zian	First in Class
	Coleman, Dominic	Diligence		Richardson, Corbin	Attainment
	Conway, Tom	Attainment		Taumoepeau, Javaahn	First in Class
	Cook, Titan	Diligence		Taumoepeau, Jensen	First in Class
	Dessing, Manuel	First in Class		Tuuta, Zachary	Diligence
	Evans, Tim	First in Class		Vertongen, Jesse	First in Class
	Fletcher, Christian	Attainment		Webber, Ethan	Diligence
	Johnson, Connor	Attainment		Wright, Keegan	Diligence
	Kettle, Aidyn	Diligence			
	Leary, Ben	First in Class	Jaspers	Allen, Matt	Diligence
	McDonald, Cameron	Attainment		Barnard, David	First in Class
	McLeod, Joshua	Attainment		Bryan, Christopher	Attainment
	McNamara, Michael	Attainment		Irvine, Matt	Attainment
	Mills, Jordan	Attainment		Kibby, Daniel	First in Class
	Murray, Nikolai	Attainment		McDonald, Jacan	Diligence
	O'Connor, Ollie	Attainment		Peters, Nathaniel	Diligence
	O'Mahony, Criostoir	Attainment		Vertongen, Jesse	Diligence
	Peters, Nathaniel	Attainment		Webber, Ethan	Attainment
	Sellwood, Jonah	Attainment		Webber, Tyler	Attainment
	Silk, Benjamin	First in Class			
	Smith, Benjamin	Attainment	Economics /Accounting	Burnett, Fletcher	Diligence
	Smith, Jayden	Attainment		Coleman, Dominic	Attainment

	Dessing, Manuel	First in Class
	Karasawa, Tomi	Attainment
	Leary, Ben	Attainment
	McLeod, Joshua	Attainment
	Meuli, Matthew	Attainment
	Silk, Benjamin	Attainment
	Smith, Benjamin	Attainment
	Smith, Jayden	First in Class
Spanish	Austin, Jonathan	Attainment
	Barnard, David	Attainment
	Lovell, Ollie	Attainment
	McLeod, Joshua	Diligence
	Meuli, Matthew	Attainment
	Neilson, Jakob	Diligence
	Pronk-Jones, Mario	Attainment
	Silk, Benjamin	First in Class
	Turner, Liam	First in Class
	Van Beers, Bradley	Attainment
Graphics	Corbett, Kasey	Diligence
	Farrant, Jacob	Diligence
	Hughes, Luke	Attainment
	Webber, Tyler	Attainment
	Wright, Keegan	First in Class
Media Studies	Hodges, Danyon	Diligence
	Johnson, Connor	First in Class
	Lovell, Ollie	Diligence
	Street, Sam	Attainment
	Van Beers, Bradley	Diligence
Digital Technology	Brophy, Jarod	Diligence
	Murray, Nikolai	First in Class
	Pronk-Jones, Mario	Diligence
	Tofts, Daniel	Diligence
Spanish - Level 1	Medeiros, Francisco	Attainment
Music	Cook, Titan	Attainment
	McKenzie, Quinn	Attainment
	Murray, Nikolai	First in Class
	Sellwood, Jonah	Attainment
	Smith, Jayden	Attainment
Engineering	Carter, Bailey	First in Class
	Kibby, Daniel	Diligence
	Street, Sam	Diligence
	Tofts, Daniel	First in Class
Technology - Wood	Back, Michael	First in Class
	Carruthers, Devin	First in Class
	Grayling, Callum	Attainment
	Lamb, Zach	Attainment
	Murray, Pacey	Diligence
	Potroz, Jack	Diligence
Japanese - Level 1	Karasawa, Tomi	Diligence
Art	Bines, Dylan	Diligence
	Evans, Tim	Attainment
	Farrant, Jacob	Attainment
	Herbert, Brayden	Attainment
	Kibby, Daniel	Diligence
	Street, Sam	Diligence
	Turner, Liam	First in Class
	Wilson, Teagan	Diligence

Maori	Giblin, Connor	First in Class
	McKenzie, Quinn	Diligence
	Murray, Pacey	Diligence
	Silk, Benjamin	Diligence
	Ward, Joshua	Attainment

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Jake M. Gallagher	BSCHON
Liam J. Hurley	BSC
David M. Lepper	BA
Christian X. McSweeney- Novak	BA
Hadley B. Northcott	BSC
Daniel F. Phipps	BSC
Simon J. Reeve	GDSCI
Mathieu B. Stevenson	BCOM
Mathieu B. Stevenson	LLB
Samuel J. Thomson	BMUSIC
Matthew C. van den Tillaart	BSC

## Lincoln University

Chris Michael Gawler	BCom (AG)
	24.04.2015

## Otago University

James P. Adams	BBiomedical
	Science 13.12.2014
Shehan P. Gunatunga	BSC 13.12.2014
Thomas H. Crowley	BCom 16.05.2015
Thomas P. Lord	BCom 16.05.2015
Scott A. Murphy	BDS 06.12.2014
Jamie L. Hareb	BSC 09.05.2015
Emmett C. Hurley	BSC 09.05.2015
Samuel M. Wells	BSurv (Hons.)
	09.05.2015

## SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS

Congratulations to our NZQA Scholarship winners from 2014. Ten scholarships equals the total for last year and is jointly the highest for several years. It is heartening to note that scholarships have been secured in eight different subjects. This is testimony to the breadth of expertise of our teaching staff.

The recipients are:

Logan Clarke - Physics, Chemistry and Accounting  
 Matthew Codd - English and Calculus  
 Aaron Ritchie - Statistics and Calculus  
 Jack Earp - Physical Education  
 Kaspar van Hattum - Statistics  
 Patric Klups - Economics

In accord with our Board's incentive scheme introduced last year, the boys received a \$500 cheque for each scholarship earned to match the \$500 coming from NZQA. Well done men, we are proud of you.



## ACADEMIC COLOURS CEREMONY

Our Academic Colours' ceremony on Monday 30 March was once again special. 49 students received the awards earned by securing Excellence Endorsement in Level 1 or Level 2 NCEA in the previous year and achieving between 50 and 99 credits. Four students who gained at least 100 excellence credits gained a Premier Colours' Award. Students were informed at the ceremony that the number earned at Level 1 was at the national average, whereas at Level 2 our success doubled the national average which is something we are very proud of. The guest speaker was former student Professor Tim Naish who resonated well with our students and parents.

### PREMIER EXCELLENCE COLLEGE COLOURS NCEA Level 1

#### **Dominic Jacquemard**

Dominic gained all 187 credits he attempted last year and 132 of these were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Religious Studies, Music and Science. Dominic was the highest achieving student in his year group in 2014.

#### **Jostijn Dessing**

Jostijn achieved all 165 credits he attempted last year and 114 of these were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Economics, Religious Studies, Science and Level 2 Mathematics.

### LEVEL ONE ACADEMIC COLOURS

#### **Daniel Wells**

Daniel gained all 181 credits he was enrolled in last year and 97 of these were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in English, Geography, Religious Studies and Science.

#### **Michael Kerr**

Michael gained all 182 credits he attempted last year and 91 of these were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in PE Studies, History, Religious Studies and Science.

#### **George Monk**

George gained all 183 credits he was enrolled in and 90 of these were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with Excellence in Physical Education, Mathematics, Accounting and Geography.

#### **Daniel Heerdegen**

Daniel gained 180 credits last year and 80 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Religious Studies, Accounting and Physical Education.

#### **Polaiu'amea Kirifi**

Polaiu'amea achieved 169 credits last year and 78 of those were excellence level credits. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Agriculture, Mathematics and English.

#### **Ziah Taumoepeau**

Ziah gained 168 credits last year and 78 of these were at excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Physical Education, Science and Religious Studies.

#### **Ollie Doherty-Ramsay**

Ollie gained 173 credits for level one last year and 63 of those were Excellence level credits. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Geography, Physical Education and Religious Studies.

#### **Thomas Fleming**

Thomas gained 168 credits last year and 62 of those were Excellence level credits. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Religious Studies.

#### **Taine Julian**

Taine gained 176 credits last year and 61 of those were at an Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Physical Education.

#### **Matt Browne**

Matt gained all 181 credits he attempted last year and 60 of those were Excellence level credits. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Geography.

#### **Zaki Din**

Zaki gained 171 credits last year and 58 of those were at an Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Religious Studies and Science.

#### **Alister Ang**

Alister gained 173 credits last year and 57 of those were Excellence level credits.

#### **Jacob Mills**

Jacob gained all 180 credits he attempted last year and 55 of those were Excellence level credits. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Agriculture.

#### **Sam Wright**

Sam gained 154 credits last year and 54 of those were Excellence level credits.

#### **Liam McBreen**

Liam gained 159 credits last year and 53 of those were Excellence level credits. He achieved Science with excellence.

#### **Jack Koch**

Jack gained 176 credits last year and 53 of those were Excellence level credits. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Visual Arts.

**Tom Reumers**

Tom gained 171 credits last year and 52 of those were Excellence level credits. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Religious Studies.

**Jahdal Jordan**

Jahdal gained 173 credits last year and 51 of those were Excellence level credits. He achieved excellence course endorsement in Physical Education and Mathematics.

**Thomas Wright**

Thomas gained 176 credits last year and 50 of those were Excellence level credits. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Physical Education.

**EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT****NCEA Level 2**

To obtain Level 2 with excellence, these students had to obtain 50 or more excellence credits at level 2 or above. At NCEA Level 1, students have 7 subjects and up to 200 credits available whereas at Level 2 students have 6 subjects and fewer credits available. The following 2 students gained NCEA Level 2 with 100 or more Excellence credits.

**Shaun Palmer**

Shaun gained all 153 credits he entered at Level 2 and 107 of those credits were at an Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Chemistry, Religious Studies, Economics, Mathematics and Physics. Shaun was the highest achieving student in his year group in 2014.

**James Ansley**

James achieved all 167 credits he entered at Level 2 and 103 of these were achieved at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Visual Art, English, Religious Studies and Physics.

**LEVEL TWO ACADEMIC COLOURS****Joshua Hulbert**

Joshua gained all 143 credits he entered last year and 93 of those credits were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Biology, Chemistry, Religious Studies and Physics.

**Jack Ternouth**

Jack achieved all 151 credits he entered last year and 93 of those were Excellence level credits. He achieved excellence endorsements in Agriculture, Chemistry, Religious Studies and Physics.

**Vanshay Bindra**

Vanshay gained all 143 credits he entered last year and 92 of those credits were at an Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Biology, Chemistry and Religious Studies.



**Andrew Xiao**

Andrew gained all 143 credits he entered last year and 88 of those credits were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Chemistry, Biology and Religious Studies.

**Kurt Biesiek**

Kurt gained 129 credits last year and 86 of those were Excellence level credits. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in English, Media, History and Religious Studies.

**Jayden Calder**

Jayden gained 147 credits last year and 84 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Agriculture, Chemistry and Religious Studies.

**Patrick Fisher-Evans**

Patrick gained all 142 credits he entered last year and 75 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in English, Geography and Religious Studies.

**Taine Win**

Taine gained 139 credits last year and 72 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Physics and Chemistry.

**Louis Poole**

Louis gained 136 credits last year and 69 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Agriculture and Religious Studies.

**Logan Walsh**

Logan gained all 143 credits he entered last year and 68 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Chemistry and Religious Studies.

**Michael Wells**

Michael gained 136 credits last year and 67 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Geography, History and Religious Studies.

**John Frengley**

John gained all 143 credits he entered last year and 64 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Physics and Religious Studies.

**Jayden Taylor**

Jayden gained 115 credits last year with 63 of those being at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Physical Education and Religious Studies.

**Conor O'Neill**

Conor gained 137 credits last year and 61 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Physics.

**Tyler Paterson**

Tyler gained 143 credits last year and 61 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Religious Studies and Physical Education.

**Connor Lindsay**

Connor gained 139 credits last year and 56 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Economics.

**Alastair MacNicol**

Alastair gained all 130 credits he entered last year and 56 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Religious Studies.

**Harrison Smith**

Harrison gained 130 credits last year and 55 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Chemistry, Religious Studies and Physical Education.

**James Heerdegen**

James gained 144 credits last year and 55 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Religious Studies.

**Quin Sorensen**

Quin gained all 139 credits he entered last year and 54 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Physical Education.

**Ryuki Han**

Ryuki gained 143 credits last year and 53 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Visual Arts.

**Eliot Lundon-Moore**

Eliot gained 113 credits last year and 53 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Religious Studies.

**Finbarr McCarthy**

Finbarr gained 144 credits last year and 51 of those were Excellence credits. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Religious Studies and English.

**Stephen Gibson**

Stephen gained 138 credits last year and 50 of those were at Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Geography and Religious Studies.

**Oliver Polson**

Oliver gained 120 credits last year and 50 of those were at an Excellence level. He achieved course endorsement with excellence in Religious Studies and Physical Education.



## SERVICE, CULTURE AND SPORTS COLOURS

College Colours in Service, Culture and Sport were issued by popular former student, guest speaker and TV3 Political Editor, Patrick Gower on 25 September, the last day of Term Three. Paddy was amusing and entertaining, and openly honest about some of his past antics whilst a student at FDMC. His rhetoric was well appreciated by students and staff and he said how much pleasure he had gained from being the guest speaker and what a privilege it was revisiting his old school and being reacquainted with many of his old teachers.

It was wonderful to witness the sense of achievement and family pride there was at this prizegiving where so many students were honoured for their high achievements. It also provided the Junior School with an increased awareness of the full lives our seniors' lead.

### 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 Wisniewski, Sam Wright.



## CULTURAL CAPTAIN

Cor blimey, what a year! As I look back in retrospect at 2015, I could not be prouder of the way our fine young crop of musicians, thespians, artists and public speakers have helped Culture at Francis Douglas Memorial College to flourish. From the outset I knew filling the boots of my accomplished and impressive predecessor, Tanaka Utete, was going to be no easy feat. A difficult, but incredibly rewarding task had been laid upon me, so I resolved to launch into it by adorning myself in rainbow coloured garb, duct-taping a tea-cozy and pom-poms to my head before proceeding to dance around the hall whilst playing (although that's probably too generous a term) the flute à la Ian Anderson of Jethro Tull. After receiving rapturous applause and a rather disapproving look from the virtuoso flautist we know and love as Mr. Marris, I knew I had embarked upon a quest that would take me places I could never have imagined on my quest to captain the 'SS Culture' with vim and verve, and to do justice to the able captaincy of those who have gone before me.

Speech and drama is central to culture at FDMC and in 2015 we had boys representing the College in all manner of events. Our combined production with Sacred Heart of "The Wizard of Oz" was a resounding success, with a large number of students getting involved either as performers, musicians or backstage crew. A triple principal cast meant hectic practices, however all of our actors conducted themselves admirably in often stressful conditions and gained valuable experience for future theatrical endeavours. It was heartening to see lads who might not have traditionally been particularly interested in cultural activities putting themselves 'out there' and producing a great show. Thanks must go to Ms. Curd for her work on the production in conjunction with the director, Miss. Hunneyball.

The regional Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival is a familiar event on the cultural calendar and this year we had a very talented group of boys travel to Stratford's TET Kings Theatre to perform a 15 minute selection of scenes from 'Twelfth Night'. It was a fantastic showing by the team, most ably coached by our very own Shakespearian stalwart, Mrs. Joines, which resulted in the team's selection for the National Competition in Wellington. It was an honour to perform alongside John Frengley, Michael Wells, Colby Wall, Ziah Taumoepeau, Nathan Cousins-Lapworth, Polaiu'amea Kirifi and Ollie Doherty-Ramsay on the stage of the St. James Theatre, which was an incredible experience for us all. It is worth mentioning that this was our second consecutive qualification for the National Competition, which is impressive for a school of our size which only has a burgeoning senior drama course. Special mention must be made of Polaiu'amea who was identified by the judges for his performance and invited to attend the holiday workshops for the SGCNZ National Shakespeare Schools Production (NSSP). Thanks again to Mrs. Joines, and also to HOD Arts, Mrs.



Aitken Connolly, and Chris Connolly for transporting us to Wellington and supporting us during the event.

O'Shea Shield is always a popular event in the cultural sphere at FDMC and this year was no different. Our team was graciously hosted by St. Patrick's College Town, Wellington, and competed against 17 other schools from around New Zealand. The event was a great success, with an exemplary performance from Tyler Paterson in the Oratory section being a highlight of the competition where he achieved a mark of 6/6. In addition to this FDMC gained marks of 5/6 for Religious Drama, Scripture Reading, Religious Questions and Impromptu Speech. The boys, including spring chicken Corban Dravitzki, as well as some old hands found the event to be hugely enjoyable and I wish next year's group the best of luck at Sacred Heart Girls' College, New Plymouth, where it is to be hosted. Many thanks to Mr. Marris, Mrs. Marris and Mrs. Blair for travelling down with us, as well as Mrs. Aitken Connolly and Mrs. Mace for their support. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to coach boys for these events, so thanks to those teachers who put in the hard yards to get us prepared.

Law Mooting at the College this year was stronger than it has ever been. It was the boys' mentor, Russell Wilson's final year at the helm and so the competitors were extra motivated to send him out with the Winner's Trophy.

Three teams were initially entered:

- TEAM 1: Kurt Biesiek, Chris Headey and James Heerden
- TEAM 2: Reuben Douds and Iziah Willetts
- TEAM 3: Jostijn Dessing, Callum Milner and Jordan Dunn

Unfortunately Team 2 had to pull out before the preliminaries. Both remaining teams were successful in the locally held preliminary competition and made it through to the semi-finals. This was a first for the College and shows the strength of mooting at FDMC. Teams 1 and 3 competed admirably at the semi-finals, with Team 1 making it through to the final. This team was the third from the College to make it to the final of the competition. It was a closely fought encounter, with the boys unfortunately missing out on the win by the finest of margins to Hamilton Boys' High School. It was a shame that Russell Wilson didn't get the win

he deserved, but there was some consolation with Year 13 mooter, Kurt Biesiek, winning the Best Mooter of the Competition. All in all, another fantastic year for Mooting and I would like to acknowledge Russell Wilson's hard work and dedication: I know all the Mooters, past and present, are enormously grateful.

Musically speaking, FDMC has thrived and further evolved in 2015. During my tenure as Cultural Captain I have endeavoured to expose students to music on a greater scale, along with TIC Music Mr. Wright, by organising performances in the quad at lunchtimes which seem to have been well received. My hope is that this will continue to happen in 2016, giving our music students valuable live experience and exposure. On both regional and national stages our musicians have performed exceptionally well. We had two musicians representing the College at the regional Smokefree Rockquest Finals this year. I played with 'Paradox Paradox', and Cormac Griffin with his band 'Maybe Next May'. The gig was fantastic and I look forward to hearing of the successes of future rock groups which come out of FDMC.

Mention must be made of Dominic Jacquemard who performed in the Chamber Music Competition in a trio named 'Offbeat'. They played 'Seven Bagatelles' by Ross Carey and won the local competition which qualified them to perform in the North Island Regional Finals in Auckland.

Both the Fusion Concert Band and the Contemporary Jazz Combo have been successful this year, the former travelling to the Waikato University Music Festival and attaining a Silver Plus Award under the invaluable tutelage and conducting of Mr. Stewart Maunder, and the later playing a successful set at the Jazz Club with their committed and talented teacher, Mr. Robin Wells. I wish these bands all the best for the future. Special mention must be made of 2014 FDMC leaver, Caleb Brbich for returning to the fold and playing in both of these bands.

Another integral aspect of Culture at FDMC is how we express our ethnic diversity. The House Haka Competition is a perfect example of this, and was a great success this year with every house performing a resounding 'Haka'.

In addition, 2015 saw FDMC's second entry into the Pasifika Fusion Competition in Palmerston North.





Vali Taumoepeau gave generously of his time to choreograph our boys, putting together a performance which showcased each of the students' cultures. A version of this was performed in front of the school before the competition and impressed the entire assembly. Polaiu'amea Kirifi won the Senior English Speech and William Peters won the Senior Essay Competition at this competition. All credit to these boys and may their future entries in the competition be successful.

Over the past couple of years the profile of some of our smaller cultural communities has been raised with the help of our 'Celebrating Diversity Week'. Thanks to Mrs. Smith's organisation students were given the opportunity to experience different cultures through music, food and art. The week was a real success and it is my hope that this will become a regular event on the cultural calendar.

Well, my time here is done, and I'm off and away to explore new horizons and experience new cultures. However, the culture of FDMC will always be something I remember with a great deal of fondness. There is something very special about our community, and people don't fail to recognise it.

As the College's cultural tree continues to grow, supported by our roots which have established themselves deeply in the earth of the place, I'm sure the next generation will look after it like we have, with love, passion and pride.

To my successor, Dominic Jacquemard, good luck brother, give it your best, I'm handing you over the reins, and I'm sure you'll be fantastic!

**Patrick Fisher-Evans**  
**Culture Captain 2015**

## SPORTS CAPTAIN

The year started as per usual with the classics-Swimming Sports and Athletics. With the newest Year 13 group struggling to establish any sort of disciplinary boundaries they thought it was only fair to test their antics on the 'big stage'. With eels in the waters early and a splash of colour added later, 2015 shaped up to be an interesting Swimming Sports for all. As usual Solomon gained total dominance in the pool with a commanding win, and they followed this up on the track with another rousing display of how track and field events should be performed on Athletics' Day.

As always and as time begins to show, 2015 was another big one when it came to the performance of the elite teams of the College. Although the 1st XV and 1st XI Football teams had 'up and down' seasons there were some stand out performers throughout the year. Cricket started off strongly with outstanding performances from the entire team during their Gillette Cup campaign. Mention has to go to 'young buck' Jensen Taumoepeau, and veterans Luke Dravitzki and Bailey Wisnewski. One player that couldn't go without a mention would have to be David Gardner for his outstanding exhibition of what a true specialist fielder is all about. It was a record breaking year for the boys who managed to crack the 'Top 8' of the country with Quin Sorensen managing to become the first schoolboy to score 3 centuries for the 1st XI. His most notable performance involved his match winning 101 in the Gillette Cup Boys' High fixture.

After Cricket showed the others how it was done, the 1st XV started their season off with a tragic last minute loss to a fortunate PNBHS 1st XV. From there they had some great wins and some heart breaking losses, with none more disheartening than the tough loss to NPBHS. However, the side managed to pick its heads up and fought hard for the rest of the season to make it through to the semi-finals of the Central North Island Competition. Although some of the boys found it hard to find their feet against some tougher opposition at times, they retained their focus. In no way did the 1st XV have a bad season even if some critics thought otherwise. However, with 2015 being a 'breeding' year, 2016 and beyond looks brighter for the side.

Another side battling away was the 1st XI Football boys. After their Cricket counterparts showed them how it was done earlier in the year it seemed the footballers were going to put their case forward in their quest for 'Team of the Year' after an outstanding performance in winning the Taranaki Pre-season Tournament. Unfortunately the absence of star utility Cole Hareb for several of the first regular season games, meant the side was on the back foot from the start. The season seemed to drag on for the side with consistency appearing to be their biggest opposition. Their last game against cross-town rivals Boys' High finally gave them bragging rights for the summer and turned their

season's struggle into one to remember.

The 1st XI Rugby League side had a breakout season, managing to secure the Willie Talau Cup (Taranaki Secondary Schools' Title) in golden point, with a match winning drop goal to Captain, Enele Fidow. The side then managed to perform well at the Nationals in the B Grade section and claimed a third place to Mrs Wackrow's delight. The success of the side has come after years of hard work from Mrs Wackrow and the College salutes her for her effort. A special mention must be made of standout player Steven Snoxell who managed to be awarded Most Valuable Player in the B Grade at this National competition.

Throughout the year we managed to shine in some of the less recognised sports in the College. Young guns Bodie Butler and Mason Porteous finished 4th at the Rowing Nationals in a quad when they combined with two other club members. They then continued their stellar rowing season with an 8th place at Maadi Cup. Felix Webby topped the year by managing to place 3rd in the World at the U19 Croquet World Championships in Christchurch. Felix claimed that, "It was a life changing experience", and he looks forward to pursuing a career in the sport later in life. He faced fellow players from all round the globe and said, "I was surprised to even qualify let alone make the top three."

At the Taranaki Rugby Junior Secondary School Finals' Day, the College had two dominating wins against their Boys' High counterparts, with wins to the U63 kg gold side, and the infamous 3rd XV. Both teams stated that much of their success was due to their fantastic coaches Mr Scott Crocker and Mr Bailey Walsh for the U63 side, and Mr Jones for the 3rd XV. These two wins were the first for several years for the College at the Finals' Day, so the future of College Rugby is looking bright.

Coaching is an integral part in the development of our players at Francis Douglas and we are very lucky to have so many willing teachers and older students that so generously give up their time for the students of our College. I would just like to make a special thank you to all those that helped with coaching or managing a Francis Douglas team in 2015. Your help hasn't gone unnoticed and it's greatly appreciated by all the boys at our school. Sadly this year was the last year for one very special coach of College rugby. Mr Tim Stuck has stood down from 1st XV duties for 2016. Mr Stuck has been an important part of Francis Douglas's success over the past 7 years and the results are a credit to his coaching. We hope he will return in the near future. The team has been placed in safe hands with College 'old boys' Ben Siffleet and James Rowland taking over the job. Mr Dravitzki also finished off a remarkable career in coaching the College 1st XV, managing to clock up more than 200 wins in his coaching career. We look forward to seeing how long Mr D will stay away this time before making a return.

As a school we are always very proud of the success



of our 'old boys' and what they are able to achieve after 'leaving the nest' and heading elsewhere. 2015 was no different with 2012 Sports' Captain, Ricky Riccitelli, making the New Zealand U20 Rugby side along with securing a contract with the championship winning Hawkes Bay ITM Cup side. Beauden Barrett and Conrad Smith tore things up with the Hurricanes but were sadly snubbed a 'Super Rugby' title when the mighty Highlanders beat them in the final. When World Cup selection came around we were proud to see both were included in the side. 2013 leaver and 2014 leaver, Logan Crowley and Jordie Barrett, managed to win the National U19 Championship for Canterbury.

It has been a privilege to be Sports Captain in 2015. I have enjoyed every minute of it and I'm sure it is a time I will never forget. It's fair to say earlier in the year my ability to read let me down when reading the Monday sports' reports but the constant "Feedback" and criticism from the boys meant that by the end I was comfortable enough to get through a notice without a stutter.

I have enjoyed the 'ups and downs' of the year and I would like to wish Sam Wright, the 2016 Sports Captain, the best of luck and enjoy it.

I thought it was only fitting I finish with a quote that sums it all up.

*"Just play.  
Have fun.  
Enjoy the game."*  
- Michael Jordan

**Oliver Polson**  
**Sports Captain 2015**

## SPORTS DINNER

The annual Sports Dinner was held on 23 September in the Grand Ballroom at the Plymouth International Hotel.

It was a great night enjoyed by all that attended and was a real celebration of sport at the College. The dinner aims to acknowledge and reward those students at Francis Douglas who have represented the College with distinction, both on and off the sports field.

Sport is a key component of school life at the College. We are consistently getting recognition at a national level with various sports and always "punch above our weight" against larger schools. This can be put down to our students having such a huge involvement in sport across a large number of codes. Our student participation in sport has remained above 80% for many years now which is among some of the highest figures in Taranaki and New Zealand.

The "Fair-Play Award" was given to the Senior Rugby League 1st XIII who demonstrated both skill and humility at the Rugby League National Tournament in Auckland.

"Team of the Year" was awarded to the 1st XI Cricket team who progressed to the Central Districts Finals in the National 1st XI Gillette Cup Competition. The team achieved a placing of 7th in the country which was the highest achievement ever by a College cricket team.

"Contribution to College Sport" was awarded to Shaun Palmer who has shown an amazing dedication to a wide range of sports but specifically Adventure Racing where he coached, managed and has competed for the College over a number of years.

Lastly, the overall "Sportsman of the Year" was awarded to Eliot Lundon-Moore for his exceptional swimming achievements. Eliot broke many Taranaki records and was also selected to compete for New Zealand in the Youth Commonwealth Games. He made two finals at the Youth Games and shows real promise as a breaststroke specialist in the future.

Thanks to everyone who attended the dinner and I look forward to hosting another enjoyable night in 2016.

**Mark Wales**  
**Director of Sport**

### 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 Batsman - 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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  
1st XI Players Player - Tyler Paterson

Squash: Charteris Cup  
Best Squash Player - Blake Habib

Swimming: Quintas Challenge Cup  
Senior Champion - Eliot Landon-Moore

Tennis: Moore Cup Senior  
Champion - Caleb Fleming

Waka Ama Toa Waka Ama Trophy  
Contribution to Waka Ama - Polaiu'amea Kirifi

Contribution to College Sport - Shaun Palmer

Team of the Year - 1st XI Cricket

Sportsman of the Year - Eliot Landon-Moore

Outstanding Act of Fair Play - 1st XIII Rugby League

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





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## HOUSE REPORTS

### BENILDUS HOUSE

2015 has been a tumultuous year for Benildus with many highlights and lows as well. I am proud and honoured to have had the opportunity to lead the mighty 'green machine'. When I started school back in Year 7, I never once thought I would one day be the person running around like a mad-man, yelling his head off at little kids in an attempt to organize the chaos that is Inter-house sports.

Unfortunately Benildus came in last in the rankings this year but it wasn't a heavy defeat. We put up a good fight and made the other houses work to earn their placings. I'd like to thank my fellow Benildus Year 13's for all the support they have given me throughout the year and to also thank the rest of the boys for your efforts this year. I leave this role feeling as though I left it all on the field and gave it my best effort at every hurdle.

Swimming Sports kicked off the proceedings this year and like always it was full of bitter competition. We managed to hold our own in the prelim's with many of our junior racers and some senior ones gaining respectable placings. Unfortunately this wasn't enough and we started off on the 'backfoot' for Friday's event. Participation was high but it couldn't match that of Solomon and La Salle who seemed to have an endless supply of kids despite adamantly claiming students weren't swimming twice or more. Coming back from our lunch break morale and motivation were low within the green machine and despite the best efforts of some Year 13's to rekindle our flame by dying the pool green, we couldn't get back up and sank into last place. However making the most of this situation in true Benildus fashion, we celebrated by jumping into the pool to cap off the day.

The boys got a good 'rark up' leading into athletics and initially it seemed to pay off with Benildus starting off in third place and rapidly gaining on second during the morning's events. Unfortunately we were let down by dwindling participation, especially that of our senior students, meaning the green machine's charge ground to a halt. Unable to close the gap on La Salle, we had to settle for a comfortable third place beating Loreto by 320 points.

House singing threw a spanner in the works for all the Houses with a widely resented change in format causing headaches for the leaders. However we made the most of it and the boys sang loudly and proudly, belting out a glorious rendition of 'Stand By Me'. The College Hymn was 'en pointe' as well with the senior/junior split creating wonderful harmonies. However the troublesome choir group couldn't quite finish it off strongly for us. Despite my best efforts to hit the high notes neither I nor any of the other boys matched up to Freddy Mercury, and we were not the champions that day, settling for the bronze medal once again.



The inter-house Rugby, Football and Basketball were all true testaments of the sporting culture in the College, with every house putting forward strong teams in each code. The matches were hard fought and professionally played, accurately reflecting the calibre of the senior sportsmen here at the College.

House Rugby started well with Benildus managing to field a whole team for the first time in several years. Unfortunately we came up against the 1st XV in the form of Solomon House, and despite a good effort they stole a convincing win from us. Coming in battered and bruised, we geared up for a hard plate final against Loreto. It was a scrappy fight to the bitter end with tries going both ways every few minutes. Unfortunately in the final minute of the match, Loreto spun it out wide to take the win 5-4.

House Soccer was another tough lineup. Facing La Salle first, the boys played skillfully and enthusiastically but it wasn't enough to win the match. So once again we faced an angry Loreto for the third place decider. The boys left it all on the pitch and despite Loreto having most of the 1st XI in their squad we finished the game two all and went to penalty shootouts. An astounding miss by Owen proved to be Loreto's greatest enemy and we sealed ourselves the third placing.

House Basketball was unfortunately short-lived for Benildus. With no seasoned basketball players in our side, we lacked the skills necessary to take on the competition and despite our best efforts we finished up last.

Approaching the end of the year our final test was House Haka on MAD Day. This was probably the event where I was most proud to be a leader. Under the excellent leadership of Taiawhio Waipoua- Bryers, we created a unique and powerful haka with most of the boys nailing the actions and quite a few learning the words well. I felt as though we really came together as a house during the practice with all the boys being respectful and diligent throughout. Naturally coming into MAD Day I was filled with confidence and the boys did not disappoint. Filled with fire the boys laid down a vicious and formidable haka, displaying the true might of the 'green machine' to the rest of the houses. Unfortunately a very dubious judging call about our



use of a drum became our downfall with the head judge accusing us of cheating and docking us harshly which meant we only finished in third place. This was a highly disappointing loss for Benildus and the placing didn't reflect the quality of the boys' efforts.

So after the whole year, all the wins and losses; we squeaked in last, just behind Loreto. This was a disappointing result for everyone after all the hard work the boys put in throughout the year. I'd just like to thank all the teachers especially Mr. Wright, Mr. V (van der Heever), Mr. Blanks, Mr. Rowland, Mr. Sewter and Mrs. Wackrow for their ongoing effort and support of me and Benildus as a whole. Also thank you to Taiawhio, Quin Sorenson, Ben Irvine, Finn Bourke and Louis Poole for helping me out when I needed it.

It has been a pleasure and an honour to serve Benildus in 2015 and I wish William Peters the best of luck for next year.

Go hard boys, Benildus is on the rise, you can take the win!

**Connor Lindsay**  
**Benildus House Captain**

### LA SALLE HOUSE

La Salle has been sitting in the shadows of Solomon's victory over the last seven years of my time at school, never managing to take the extra step needed. As the new House Leader I was ready to bring the mighty yellow house out of its dormant sleep to take the extra leap. With the confidence of my fellow leaders behind me, I thought we would be in for a good year.

Swimming was first on the list of competitive events and with an average start in the preliminaries we were behind from the start. With some encouraging words from David 'Creature' Gardner and rounding up from Stephen 'Quacky Dingo' Gibson we began our climb. Strong performances came from James 'Hoki Fillets'

Heerdegen and Zac 'Shark Bait' Reid giving us hope and something to chant about and actually capturing the lead for a brief moment. Once again it was 'close but no cigar' and we fell short to Solomon by about 50 points. Nevertheless it meant we were in with a good chance this year.

Athletics' Day came around with a lot of promise and although the senior sector was lacking, the Juniors stepped up with outstanding performances from the likes of Denzel Sofeni and Josh Hopkins winning their divisions respectively. Unluckily this wasn't enough as we fought for first place against Solomon. Ultimately it came down to the all-age relay where we were relatively stacked but Steven 'Star' Snoxell was 'red hot' and sprinted off our best efforts. The boys showed a great amount of pride and passion during the relays chanting their house home to what ended up to be the closest Athletics Sports in a very long time. We were just stumped by 10 points by the Reds into a well deserved second place.

Cross-Country was an event where I had absolute confidence in the boys after their outstanding performance at athletics. I was blown away by La Salle's turnout and we ploughed away to our first victory of the year.

House Rugby was led by our number one man Enele Fidow. We came up against a disorganised Loreto and our substantial number of 1st XV veterans proved too much. It once again came down to Solomon and La Salle in a closely fought final's match. The game slipped through our fingers and once again left us disappointed, but it was a good run around for the boys.

The Football 'Knockout' Competition brought the best out of La Salle. We took down a strong Loreto side (which probably should have been the final's game) with younger students showing great pride and passion for their jersey, and with the help of Loreto's 1st XI Captain Tyler Patterson and Jayden Taylor missing their penalties. The second round came down to penalties with La Salle coming up absolutely perfectly to finally take down Solomon in a closely fought match. Although Solomon was missing their redheaded leader, a win's a win!





The Haka Competition soon became the biggest event of the year and the boys were fired up knowing that if La Salle won and Solomon ended up in last place we could clinch the overall House Shield and bragging rights for years to come. It was said that this competition was the greatest ever and after exceptional performances from each house I wasn't sure if we were going to get first or last: anything could happen. But it seemed to be La Salle's day, with the exact result we were hoping for - a first for La Salle and a fourth place to a disappointed Solomon. Big ups to Enele Fidow for leading the Haka with such passion, and Pola' Kirifi for his help in the lead up to the day.

With that final result 'in the bag', it meant that La Salle clinched the overall House Shield and it is with great pride that finally the title is brought back to the mighty yellow house.

A huge thanks needs to go to all the teachers who have worked behind the scenes and shown their support during events. Without your involvement and input many of these activities would not take place.

Also I would like to thank the Year 13 boys who have helped me organize the house throughout the year: much appreciated.

Finally its been a great privilege leading La Salle this year and I wish the future La Sallians luck for years to come.

(Steve you owe me 20 bucks.)

Cheers,

**Cole Hareb**  
**La Salle House Captain**

## LORETO HOUSE

It had always been a dream of mine to lead the 'boys in blue' and so when the opportunity arose I was pretty keen to jump at it. Loreto has had a strong history of great house leaders and so I desperately wanted to add to this, which seemed quite a daunting task at the beginning of the year especially as I had to take over the reigns from sporting superstar Jordie Barrett.

However the one thing in my favour was that 2014 was a year of commiseration for Loreto, so I thrived on the potential for redemption in building Loreto back up to the top. This spirit showed in the boys as well. We had hit 'rock bottom' and were keen to rebuild our status as a house to be reckoned with.

As usual the year started with the annual Swimming Sports where the vivids, chants, banter and even dyes were flying around the College pool. The Year 13's got dressed up as per tradition and showcased the house spirit and provided inspiration for the younger lads. However, in the heat of the battle, the leaders tripped up in getting carried away with house spirit and forgot the most important aspect of the day; getting boys in the pool. As a result participation levels were disappointing and we left ourselves on the back foot. In spite of this, there were some stunning individual performances in particular from the Muesli (Meuli) Brothers and young Robert Ropitini. These boys ranked highly in their respective age groups and kept us in the game but we unfortunately lacked depth in our athletes and as a result finished in 3rd place. Still, this was a solid start to the year and a good opportunity to put Benildus back in their place of honour.

Athletics' Day rolled around with lightning speed and it was a typical 'cracker of a day' out on the College grounds. We recognized that the prelims. were an opportunity to bag some early points but again a lack of commitment to the cause saw us enter the Athletics' Day itself very much on the back foot again. With boys dispersed amongst the entire field, organisation seemed near impossible so we resigned ourselves to the fact that what would be, would be, and we'd simply enjoy the day. As a result we were really left in the dust of the other three houses, despite some great individual efforts again. These came from the likes of Titan Cook who dominated the Junior field events, and



Liam Moore and Caylem Cook who were lightning on the track. This again was a difficult start to the year as we lacked the depth in our number of athletes compared to the powerhouses of Solomon and La Salle.

Cross Country was another heavily contested event which unfortunately again did not fall our way. With no opportunity to inspire the boys with a pre-race pep. talk, we were reliant on the mentality of the boys to 'push' themselves on the physically demanding course. As per usual a number of boys took the casual approach getting involved in startline antics. There were however some reasonable results with myself and Tyler Paterson placing highly in the Senior Division and a dominant Liam Moore taking out his respective age group. Similar to Athletics' Day, we took away nothing but the wooden spoon.

House Singing was the next event on the calendar and with the lack of sporting depth within the house I was assured that we would succeed in the cultural department. Extensive changes to the traditional format really threw a 'spanner into the works' as each house now had to produce a choral group. With cultural sensation Ryuki Han stepping up to take charge, the pressure was definitely lifted as he assured me he had things covered. The House had taken up the classic song of "Summer of '69" and through some great leadership from fiery 'ginger' Phillip Jager we really drilled it into the boys. This showed on the day as the Year 13's collaborated to put on a great performance up front and the boys belted out the songs on cue like clockwork. However it was Ryuki Han's choral group that really stole the show with their barbershop rendition of "Everybody Wants to be a Cat" taking the judges by storm. With great spirit the Loreto boys triumphed and we secured our first win for the year; a well deserved one at that!

House Haka was the next competition on the agenda and again the boys showed their enthusiasm towards culture by 'stepping up to the plate'. With the assistance of Matua Ruakere and the fantastic leadership of another token 'ginger', Thomas Austin, we really developed a strong haka. With the younger boys coming to terms with the words and actions and the Year 13's again leading by example with a strong introduction, we again were candidates for a cultural win. On the day Benildus ruled themselves out early on using the cheating tactic of a drum in order to keep their uncoordinated House Captain in time. Our boys performed well with Thomas's strong emphasis on timing, but some controversial judging left us one place short with second overall. Nonetheless this was another great cultural outing for the boys in blue and another step towards redemption.

The year finished how it started with a strong sense of competition in the house sporting department. This time it was evident in the Soccer, Rugby and Basketball interhouse competitions. With a couple of strong footballers including 1st XI Captain Tyler Paterson, I



had been assured that we had the manpower to get the job done. However, in a tough battle with the other favourite La Salle in the opening round, we were left stranded 'high and dry' as the match went to penalties. Supposed football stars Jayden Taylor and Tyler Paterson failed to put the ball in the back of the net and we went down. This was a disappointing result, yet some reprieve came in the fact that La Salle would go on to win the competition.

House Rugby rolled around and the mindset going into this one was a huge contrast to that of House Soccer as we had minimal 1st XV players. In an opening match against La Salle, again the boys struggled, and rightly so as they came up against a stacked 1st XV backline playing in position. This was not a surprising tactic coming from the competitive mindset of Cole Hareb. In the 3rd and 4th playoffs however, our young guns showed some form with excellent match play from Mason Porteous in particular. The boys worked strongly together despite the dodgy officiating of Mr Rowlands and managed to come out victorious. This was testament to the fact that you didn't need 1st XV players to win matches, which wasn't surprising considering their form this season!

House Basketball was the other House Competition in which we looked to triumph. With a good contingency of players and attacking superstar Sam Wright, the boys played strongly and set up a good final match against the powerhouse of Solomon. Again Sam dominated up front sinking vital 3's at crucial times in the match. A very notable performance came from Kobe Ratapu whose defense was impeccable and quite literally put the ball in our court. As a result we emerged victorious to claim our second title of the year: a great way to cap off a relatively good year for the Loreto boys.

I would like to thank all the boys who toiled away for Loreto this year. We fought some hard battles but

we're on the way up! Especially thanks to the group of Year 13's who have provided some awesome support throughout the year and really made these House Competitions a bloody good time!

The spirit of Loreto has remained strong through our chants and remembrance of Mr Kibby, and long may it live on. All the best to the boys in blue next year on your climb back to the top!

Get up Loreto!

**Shaun Palmer**  
**Loreto House Leader**

### SOLOMON HOUSE

Coming into FDMC as a Year 9 boarder, I had heard little to nothing of the House Competitions and the level of vicious competitive rivalry between the four houses. It didn't take long to realise that being a part of the mighty Solomon meant there was no messing around: we had one vision... winning! This vision was one I wanted to be a definite part of, and from that first year I knew I wanted to one day lead the 'Red Army'.

It was a proud moment when I was appointed to lead Solomon; a house I had so much passion for, and a house I knew was capable of doing the great things it had achieved over the years once again. If I wanted 2015 to be a successful one for Solomon, I knew it could no longer be about me, it was a task far bigger than the one once imagined. With the huge success gained in the past, huge amounts of pressure were felt. I had to put what was best for the house first in order to get winning places in all competitions, and I had to use the support of my other Year 13 Solomon leaders to help push and guide the younger boys by their words and actions. I'd like to say a special thanks to all of those Year 13 boys that were always right beside me getting the boys ready for battle. It's the support from you boys that counts for everything as the younger boys look up to you (just as much as me). You helped shape decisions and played vital roles in getting involvement and participation as high as possible, and as I go on to reflect on the year it will be evident that you boys were always there to give me a hand.

As always, the first major event on the College House Competition calendar was the annual Swimming Sports. Many take the opportunity to have a day off school, but it's the Solomon culture that sees the 'Red Army' gather in large numbers to march down the hill towards the pool ready for a day of laughter, sun, water and success. Taking out the first big event would be vital for the rest of the year; setting the standard and showing the other houses we meant business. It seems that not even the early morning visit from a few mysterious eels could put the boys off, as Solomon was dominant from the first sound of Cossie's starting gun, and to see the eagerness on the face of La Salle House's Leader, Cole Hareb, I knew we were in for a good day.

The points kept ticking over and it was a two horse race between the mighty Red Army and Cole's yellow men, as Connor 'mountain man' Lindsay's Benildus crew, and Shaun 'son of Lashy' Palmer's Loreto outfit struggled to find any rhythm or form. As the Leader Board changed back and forward all day, so too did the chants and banter. The day was closing in and so were the boys in yellow, but with the stacked Senior Relay Teams doing their thing we become untouchable and pulled through with the victory. This was due to the huge effort from Sportsman of the Year, Elliot London-Moore, as well as Jack Spicer, Jaxon Maddon, Oisin 'machine' Quin, Aleksandar 'skippy' Timarac and Ollie 'young buck' Spicer, all excelling in the pool and grabbing championship placings.

Next on the list of events that Solomon hoped to dominate again was Athletics Day. The day presented with a little wind but enough sunshine, and from the 'get-go' we found our way and started racking up the points. Much like the Swimming Sports we were faced with the challenge of a persistent La Salle House who were champing at the bit trying to find a way past our slim lead. The entire College field was full of colour, and the Red Soldiers seemed to find their way to the front of the pack in many races and events, but it was still Cole Hareb and his La Salle House that gave us a run for our money and again it came down to some of the final relays of the day. We 'owned' the relays and picked up the majority of 1st places which was the difference at the end of the day, and enabled Solomon to take out the win. The day even managed to live up to tradition when a couple of unknown boys seized the chance to 'streak' the field on a motorbike and made a narrow escape past Mr Heta Smith and his recycle bin throw: classic entertainment! Notable mention must go to Thomas 'Karl' Wright who was showing his long distance and jumping form, notching up win after win and taking out Senior Champion for 2015. Solomon was also lucky to have star performers such as Year 7 Champion, Mehul Killa and Intermediate B Champion, Matt O'Connell.

With the first two major competitions safely notched up under our belt and now nothing but history, we grouped back together and looked toward our next challenge. It's fair to say we were thrown a curve ball with the House Singing this year, because unlike





other years, where freedom of choice abounded, we had to choose from a twelve song list, making things rather difficult as I'd never heard of the majority of them. Regardless, we got stuck in and belted out a gutsy rendition of The Beatles - 'Help'. Adding to this a harmonic choir performance and the singing of the traditional College Hymn we pulled off a solid second placing. Congratulations to Loreto for owning the day and constructing some quality performances.

Basketball, Rugby and Soccer were all to follow and were vital opportunities for picking up extra wins and points in order to make a difference to the overall standings. Every game often consists of major upsets and close finishes which build up the nerves and tension even higher.

Basketball: We hit the court with Senior A big men Ollie 'rebound' Doherty-Ramsey and Ziah 'inspiration' Taumoepeau, combined with the fast feet and hot hands of self-appointed point guard Aaron Gao. Despite a trying effort from Harrison Smith, we breezed past Benildus and were to face a rather stacked Loreto outfit in the much anticipated final. The boys in blue were a class above but with Gao making cash from beyond the three point arc, we stayed hot on their tails, and after a physical encounter Loreto grabbed the win by 6 points.

Rugby: With the biggest trophy on the line and a solid turnout from the Solomon boys, we felt it was ours for the taking. With everyone playing out of their normal positions our make-shift backline was still running holes through Benildus all day, whilst the hard grafting forward pack made tackles and secured ball to ensure we were 1 from 1 on the rugby field. To our benefit Harrison Smith struggled to keep his cool, giving penalty after penalty away which gave Benildus no chance at a title shot. La Salle knocked over Loreto and were firing to have a go at winning that trophy. What a huge game it was... The yellow boys were scary, big and fast but we traded try for try, and to everyone's

surprise La Salle's leader Cole 'Hareb' even came on for a few minutes before he subbed out because he couldn't handle our hard hits. It was all tied up at full time so we agreed on a golden point finish. La Salle gained possession and big ball runner Enele Fidow looked eager to cross the line just before one of the boys in red made a clutch strip and ran the length of the field to take the win... This was one of the highlights of the year!

To round the competition year off we had the always extremely enjoyable Haka Competition to gear up for which was the last real chance to grab some good points and the hope of securing a close overall finish on the leaderboard. The whole house put in a lot of work to ensure we all had a fair idea of the words and actions to the College Haka, 'Te Atawhai'. With an added Solomon rendition applied to the start and all looking sharp and furious, I thought we would get nothing but a solid placing on the day. To my surprise we got 'dead last' that day, and I can honestly say we've never been robbed that badly before! We even managed to lose to Benildus who the judges deemed as "cheaters" for using a drum. Being gracious in defeat, we 'took it on the chin' but we all knew that we had produced a 'Haka' worthy of a top end finish.

To my complete disappointment this was the difference at the end of the day. With the overall score tied up and La Salle taking out the highest MAD Day donations, we were pipped at the finish and credit must go to Cole and his 'Yellow' crew for sticking at it and not just talking a 'big game'.

All in all, 2015 has been an extremely great year for everyone here at the College. I'll never forget my time kicking around at FDMC and will always remember what the College gave to me.

To next year's Solomon Seniors, make sure you give all you can to the mighty Solomon: give all the passion and pride you've shown over your years to make 2016 successful and most of all enjoyable.

After all, the real winner on the day is the College.  
GO THE MIGHTY RED ARMY!

**Steven Snoxell**  
**Solomon House Leader**



## HEAD BOARDER

Lasalle House has been a 'home away from home' for me for the last 5 years and it's a place that will definitely be missed as my time here at FDMC comes to an end. To be Head of Hostel for 2015 was an honour and a role that I will hold close for the rest of my life.

Time and time again we as a Year 13 group reminisce about the fond memories we have created here in the Hostel and for 5 years we have formed a tight brotherhood which would never had happened without such a great place here at the College. Whenever the stories are thrown around I can't help but think back to where it all began in Year 9 (just a bunch of 29 awkward, timid and nervous boys somewhat ready to start their high school journey at FDMC as members of Lasalle House), which brings me back to now and the fact that the Hostel and the people here will be sorely missed.

In our final year here in the Hostel we are given a chance to take control of our lives as we prepare for life outside FDMC, and even though it's fair to say we often found ourselves lost with what to do at times, we are all extremely thankful for the way Mr Smith treated us as young men, giving us room to grow and make decisions of our own. This made our final year an enjoyable one. A highlight of this year was Boarders' Cup, an annual fixture where the Year 9 Boarders face-off against the NPBHS Year 9 boarders, coached by their respective Year 13 groups. We had to drag ourselves out of bed in the early hours of the morning in order to carry on the tradition of Boarders' Cup trainings, to prepare the boys for one of their biggest occasions during their time at FDMC. Although we couldn't get the win this year, every single one of the boys gained respect for their huge effort and the genuine pride they showed during the preparation and the game.

A lot of work goes into the way the hostel works and I must mention a large thanks to the hostel Board of Trustees' members. Seeing first-hand how things are done behind the scenes was a real eye opener for me and something that needs great acknowledgement. Your tireless work makes the Hostel an environment that is safe and enjoyable for every single one of the boys.



To Mr Smith, as Dean of Boarding, your influence is huge on the boys, and the way you go about your role earns nothing but respect from everyone here at the hostel. You recently said to me, "If you need something done, you've got to do it yourself". This way of working has seen the hostel become a place that functions by giving the boys enough scope to shape their own decisions and you're always ready to step in and positively help out to keep us on track. Your involvement in the last 4 years hasn't gone unseen and what a massive thanks we all owe you. It's been a privilege working beside you this year.

Other influences from Mr Cowie, Mr Walsh, Mrs Smith and Mr Cursons throughout the years have shaped us into the young men we are today. They have shared their insightful life experiences, and genuinely cared for us all and been greatly respected by the boys. This is what makes Lasalle Hostel such a great environment. Another thanks to all the other hostel staff: Steve and Foxy in the kitchen, Mrs Tohia in the laundry and all the cleaning staff. You are all so positive, always smiling and happy to cook, wash clothes and clean for a large number of boys; something we can often take for granted.

I'd like to take the chance to thank the fellow Year 13 boarders: a crowd of lads that I without a doubt can now call my brothers. I wish you all the best with whatever your endeavours are for next year, and I know you'll go all the way with anything you boys do, as long as you stay humble and remember where you came from.

With all that said and recognition of how the last 5 years have been successful for us all, I get to the point where I must thank all those families out there for supporting each and every one of the boys. I know I speak for all of us when I say we fully appreciate every last bit of effort that goes into us, and regardless of how much we may have 'played up' throughout the years or found ourselves in a bit of strife with the 'top dogs' at times, we are fully grateful to have had the opportunity to have been a part of the hostel...the place they call the 'heart of the College'.

"You can take the boy out of the hostel, but you can never take the hostel out of the boy."

**Steven Snoxell**  
**Head Boarder 2015**

## HOSTEL REPORT

CEO:	Martin Chamberlain
Business Manager:	Diana Blair
House Parents:	Heta & Margie Smith
House Supervisors:	Heta Smith Year 13 Andy Cowie Year 12 Mark Walsh Year 11 Gurpreet Singh Year 10 Matt Cursons Year 9
Matron:	Briar Sutherland
Chefs:	Steve Muir, Judy Kobza
GAP Tutor:	Neal Bacher Terms 1 & 2, Sebastian Schaumann Terms 3 & 4
ICT Supervisor:	Liam O'Neill
House Keeping:	Suzy Broadfoot Leah Horo Karen Puh Sharee Callander
Kitchen:	Barbara Fox Tracy Fenn Aimee Loveridge Iris Clark Linda Purdie
Laundry:	Marline Tohia
La Salle House Board:	Janet Fleming (Chairperson) Steven Poole Kevin Barrett Wendy Clough Peter McBreen Sir Brother Pat Lynch

"Let us always remember that we are in the holy presence of God"

"Me mau mahara tatou ka tu tatou te aro aro ote atua"

2015 has been an exceptionally busy year. It seems like yesterday that we welcomed twenty-nine new Year 9 boys, one new Year 10 and two new Year 12 boys, giving us a total of 121 boarders. Among the new students were two international boys: one from China and one from Japan.

Our year started with a New Family BBQ. It was a successful night with many of the families getting to



know one another over the course of the evening. It certainly made the transition into boarding life a lot smoother for the boys and avoided the families having to drop their sons off and then go as we have had in previous years.

During the summer holidays the middle Hostel ablution block received a major make-over. The job involved modernising the toilets and showers: the Property Management Team at FDMC carried out the work. The boys have enjoyed the new facilities during the year which have provided lots of hot water and privacy when using the showers.

We also welcomed to the hostel Mr Gurpreet Singh who replaced Andrew Barzak as Year 10 supervisor after Andrew left to continue his studies at University.

At the start of term the school leaders were welcomed by the College in an Investiture Mass. Representing the hostel were Louis Poole, Head of School and Steven Snoxell, Head Boarder.

### In the hostel the following had leadership positions:

Head of Hostel:	Steven Snoxell
Deputy Head of Hostel:	Louis Poole
Head of Foley House:	Jordan Quinell
Head of Peter House:	Joshua Mellow
Head of Hawke House:	Steven Snoxell
Head of Watson House:	Louis Poole
Head of Thompson House:	David Gardner
Head of Firman House:	Jayden Calder

The Year 13 group has certainly continued the legacy started by the boys back in 2013. The "big brother



"concept is alive and well due to their efforts with the younger boys and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for making 2015 a great year. I wish them well for their future endeavours and hope that they keep in touch with the Hostel and the College.

To Head Boarder Steven Snoxell and Deputy Head Boarder Louis Poole: You have been great leaders and apart from the little hiccup at the end, the hostel has run smoothly under your leadership. Thank you for the enthusiasm and commitment you have brought to the job.

### House Competition

The House competition continues to provide an opportunity for the boys to mix at all levels and also provides a platform for healthy competition. This year the difference between 1st and 6th was 341 points over five events, with a 68-point spread at each event which indicates a very close competition. The overall results of the House Competition:

<b>Watson</b>	<b>Hawke</b>	<b>Peter</b>	
329	270	457	Swimming
144	221	123	Athletics
104	184	100	Music
140	50	110	Lip Sync
685	640	554	Charity
<b>1402</b>	<b>1365</b>	<b>1344</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	

<b>Firman</b>	<b>Thompson</b>	<b>Foley</b>	
181	237	334	Swimming
125	88	155	Athletics
96	128	172	Music
200	170	80	Lip Sync
575	527	320	Charity
<b>1177</b>	<b>1150</b>	<b>1061</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	

Winners of the Barbara "Foxy" Fox Trophy for the top House in 2015 goes to Watson House - House Captain: Louis Poole

### House Leaders for 2016

Joseph Landrigan  
Jack Matthews  
Oliver Bestall  
Euan Jones  
Beni Kalin  
Hunter Putt  
Head of Hostel: Joseph Landrigan  
Deputy Head of Hostel: Jack Matthews

Congratulations to these young men. I am confident that they have the skill set to lead our hostel successfully in 2016 and look forward to working closely with them throughout the year.

### Liturgies

This year we continued with House group liturgies every Wednesday. The legacy started by Louis Poole



in 2014 has continued to grow. Each house is now responsible for the planning and presentation of their own liturgy when it is their duty week. They are also responsible for a prayer to start the week and one to end the week. During the year there have been some very special services showing that our Lasallian values are important aspects of hostel life.

### Academic Results

Academically we are maintaining a high standard with the following hostel boys acknowledged at the Senior Prizegiving.

#### First in Subject - Year 11

Jonathan Dwyer    Accounting  
Ethan Diamond    Media Studies  
Brad Saxton    Technology Wood

#### First in Subject - Year 12

Yuto Fujii    Visual Art

#### First in Subject - Year 13

Jordan Quinnell    Design  
Visual Art  
James Freeman    Accounting

Congratulations boys. We as a hostel are extremely proud of your achievements.

### Staff

As we finish the 2015 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to personally acknowledge the staff in Lasalle House for making it a 'home away from home' for our boys. To Andy, Mark, Matt, Gurpreet (our hard working hostel supervisors), thank you for your efforts this year. Thank you also to Neal Bacher and Sebastian Schaumann our GAP tutors. To our Matron Briar Sutherland, thank you for the wonderful care you give the boys on a day by day basis. To Steve, Judy, Tracey, Foxy, Aimee, Iris, Carman and Linda, our fantastic kitchen team, thank you for all the "yummy" meals you have prepared over the year. To Suzy, Leah, Karen and Sharee, our dedicated and hard working house keeping staff, thank you for your efforts this year. It is always a pleasure to come back to the hostels after you have been through them. To Marline, our hardworking and unsung hero out the back in the laundry, thank you for the mountain of washing that you plough through



every week. The boys always look good when they put on a freshly laundered uniform. To our ICT supervisor, Liam O'Neill, thank you for all the support you have given to the boys this year.

To Martin, Diana, and the Hostel Board, thank you for your support, guidance and encouragement.

This year we farewell two long serving board members, Mrs Wendy Clough and Mrs Janet Fleming (Board Chair). Both women have had a long association with the College and the Hostel and I would like to publically thank them on your behalf. They have made a wonderful contribution to the fabric of our school and leave behind a great hostel. I wish them well for their future endeavours.

Finally, to Margie, thank you for your hard work and support over the year. The boys certainly appreciate your input, and the motherly touch you add to the running of the hostel.

As Dean of Boarding I am privileged to work with such a group of dedicated people. Good teamwork is essential to the smooth running of the hostel and I certainly feel that we have that in our community, so I leave you with the following quote-

*"Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration wonderful things can be achieved."*

So we pray:

Father we pray for the spirit of cooperation and eagerness to contribute to the needs of the whole body so that your church is built not just with sweat,



bricks and mortar but with love, care and teamwork. Therefore we go forth in unity and purpose as we do our part in building each other up in the various natural gifts and learned skills You have given us. We strive for unity in faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God. Amen.

St John Baptist de La Salle - Pray for us  
Live Jesus in our hearts -forever

No reira, tena koutou,tena koutou, tena taatou katoa

**Heta Smith**  
**Dean of Boarding LaSalle House**





### LaSalle House

**Back Row:** J.R. Matthews, M.P. Kalin, K. J. Hancock, E. A. Adams, O. W. Bestall, E. P. Jones, P. D. Back, R. Lopez-Kolodesdy, H. J. Putt, B. A. Saxton, L. G. Hughes, J. S. Morris, B. C. Kalin, H. C. L. Copeman, J. R. Chard, H. Qi, K. M. Aylward

**Sixth Row:** Y. Kunizake, J. C. H. Landrigan, C. J. Rothwell, T. J. Brophy, S. M. Dent, Z. J. Klaassen, F. T. Hosking, J. D. Dwyer, C. L. Garner, C. J. Tofts, B. G. C. Smith, C. J. McDonald, S. J. Hurley-Langton, T. B. Harvey, L. Dravitzki, B. J. Adams, C. W. Grayling, J. W. Cathie

**Fifth Row:** M. T. Fleming, K. Sei, S. Diamond, D. B. Calder, F. P. Wise, M. D. Back, J. J. Smith, M. J. Walker, R. J. Taplin, M. J. O'Connell, J. A. Sinclair, M. R. Tregoweth, K. M. Wright, J. P. McLeod, S. C. Johnson, B. R. C. Adams, E. H. Langton, Y. Fujii, C. J. Johnson

**Fourth Row:** T. F. Bestall, J. P. Gopperth, E. G. Diamond, J. Buhler, S. Jury, C. M. C. Grayling, A. Kobayashi, R. L. Hurley, B. J. Kalin, H. P. Sandford, J. S. R. Potroz, T. H. le Fleming, K. E. Luke, K. J. Fleming, J. W. Batchelor, N. G. Hammersley, E. R. Borst, D. Inoue

**Third Row:** V. A. Bestall, D. J. Tofts, K. W. Corbett, J. J. Coombes, D. A. J. Rowe, B. E. Calder, C. J. Mitchell, C. J. McDonald, P. H. Baylis, K. T. Perrett, F. J. Moriarty, R. Putt, C. J. Shearman, B. A. Lichtwark, J. R. Clement, L. M. Matthews, A. A. Moriarty, M. J. Picard, L. A. R. Rhodes, K. J. Sinclair

**Second Row:** D. P. Smith, D. L. Carruthers, J. P. Gray, M. M. Moore, J. T. Corrigan, B. D. Chard, J. P. Freeman, N. B. Bliss, Z. J. Gao, M. J. Cathie, C. S. L. Cookson, B. R. Hammersley, K. J. Adamson, J. Loveridge, J. M. Taplin, N. Westraad, J. Sybrandy, J. B. Burd, D. P. Ford

**Front Row:** M. G. Stena, B. K. Dent, Mr. G. Singh - supervisor, Mr. N. Bacher - GAP tutor, Mr. M.F.J. Walsh - supervisor, J. D. Quinnell, D. B. Gardner, Mr. M. J. Chamberlain - CEO/Principal, L. J. Poole - Deputy Head Boarder, S. M. Snoxell - Head Boarder, Mr. H. G. Smith - Dean of Boarding, Mrs. M. J. Smith - supervisor, J. B. Mellow, J. R. Calder, Mr. A. J. Cowie - supervisor, Mrs. B. Sutherland - matron, Mr. M. Cursons - supervisor, H. J. W. Smith, J. G. Wise

**Absent:** S. T. Cleland



### La Salle House Staff

**Back Row:** Karen Pui, Iris Clark, Tracey Fenn, Mark Walsh, Matt Cursons, Neville Rowlands, Suzy Broadfoot, Leah Horo

**Front Row:** Gurpreet Singh, Judy Kobza, Briar Sutherland, Martin Chamberlain, Heta Smith, Margie Smith, Steve Muir, Andy Cowie, Neal Bacher

### Peter House

**Back Row:** Rhys Taplin, Brad Saxton, Joshua Morris, Michael Back

**Second Row:** Mr A. Cowie, Riley Putt, Sam Johnson, Joel Chard, Cameron Tofts, James Freeman

**Front Row:** Joshua Loveridge, Joshua Corrigan, Brodie Calder, Hamish Sandford, Joshua Mellow (Head of House), Callum Grayling, Matthew Picard, Darrell Smith, Daniel Ford



### Watson House

**Back Row:** Oliver Bestall, Hunter Putt, Kyle Hancock, Jonathan Dwyer

**Second Row:** Cameron McDonald, Kane Perrett, Aaron Gao, Matthew O'Connell, Cody Rothwell, Mr H. Smith

**Front Row:** Jordan Gray, Lachlan Rhodes, Joel Clement, Finbar Moriarty, Louis Poole (Head of House), Blake Kalin, Bradley Lichtwark, Jaide Coombes, Malici Moore

**Absent:** Joshua McLeod



### Thompson House

**Back Row:** Jack Matthews, Shay Smith-Luond, Haden Copeman, Corban Garner

**Second Row:** Mitchell Tregoweth, Callum Cookson, Mitchel Walker, Matt Cathie, Haosen Qi, Jackson Sinclair, Mr M. Walsh

**Front Row:** Kyle Fleming, Jon Buhler, Tom le Fleming, Davy Rowe, David Gardner (Head of House), Josh Cathie, Ethan Diamond, Connor Johnson, Akinobu Kobayashi

**Absent:** Cameron Shearman





### Foley House

**Back Row:** Ben Smith, Maxim Stena, Jeremy Wise, Luke Hughes, Patrick Back

**Second Row:** Nathan Hammersley, Yutaka Kunizaki, Blair Adams, Kalin Aylward, Trent Brophy, Andrew Adams, Scott Jury, Mr M. Cursons

**Front Row:** Jay Sybrandy, Kaden Adamson, Kasey Corbett, Vinnie Bestall, Jordan Quinnett (Head of House), Koichi Sei, Ethan McLeod, Nicholas Westraad, Daniel Tofts



### Firman House

**Back Row:** Seth Diamond, Euan Jones, Campbell Grayling

**Second Row:** Luke Dravitzki, Jayden Smith, Flynn Wise, Brendon Dent, Keegan Wright, Shamus Hurley-Langton, Sam Cleland, Mr G. Singh

**Front Row:** Thomas Bestall, Jacob Taplin, Kobe Sinclair, Ethan Langton, Jayden Calder (Head of House), Daichi Inoue, Ethan Borst, Connor Giblin, Bailey Hammersley



### Hawke House

**Back Row:** Zaelynd Klaassen, Beni Kalin, Ethan Adams, Harrison Smith

**Second Row:** Devin Carruthers, Rhys Hurley, Finn Hosking, Jack Potroz, Kayden Luke, Joseph Landrigan, Mr H. Smith

**Front Row:** Ambrose Moriarty, Connor Mitchell, Dylan Calder, Yuto Fujii, Steven Snoxell (Head of House), James Batchelor, Mitchell Fleming, Liam Matthews, Jeremy Gopperth

**Absent:** Henry Baylis

## O'SHEA SHIELD

The 69th O'Shea Shield was held over the weekend of 2-3 May at St Patrick's College in Wellington. The team of 15 accompanied by Mr and Mrs Marris and Mrs Blair travelled down on Friday 1 May. Staying at the YHA in Wellington they took advantage of the opportunity to view the Gallipoli Exhibition at Te Papa on Friday afternoon which was well worth doing.

The competition was between 17 Catholic Schools from the lower North Island where speaking, drama, debating, Religious Questions (commendation from Archbishop!!) were fiercely contested. The O'Shea programme began early on Saturday with the powhiri at 7.45 am. The first event was the debate and our debaters Vanshay Bindra, James Heerdegen and Michael Wells engaged a good debate against Garin College on a difficult topic "That a worthwhile life is defined by the measure you give not the measure you get". The debate was won by Garin College but Vanshay Bindra was awarded best speaker. We then moved onto the individual events. Polai'uamea Kirifi gained a distinction in the Impromptu Speech and Corban Dravitzki gave a good performance in the Junior Prepared Speech with his speech on 'The Social Media World'.

Tyler Paterson's performance in the Senior Oratory was outstanding with a perfect 6/6. Saturday evening is always one of the highlights when each school performs a five minute religious drama on a set theme. The five minutes is strictly enforced and only items of school uniform can be worn. Although unplaced our boys gained a distinction grade.

Sunday morning is devoted to Scripture Reading and Religious Questions. Chris Headey's reading of scripture earned a distinction. The Religious Questions team of Patrick Fisher-Evans, Kurt Biesiek and David Codd gave excellent answers to their questions and showed a thorough understanding of the document they had prepared. They achieved a distinction award but unfortunately were unplaced.

The FDMC team scored consistent 5/6 for Religious Drama, Scripture Reading, Religious Questions and



Impromptu Speech. We look forward to next year's competition being readily accessible at SHGC where hopefully we will be represented in all divisions. For the second year in a row O'Shea Shield was won by St. Catherine's College, Wellington.

## SHEILAH WINN COMPETITION

Our troupe won the regional final which provided the right to present in Wellington on 30 May at the UOSWSF. It was a wonderful opportunity to perform on the St James Theatre stage in Wellington. Pascale Joines and her talented protégés - Patrick Fisher-Evans, John Frengley, Michael Wells, Colby Wall, Ziah Taumoepeau, Nathan Cousins-Lapworth, Polai'uamea Kirifi and Ollie Doherty-Ramsay deserve our congratulations. From this event Polai'uamea was invited to participate in the SGCNZ NSSP in the September/October holidays. Well done Polai'uamea.

## SPEECH FINALS

The Speech Finals emceed by the Cultural Captain, Patrick Fisher-Evans were held in the College gym on Monday afternoon, June 29. The winners in each category were awarded the Utete Family Cup at Prize Giving later in the year. The Adjudicators were Mrs. Margie Smith and Mrs. Rebecca Crowe. The first session saw the Intermediate and Junior finalists deliver their presentations to their peers. In keeping with tradition, the topics were varied and appealed to a wide cross-section of the audience. Each finalist spoke for a minimum of 3 minutes. The Senior section followed and boys were required to speak for a minimum of 5 minutes.

Congratulations to the Intermediate recipient: Cade Thompson with his speech, "Being a Handball".

The Junior winner: Jeremy Johnston with "Germs".

The Senior winner: Chris Heady with "Social Media".

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Crowe commented on the quality of the deliveries and the confidence of each speaker.

## Highlights:

- Pedagogical focus - Inquiry Learning
- Increased number of Level 3 candidates
- Recognition from ERO for our focus on "building capacity".
- English Scholarship 2014 - Matthew Codd Reading Initiative - Year 9
- Evening Study contact with Boarders
- English students who have been published - Sam Poles-Smith
- Junior School focus on assessing, recording and analysing competency in the mechanics of the language
- Literacy support in Years 7 and 9
- Media Studies presentation evening - Award winners

- NCEA opportunities at Year 10 – Response to Reading and Information Literacy
- Decision to make English optional at Level 2 in 2016

#### This is all due to:

- A professional, committed and highly motivated English Department.

We are Looking forward to:

- State-of-the-art learning areas in 2016
- Building on our successes

We have had a very busy and challenging year. On behalf of: Ms. Woollaston (Asst. HOD), Ms. Curd, Mrs. Dalliston, Mrs. Wackrow, Mrs. Marris, Mrs. Joines and Mrs. Meyer, thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.

**Sally O'Neill**  
HOD English

#### YEAR 9 POETRY

*From the glare of the sun  
It's surely begun,  
Summer the Christmas season.  
A season of fun,  
second to none,  
to complain? There is no reason.*

*On the beach with friends  
hoping it never ends,  
it's a time for us to be giving.  
Gifts and presents  
everything pleasant,  
a good time to be living.*

**Vince Ropitini**

*The raindrops dripped slowly down the glass pane.  
Sun, where are you?  
The rain poured down in flurries  
on the cold winter's day.  
Sun, where are you?  
Then it stopped and the clouds parted  
but the day was still grey.  
Sun, where are you?  
As the days passed and the seasons changed  
the sun came out once again.*

**Colin Campbell**

Before I Kick The Bucket

*Before I kick the bucket  
With the end to my story unwritten,  
I'm going to 'Just do it',  
Before I reach my own conclusion.*

*I'll learn to play guitar and visit*

*New York city,  
I'll drive a real fast car and  
spend all of my money.*

*I'll climb Everest to the summit,  
And plummet from the skies.  
I'll rob the local bakery,  
(But I'll only take the pies!)*

*So while my thoughts are free from that  
Old age mist  
I'll hit the world like thunder,  
Making good on my bucket list before  
I travel six feet under.*

**Simon Kleinsman**

#### YEAR 9 CREATIVE WRITING

##### Mind The Monsters Under The Bed

James lived with his mum and dad in the small town of Lockermouth up in North England. The merry township was surrounded by snow dusted moors and fells. Countless streams trickled through the undulating landscape and into the majestic lakes that earned the Lake District its name. James had a proper Lockermouthian accent and was reminded of it every time he saw tourists goggling at the sign outside his house which read: 'Tek care, lambs ont road.'

It was night time and as James lay in bed his father stumbled into his room and exclaimed loudly, "Goodnight and mind the monsters under the bed!" James wondered if there was a myth about monsters living under the bed if everyone said there was no such thing as monsters. Everything had to be there for a reason. James was as curious as a monkey with a radio so he decided to investigate. He climbed down from his bed and squeezed underneath it like a tinned sardine. There was of course no sign of anything related to monsters unless you counted the spiders occupying the jungle of cobwebs underneath James' bed. "Nope, no monsters," said James to himself. Suddenly, James felt the floor beneath him disintegrate.

He was whisked off his feet through what looked like the inside of a kaleidoscope. James blacked out from shock and when he opened his eyes there was grass underneath him and he was still under his bed. He crawled out from his bed and felt them watching him. Their terrible eyes penetrating deep inside him and awakening some ancient sense buried within his soul. It was a feeling far beyond fear and made him freeze to the spot on which he was trembling uncontrollably. He managed to open his eyes. It was then that he saw them: lumbering, slithering and snarling they emerged from the dense foliage. He saw their red eyes glowing with hatred, their fangs, teeth and claws gleaming in the moonlight and worst of all he could hear them. Saliva dripped, mouths full of teeth growled and hissed. Then James realised something: the monsters under the bed were real.



He reclaimed his sense from the icy cold grip of fear and dived under the bed. Questions buzzed around his head but the main one that surfaced from the tangled ball of thoughts was - how do I get back? He thought back to what he had done under the bed. He hadn't said a magic spell or clicked his fingers like in books. His mind was racing as he felt the savage beasts closing in on the bed. He couldn't think though, not with the monsters loping ever closer. He was out of time. The monsters descended on the bed with teeth gnashing, claws slashing and tusks bashing. "Monsters!" James screamed.

James woke up with a start in his bedroom. The morning sun basked through a gap in the curtains. Was it all just a bad dream? James felt the grit in between his toes and saw the slashed duvet on top of him and knew it wasn't. Monsters was the key word, the magic spell he realised as he remembered what he had said.

That night James' dad tottered into James' room and a broad grin spread across his face.

"Goodnight James, and mind the monsters under the bed," said his father.

"Don't worry Dad, I will this time," replied James. James' dad doddered out of the cosy room with his face looking like that of a highly bamboozled chipmunk.

**William Hadley**

### The Corridor

"Simon, go to the corridor!" Mrs Collins shouts.

"But Miss, please, not the corridor! shrieked Simon.

"Now!" exclaimed Mrs Collins. We never saw Simon again. There wasn't much of an investigation after Simon's 'disappearance'. The police just assumed he ran away, but all of us knew what really happened. We were just too scared to say anything.

Last term we lost three classmates. Their names were Colin, Andrew, and Corban, but no one really noticed. But since Simon disappeared, a great big hole has been left gaping in our classroom. English is never quite the same. Poor Simon just forgot his book when he was sent out. Colin was sent to the corridor because he threw rubbish in class. Corban was sent out because he called out, and Andrew has gone because he was chewing gum. They all did disgusting and unforgivable acts of pure evil.

Now our class is the best class, behaviour-wise. You could hear a pin drop down the corridor. It's a very annoying silence because we can still hear heavy breathing and sniffles from other students. All of us are struggling not to talk or trigger Mrs Collin's crazy side. Mrs Collins is a mean and vicious creature that would not show the tiniest bit of mercy to the most gentle of souls. We had two scrawny Year 7's get sent to the corridor back in 2013. Timmy and Joe Joe were good kids, but they were just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

I don't enjoy this dark, shadowy hell we call a school. We are meant to go to school and learn for a bright future, but I am not sure if we even have a future. I always think about telling my parents but there is no way that they would believe it. Would you believe me if I told you out of the blue that the teachers at school are murdering students? So telling people is out of the question. Mrs Collins has a frightful mole on her left cheek, with hair coming out of it. She reminds me of an evil witch. Her laugh is so sadistic and makes the hair on my body stick up.

### Tuesday, May 21st, 2017.

Today our class has seven students. No one is late. No one is sick. This is our class. Out of the thirty of us, twenty-three have been sent to the corridor. But still no one is wondering why they have disappeared. Who is going to be next? That is the question we are all asking ourselves. It's just Blake, Logan, Michael, Thomas, William, Liam and me left. We are all fighting the urge and temptation. All trying to control the frequency of our inhales and exhales. Mrs Collins is like a highly intelligent predator stalking its prey. She is picking out the weakest.

I feel my stomach make a gurgle and I squeeze my butt cheeks together and pray. A tear runs down my right cheek and I realise that this is the end. The high pitch squeak exits my rear and a rush of relief then terror overwhelms me. Mrs Collins screams. I wait in fear for the dreaded words.

"To the corridor!"

"But," I murmur.

"Now!"

I get up from my desk and walk to the door. I glance back over my shoulder and take a look at my friends. I know this will be the last time I see them.

As I walk down the corridor I feel the urge to turn around and run. So I do. I sprint as fast as I can but I run face first into a behemoth of a woman, who grabs my arms and drags me down the dark corridor.

"Please," I gasp.

"Don't struggle or I will hurt you," she growls in a husky tone.

"Where are you taking me and where are the others?" I shakily ask.

"I'm taking you to lunch."

"What?!" I yell. "What do you mean?"

We go through a set of doors then arrive at a bizarre contraption.

"Jump in!"

"Why?" I scream. "No, please no!"

"Hurry along. We need more meat for burgers tomorrow."

"You mean you have been feeding kids to kids?"

"Yep, and you're the main dish for tomorrow!"

I feel a hard shove and I am sent spiralling into the giant blender. All I see is red; then I hear a crunch...

**George Kerr**



## COMPETITIONS

### ICAS ENGLISH

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills based assessments with a competition element. This year we had 16 students enter the ICAS Competition. The top 1% of participants are awarded High Distinction; the next 10% gain Distinction; the following 25% gain Credit; the next 10% gain Merit and the remaining students are given Participation. Well done to all those students who entered.

Year 12	Kyle Hancock	Participation
Year 11	Daniel Chow Thomas Hadley Felix Webby	Distinction Credit Credit
Year 10	Benjamin Leary	Merit
Year 9	William Hadley Liam Matthews Vince Ropitini	Distinction Credit Participation
Year 8	Rahul Rajasingh Oliver Wright	Distinction Credit
Year 7	Oscar Hadley Jerome Kumar Sreeram Murugaiyen Rumaine Grewal Mathew Linton Robert Moodie	Credit Credit Merit Participation Participation Participation

### FONTERRA TARANAKI SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR

The annual Fonterra Taranaki Science & Technology Fair took place on the 3rd, 4th & 5th of August. Forty-five students from the College entered the Fair.

The following students are congratulated on winning the following prizes at the Fair:

Oliver Clennett  
Level: Year 7-8 Entry: Steam Car Challenge  
Prize: Merit Steam Car Challenge, Intermediate



Oliver Clennett  
Level: 7-8 Entry: Water Rocket Challenge  
Prize: Second Prize Water Rocket Challenge, Intermediate

Liam Mills  
Level: Year 7-8 Entry: Water Rocket Challenge  
Prize: Merit Water Rocket Challenge, Intermediate

Manuel Dessing  
Level: Year 10 Entry: Journalism  
Prize: First Prize Scientific Journalism, Year 10

Jack Ternouth  
Level: Years 11-13 Entry: Scientific Investigation  
"Sound Science"  
Prize: Second Prize Scientific Investigation Years 11-13

Jack Ternouth  
Level: Years 11-13 Entry: Scientific Investigation  
"Stats That"  
Prize: Special Prize The NZ Statistical Association Prize for the best statistics-related exhibits.

The Year 10 Science Fair Quiz team gained fourth placing and comprised of Manuel Dessing, Teagan Wilson, Ollie O'Connor and Benjamin Silk.

**Colleen Severinsen**  
**HOD Science**

### 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**

### BIG SCIENCE COMPETITION

Congratulations to the participants in the 2015 Australian Science Innovations Big Science Competition. Over 46,000 students from Australia and New Zealand entered the competition. Of the 22 students from Francis Douglas Memorial College who entered, 5 students received High Distinction awards, 5 received Distinction awards and 6 received Credit awards. These are outstanding results!

Congratulations also to Rahul Rajasingh, Year 8, who won an iTunes voucher to go with his High Distinction award.

The following students received awards.

**High Distinction:** Daniel Chow, Thomas Morgan, Rahul Rajasingh, Dominic Jacquemard, John Frengley.

**Distinction:** Felix Webby, Oliver O'Connor, Thomas Hadley, Simon Kleinsman, Jostijn Dessing.

**Credit:** Benjamin Leary, David Codd, Manuel Dessing, Declan Barrett, Michael Theron, Vince Ropitini.

Well done to all students who participated.

**Colleen Severinsen**  
**HOD Science**



### POWERCO SCIENCE FAIR

This year the following boys were entered in the Year 8 Steam Car Competition at the Powerco Science Competition: Quinn Scouller, Oliver Clennett, Louis Keig, Thomas Whaley, Tom Hutchins, Riley Lawn-Cliffe, Anthony Van Hameren, Ethan Bouterey, Liam Mills.

The boys had a great time fine tuning their steam cars to try and make them go the fastest. Oliver Clennett received a Merit Award and Corban Church, although finishing second in the modified section, just missed out on a prize. In the Water Rocket section, Liam Mills received a Merit and Oliver Clennett was second. Well done boys.

**Mike Crow**  
**Science Teacher**

## SCIENCE

### ECOLOGY TRIP - PUKEITI

Mrs Hermanns' Year 9 Science classes had the chance to get out into nature and visit Pukeiti Gardens. Kevin Archer from the Taranaki Regional Council facilitated the visit. Some of the highlights were: climbing through a Giant Rata tree, finding insects in the leaf litter, setting off the possum traps and playing a rugby game at lunch. Hopefully the boys will take their parents and family to visit the gardens to share what they have learnt.

**Christina Hermanns**

### YEAR 7 ANEMOMETER CREATIONS

As part of our Year 7 weather study, students were asked to create anemometers and barometers.

**7B:** 1st place Josh Goble, 2nd place Liam Ward, 3rd place Robert Morgan

**7R:** 1st place Liam Hooper, 2nd place Conor Ebert, 3rd place Gareth Duffy

**7G:** 1st place Alexander Wells, 2nd place Oscar Hadley, 3rd place Jamie Horgan.

The overall Year 7 winning Barometer model design went to Alistair Glennie.

Each winner received a \$5 gift voucher and certificate.

### YEAR 8 SCIENCE

As part of the Electrical Energy Unit, Year 8 students constructed a Moisture detector, with flashing lights mounted on a piece of wood. Well done 8B students.

**Mike Crow**  
**Science Teacher**

## GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS

### YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY

Many of our College Geography students once graduated move on to careers or further study in fields related to Geography.

We design our Senior course to help prepare the lads for life as citizens of New Zealand and for preparation for their careers and future study. This year we covered the Global Oil Trade, its geological origins, locations of supply and demand and the economic and environmental issues related to the oil business. The assessment was about the Global Diamond Trade with geology, mining, processing, cutting and the marketing of these stones. The socio-cultural problems related to 'Blood Diamonds' from conflict zones alerted the students to the massive potential for tragedy as groups use diamonds to gain power. Patrick Fisher-Evans, Alastair MacNicol, Shaun Palmer, Tyler Patterson and Quin Sorensen earned excellence grades for this global study internal assessment.

Coastal geomorphology and the interacting natural processes which drive the complex coastal systems was our next major focus. The North Taranaki coast is our environment, which provides excellent variations of geological structures with subsequent variations in how wave and wind processes operate. Field work is a major learning experience, and by visiting these locations we can map, photograph, measure and report on how these interacting processes result in features unique to this region. Tombolos, papa stacks, volcanic plugs, climbing dunes, bay head bars, andesite cobbles, spinifex fore dunes, titanomagnetite iron sand and relentless erosion processes are some of the new jargon our students learn to analyse. Thanks to Aaron Gao who was nicknamed "Pingao" after the indigenous dune grass with the green and orange leaves, for leading the exploration of dune habitats. Alastair and Shaun earned excellence grades for this challenging 5 credit assessment.

The future of New Zealand's energy generation is another Internal assessment for NCEA where we describe and explain the present means of generation and then develop alternative future plans with varying



combinations of renewable and non renewable generation. By analyzing the impact of three alternative future strategies on different key groups in our society/economy, the students become stronger at researching and writing objective reports. Patrick, Alastair, John Frengley and Shaun reached the excellence level for their comprehensive investigations into this issue.

The study of economic Geography leads us into the last topic, which is the Geography of Tourism and the spatial and temporal patterns which arise within a cultural process such as tourism development. The students gain first hand experience in Rotorua of the attractions, developments and socio-economic impacts of tourism on people and the environment. Fashion, finance, technology, land use planning, affluence, accessibility and awareness are all factors in the evolution of our tourism industry.

We aim to produce graduates with a wide but detailed understanding of the natural and cultural spheres of Geography. Learning and field work can be interesting and fun and the cross over of the earth sciences with economics, politics, society and the future of our planet are all factors in the success and validity of Geography at Francis Douglas Memorial College. Well done to Alastair MacNicol for taking out the Geography Cup for top student in Senior Geography, Shaun Palmer and Patrick Fisher-Evans for consistently presenting high quality reports and internal assessments for second and third placing in the class. Well done to all of the 35 students who contributed to a successful year of working and learning in Geography, and all the best for your future studies and careers.

Thanks to Martin Dravitzki and Mark Wales for their popular and engaging classes and the contributions they make to the education of our young men.

**Ross MacNicol**  
**HOD Social Sciences**

### SENIOR GEOGRAPHY TRIP

The students with Mr MacNicol and Mr Wales spent 3 days experiencing Auckland and the variety of housing styles and ages found in different suburbs as they moved from the periphery to the centre of Auckland



city. These students were completing Geography fieldwork for a 5 credit research internal assessment. Learning about the transport network and the major land use zones, they experienced a variety of places. They visited the CBD, industrial and commercial zones, and looked at the different types of housing styles, materials used and characteristics of suburbs such as Karaka, Manurewa, Mangere, Mount Roskill, Point Chevalier and Mount Eden.

The boys were staggered by the prices of land and housing, and impressed by the tidy suburbs and the relatively free flowing traffic. For many, a commuter train journey from Queen St. to Sylvia Park was their first "real" rail experience.

There are great learning outcomes from a trip such as this and the 'real' work continued as the students put their research reports together over the course of Term Two.

**Ross MacNicol**  
**HOD Geography**

### ROTORUA FIELD TRIP

Rotorua is the North Island Tourism 'Heartland' and the varied patterns which are produced by the tourist industry are of special interest to Geographers. To have the opportunity to speak to these operators and experience the adventure tourism activities such as the 'Swoop' and 'Jet boat sprint' are valuable as we prepare to write exams analysing the development of this important industry. The magic 3 million international tourist mark has just been reached and with the lower NZ dollar and an industry which has survived the Global Financial Crisis, this is a major bonus for all of New Zealand.

Rotorua District Council plays a huge role in promoting domestic and international tourism by coordinating new events and promoting the destination. For 2014 there were 1.7 million visitor nights, which is up 3%. This is inflated to 3.3 million visitors if day-trippers are included. The largest domestic sources are Auckland, Waikato and Tauranga and the traffic generated has required a massive spend on roading, parks, water and sewage treatment.



Students learned about the diversification of attractions such as the 'Agrodome'. In an effort to attract younger 'Free Independent Travellers' the Agro-adventure zone was established. The Bungee, Freefall, Swoop, Jet sprint and Zorb provided a sample of the thrills which attract a stream of young and old visitors wanting something different.

Geothermal tourism and a vibrant Maori culture are two unique factors which make Rotorua a key destination for 60% of international visitors, but as we learned these are not enough on their own. The seasonal 'flat' spots must be filled. The winter 'slow' period is now being filled by conferences, sporting events and educational tourism.

**Ross MacNicol**  
**HOD Social Sciences**

### SOCIAL STUDIES

As part of the Social Studies unit called "Protecting Our Environment" the two Year 10 social studies classes, (Mr Wales 10G and Mrs Coles' 10S), went on a field trip to the Huatoki Stream with Mr Kevin Archer to gain an understanding of how the Taranaki Regional Council tests the water quality of our waterways in Taranaki.

**Joan Coles**  
**Social Studies Teacher**

## BIOLOGY

### YEAR 13 BIOLOGY

During Term One, students studied the responses of plants and animals to their external environment. This led on to a practical investigation in which the students studied the responses of the intertidal shrimp to light, temperature or salinity. On Friday 13 March, during periods 1 and 2, the Year 13 Biology class visited the Kawaroa rock platform at low tide to study the shrimp in its natural habitat. A large number of shrimp were brought back to the laboratory for students to conduct individual investigations into their responses. The students conducted fair tests and used the theory learnt earlier in the term to report on their findings for internal assessment. Jack Ternouth later entered his investigation in the Fonterra Taranaki Science & Technology Fair and was awarded Second in Class for his exhibition titled- 'Sound Science'.

A new achievement standard was introduced in Term 2 this year to include more Human Biology in the course. The students studied homeostasis in the human body to learn how organisms control their internal environment. The students thoroughly enjoyed doing the formative assessment in the context of the 'Coast to Coast' Triathlon, and the summative internal assessment in the context of the 'Wanaka Challenge'. Thereafter the

class explored the evolutionary processes that result in changes in the gene pool, speciation and reproductive isolation.

Term 3 saw the students researching human manipulation of genetic information. They had to write a report comparing and contrasting 'Selective Breeding' and 'Transgenesis' for the internal assessment. The last topic studied was 'Trends in Human Evolution' on a biological and cultural level, and how humans became dispersed across the earth. The students learnt about hypotheses, predictions and how theory evolves with new evidence such as the discovery of the *Homo naledi* in South Africa in September this year.

The students particularly enjoyed the field trip to the rocky shore, the practical work with the shrimp, the internal assessment on homeostasis in the context of extreme sports, and learning about human evolution. A highlight of the last topic was handling replicas of hominin skulls in class and drawing up a timeline for human evolution.

### YEAR 12 BIOLOGY

In 2015 the course was adapted to match the criteria of the second versions of the achievement standards published at the beginning of the year. The context of the ecological investigation was changed to provide better quality data for students to analyse. A new research standard was introduced to provide the students with another opportunity to earn credits through internal assessment.

In Term 1 the students studied 'Cells' and 'Life Processes'. They conducted many investigations. This led up to the internal assessment in which students had to do an investigation on the osmo-regulation in potato cell tissue.

In Term 2 students applied the knowledge gained in Microbiology (Year 11 Science) and in 'Cells' and 'Life Processes' (Term 1) to analyse information for the public on 'The use of raw milk'. The students wrote reports on their findings for internal assessment. This was followed by a study on 'Gene Expression'. The students learnt how the coded DNA information in the nucleus of the cell is transcribed and translated into



functional proteins/ enzymes that control all metabolic pathways.

Term 3 saw the class investigation into ecological patterns and the analysis of data gathered from the Taranaki rocky shore. The students learnt to identify community patterns and studied the adaptations of organisms that enable them to live at the high, mid or low tidal zones. The students wrote reports on their findings for internal assessment. The year was completed with a study on 'Genetics and Variation' that explored how changes in the gene pool come about over time, due to natural selection and genetic drift.

The students particularly enjoyed the practical work on 'Life Processes'. They enjoyed critiquing the information to the public on 'The use of raw milk' but were disappointed when the trip to the rocky shore had to be cancelled due to poor weather on the day.

**Jeanne Marshall**  
**TIC Biology**

## AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

On Thursday 26 March, Mr Wilcox took 12 students to the Hub in Hawera for the 'Get Ahead Agricultural Science Careers Day' run by Young Farmers and industry partners. The day was comprised of 12 'work experience' stations where they would be challenged to solve an issue or problem related to Agricultural Sciences. Agriculture is New Zealand's largest sector of the tradable economy, contributing about two-thirds of exported goods and worth over \$14.8 billion to the country, so education and careers in this sector are worth investigating!

The day gave students an insight into the wide plethora of jobs related to Agriculture and many of the careers involved ranging from banking, veterinary practices, scientific analysis firms, fertiliser companies, mechanics, artificial breeding, dairy management, nutrition and many others. It was a beneficial day for all who went. Photos of the experience can be viewed at: <https://www.facebook.com/getahead.co.nz>

Pupils on the trip were: Jacob Mills, Zachary Smith, Blake Kalin, Mitchell Fleming, Sean Dent, Andrew Adams, Cody Rothwell, Hamish Sandford, Jacob Taplin, Henry Baylis, Josh Morris and Sam Hutterd.

**Jon Wilcox**

**TIC Agriculture and Horticulture**

### **TARANAKI SCHOOLS AGRICULTURE CHALLENGE.**

On Friday 31st July Louis Poole, Jack Ternouth, Jayden Calder and Keegan Hodges won the 2015 competition. The pressure was on Louis Poole before the start of the competition, due to his brother winning the previous year's competition. The team competed in Firearms, Animal Handling, Fire Fighting Skills, Quad bike skills, Tractor Driving, Chemical Handling and a general knowledge quiz. Our boys were very competitive and won almost every category.



### **MACH1 YAMAHA SUPPORT THE TRAINING OF FARM AND QUAD BIKE SAFETY.**

A big thank you goes out to Mach1 Yamaha who recently lent the Agriculture Department a new Quad and Farm bike to aid in the training of pupils' safe riding skills. The pupils learnt how to ride the quad and two wheeled farm bikes legally and safely over a range of conditions and terrain. In the process the Year 12 pupils also gained NCEA Level 2 credits as part of the Agriculture Course.

### **AGRICULTURE TRIP TO FIELD DAYS**

On 11 June, 25 students headed up to Mystery Creek for the 2015 field days, accompanied by Mr Wilcox and Mr Imrie. We spent five hours investigating the agriculture site, checking out new motorbikes, lining up for food, watching presentations and looking at the new technology on offer. A favourite of the day was watching the tractor racing.

There were lots of give-aways, so we all scored either a beanie or a cap. Some of us were lucky enough to be given a dog whistle which was not easy to use. Mr Wilcox was not looking forward to our return trip to the College with our dog whistles in tow. However, after

such a busy day out, everyone was exhausted so the noise levels in the van on the return trip were pretty low.

It was an amazing day for all who went and we are looking forward to next year.

**Sam Johnson**

**Year 11 Agriculture**

## **BEE CLUB**

The College Bee Club was formed in spring 2015 to maintain beehives situated at the Agriculture Centre on the College farm. This venture is in partnership with the Taranaki Beekeepers' Club which is overseeing part of the apiary. We now boast a team of young aspiring beekeepers who often give up their lunchtimes to do much of the preparation and upkeep of the hives.

Pictured are Blake Carr, Ethan Borst, Blane McCook, Connor Mitchell, Rhys Hurley, Corban Dravitzki, Lachlan Rhodes and Matthew Sisarich. Ethan Borst has taken things a step further by designing and building his own beehive, which hosted a smaller but thriving colony of bees. We look forward to a hot, windless summer for a good honey crop.



## TECHNOLOGY

What a year it has been in Technology. There have been many changes this year in terms of staffing, culture and projects.

Mr Allen Jones took over as Head of Department at the start of this year and was joined in Term Two by Mr Andy Evans. They joined the professional group of Mr Heta Smith, Mr Peter Smith, Miss Briana Matthews and Mr Steve Ritchie. As a team, they set about defining what they thought a Technology Department should do and what they wanted to achieve throughout the year.

The first priority was the students and that they must be doing worthwhile tasks that motivated them and advanced their learning whilst giving them ownership. To do this, a culture change was required and while the staff thought it would take longer to shift, it actually happened relatively easily and promptly. Standards were set and adhered to, with staff backed up if need be in order to provide a positive learning environment. Obvious rules such as wearing covered shoes in a workshop are there to protect students while they work within the confines of a small, potentially dangerous and busy environment.

There were some grumbles from students initially with the early resistance to change being evident in some. However, when students could see that staff were eager and prepared to teach them, and make their year an enjoyable success, most soon came on board and got to work.

The Year 7 students have been a delight to teach. They are keen, noisy, busy, friendly and enjoy learning. The unit on flight that they do captivates students and they enjoy the trialing and testing involved in getting their gliders to perform. Competition is always good with boys! Theoretical knowledge underpins the whole module as they strive to fly their glider the furthest.

Year 8 programmes introduce students to different materials with more emphasis being put on metals and how to work them. They also have more design influence and produce a range of different solutions for a multi-tool design brief. Once again, theoretical knowledge is taught with practical situations being applied and reinforcing that knowledge.

Year 9 has two modules during the year with DVC (Design and Visual Communication, which is the old subject of Graphics) and a Wood Technology based module. Both units of work require students to independently design and produce solutions that solve needs or problems, and the solutions are all unique in their outcome. Some involve the interactions of stakeholders or clients. A wide range of creative and useful outcomes are produced.

We had large numbers choosing the options at Year

10 this year and this made for big classes and some disappointed students who missed out. The vast majority of boys, if not all of them, should get their Technology choices in Year 11 however. This year new projects were introduced into Wood Technology with a mobile phone docking station/speaker amplifier, spice rack and tea-light holder all examples of different, functional projects that exposed students to a wide array of practical skills and knowledge. The Engineering Technology students experienced a number of different processes and experimented with metals and plastics in their quest to design a tool tray and a wind vane. Once again, the range of different outcomes allowed boys to express themselves and solve problems in different ways.

Digital Technology opportunities were offered in Years 7 to 12. Junior module classes focused on digital literacy, cyber safety and were introduced to programming. There was some great work produced using "Scratch" in Years 7 and 8. There were two classes in the Year 10 Option. Their work was focused around developing the skills and techniques in desktop publishing, spreadsheets computer graphics, animation and programming in "python". These skills will prepare the students well for NCEA Level One Digital Technology and Level Two Digital Technology this year. Both courses built on skills learned previously and covered topics including creating digital media outcomes, publishing and websites, and in advanced computer programming- planning and development.

The College Network has recently been upgraded to Ministry standard through the School Network Upgrade Project (SNUP) and the improved performance will benefit all students.

The Level One Engineering students continued with the drift-trike project this year and it was modified to have more design and student manufacturing. Successful bikes were whizzing down the "caretakers hill" with students grinning with satisfaction and adrenaline, as they would spin out at the bottom. There was an excellent success rate in terms of project completion, paperwork completion and a better quality of product this year.





Level Two Engineering continues to attract large numbers of students with the 'mini motorbike' project. It amazes me how student progress is such a large motivating factor. That is, when a student who is ahead reaches certain milestones, others see that and increase their own performance. Starting a student completed motorbike engine for the first time is one such milestone. The paperwork aspect of this course is just as important as the practical outcome and reinforces what is put into practice.

Levels One, Two and Three DVC saw the introduction of some new projects and a big lift in the standard and quality of outcomes. Students who worked hard and followed the advice of their teachers did/ will have great results. Sketching, technical drawing, research, analysis, presentation techniques and problem solving are all topics covered throughout the year and applied within the two projects. Completion of whole projects is key in this subject as evidence for a range of Achievement Standards comes from it. If students work consistently all year their results will reflect this. This subject is not conducive to cramming.

Big changes at Level One Wood Technology saw a whole new programme with two new projects.



The emphasis was on craft skills and then design respectively for each project, and students produced some good work. Students responded well to a mixture of Unit and Achievement Standards and enjoyed the year. There were some great, useful, functioning toolboxes and stools produced. The introduction of external Achievement Standards next year should 'push' the more focused and able students.

Big changes were also evident for Level Two Wood Technology with the introduction of two new projects also. The boys got into the 'Adirondack chair' construction project and many will now grace their parents' back yards. As a department, we always look to make things better for the boys so projects are always evolving. If the projects get a lukewarm reception then we will look at something more stimulating and there will be changes for 2016 in some areas.

Paperwork, the bane of most technology students' lives, has to be done and while reluctant initially, students gain an understanding of the benefit of it and the powerful link between the theoretical knowledge and the practical aspect. It is also one way of gathering evidence for many of the standards offered for NCEA.

With half of the Technology Department staff being new this year, there have been many learning curves. Now that one year has passed, a review will take place and changes will be made to make the next year just as rewarding, exciting and efficient.

My thanks go to all of the Technology staff for their professionalism, commitment, dedication, diligence and success this year. A special thank you to those that gave a huge number of extra hours to get students finished, especially as panic set in about the number of credits they had!

We look forward to another successful year in 2016.

**Allen Jones**  
**Head of Technology**

### TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

The Years 7 and 8 students trialed for the Elemental Group Taranaki Technology Challenge. In this they had to build a bridge.

The successful teams were:

**Team 1:** Oliver Clennett, Thomas Whaley,  
Oliver Wright, Rahul Robesingh,  
Anthony Van Hameren

**Team 2:** Robert Ropitini, Flynn Barrett, Oscar Hadley,  
Max Dowd, Robert Morgan

**Team 3:** Roy Avery, Lachie Simmons, Jacob Clement,  
Ben Price, Germaine Sing Grewal

**Team 4:** Jackson Powell, Cade Thompson,  
Sreeram Murugaiyen, Josh Elder, Heath Waayer

The teams were encouraged to enter into the challenge of building a measuring vehicle which would travel exactly 10 metres. This was to be brought along on the day of the challenge to be marked and tested. On Wednesday 22 July the teams arrived with Team 4 led by Heath Waayer, Team 1 led by Oliver Clennett and Team 2 led by Flynn Barrett. At lunchtime the special event was held. Many schools had entered all sorts of amazing devices with varying success. Flynn set his off but the line wasn't right and he finished short. Next came Oliver with another lego powered machine. Coming towards the 10 metre mark it suddenly stopped about 50mm short. Last was Heath's vehicle. At the start line everyone was most curious, this machine had marbles. It was intriguing looking. He turned it on and it moved in a good straight line. Coming up to the 10 metre line it stopped, just 15 mm short.

The boys received their prize and the College won a worm farm. Oliver's team was third and also won worm farm equipment. At assembly the winning teams demonstrated their vehicles.

The challenges on the day included: Waiwhakahiho bridge building, a quiz, construction of the tallest hat, making an Anzac poppy and retrieving a ball. Throughout the day the students were excellent ambassadors for FDMC. The teams secured a range of results but they all had a lot of fun.

**Mike Crow**  
**Science Teacher**

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

2015 has been another eventful year in the PE Department. Staffing wise, we welcomed Mr Crocker into the team at the start of the year to replace Mr Reader-Nokes who took up a new position at Hawera High School. Mid-way through the year Mrs Rowland took maternity leave and in July we welcomed Harper Mae Rowland, a future netball/ golf star for the Rowland family.

Ms Beckett then came on board to take over the Sports' Co-ordination role and PE classes.

The major school sports' events all ran in excellent weather and were made successful by the hard work of all staff members.

The Senior PE classes had increased opportunities in the outdoors, with the introduction of training for an Adventure Race and a study of risk management with a Ski/ Snowboard trip to Mt Ruapehu for the Year 13 classes and a whole week at TOPEC for the Year 12 PE class.

Year 10 TOPEC continues to be an excellent course for those students who take up this unique opportunity.

We are certainly lucky to have such a superb facility right on our doorstep.

Students have enjoyed using technology in PE classes. The new TV in the gym allows video analysis and playback on the spot, and new heart rate monitors assist with training and studies in exercise physiology.

Gymnastics again proved a popular junior subject and for our new equipment we thank the 'Kiwisport' funding scheme. Sports' Education is well utilized as an opportunity for students to develop leadership skills and our Year 10 Jaspers class continues to be an excellent option for students wishing to develop their potential in their chosen sporting field.

Finally, the staff once again retained the Staff vs Year 13 Sports' Trophy with two resounding wins in the basketball and volleyball.

**Matt Lash**  
**HOD Physical Education**

## ATHLETICS

After poor weather forced a postponement, our annual Athletics Sports' Day was finally held in glorious sunshine on our picture perfect school fields.

All students turned up resplendent in house colours, ready to do battle on the sports' ground. Competition was fierce in all age categories as students pushed hard for both individual line honours and points for their house.

Seniors led by example with their costuming and set the tone for a great day of competition. No records were broken although many students came very close, as did the points for year group champions.

Solomon was once again overall winner, followed by La Salle and in an exact replay of last year's results, Benildus fought deeply to take third place over Loreto. Overall, it was a very successful day with many students competing in numerous races and events. A big thank you to all staff, as well as all the parents who came and supported the College.

## SWIMMING

On Friday 20th February, we had the annual Francis Douglas Swimming Sports. There was plenty of support and encouragement from the Houses, and the House Leaders did a great job urging everyone to participate. The senior students dressed up in some unique costumes, with chants and songs being sung throughout the day. Over 250 races were competed on the day with many preliminary races happening the week prior to swimming sports.

In the all important marquee event, the staff team took out the relay over a fast finishing Solomon.



After all the points were tallied, Solomon took out first place followed by La Salle who tried but just couldn't quite match the performances of many in Solomon House. Loreto followed in third place with Benildus in fourth place.

Over all it was a very successful day with excellent participation, fierce competition and a lot of fun.

### CROSS COUNTRY

The annual school cross-country was held in May using our superb local terrain as a test for our best runners. The hills on the course were often the separators between the good and the excellent, with many exceptional times posted in all categories.

When the dust had settled and all the times double-checked in our electronic timing system, it was La Salle House who comfortably took out first place, followed by Benildus in second, Solomon in third and Loreto in fourth.

## MAORI

### CULTURAL / UNIVERSITY TRIP TO AUCKLAND- FAR NORTH

On the 23 November, twenty-four Year 10 students departed at 6.00am for Auckland for what has been described as an awesome fun filled yet educational trip.

Day one was an adrenaline filled exciting day spent at Rainbow's End. That night we headed to the Halls of Residence on campus at Auckland University and spent the night getting a feel for what living in a hall of residence would be like should they attend University in the future.

On Day Two half the the students went to the B.E.A.M.S course at Auckland University while the others headed to M.I.T for a tour and Careers' Day there. At the conclusion of those courses we headed north to where we would stay for the next 3 nights, Parapara Marae, which is inland from Taipa in Doubtless Bay. We were formally welcomed with a Powhiri and made to feel very much at home.

Wednesday saw us head further north to Cape Reinga where the spirits depart to return to Hawaiki. We then went to the Te Paki sand dunes where we had fun surfing the dunes on boogie boards.

Thursday saw us head to Waitangi where Matua Derek, the teacher from the Waitangi Trust, taught us about the significance and importance of the founding document of Aotearoa. It was hugely beneficial to actually see Waitangi and reinforced what the students had studied in Social Studies this year.



On Friday we were farewelled by our hosts and headed to Waitangi where we were given an educational tour of the Waitangi Treaty grounds after which we headed for home.

It was an awesome week that I'm sure we will look back on with fond memories. The hope is that it has inspired the boys to think about what they want to do in the future and to take steps now to achieve their goals.

Nga mihi nui rawa

**Taare Ruakere**  
**TIC Maori**

## GIFTED & TALENTED

My aim for the Gifted and Talented Programme at Francis Douglas Memorial College is always to be inclusive rather than exclusive. This means I strive to include as many students in as many diverse extension activities as possible in order to extend their skills and understanding. However, my main rationale is to enable our gifted and talented students to realise their full potential as individuals by identifying them and ensuring that they receive appropriate support and programmes which meet their individual needs.

### FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING

Future Problem Solving is an international programme that facilitates development of all the key competencies in the New Zealand curriculum. It is aimed at gifted students who must also have an excellent work ethic to enable them to achieve at this pinnacle of academia. Students work in teams to understand global issues that will affect the world in the future. Research is analysed and critical thinking skills used to explore solutions and present an action plan. The aim is to produce creative, futuristic ideas that form ethical and humane solutions. The tricky part is that these must be futuristic but at the same time workable.

Three of the boys who competed in the International Finals in Iowa last year were asked to do a presentation



### Future Problem Solving

**Back Row:** Keegan Wright, Dominic Jacquemard, Jayden Smith, Mrs R. Wackrow  
**Front Row:** Vinnie Bestall, James Batchelor, Cameron McDonald, Brodie Calder, Jack Blackman

to the TSB Community Trust Public meeting on their experiences. Patrick Fisher-Evans, Kurt Biesiek and Ryan Sadler spoke engagingly about what the TSB grants had allowed them to achieve and learn.

This year we entered in the NZ competition.

One senior team: Jack Matthews, Joseph Landrigan, Kyle Hancock, Haden Copeman

One senior Individual: Dominic Jacquemard

Four junior teams consisting of: Joshua McLeod, Jayden Smith, Cameron McDonald, James Batchelor, Vinnie Bestall, Jack Blackman, Keegan Wright, Brodie Calder, Vince Ropitini

The Winners of the FDMC Future Problem Solving Shield were: Jack Matthews, Joseph Landrigan, Kyle Hancock and Haden Copeman.

### CREATIVE WRITING

Innovative, original writing by New Zealand teenagers was sought in a competition run by the 'School for Young Writers'. Hundreds of entries were received and the best of the best got published in an aptly named book called 'Re-Draft'. The editor, Glynn Strange, is trying to get students to cut, polish, rework and craft their writing until it reaches the very high standard required.

Congratulations to a Year 11 student who wishes to remain anonymous, for having his insightful essay entitled '**My Big Little Brother**' accepted for 2016. He can now claim to be a published author!

#### My Big Little Brother

"Wait up!"

*I hear a muffled, monotonous voice that could only be Oliver's. I vault over the last log, stumble on an overhanging root, but regain my balance to beat Oliver to the creek. This creek was Oliver's second home, like*

*a cot to a child, somewhere he feels safe and calm, and it has been like this for the 19 years of his life. The only sounds that I can hear are bird chirps and cicada clicks. I gaze across the creek towards the silver ferns that arch over the bank like a hunched over old man about to fall into the water. The shadows are drowned by a miserable blanket of decaying leaves which create a green, swamp-like coating, but Oliver loves it here, and that is all that matters. Oliver never fusses with aesthetics, never judges anyone or anything by its looks, and feels love equally for the ugly and the beautiful. He can always discern the inner beauty of a person or a place.*

*"I win," I announce, in a cocky, egocentric tone which would wind any other person up, but not Oliver.*

*"Good job, Brad," he says without any hint of sarcasm.*

*But that doesn't surprise me. Oliver never gets aroused to anger when we are here, at least never to my knowledge. When he does get mad, inexplicable rage emerges out of nowhere, clouting him like a brick wall of fury. Mum says that it is normal for people like him whose brains have never fully developed. Doctors say he has the mental ability of a two-year-old and will always be too simple for school. Too special for society, they say. But although Oliver is clueless and clumsy at times, he is bright in his own special way.*

*"Please be careful, Oliver," I say firmly, as he approaches the edge of the creek. He has a very large, rounded body, which makes him seem even clumsier.*

*"Please be careful, Oliver," he echoes, but he isn't mocking me. Echolalia is what people like Oliver have, Mum tells me. He reiterates things that are spoken to him, much like an unreasonable child. Albeit that Oliver is older than me, in all aspects except size and age I was his elder. Responsibility for Oliver fell on my shoulders from a young age after Dad died and Mum fell into a deep spiral of depression. He became my shadow.*

*Oliver twists to look at me, but he just stands there, gazing through me, puzzled as if he was about to say something but can't recall what. His eyes light up when his thoughts return to him.*

*"Brad, why does the water only move that way?" he asks, referring to the small stream branching off the creek.*

*"I'm not sure, Oliver, I'm not sure."*

*It is much more straightforward not to explain anything to Oliver that isn't important, as he ends up asking the same thing ten minutes later. I continue to stare at the stream, questioning my own thinking. Why does the water flow that way? I ask myself, but just as I begin to consider the thought, there is a sharp, crunching sound. Alarmed, I whip around to face the creek. Anticipating the worst, my eyes dart around, hoping Oliver has just thrown a rock into the shallows.*

*It was Oliver, but the sound was not that of a rock. It was Oliver's body tumbling down the bank, his limbs twisted like a rag doll, the pohutukawa saplings crushed by the path made by his heavy body. He lands facing away from me, so I cannot tell if his face is submerged underwater. I watch for a movement, listen for a sound. All I want to hear is one of Oliver's grunts, even just a childish cry, so I know that he is conscious. My body is paralyzed by what has just unfolded in front of me. The moment seems to linger in time. I want to leap down the bank to console Oliver, but am unable to move.*

*Was that a giggle? The thought runs through my mind. I'm sure I heard a giggle, but he still isn't moving; he is lying in a lifeless state. Suddenly, my legs force my body to surge into the creek below, into the murky diseased water splashing up my legs.*

*"Oliver! Oliver? Are you okay?"*

*A laugh. I hear Oliver chuckle. My wish has been answered, and now I know the giggle was Oliver. He hoists himself up out of the water, his arms straining against his weight. His large, glazed-over eyes meet mine, and he chuckles again.*

*"I trick'd ya Brad, I did, I trick'd ya."*

*He leaps at me, his arms engulfing me as a child's would grasp his mother. We embrace each other, tumbling over because I can't hold him, and his weight plunges us both back into the creek. We giggle as we hold each other and Oliver squeals, overcome with delight that he had managed to trick me.*

*He squeezes me once more, and screams at the top of his lungs, "I trick'd ya Brad!"*

### GLOBAL YOUTH LEADERS CONFERENCE

The July holidays saw three exceptional students winging their way to Washington D.C. to take part in this conference for gifted students from around the globe. The students were chosen for their scholastic merit, based on achieving NCEA Level One endorsed with Excellence, and leadership ability. Other extremely important factors were that they must be absolutely trustworthy and sensible as they travelled without an accompanying adult. They were under strict instructions to keep in contact frequently (hourly!) until they were safely under the care of GYLC personnel.

I was happy to nominate Ziah Taumoepeau, Daniel Wells and Michael Kerr and GYLC accepted all three. Before they left they were made Honorary Ambassadors of Taranaki at a ceremony at the New Plymouth District Council.

Students from diverse ethical backgrounds were put in groups and given a country to represent at a mock United Nations Summit. Intense research was required to ensure they understood the issues from that country's perspective. The boys represented the



College admirably which resulted in an invitation to nominate further students for 2016.

GYLC has become an integral part of the Gifted and Talented Programme not only for the trip and unique experience itself, but also as a meaningful motivator for students to strive for Excellence in academic subjects and ensure their overall behaviour is impeccable.

It will be interesting to see Ziah, Daniel and Michael use the wider understanding of Global Issues from the different perspectives they researched at the conference in their leadership roles at the College next year. The boys wrote the following reports:

*In the July holidays of this year Ziah Taumoepeau, Daniel Wells, and myself went on a trip of a lifetime to the Global Young Leaders' Conference in the United States. We had mentally prepared ourselves, undertaken hours of fundraising and now we were buzzing. The Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel was going to be our home for the next week. This hotel was grand. Then we had the chance to see America for ourselves in Georgetown with some of our new found friends. The first day was scorching hot, this was an extreme contrast to New Zealand, and the air- conditioned shops were hidden treasures for us. Later at the registration all the scholars attending the conference were assigned a country and provided information about the conference. I was assigned Russia, Ziah- France, and Daniel -South Africa. The diversity of my group was astounding. In it there were South Africans, Columbians, and Ghanaians. It was great to be placed in this environment with these people from different cultures. The whole experience was such an 'eye opener' and gave me new skills. The friends made were those that I'll never forget and hope to see again one day.*

**Michael Kerr**

*During our time in Washington D.C. we learned about other cultures and perspectives whilst also discovering new things about ourselves. Most days we would begin by meeting our fellow GYLC members in an activity that many people deem of great importance: eating. Each morning we would gather in a large hall and meet and greet many new faces. Meeting in our separate country groups gave us a sense of importance and*

responsibility to the people, and strengthened bonds with our new friends. By the end of the trip we took a lot of pride from our sense of belonging to something special and diverse. The groups not only proved their importance in helping us bond but also provided learning opportunities concerning the perspectives of various countries, ethnicities and worldwide organizations. This was vitally important as it gave us a wider understanding about how the world operates. It made us think about life outside our own countries and to take an overall objective view of the world. This has shaped us as people as we now look at the world through more experienced eyes. However, this was only half of our experience of Washington D.C; the other portion was spent seeing and experiencing the many important landmarks, in particular, the Lincoln and Vietnam memorials.

**Daniel Wells**

We then ventured to New York to explore what this historic city had to offer us young scholars. Overwhelmingly, I was shopping in Times Square and Soho, looking over New York from the Empire State Building, and sailing around the Statue of Liberty on a cruise ship. I had only ever dreamt of seeing these locations and through GYLC, it was made a reality. The highlight wasn't so much the sight-seeing nor the activities, it was the people. That's also misleading, they're now not just 'people.' They are life long friends - all 250. We became a family. GYLC was the best two weeks of my life and I would highly recommend it to any other students. I'll cherish those memories all my life.

**Ziah Taumoepeau**

### LAW MOOTING

Take a bow Russell Wilson! For the sixth year running Russell has generously given his time to tutor our boys in the wily arts of Law Mooting. The competition is run by the Law Faculty of Waikato University and is based on what is expected from second year law students. After many weeks of researching, practising and honing their courtroom manner, two teams from FDMC entered the Taranaki competition. This was held in the



New Plymouth District Court. It was interesting that the case was one that had been through the High Court and was based on school students and hair rules. A very relevant topic!

The first team of Kurt Biesiek as Senior Counsellor, James Heederger as Researcher and Chris Headey as Junior Counsellor were up against New Plymouth Boys' High. The second team of Jostijn Dessing as Senior Counsel, Callum Milner as Junior Counsel and Jordan Dunn as Researcher faced Spotswood College. The moots were held around the country and videoed, then moderated against each other. The top eight were then chosen for the semi finals that are held in the Hamilton District Court at night.

To our delight and Russell's credit, both teams made the top eight. This was an incredible result and we were justifiably proud.

Team 1 was against Tauranga Girls' High School and Team 2 against Waikato Diocesan. The depth of the argument and knowledge of the case was outstanding from all the teams. Two District Court judges presided over each moot and took their job very seriously to give the students a realistic taste of courtroom procedure. As in real life, the boys did not get to choose whether they appeared for the defendant or the appellant. A nervous wait ensued to see if either (or ideally both!) team had made the final.

And, a week later back we travelled to Hamilton because Team 1 was in the final against Hamilton Boys'



### Law Mooters

**Back Row:** Reuben Douds, Jostijn Dessing, Kurt Biesiek, Mrs R. Wackrow  
**Front Row:** Iziah Willetts, Chris Headey, Callum Milner, James Heederger  
**Absent:** Jordan Dunn



### Bridge Club

**Back Row:** Ryan Sadler, Joseph Taylor, Mrs R. Wackrow  
**Front Row:** James Freeman, Andrew Xiao, John Fregley

High School. Kurt, James and Chris now had to argue for the opposite side of the case. They were determined to give it their best for Russell, as this was his last year of taking Law Mooting at the College. The atmosphere was tense as we were now in the High Court in front of three judges.

They regularly interrupted the students' flow with rapid-fire questions. Our boys were cool, calm and collected, and confidently cited other cases to validate their arguments. Sadly, we were second. Happily, Kurt Biesiek won the cup for 'The Best Law Mooter of the Competition'. This was an outstanding achievement and thoroughly deserved.

The boys were delighted to receive \$300 each and the opportunity to have work experience with the law firm of McCaw Lewis Ltd. who sponsored the prizes. This is arranged for early December and will no doubt be invaluable for the boys.

So as Russell bows out, having positively influenced many boys with his time and expertise, we can only thank him with warm appreciation... and leave the door open!

### BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge Club 2015 has been an interesting year. We have had 'ups and downs', wins and losses, strong hands and weak hands; yet all the while we had fun and learnt more of the game. Sadly we lose the mainstays of the group - John Frengley, Ryan Sadler and Andrew Xiao, so are on the 'scout' for new members. The time, day and place to meet can all be flexible to fit with the group.

In terms of our playing experience we are a varied pack; some have had hands with long suits and large points, others not. All who came were involved, and all learnt to play. My grateful thanks go to Dr. Frengley who cheerfully shared his time and expertise with our boys.



### Brain Bee Team

Left - Right: Thomas Hadley, Felix Webby, Daniel Chow, Thomas Morgan

### BRAINBEE CHALLENGE

Five Year 11 students from Francis Douglas participated in the 2015 Brain Bee Challenge this year. The first round was an online competition. Four of the students, Daniel Chow, Thomas Hadley, Thomas Morgan and Felix Webby were invited to participate in the second round of the 2015 Brain Bee Challenge in Auckland.

The event was attended by 182 students from all over the North Island. The boys participated individually and as a team of four. The students were well prepared for both rounds as they had studied a wide range of topics on Neuroscience. We were disappointed that the team did not make it into the 'top four' of the 45 teams in the team event, but competition was tough. However, the big excitement came when Daniel Chow was called up as one of the 8 finalists in the individual challenge.

The excitement continued to rise when after 15 questions, Daniel was in third place with two other students. After a tense tie breaker the other two contestants were eliminated. Another 15 questions followed in which Daniel maintained his lead and finished in third position. We are very proud of Daniel.

### BOOKS FOR KIRIBATI

We heard a whisper that the shelves at the Kiribati National Library were almost bare. There are students from Kiribati in our FDMC family so obviously we needed to rally to the cause. Ko raba (thank you) to Mairenga and Edward for helping to promote a book drive. Boxes and boxes of good quality books donated by students and staff were taken to our local 'Repco' to be delivered to Kiribati.



### NEWS FROM THE SHIRE

In the Year 2011, six young boys, neither tried nor tested, set out on a journey of adventure to discover if they could conquer the construction of a functioning 'Hobbit door' to a certain classroom. They succeeded. It was a delight and the subject of much awe.



*This superb cake was created by Jeremy Johnston.*

### BILLY GRAHAM

There is an old saying that 'the pen is mightier than the sword', and for some Year 10 boys this was certainly true. They used the autobiography by Billy Graham for their literature study this year. For some it was the first time they had really engaged with ideas in a book. Billy is a generous motivator who was voted New Zealander of the Year in 2010, however he fully admits he was out of control as a young boy.

Due to the letter writing skills of Mrs Wackrow's Year 10 class the school was privileged to have Billy Graham speak to our students. Twenty-one hastily penned letters from the boys to Billy worked their magic. A week later there was a phone call to say how amazed Billy was with the letters and that he was coming to visit! A whole school assembly was quickly organised and Billy 'rocked' the gym, getting boys to play the



In the Year 2015, these same young men, now both tried and tested and found to be true 'College men' of integrity and valour, returned to the classroom to see how their creation had fared over five long years during which thousands of hobbits, elves, lakemen, dwarves and wizards, a few orcs and wargs, and the odd dragon had crossed its threshold. It still stood as a testimony to their skills and is a delight to all who dare to enter.

Obviously from the corresponding photos, Ryan Sadler, Logan Walsh, Connor Lindsay, Joseph Taylor, Conor O'Neill and Kurt Biesiek have also grown in physical stature. Others have not!



### DRAGON TREASURE

Smaug may have thought he was invincible when he arrogantly stated:

*'My armour is like tenfold shields,  
My teeth are swords,  
My claws spears,  
The shock of my tail a thunderbolt,  
My wings a hurricane  
And my breath death.'*

However, it certainly did not take an age for a hungry horde of Year 9 students to demolish and devour him!



harmonica and sing "You are My Sunshine"! Billy's can-do positive attitude to everything and his common-sense examples to our students made for a lively and beneficial educational session.

Lunch with the boys who had written the letters followed and some serious messages about listening and keeping your mind and body clear of rubbish were shared, and then Billy was off to open another charity gym.

### ROUND UP

2015 has been another busy and varied year for the Gifted and Talented Programme. Our outstanding success was in Law Mooting. Innovative learning experiences have been made available to many motivated students.

I am always looking for new ideas and invite students or parents to tell me of opportunities they would like to see included in the programme.

It is important to spread the Gifted and Talented net as wide as possible, to involve a high number of students whilst at the same time minimising disruptions to regular classes. Where possible the programmes have been run after school, at lunchtimes or in my non-contact periods. With this in mind it is imperative that the Future Problem Solving programme continue to grow and be given at least some time in the timetable to allow those students working in teams to be extended further.

The NAGS say we must give 'gifted and talented' students extension opportunities. If this is not timetabled then an alternative is to hire a tutor who is experienced in the complexities of FPS to coach the teams. I have made some enquiries but as we are the only school in Taranaki offering FPS I have not found anyone qualified to do this.

**Robyn Wackrow**  
Gifted and Talented Coordinator

## THE ARTS

A huge thanks to the College proprietors, (especially Brother Sir Patrick Lynch) and the BOT for their roles in providing the wonderful new art facilities which are the light filled, warm, functional classroom spaces we now inhabit. We are blessed to have new wet darkroom facilities, a small lighting laboratory and a separate computer room with 10 new computers for design and photography students. These facilities posed a few teething problems initially due to computer network access, but now that these are resolved staff and students have been thrilled with the technology and facilities. The generous furniture fit-out grant has enabled us to procure data projectors for the rooms

and new wireless modems, get seating, pay for keying of the facility, and we look forward to the delivery of e-TVs for wireless communication with our computers in 2016. It has also been wonderful to finally access the adjacent Office space during the last few weeks of term that was built nigh on 10 years ago before the initial planned building of the artrooms was curtailed due to cost overruns between the planning and tendering process. This entire facility is really a dream come true and the quiet, focussed working environment of the new rooms has been a welcoming space for many students who choose to work in their lunchtimes and after school. It has been a pleasure to work in and in the evenings when the passive heating from the concrete slabs emit heat, it also is very cosy! Heartfelt thanks to everyone who played a part in seeing this vision to fruition.

The art staff of Jane Aitken Connolly, Briana Matthews, Lana Rowland, Anna Scott and Scott Crocker have also appreciated the space, the storage and the relationship we have forged with our new found friends in the Technology Department. A big thank you to their HOD Allen Jones, and staff Andy Evans and Steve Ritchie for their support, skills and fraternisation. It has been a pleasure working beside you and having the workshop facilities more available to our students.

In the wider 'Arts' framework, the first half of the year is often quite congested with O'Shea Drama, the Sheilah Winn contest, Chamber Music Competitions, Rockquest, Taranaki Youth Orchestra performances and events such as the Hamilton Concert Band Competition. WOMAD also came to New Plymouth again in March and it was great to have 10 boys working to earn tickets for the Sunday performances again and to have Patrick Fisher-Evans (our Cultural Captain) and Vanshay Bindra involved with the human library.

This year the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare team won a place to the National Competition again. Pascale had done a great coaching job and they really were a stand out at the local competition in Stratford on 1 April.



### Shakespeare

**Back Row:** Mrs P. Joines, Ollie Doherty-Ramsay, Ziah Taumoepeau, Polaiu'amea Kirifi  
**Front Row:** Colby Wall, Nathan Cousins-Lapworth, Patrick Fisher-Evans, Michael Wells, John Frengley

Chris Connolly transported the team to Wellington on May 28 and attended workshops with the boys. I bussed down that night after celebrating the College Founder's Day. It was a great weekend of competition and camaraderie and the St. James Theatre provided the performers with a professional stage experience. It was exciting when Polaiu'amea Kirifi was identified by the judges and invited to attend the holiday workshops for the SGCNZ National Shakespeare Schools Production (NSSP) from which 24 students are selected for the SGCNZ Young Shakespeare Company, to travel to the Globe Theatre (London) and Stratford Upon Avon for two and a half weeks in July the following year.

The O'Shea Shield Team travelled to Wellington this year accompanied by Richard and Ruth Marris and Diana Blair on Friday 1 May. Anna Mace and I travelled down after the College day was finished to support the team who was competing at St. Patrick's (town) against 17 other schools. It was another weekend of fierce competition with our boys gaining top marks in the Oratory division, and 5's for the Religious Drama, Scripture Reading, Religious Questions and Impromptu speech categories. Unfortunately we were the only school without an entrant in the Te Reo Scripture Reading section which disadvantaged us points wise. With several capable Te Reo Maori students in the College, I am sure next year this area will be filled. Several members of the FDMC staff generously provided their skills and time to help prepare competitors for their sections.

Last year's inaugural entry in the 'Pasifika Fusion Competition' run in Palmerston North was built on this year. Vali Taumoepeau generously gave of his time for two terms to enable FDMC to field a cultural item in the event. He choreographed the performance which identified each of the students cultures e.g. Fiji, Kiribati, Tonga and Samoa. He also provided the drum accompaniment. Pascale Joines and Richard Marris travelled with the team, and Vali attended too. The students entered in several areas of the competition and Polaiu'amea Kirifi won the Senior English speech, and William Peters won the Senior Essay Competition.



### Pasifika Fusion

**Back Row:** William Peters, Jonathan Fidow, Ziah Taumoepeau, Jensen Taumoepeau, Mrs P. Joines  
**Front Row:** Lorenzo Taylor, Javaahn Taumoepeau, Mason Taylor, Mairenga Laapo, Saki Waicere



The preparation for this competition has helped raise the profile of one of the smaller cohorts at the College. Pascale Joines and a willing band of female staff helped make the boys' outfits which looked stunning under the lights, and thanks must go to Allen Jones and the Technology staff who made, painted and taped the batons along with the senior 'Pasifika' entrants.

Another event which helped lift the profile of some of our smaller cultural communities was 'Celebrating Diversity Week'. Margie Smith invited performers such as Scottish pipers to come and share their music with us. Other events were a staff luncheon in the dining-room where staff from other countries identified with their culture, and the Student Leadership Team helped organise a range of food options to order and buy. Tobias Wright and the Music students performed and played music from a range of genres such as reggae, rock and pop. By coincidence I had booked 'Zimboyz' in 2014 to come and perform on Monday 18 May. They are a trio of African performers who are now based in Australia. They presented 2 shows to the junior and senior school that were well received and started 'Diversity Week' off well. The boys were impressed by their agility, strength and range of acrobatic skills. EXCEL School of Performing Arts came and performed their annual promotional showcase on the Friday, so it was a good way to close out a week of diverse performances, food and cultural awareness.

This year the New Plymouth Operatic Society continued with its Schools' programme on Thursday 23 April and we were grateful to be provided with 25 tickets. We took students to an afternoon of workshops and to the night performance of 'Mamma Mia' written by playwright Catherine Johnson. The afternoon workshops gave students the chance to speak to cast and crew and to look closely at set, costume, lighting and sound design. The Q and A session enabled students to have their questions (which had been emailed the previous week) answered by actors, the Director - Andy Spindler, NPOS Chairman - Kevin Landrigan, performer- Jenny Murray and choreographer - Carolyn Murphy. This generous opportunity should help our drama boys respond well in the external A.S. 91911 - *Demonstrate understanding of the use of drama aspects within live performance.*

As covered in the Music Report, our staff (both itinerant and part-time) continue to work hard to provide







students with a range of opportunities. Students have competed in Chamber Music competitions, played in Taranaki Youth Orchestra performances, performed at the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Orchestra Day at Spotswood College on Friday 5 May, competed in the annual 'Rockquest' regional finals at the TSB Showplace on Friday 12 May, which unfortunately clashed with the Chamber Music Competitions on the same night. Richard and Ruth Marris attended this and supported our competitors- Thomas Hadley, James Ansley, Ben Hall, David Codd and Dominic Jacquemard, as Tobias Wright and I had other commitments.

As mentioned in the Music Report we are fortunate to retain students such as Dominic Jacquemard who currently is the top U21 Brass Percussionist in New Zealand. He leads a busy life as his skills are sought by many groups in the region. He and Daniel Chow passed their Grade 6 ABRSM Theory exams at the end of last year.

Several of the College Concert Band musicians are also involved with the Taranaki Youth Orchestra which is a fantastic grouping of like minded and talented students from all schools who are conducted by Jocelyn Beath. Their first performance for the year was at St Andrews Church on 26 March, where David Codd provided a solo performance on the pipe organ. The next performance for this group was on Sunday 9 August.

The 'TopArt' Show came to the newly opened Len Lye centre at the end of Term 3 so it was a good opportunity for our Years 12 and 13 painting and photography students to view the best work presented by senior students in New Zealand in 2014 for Level 3 NCEA and Scholarship, and enabled them to get a feel for how their own work 'stacked up' nationally.

We need to thank College STAR funding (Lauren O'Reilly and her team) and Government Arts Co-ordination support for helping us bring Michel Tuffery and FLOX (Hayley King) to Taranaki. We hosted an amazing weekend with this duo at FDMC where teachers and 20 of our students worked alongside each other to learn and develop additional skill-sets for stencil/spray and woodblock created work. Their generosity of sharing their skills and knowledge kept

us all busily working in this COLAB workshop for the two days. When their flights were postponed back to Auckland and Wellington it enabled them to see a few additional Taranaki sights where they both enjoyed a quick visit to the newly opened Len Lye Centre and a wet walk around the street art in the CBD.

After a recent visit, we have been approached to host a 2 day workshop from art merchants Gordon Harris in 2016 which will again extend our knowledge of new media and techniques. With continued product advancement it is necessary to keep abreast of new developments that will be beneficial to our students. In this vein APIX will be offering a Photographic Lighting Workshop for our students in Term One which we are looking forward to.

Alongside the wider Arts opportunities and involvement of this Department, the core delivery of visual art to all Years 7 and 8 as a 13 week module, the Year 9's as a 20 week option (which swaps for the second half of the year with Music), a half year Year 10 option and then NCEA Level 1, 2, and 3 courses in Painting, Photography and Design, we are kept busy.

The end of year race progressed as per usual. Art Departments throughout New Zealand have a hectic last few weeks at the beginning of Term 4 when portfolio submissions for Levels 1, 2, 3 and Scholarship dispatch dates become pressing deadlines. This year was no different with students and staff working weekends and late in to the night laying down design, photography and painting submissions. It was very satisfying to see the final submissions and we hope to repeat the 100% pass rate that we achieved in 2014. Time will tell!

The Year 9 Arts Module course continued this year as a 'taster' for Year 10 Drama. It was delivered to all Year 9 classes for three periods per week over an 8 week slot. It provided students with an introduction to drama skills and enabled them to devise/write a script based on an event, to cast it, block it in and finally perform their productions, which were then videoed as a teaching tool. Thanks to Scott Crocker and Anna Scott for delivering this.

Drama continues to be provided as a module in Year 10 and is taught by Kath Curd. Twelve of the boys that





studied this in Year 10 in 2014, became our first NCEA Level One class this year. Most of these students were involved in the SHGC production of 'The Wizard of Oz' and gained performance credits associated with this. Next year it is exciting that the first Year 12 NCEA Drama course will be delivered and we wish Kath well with this.

It is fair to report that the Arts remain alive and well at FDMC. Being tucked away down the driveway means we are slightly less visible than we have been in the past but with our new facilities we extend an invitation to parents, caregivers and visitors to 'pop in' when visiting the College and to have a look around. I would like to thank the Arts Department of Tobias Wright, Briana Matthews, Lana Rowland, Scott Crocker, Kath Curd and Anna Scott for their tireless efforts. We wish Anna well in her new role at Spotswood College and thank her for seamlessly taking over Lana's classes when she left on maternity leave.

With Arts opportunities booked for 2016, we look forward to new creative horizons. With timetables distributed and staffing negotiated, planning has now begun.

**Jane Aitken Connolly**  
**HOD Arts**

## MUSIC

The Music Department has created its fair share of noise for 2015. With its growing development of resources and up and coming performers, there is a regular sound being emitted during most classes and lunchtimes.

The itinerant instrumental tutors have been moulding musicians with their hard work and persistence and as a result FDMC has an array of instrumental players. We are grateful for the continued support from Jocelyn Beath, Susan Case, Amanda Henry, Mary Williams, Stewart Maunder, Mike Harding, Ken Sole, Ross Townsend, Phil Cook, Robin Wells and Ross Halliday. Their continued input into the Music programme at FDMC ensures that students have opportunities to compete in events such

as Chamber Music competitions, the Taranaki Youth Orchestra, J-Band and the Brass Band, perform at the Jazz Club and compete in events such as Rockquest and the Hamilton Concert Band Competition.

The Secondary Schools' Orchestra Day held at Spotswood College earlier in the year, proved to be inspirational for our students who participated. It provided a unique situation for all Taranaki Secondary Schools to collaborate on a performance project.

Our Jazz Band played at the Schools' Day at the Jazz Club in September under the guidance of Robin Wells, and entertained the large turnout of public at the Mayfair venue. The Jazz Band is often called upon to perform for formal occasions and do so willingly. We appreciate them immensely.

Our School has some talented musicians but when they combine their powers with our sister school, Sacred Heart Girls' College, you end up with a super group who rehearsed twice weekly to prepare themselves for the Waikato Band and Orchestra Festival. They returned triumphant with a Silver Plus award for their hard work and earned two Merit awards which was primarily due to the expert guidance of the group's conductor, Stewart Maunder.

The bi-annual SHGC and FDMC musical production this year was "The Wizard of Oz". It showcased talented students from both Colleges with some impressive acting and singing, and required a considerable amount of effort from all involved. Due to the large number of participants there were three casts, and our musicians supported the combined band with help from old boy Caleb Brbich under the baton of Raewyn Darua.

Our students have also been involved with the Taranaki Youth Orchestra and have performed at many concerts; often held in St. Andrews Church. Jocelyn Beath's input with the TYO helps recognise talented players and does a great job nurturing them.

The Music Dept. was involved with a re-recording of our school song "Hymn to the Founder", which utilized some of our Year 11 music students in the process. We gave the tune a revamp in order to provide inspiration for Assembly singing and the House Competition.



As well as extra curricular opportunities for our students we are pleased to be able to offer guitar and keyboard tuition as part of the Year 9 core curriculum. Students develop the skills to read music notation and apply this practically. It is beneficial to have Mike Harding's skills to help with this.

Our NCEA Level One students have presented their Solo and Group Performances in a range of venues. David Codd presented an NCEA solo performance to family and staff at St. Mary's Cathedral. He is taught the organ by Harry Brown and we were grateful that the Musical Director at St. Mary's Cathedral, Christopher Luke, provided the opportunity for this to happen.

Thank you to those who came and supported him. We have also supported senior students who are not in NCEA Music classes but are highly proficient, to attain NCEA credits on their instrument of choice. Congratulations to James Ansley who attained Level Three credits for his Solo and Group Performances, as well as Composition. Well done to Cormac Griffin who also studied NCEA Level Three Music with support from Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu, and Mrs Chapman.

The Year 10 option class enjoyed their band performances in the quad at the end of their course. It was great to see them confidently perform in their groups.

During International Week the Music Department profiled a range of world music with live performances in the quad as well as playing a range of musical genres.

We are looking forward to hearing the development of musical talent this school has on offer, and next year should be a rewarding listen.

**Tobias Wright**  
**TIC Music**

### MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Jacques McCallum-Lind (Year 11) was presented with a scholarship from the New Plymouth Rotary Club through the Louis Kuthy Fund to help further his studies in music. Jacques has also been awarded a substantial grant from the Dame Malvina Major Foundation to assist with his performing arts studies. Congratulations Jacques.

### THE WIZARD OF OZ

After more than 100 hours of practice, the Wizard of Oz was performed successfully seven times during its performance week. Several of our boys took the opportunity to pursue their love of drama, leaving the audiences very impressed.

Jacques McCallum-Lind and Patrick Fisher-Evans were brilliant in reminding us that, "some people without brains do an awful lot of talking". Finlay Morris as the



Cowardly Lion learned, "You are under the unfortunate impression that just because you run away you have no courage; you're confusing courage with wisdom."

Shyon Noble and Bailey Thompson looked resplendent dancing in their green gowns whilst John Frengley and Caylem Cook as the Wizard, taught 'Tinman' Cormac Griffin that, "A heart is not judged by how much you love; but by how much you are loved by others."

Titan Cook, Jeremy Johnston, Kaleb Thompson, Ryan Sadler and Ethan Dombroski danced and sang every night as part of the stunning chorus.

Dominic Jacquemard, Daniel Chow, David Codd and Ben Hall performed in the backing band.

Director Marie Hunneyball, assisted by musical director - Mrs Daurua, and dance teacher - Raylene Luckin, can be proud of the highly polished show that resulted from countless hours of hard work. Cath Ledger and her team of frantic minions created costumes that had the cast looking like professionals as they took to the stage, and Heidi Griffin ensured they were all well fed and smiling.

Thanks to those family members and friends who supported our boys.



### Wizard of Oz Crew

**Back Row:** David Codd, Ryan Sadler  
**Second Row:** Bailey Thompson, Patrick Fisher-Evans, Joseph Taylor, Dominic Jacquemard, Caylem Cook, Jacques McCallum-Lind, Ben Hall, Ethan Dombroski  
**Front Row:** Kaleb Thomson, Finlay Morris, Cormac Griffin, Daniel Chow, Titan Cook, John Frengley, Bradley Van Beers, Jeremy Johnston

**FDMC Students and their associated roles:**

John Frengley - Professor Marvel/Oz  
 Jacques McCallum-Lind - Scarecrow/Hunk  
 Cormac Griffin - Tinman/Hickory  
 Caylem Cook - Professor Marvel/ Oz  
 Shyon Noble - Guard/ Uncle Henry  
 Finlay Morris - Lion/Zeke  
 Patrick Fisher-Evans - Scarecrow/ Hunk  
 Bailey Thompson - Guard/Uncle Henry  
 Titan Cook, Ryan Sadler, Kaleb Thompson,  
 Jerry Johnston, Ethan Dombroski - Chorus  
 Nathan McKnight, Joseph Taylor and  
 Bradley Van Beers - Backstage

**Kath Curd****English and Drama Teacher****YOUNG ENTERPRISE SCHEME**

The Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) is a Business Studies programme for Year 13 students. The students form a company, invest money, produce a product or service of their choice and take it to market, keeping any profits made. This year we were able to form six companies, doubling the number of companies we entered last year.

Back in March, 'bearwood.', 'Ecowax NZ', 'Dainty', 'zorBall', 'Dirtyboots' and 'GoTaranaki' all made their debut at E-day, armed with an array of fantastic ideas to make their fortunes. This was an awesome opportunity for the students to discuss their ideas with established business people from the local community and receive some valuable advice before preparing their Business Plans. Unfortunately it wasn't long after this that the class had to say goodbye to 'Dainty', dissolving the company due to boys moving on to take up apprenticeships.

After creating the Business Plan, next on the agenda was the 'Dragons' Den' Competition. This required students pitching their companies to a panel of judges. The students all worked exceptionally well together and created very slick presentations with 4 of the 5 companies qualifying for the finals. The finals had higher stakes with cash prizes on the line for the best presentations. The presentations were impeccable and it was a very close competition with 'zorBall'



sneaking into third place and 'bearwood.' taking out the competition in a draw with NPGHS.

Now that the students had made a plan, it was time to execute it. First up they needed to start producing and preparing their products. After they had a few products made, the year began to 'whizz by' with plenty of work to be done for the Trade Fairs, Showcases and marketing plans. Before long it was time to piece together the annual review and attend the Annual Young Enterprise Scheme Regional Awards' Evening. This was an extremely successful night with the Francis Douglas Memorial College companies achieving great success. All of the students were congratulated for their efforts throughout the year and it was highlighted that it was a very close competition this year.

**Francis Douglas Memorial College Regional Awards List:**

Implement + Associates Best Customer Service Award 'bearwood.'

Taranaki Regional Council Sustainable Business Award 'bearwood.'

WITT/BDO Business Plan First Place - 'Ecowax NZ'

BDO Annual Review Award - 'bearwood.'

94.0 The Edge Taranaki Regional Third Place 'Ecowax NZ'

**Young Enterprise**

**Back Row:** Harrison Smith, Louis Poole, Jayden Calder, Miss B. Matthews  
**Front Row:** Ollie Polson, Jack Ternouth, David Gardner

Shell and Spark Digital Taranaki Regional Winner 'bearwood.'

Congratulations to 'bearwood.' for coming out 'on top' as the overall Regional Winner. This has opened up a range of opportunities for the four students who were part of this company. The Regional prize pack consisted of a promotion pack from 'Graphix Explosion' to help them on the way to the Nationals, a 'Spark' digital voucher to purchase something to go towards the school, and a scholarship each to Massey University should they choose to go there. They were formally recognised again at the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards' 2015, where Connor Lindsay spoke exceptionally well while receiving their award. This was an amazing night and it was awesome to see the students recognised for their hard work alongside such a high calibre of local businesses.

They then had to prepare for the Young Enterprise Scheme National Awards in Wellington. This involved a presentation to showcase their business in front of business people, the public and the other regional finalists. This was then judged to decide the overall National Winner. It was a fantastic experience for the four boys and we are so proud of all they have achieved. This year has been a great year for the Year 13 Business Studies class with many lessons learned, and successes for all of the companies. It wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce and all the hard work the Regional Co-ordinators, Sam Bennet and Miranda Williams have put in. They work tirelessly to organise events, students, teachers and sponsorship that makes the scheme such a success here in Taranaki.

Although the boys have not made their millions yet, I'm sure they will all go on to achieve great things in the business world and that the memories and knowledge they have gained this year will stick with them for a long time.

In 2016 we are introducing the course at Year 12/ NCEA Level 2 as well, and are hoping to continue growing the programme here at Francis Douglas Memorial College and increasing our chances of holding on to the top spot. Good Luck to all of the companies joining the scheme next year.

### Briana Matthews Business Studies Teacher



#### Young Enterprise

**Left - Right:** Blake Habib, Jayden Taylor, Bailey Wisnewski, Jack Richardson, Miss B. Matthews



#### Young Enterprise

**Left - Right:** Ryuki Han, Connor Lindsay, Finn Parr, Aaron Doherty, Miss B. Matthews



#### Young Enterprise

**Left - Right:** Zack Thomson, Jack Davies, Callum Cookson, Miss B. Matthews



#### Young Enterprise

**Back Row:** Josh Dempster, Taine Win, Miss B. Matthews  
**Front Row:** James Freeman, Hayden Moral, Alton Gondipon

## Careers, Pathway, Gateway, STAR and Trades Academy

At the beginning of 2015 we farewelled Carol Land who has been the mainstay of the Careers Department for many years as she took on the role of full-time Guidance Counsellor in 2015. We also welcomed two new people into the Department, Jenny Sheriff and Kylie Read.

The Careers Department now consists of:

Lauren O'Reilly	HOD Careers - Pathways, Gateway, STAR and Trades Academy Coordinator
Jenny Sheriff	Careers Adviser
Christel Chapman	Careers Assistant
Karen Maclean	STAR/Gateway Administrator
Kylie Read	Pathways Assistant

The Education Review Office recently published 'Careers Education and Guidance Good Practice 2015' which states:

*"High quality careers education and guidance is an essential part of preparing students for their future. Supporting learners to make informed choices about subjects and pathways can make them more engaged in education and more motivated about the future. This can improve their overall quality of life, sense of purpose and the contributions they make to their families and communities. Young people's choices at school have a big impact on their lives - affecting not just their further education, training and employment, but also their social lives and health outcomes."*

## Some Career Initiatives in 2015

### Year 11 Career Conversations

Career conversations/goal-setting were undertaken with all Year 11 students and have been ongoing throughout the year. These include the provision of career or tertiary sector information, discussions about subjects needed for particular courses and the reviewing of where students are at in relation to NCEA Level 1.

### Year 10 Career Module

In the Year 10 Career Module the students explored the comprehensive 'CareersNZ' website and completed 'CareersQuest'. They also completed a simple skills-based CV, researched three careers which appealed to them, and listened to various speakers e.g. the Future Intech Career Ambassadors and Steve Ritchie from our Technology Department.

### University Liaison Visits

During Terms 1 and 2 each of the eight universities presented an information session for Year 13 students in their Tuesday study period. The Pasifika Liaison



Officer from Victoria University has also visited our senior Pasifika boys and gave them information about courses and pastoral support for Pasifika students at Victoria. In August all universities were available for course planning for our students. Many of our students attended the university open days.

### Careers Expo at TSB Stadium

The annual Careers Expo was attended by all Years 10, 11 and 12 students.



### Whyora Programme

The objective of the Whyora (Why Health) programme is to increase the employment of Maori within the health sector. Nineteen FDMC boys have participated in the Taranaki District Health Board programme this year along with other schools. The boys attended workshops, listened to speakers and toured the ambulance station and ambulance, the helicopter station, the laboratory, the maternity ward, the old operating theatre and the hospital café.



## Vocational Pathways

The Vocational Pathways provide new ways to achieve NCEA Level 2 – the foundation for success in further education and the world of work. The pathways help students see how their learning and achievement is valued in the 'real world' by aligning the NCEA Level 2 Assessment Standards including specific 'sector-related' standards with six industries:

- Primary Industries
- Services Industries
- Social & Community Services
- Manufacturing & Technology
- Construction & Infrastructure
- Creative Industries

These six pathways represent ways to structure and achieve NCEA Level 2 by providing a more coherent framework for foundational vocational education; students can develop their own individual education plans, are better informed and able to make better choices to meet their goals.

Government agencies, the industry training sector, secondary and tertiary representatives and industry and employer representatives worked together to develop the six Vocational Pathways for NCEA Level 2 as the foundation of the journey to employment.

What is a Vocational Pathways Award?

The award enables employers to assess whether potential employees' skills align with their industry requirements more easily.

The following diagram shows this relationship:



The Vocational Pathways Award(s) will be awarded to students on their NZQA Record of Achievement. This will be a real advantage when they look for work and training opportunities in the sector.

## Trades Academy

Trades Academy aims to engage young people in education and equip them with the vocational skills and training they need to gain future employment.

Trades Academies are aligned with the Vocational Pathways and deliver trades and technology programmes to secondary students based on partnerships between schools, tertiary institutions, industry training organisations and employers.

Practical Hands-On Learning:

While at the Taranaki Trades Academy students learn in a practical and hands-on environment using industry standard equipment and technology relevant



to their chosen career path. They will also develop the foundation skills they need to progress on to further study opportunities or move directly into employment.

Benefits:

- A head start on a Trades' career while still at school and while achieving NCEA
- Study at WITT/Taratahi 1 day per week (depending on programme)
- More choices for students to include vocational pathways in their range of study options
- 'Work Ready' young people
- Enrol into further study after successful completion of the Trades Academy

In 2015 we had 33 students attend Trades Academy as follows:

WITT	
Welding	8
Automotive	3
Electrical	11
Cookery	1
Restaurant Service	3
Sport & Fitness	1
PITA - Taratahi	
Agriculture	6

## STAR (SECONDARY TERTIARY ALIGNMENT RESOURCE)

STAR is a roll based (on senior school) fund that enables us to provide non-conventional courses for students.

The objectives of STAR are to:

- provide flexible funding for courses which will better respond to students' needs, motivate them to achieve, and facilitate their smooth transition to further education, training or employment.
- support students to explore career pathways and help them make informed decisions about their schooling and future work or study.

It is invaluable particularly in designing individual courses and putting students at the centre of decision making. It enables students to do a range of courses

outside school either by distance learning or through a course with other educational providers. In 2015 STAR funding was used for the following:

Animation, Agriculture, Automotive, Barista, Carpentry, Chainsaw, Electrical, First Aid, Film Making, Forklift, Health & Safety, Health Sciences - Anatomy, Horticulture, Hospitality, Hotel Management, Print Making, Retail - Customer Service, Sport Management/ Nutrition, Tourism

### GATEWAY

Gateway opens a new pathway from school to the world of work. It's a great opportunity to blend school study with workplace learning and experience. Learning is assessed in the workplace, counting towards national qualifications.

Gateway is about:

- Building links between school and industry
- Structured workplace learning
- For work ready and motivated students
- Requires a formalized arrangement with an employer
- Developing a learning plan that integrates with other school studies
- Being assessed in the work place

This year 43 Gateway students undertook a variety of work experience in industries as follows:

Engineering	7
Electrical	4
Automotive	7
Audio	1
Retail	2
Agriculture	4
Building	8
Refrigeration	1
Hospitality	2
Plumbing	2
Real Estate	1
Joinery	2
Information Technology	1
Outdoor Education	1

Thanks to the people and businesses that have supported us.

### CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAMME

The Career Pathways Programme (CPP) is a full time programme designed for senior students outside of the conventional school curriculum. It is designed to give students a chance to gain knowledge, skills and experiences and to support their transition to the work place or to further learning.

The aim of CPP is to provide a supportive, meaningful, alternative learning environment for students who



have achieved all they can from the conventional programme offered at FDMC.

The student's timetable is separate from the rest of the College and generally students cannot undertake any conventional classes. The students attend classes at school two days per week and attend courses and work experience three days a week. The school programme comprises of English/Workplace Literacy, Maths/Financial Literacy, Information Technology, Self Management/Workplace Skills, Gateway, Religious Education and Physical Education.

I wish to thank the teachers of CPP - John Neeson/ Graham Blanks, Martin Chamberlain, Matt Lash, John Wilcox and Estelle Meyer.

CPP 2015: Nick Bliss, John Cardy, Bryn Chard, Joe Conley, Daniel Crowe, Caleb Davis, Brendon Dent, Enele Fidow, Feterika Fidow, Joshua Fitzsimmons, Harrison Fraser, Shaun Gilmour, Jared Hall, Bailey Hammersley, Mathew Howcroft, Jared Hunt, Alan Mansell, Connor McLay, Kobe Ratapu, Harley Reihana-Dombroski, Jakcob Schrader, Maxim Stena, Jeremy Wise.

### Highlights of the Year:

#### First Aid - Meditrain

The students participated in a two-day first aid course that gives them a 'Skills for Life' Comprehensive First Aid Certificate, valid for two years.

#### Health & Safety Course - Promed

CPP participated in a one day Health and Safety course provided by Safety Matters NZ Limited. The students completed two unit standards.

#### Police Visit

CPP got to spend some time at the Police Station. They were shown what would happen if they were required to accompany a Police Officer back to the station for an evidential breath/blood test. Amongst other things they also saw the street surveillance cameras in operation.



### Career Pathways Programme

**Back Row:** Jared Hall, John Cardy, Maxim Stena  
**Second Row:** Kobe Ratapu, Mathew Howcroft, Jakcob Schrader, Brendon Dent, Jeremy Wise, Caleb Davis, Ms L. O'Reilly  
**Front Row:** Bryn Chard, Harley Reihana-Dombroski, Jared Hunt, Feterika Fidow, Enele Fidow, Daniel Crowe, Joshua Fitzsimmons, Alan Mansell, Joe Conley



### Courses

FEATS - Hospitality  
 G & H Training - Carpentry  
 Trades Academy - WITT & PITA (Taratahi)  
 AB Equipment - Forklift

CPP students took an active part in the College life, participating in the Swimming and Athletic Sports, Mission Action Day and representing the school in a variety of sporting codes.

Congratulations to Bryn Chard, Brendon Dent, Enele Fidow and Feterika Fidow - recipients of 'Colours' Sports Awards. Also congratulations to Enele who received the Kane Paltridge Memorial Trophy for Outstanding 1st XV Rugby Player, and the Wackrow Trophy for Greatest Contribution to Rugby League at the Sports Dinner.

Jared Hall did an outstanding job in organizing the sweatshirts for CPP this year.



It has been a pleasure to be involved with such a great group of young men. We wish everyone success as they begin their career pathway.

And as usual the last word goes to them:

*"Best two terms of my schooling life"*

*"Opened my eyes to the real world"*

*"CPP has unlocked a wide spectrum of job opportunities"*

*"Would have dropped out of school otherwise"*

*"Bloody awesome year"*

*"Given us opportunities for when we leave school"*

*"Discovering what it is like in the real world"*

**Lauren O'Reilly**  
**HOD Careers**

## CORRESPONDENCE AND DISTANCE LEARNING

In 2015 there were 24 students from Years 8 - 13 undertaking study through Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu (the Correspondence School).

Studying by correspondence enables our students to study, or continue to study subjects not available to them at the College. It also allows them the opportunity to explore a subject that they intend to study at tertiary level. This year students continued with Japanese, Spanish, Music and Digital Technology. Other subjects undertaken were: Level 3 Technology, Level 1 Spanish, Level 1 Japanese, German Advanced Introductory, Level 1 German, Level 2 Legal Studies, Level 2 Business Studies and Level 1 Latin.

All students have daily timetabled periods throughout the school year for their chosen subject; Year 10 three periods per week, Year 11 four periods per week and Year 12 - 13 five periods per week. Each student is allocated a teacher at Te Kura who they can access by phone or email as often as they want/need to. If the student takes note of their teacher's feedback whether it is on their written work, via email or a phone conversation they should, and most often do, succeed. I would like to pay a special thanks to the Teacher Aides Julia Butler, Monica Fenney, Pam Low and Ruth Morrison MacNicol for their work throughout the year with the students undertaking personalised programmes.

Studying a subject by correspondence has its own unique challenges. The student has to make it work which requires their commitment and self-motivation. It is an interesting learning curve for them and if nothing else gives those who are intending to carry on study at the tertiary level, a taste of self-directed independent learning albeit under supervision!

**Christel Chapman**  
**Correspondence Coordinator**

## FOREIGN LANGUAGES

### SPANISH REPORT

¡Hola! ¡Buenos días! Greetings like these are commonly heard in the playground and corridors of the College. This may be because all boys in Years 7, 8 and 9 have taken a Spanish module this year. There have also been two Year 10 classes, as an overwhelming number of boys have chosen to continue to study Spanish as a Year 10 option class as well. Although we are isolated in New Zealand, there are more and more opportunities to speak Spanish.

In February, we welcomed Franco and Ramiro to our school. These boys from Colegio de la Salle in Buenos Aires, Argentina, visited for three weeks and experienced the best of the College and the Taranaki region. Highlights of their trip were taking part in Swimming Sports, learning the Haka and seeing regional sights such as Paritutu, Mt. Taranaki and the coastal walkway. This is part of an established Lasallian exchange between our two schools. Fergus Conley and Nathaniel Peters will be visiting Argentina next year as part of the exchange.

The Year 9 Spanish classes enjoyed learning about Latin American culture through a visit to Sacred Heart Girls' College. These visits, which were suggested by Nicholas Walton three years ago, have become part of the Year 9 Spanish module. The students enjoy learning to dance the Merengue (a traditional dance of the Dominican Republic) and share afternoon tea. Thank you to Señora Roux for inviting the boys to visit Sacred Heart.

The Year 10 Spanish class was invited to take part in a Spanish Day facilitated by Massey University. The students learnt about Spanish and Latin American culture, tongue twisters, and Salsa dancing.

A trip to Spain is planned for 2016. Visits to Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo, Cordoba, Sevilla, and other amazing Spanish cities are on the itinerary. Language classes will also allow students to improve their ability to speak, read, write and understand Spanish.

**Christina Hermanns**  
**Spanish Teacher**

### LATIN DANCING

The boys in Year 9S carried on the tradition which started three years ago with Mrs Hermanns' Year 9 Spanish class. One afternoon, I decided to teach them the 'Merengue'. It is a partner dance and I encouraged the boys to hold hands and dance together which they did reluctantly. One of the students called out, "Miss, we need to go to Sacred Heart so we can dance with the girls!" That planted the seed and after a phone call to tee it up with Señora Roux and arranging a bus, we were on our way.



Little did we know that the tradition would carry on! This group of Year 9 boys were the best so far, there was not a wall flower among them! They all got into the spirit and after learning a few simple steps to gently lead their partners, they were dancing. Thank you to Sacred Heart for hosting us. We had a great time.

### SPANISH DAY - MASSEY UNIVERSITY

On 15 June, three Spanish lecturers from Massey University came to present several Spanish focussed sessions to the Year 10 Spanish students from Francis Douglas and Sacred Heart.

The sessions included: Indigenous Cultures of the Americas, Spanish Jeopardy, Spanish Pronunciation and Salsa Dancing. The students enjoyed listening to native speakers of Spanish, learning new things and dancing with the girls.

Thank you to Massey University for their visit.

**Christina Hermanns**  
**Teacher of Spanish and Science**



### EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM COLEGIO DE LA SALLE, BUENOS AIRES

We welcomed Franco and Ramiro from the Lasallian College in Buenos Aires in Term One. They visited for three weeks and stayed in the homes of Hunter Putt, Isaac Brown, Jack Newell and Thomas Hadley. While in New Zealand, they had the opportunity to experience

Kiwi life, swim in the rivers, go damn dropping, explore Mt Taranaki as well as visiting our college and attending classes.

They were here as part of a reciprocal exchange between our two colleges. Boys who are in Year 10 this year and would like to travel to Argentina next year should speak with Mrs Hermanns to apply for the exchange. It is a great way to improve your Spanish speaking as well as get to know another culture and meet new Lasallian friends.

**Christina Hermanns**  
**Spanish Teacher**



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

We started the year with eight International students from Japan, Thailand, and China. Akinobu Kobayashi from Japan was here for three terms from Ikubunak Global School in Tokyo. All the boys are highly complimentary of the school and teachers who support them.

The International students have contributed positively this year and as well as attending classes, they have actively participated in a variety of sports such as soccer, badminton, basketball, kendo, volley-ball, karate, swimming and athletics. It was very pleasing to





see Aki Kobayashi doing voluntary work for 'Breakfast in Schools'.

As a group we have been on a variety of outings including dinner at Gengy's and going to 'Airzone Trampoline Park' with all of the other International students from the region.

For the first time, FDMC celebrated International Week during Term Two. This gave the school a chance to celebrate and appreciate cultural diversity within our school community. Louis Poole introduced the week to the school and Ross MacNicol was the invited speaker at assembly on Monday. Scottish pipers piped the students out of assembly and then attended music class with Tobias Wright. 'Zimboyz' performed to the Junior School and then the Senior School in the course of the morning.

During the week students were entertained with cultural music by school musicians and Chinese and Japanese visitors from our local community came and spent time with Year 7 students. Displayed around the school were posters created by Year 10 students based on the theme- Cultural Diversity, plus a large map of the world in the school foyer indicating where our school community members originate. Samoan, Tongan and Fijian cultural items were on display. Our students from the Philippines performed an item in the library one



lunchtime and there was also the chance for students to practice greeting each other in other languages.

The hostel dining room also got into the theme with a variety of food from different days with Chinese, Italian, Mexican, American and Thai meals. Another highlight was staff who were born overseas being invited to lunch and wearing their national colours or bringing their flag with them.

Friday was the climax to a great week. 'Excel' School of Performing Arts played at assembly and Aaron Gao gave a speech on his experience of being an International student in New Zealand. Students wore mufti with a cultural theme and the boys could buy Japanese, Indian, Chinese and pizzas at lunchtime with the proceeds from both going to 'Starlit Hope Charity'. The intention of International Week was strengthening cultural and ethnic diversity by celebrating difference. I believe we achieved that and that the school can feel enriched by the experience.

Francis Douglas Memorial College International Department is a strong supporter of Study Taranaki which was formed recently with the co-operation of six secondary schools in the region, along with WITT and PIHMS, and facilitated by Venture Taranaki. The aim of the group is to attract International students to the region to gain internationally recognised qualifications, valuable life skills and have meaningful experiences to establish strong, successful futures. By working together we can provide the best care and support for those choosing to move to Taranaki to study.

The International Department is looking strong for 2016 with the remaining students returning next year.

**Margie Smith**  
International Students' Director



### International Students

**Back Row:** Mr M. Chamberlain, Daichi Inoue, Koichi Sei, Akinobu Kobayashi, Mrs M. Smith  
**Front Row:** Ekachai Sirimaha, Yuto Fujii, Aaron Gao, Yutaka Kunizaki, Hanson Qi



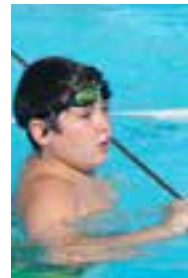
## SWIMMING SPORTS

Swimming Sports was held on Friday 20 February and as per usual was a competitive, fun and colourful day. With an emphasis on participation and House Competition, all students regardless of their ability are given points for their entries. The non-championship events see students with similar abilities competing against each other, whilst the championship events are hotly contested by representative swimmers.

The day was well supported by family and friends with the PTA providing a sausage sizzle for the visitors. Congratulations to the following for winning their age group competitions.

### House Points

Benildus 1477  
La Salle 1775  
Loreto 1530  
Solomon 1822





## SWIMMING SPORTS

### Year 7 Championship:

1st	Jack Cleland	(B)
2nd	Brady Meuli	(L)
3rd	Robert Ropitini	(L)

### Year 8 Championship:

1st	Jacob Whittle	(B)
2nd	Olly Spicer	(S)
3rd	Edwin Jochico	(LS)

### Junior Championship:

1st	Matthew Meuli	(L)
2nd	Troy Ryan	(L)
3rd	Theo Johnsen	(LS)

### Intermediate B:

1st	Zac Reid	(LS)
2nd	Jaxon Madden	(S)
3rd	Jack Spicer	(S)

### Intermediate A:

1st	Oisin Quinn	(S)
2nd	Aleksandar Timarac	(S)
3rd	Brad Saxton	(LS)

### Senior Championship:

1st	Eliot Lundon-Moore	(S)
2nd	Cameron Tofts	(B)
3rd	James Heerdegen	(LS)





## ATHLETIC SPORTS

The annual Athletic Sports Day was held on Tuesday 17 March. The windy conditions battered students, staff and bystanders, but the competitors gave it their best and achieved good results. The senior students donned house colours in a range of attire and Solomon followed on from their Swimming Sports' success to eke out a win which was closely contested by La Salle 19 points behind.





## ATHLETIC SPORTS

### AGE GRADE CHAMPIONS

#### Year 7

1st	Mehul Killa	(S)
2nd=	Oscar Hadley	(LS)
2nd=	Louis Newton	(LS)

#### Year 8

1st	Denzell Sofeni	(LS)
2nd	Connor Ford	(B)
3rd	Braeden Quilter-Phipps	(S)

#### Junior

1st	Joshua Hopkins	(LS)
2nd	Titan Cook	(L)
3rd	Brayden Herbert	(S)

#### Intermediate B

1st	Matthew O'Connell	(S)
2nd=	Liam Moore	(L)
2nd =	Finn Hosking	(LS)
2nd =	Jensen Taumoepeau	(S)

#### Intermediate A

1st	Caylem Cook	(L)
2nd	Polaiu'amea Kirifi	(LS)
3rd=	Jarrold Walsh	(LS)
3rd =	Felix Webby	(S)

#### Senior

1st	Thomas Wright	(S)
2nd	Steven Snoxell	(S)
3rd	George Monk	(B)

#### HOUSE POINTS

1st	Solomon	1664
2nd	La Salle	1645
3rd	Benildus	1529
4th	Loreto	1209



## RUGBY REPORT

On behalf of the College, I would like to thank all of the rugby players this year and the wider College community for your contribution and support of Rugby at Francis Douglas Memorial College. 2015 has been another good year for College Rugby. For the first time since 2013 we had two teams in the Finals' Day Competition, and it was great to see the College winning both of these finals.

The College 1st XV started the year by entering the Taranaki U21 Colts grade again before heading off on a 10 day tour of Sydney, Australia. This tour allowed the boys to gel together and play some good rugby while they were there. The boys had 1 win from 3 games but the experience gained by these boys will help them in the future. The 1st XV had a tough year this year, playing some good teams with big boys. Once again they stuck to game plan and got some good wins along the way. The boys advanced to the semi-finals in the Central North Island Competition, where they fell to St Paul's Hamilton, who would go on to win the final. A big positive for the 1st XV in 2015 was the number of new young players the coaches were able to bring into the team and give them the experience that will hugely benefit them and the team in the coming years. It was a great season boys, well done. A big thank you goes to Tim Stuck and Martin Dravitzki for coaching these boys through a long season. Thanks also go to Nick Taylor who has once again done an outstanding job managing the team.

The 2nd XV competed in the Premier Taranaki Secondary Schools' Competition, where they had a 'roller-coaster' of a season. They were a young team that had the potential to do excellent things. Unfortunately a few injuries would halt their season, and they would struggle early on in the season. As the year progressed, so did the quality of rugby. Combinations were clicking and the senior players really looked to lead the team. The boys got some outstanding wins during the year, ending up 4th in a really tough competition. The boys ended their season with the opportunity to play a 'curtain raiser' for our ITM Cup side. They were down early against a revved up Inglewood High School 1st XV and it looked to be over for the boys who were down by 20 points with 10 minutes to play. The FDMC 2nd XV



showed the fighting spirit College rugby is known for, and the boys came back to win by 2 points. Well done boys: a great year! Thank you to Riley McGregor and Jack Kirifi for the work you have done with these boys.

The 3rd XV had a season that is still being talked about today. In a season of highs and lows, the boys dug deep at the 'business end' of the season to make the final of Division 3. Down by a hefty margin at half time the boys looked down and out, but some encouraging words from Coach - Mr Jones, and Captain - Cody Rothwell, the boys found another gear in the second half and showed their fighting spirit, running away with the win from across town rivals, NPBHS. Well done boys: a fantastic season!

Mr van der Heever and Mr Casey took charge of the U15 'A' team this year. This was a new coaching combination with plenty of experience. Once again the U15 'A' team played in the open weight Division 2 grade, which meant they were playing against other schools 2nd and 3rd XV's, giving them some experience for the Hurricanes' Regional Tournament at the end of the year. The boys had some highs and lows, and were very unlucky to not make the finals, being 'pipped at the post' by the FDMC 3rd XV. The season ended with the U15 'A' once again travelling to Wellington. Thanks to Mr Crocker and Bailey Walsh for taking these boys down there. This tournament, like always, was a huge eye opener for the boys, playing some big strong teams from the Hurricanes Region. Like always, the College boys showed their skill and knowledge of the game and truly got noticed by other schools. Always the nice guys on and off the pitch (which is pleasing to see), and a pleasing result of 8th in the region is something to be proud of. Well done, boys. I hope you have gained some great experience that will help you develop in the next few years at FDMC.

The U15 Blue team had a year for which they should be commended. Playing much fitter and stronger teams the boys showed the FDMC attribute of never giving up. These boys stuck to it no matter what happened, week in and week out. There were plenty of positives to come from this team, and the players did develop throughout the year, with some of the boys getting the call up for the odd U15 'A' game. Some very good players will come from this team in the future. Hard work makes hard men, so well done boys and keep working. Well done to Ollie Polson and Jack Davies for the work they did here, and any other parents that have helped out during the season.

The U15 Gold team had a great year under the guidance of Mr Scott Crocker and Bailey Walsh. The team worked hard throughout the year and got some excellent results to match. There was a lot of development during the season for these boys, being beaten by NPBHS twice during the season, our boys had one last crack at them in the U63kg Finals' Day. This was a game that will be remembered for a long time: it was a close encounter that could have gone either way. Fortunately for us,

and the trusty boot of Jeremy Gopperth, the U15 Gold team would come away with the win on Finals' Day. Well done boys and coaches on a great year. This team was not a big side but played some very intelligent rugby and was successful because of this.

The U15 Green team experienced a tough year in the U63kg division. Nevertheless the players turned up each week to display commitment and pride in the College jersey. With plenty of development during the season, these boys truly deserve the branding of 'College Men'. They never gave up, and played some good rugby to match. Well done boys. A big thank you to Thomas Walsh for coaching this team.

The U15 Red team had a season of highs and lows. A small team in size but big on heart, this team really did develop throughout the season. There were some great wins and agonizing losses: these boys were unlucky not to make the finals for the U63kg B grade. There will be plenty of talented, smart rugby boys coming out of this year's Red team, so keep an eye on them. A huge thank you Layne Greensill and Hayden Seed for the work you have done with this team. Your knowledge and know-how of the game will be of huge benefit to these boys.

This year the FDMC U13 team had a good base of players who had all played together the previous year, so they knew each other well. It is safe to say there is plenty of young talent in this team that will be of huge benefit to College rugby in the future. Some great wins were had by this team this year, with a style of play that keeps you watching. Well done boys and a big thank to Darren Erb and Dean Spicer for the work you have done with these boys this year.

A special thank you must go to the following coaches and managers who so generously gave their time throughout the season and made a real difference to College Rugby:

1st XV	Tim Stuck, Martin Dravitzki, Nick Taylor
2nd XV	James Rowland, Riley McGregor, Jack Kirifi, Lana Rowland
3rd XV	Allen Jones
U15 'A'	Charl van der Heever, Matt Casey
U15 Blue	Ollie Polson, Jack Davies
U15 Gold	Scott Crocker, Bailey Walsh
U15 Red	Thomas Walsh, Steven Snoxell, Shaun Phillips, Brendon Dent
U15 Green	Hayden Seed, Layne Greensill
U13	Darren Erb, Dean Spicer

Thank you to all the parents for giving up your time to help develop College Rugby. Another 'thank you' to those students who gave up their time, while also playing for the 1st and 2nd XV's.

Well done to all those players who made representative teams. We had a number of boys attend the Chiefs U18 camp earlier in the year. We had a good number

of boys make the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Team, Taranaki U16's and Taranaki U14's, Taranaki U13 Open-weight and U13 Roller Mills teams. Well done boys, and keep striving for those higher honours.

For those students who are leaving the College, we look forward to following your progress in the future. FDMC certainly has a good representation within the ITM Cup, Super Rugby and International rugby teams. FDMC now has a good splash of players scattered around the country making their mark wherever they are. Ricky Riccitelli had a great year with the NZ U20 winning team, and then an outstanding season with the Hawkes Bay ITM Cup side. Teihorangi Walden continues to play well for Otago, and it was pleasing to see older brother Josh make a few appearances alongside him this year. Scott Barrett continues to work hard in Canterbury and gained another Super Rugby contract. A huge congratulations to Logan Crowley on his inclusion in the NZ U20 team. There are plenty of old boys both in New Zealand and across the world, doing their thing and making the College proud.

Beauden Barrett and Conrad Smith need no introduction, and their efforts for the All Blacks over the past year have been mesmerising to watch, especially during the World Cup. The way those two handle themselves on and off the field is something for current College men to behold. And that try by Beauden Barrett to sink Australia in the final, still gives me goosebumps. Well done boys, and I am sure you will bring that Cup up to the College soon.

One old boy in particular needs to be addressed again, Conrad Smith. He is a player many have looked up to over the years; a quiet achiever who has achieved greatness. He is the nice guy of New Zealand Rugby and one of the greatest All Black centres. Conrad, thank you for the memories you have given not only the College community but the whole of New Zealand. He is a man who always holds the College in high regard. The College wishes you well Conrad, and I have no doubt we will see you through our doors again soon.

Finally, one last thank you to all the supporters who continue to support College Rugby. Thank you to Phillip Yarrow at Yarrow's the Bakers for their support of



College rugby and the 1st XV. Your generosity goes a long way, and we thank you for that.

**James Rowland**  
Director of Rugby

### ROSS BROWN RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the following FDMC students who were selected in the West Team for the Ross Brown tournament held on 28, 29 and 30 August at Vogeltown Park:

Robert Ropitini, Jacob Bamber, Jacob Whittle, Connor Ford, George Boon, Olly Spicer, Jack Cleland, Cullen Luckin, Cory Neilson, Isiah Kirifi and Jordan Wells.

Congratulations also to Jamie Kestle who has been invited to play football in Australia with the Ricki Herbert Academy.

### 1ST XV RUGBY

2015 proved to be a mixed bag of results for the College 1st XV.

Similar to the last two seasons, it was decided that in the best interests of developing players for traditional fixtures and other competitions throughout the year, the 1st XV would play the 1st round of the local Taranaki Colts' grade. Playing in this competition allowed the coaches to view new players, which gave them valuable

game time as well as pushing for selection before the traditional college fixtures.

The first traditional College game was against De La Salle in Mangere. This game was very early in the season and served as an early warning to some of the boys in regard to the levels of physicality and fitness required. Historically, the boys from De La Salle have been huge but not that mobile around the park. However, when they ran out onto the field looking fit, the coaches knew that it was going to be a tough game. And so it proved to be! FDMC played well in parts, and as usual had that 'never say die' attitude; but it wasn't enough this time and they went down 25-12.

The majority of the 1st XV then went away with a rugby tour to Australia.

We continued to dominate the local teams in the Colts Competition and at the end of the round we were the only team unbeaten.

Our next traditional game was a home game against Palmerston North Boys' High School - a team that we had beaten last year. As usual the game was extremely close and played in a very physical manner. FDMC dominated the game for the most part, but unfortunately we let our guard down and lost on the last play of the game 22-21. This was extremely disappointing for the team.

We then had a three-week gap in our programme before playing NPBHS. This was far from ideal



### Rugby - 1st XV

**Back Row:** Beni Kalin, Jack Davies, Louis Poole

**Second Row:** Cody Bunn, Harrison Smith, Shamus Hurley-Langton, Jayden Calder, Polaiu'amea Kirifi, Brandon Martin

**Third Row:** Mr T. Stuck (coach), David Gardner, Joel Chard, Taegan Harvey, Stephen Gibson, Joshua Mellow, Josh Fitzsimons, Mr N. Taylor (manager), Mr M. Dravitzki (coach)

**Front Row:** Bryn Chard, Luke Dravitzki, Brendon Dent, Oliver Polson (captain), Steven Snoxell, Shaun Phillips, Mason Taylor, Enele Fidow



preparation. It was a huge game played on the famous 'Gully Ground' in front of a big crowd. FDMC started much the stronger side and dominated possession and territory for the first 15 minutes – albeit without scoring points. NPBHS scored a try from their first attack and this really lifted them and deflated us. Again, like any FDMC 1st XV, we never gave up and battled for 70 minutes, but NPBHS beat us fair and square 44-10.

Our last traditional game involved a visit to Lower Hutt to play St. Bernard's. It was a game we should have won. We dominated possession and territory for the majority of the game, but we didn't close the game out. In a scenario just like the one against PNBHS, our opposition beat us on the final play of the game with a penalty kick. This gave St. Bernard's the win 22-21.

We were all bitterly disappointed with our results from these games but we had no time to rest, as the next phase of the season was about to begin.

The Central North Island Competition is a fantastic competition between eight schools with similar rugby philosophies. The competition was even tighter this year and our goal was to make the top four for a place in a semi-final.

We started well with 3 comprehensive victories over Rathkeale College 41-3, Wanganui Collegiate 45-11 and St. John's Hastings 48-10.

Our next game was against St. Peter's, Cambridge, and we knew a victory would have us confirmed with a semi-final spot. The game was extremely tight and tense for the entire match. Down at half time the boys rallied in the second half and finally took the lead with 10 minutes to play. We then defended brilliantly for the last few minutes despite St. Peter's throwing everything at us. This gave the win to FDMC 23-20.

Our last three games were against the powerhouses of the competition. Apart from Feilding High School, who beat us 64-12, we matched it with Lindisfarne and St. Paul's Hamilton, but nevertheless lost 15-7 and 26-3 respectively. This took us to a semi final against St. Paul's. They won the competition last year and were undefeated this year, but we had belief. The game started well and we were winning for the majority of the first half but a crucial error from a restart hurt us

and St. Paul's took control. We defended valiantly in the second half but it took a lot out of us and it showed in the last ten minutes as St. Paul's ran in three tries during this time. The final score was a loss of 30-9.

We would like to wish all the boys departing the 1st XV the very best for their future. For some, this year will be the pinnacle of your rugby careers and for others it will be the start. To those coming back next year - enjoy the break and work hard in the off-season, so that we continue the strong tradition of College rugby in 2016.

I would finally like to thank both Tim Stuck and Marty Dravitzki for the time and effort that they have put into college rugby. They will both be stepping down from their roles at the end of the year.

**Nick Taylor**  
**1st XV Manager**

## 2ND XV RUGBY

With a lot of the 2014 2nd XV team moving on, either leaving school or moving up to the 1st XV, the 2nd XV in 2015 was a new young fresh-faced and developing team. It was a tough season for the FDMC 2nd XV this year, playing much older and bigger players from around Taranaki. We fell victim to some heavy defeats early in the year and a few injuries resulted in a slow start to the season, where the only direction was up.

The players worked hard on the training pitch and were determined to do each other and the jersey proud. We developed all season and improved with each game, which was pleasing to see. During the season different players would step up at different times, and all season boys were playing to 'keep their jerseys'.

Although the finals were out of reach for the boys, we had a goal and a target to develop our players, have fun and beat Inglewood High School at Yarrows' Stadium before a Taranaki ITM Cup home game, ALL of which we achieved. Having the last game of the season on Yarrows' Stadium was our 'final' and a game we were determined to win. Unfortunately we found ourselves down by 20 points with 10 minutes to play. The boys dug deep, found another gear and did what College Rugby does well, showing that consistent fighting spirit

and winning the game by 2 points. Well done boys! This was a great way to finish the year and a great way to send off our Year 13 players.

Good luck next year to those boys who will move up to the 1st XV. A big thank you to Riley McGregor for your work with the boys, Jack Kirifi for your words of wisdom and Lana Rowland for the full-time muffins.

### James Rowland 2nd XV Coach

### 3RD XV RUGBY

After a few heavy defeats and one massive win, grades were decided and we ended up in Division 3 where the competition was more even. A number of individual players stood out and when others linked with them, the game flowed and points were scored.

To me, the highlight of the year was beating the FDMC U15A team in the semi-final to gain a place in the final. They had beaten us twice before and by big margins. Before the semi-final, I saw something in the team I had



### Rugby - 2nd XV

**Back Row:** William Peters, Liam Penn, Brad Saxton, Isaac Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Jonathan Fidow  
**Second Row:** Kane Perrett, Sam Cleland, Mason Porteous, Jakob Schrader, Oliver Bestall, Polaiu'amea Kirifi, Harrison Smith, Feterika Fidow, Mr J. Rowland (coach)  
**Front Row:** Dylan Calder, Liam McBreen, Joseph Landrigan, Liam Thomson, Matt Cathie (captain), Zack Thomson, Callum Cookson, Trent Brophy, Chris Balsom  
**Absent:** Caleb Wheatley, Mrs L. Rowland (manager), Mr R. McGregor (coach)



### Rugby - 3rd XV

**Back Row:** Bodie Butler, Mitchell Tregoweth, Ollie Doherty-Ramsay, Thomas Sutton, Ziah Taumoepeau, Dylan Wheatley, Campbell Grayling  
**Second Row:** Robson Chapman, Andrew Adams, Seth Diamond, Israel Finnigan, Euan Jones, Kalin Aylward, Connor Wilson, Blake Kalin, Mr A. Jones (coach)  
**Front Row:** Joseph Bernet, Colby Wall, Josh Cathie, Tom Hopkins, Cody Rothwell (captain), Logan Olsson, Michael Kerr, Ethan Diamond, Mitchell Fleming  
**Absent:** Sean Dent



### Rugby - 1st XV Australian Tour

**Back Row:** Beni Kalin, Jack Davies, Louis Poole, Brad Saxton  
**Second Row:** Cody Bunn, Harrison Smith, Shamus Hurley-Langton, Jayden Calder, Brandon Martin, William Peters  
**Third Row:** Mr T. Stuck (coach), David Gardner, Joel Chard, Taegan Harvey, Stephen Gibson, Joshua Mellow, Josh Fitzsimons, Mr N. Taylor (tour manager), Mr J. Rowland (coach)  
**Front Row:** Bryn Chard, Luke Dravitzki, Brendon Dent, Oliver Polson (captain), Steven Snoxell, Shaun Phillips, Mason Taylor, Enele Fidow



### Rugby - Under 13

**Back Row:** Connor Ford, William Franklyn, Edward Iotia, Monaro Bennett-Rukere, Ethan Ngatai, Vincent Bolton, Ethan Bouterey  
**Second Row:** Cody Campbell, Campbell Lusk, Denzell Sofeni, Jacob Bamber, Liam Mills, George Goodwin, Jakob Erb  
**Front Row:** George Boon, Jordan Varga, Jacob Clement, Lachlan Fleming, Fenni Sofeni, Isaiah Kirifi, Olly Spicer  
**Absent:** Mr D. Erb (coach)



### Rugby - Under 15 A

**Back Row:** Shamus Hurley-Langton, Jensen Taumoepeau, Shay Smith-Luond, Luke Hughes, Benjamin Smith, Michael Back  
**Second Row:** Mr C. van der Heever (coach), James Martin, Jackson Sinclair, Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Finn Hosking, Christopher Bryan, Javaahn Taumoepeau, Mairenga Laapo, Joshua Hamer, Mr M. Casey (coach)  
**Front Row:** Callum Grayling, Lachlan Jones, Davy Rowe, Lorenzo Taylor, Rhys Taplin (captain), Cobi McCook, Taite Gaskell, Joshua Howe, Ben Aim  
**Absent:** Mr D. Erb (coach)



### Rugby - Under 15 Blue

**Back Row:** Lorenzo Taylor, Rikki Sofeni, Cameron McDonald, Riley Davison, Michael Back, Wiremu O'Sullivan, Jayden Smith  
**Second Row:** Oliver Polson (coach), Matthew Picard, Taite Gaskell, Keegan Wright, Samuel Barbour, Dylan Simpson, Bradley Van Beers, Pacey Murray, Vinnie Bestall, Jack Davies (coach)  
**Front Row:** Harry Foreman, Jack Aim, Matthew Sisarich, Shay Smith-Luond, Callum Grayling, Camden Lacey, Lachlan Rhodes  
**Absent:** Mr D. Erb (coach)



### Rugby - U15 Under 63kg Green

**Back Row:** Jade Luke-Hurley, Tom le Fleming, Ethan Langton  
**Second Row:** Steven Snoxell (coach), Blade Chadwick, Ethan Borst, Kobe Sinclair, Jayden Haslip, Ethan Turner, Nicholas Westraad, Mr T. Walsh (coach), Shaun Phillips (coach)  
**Front Row:** Daniel Ford, Thomas Bestall, Jaide Coombes, Scott Jury, Taiora Capper, Kaden Adamson, Amedeo Ventresca



### Rugby - U15 Under 63kg Gold

**Back Row:** Connor Mitchell, Jacob Farrant, Jack Spicer, Jordan Roylance, Jack Potroz, Liam Matthews  
**Second Row:** Mr B. Walsh (coach), Blake Carr, Joshua Hopkins, Bailey Kuklinksi, Brodie Calder, George Kerr, Mr S. Crocker (coach)  
**Front Row:** Harry Newman, Fletcher Burnett, Harry Koch, Fergus Conley, Jacan McDonald, Jeremy Gopperth, Mason Jones



### Rugby - U15 Under 63kg Red

**Back Row:** Jack Krutz, Riley Putt, Kady Luke, Blair Adams, Luke Parkinson  
**Second Row:** Patrick Butler, Ethan Seed, Joel Clement, Corbyn Sole, Blane McCook, Ambrose Moriarty, Ben Koch, Mr H. Seed (coach)  
**Front Row:** Corban Dravitzki, Cole Soffe, Theo Johnsen, Lachlan Greensill, Maxwell Crighton, Aidyn Kettle, Sonnie Harewood  
**Absent:** Jon Buhler, Danyon Hodges, Mr L. Greensill (coach)

not seen before. They were on time, serious during warm-up, fired up and they were looking for revenge. The game was a tight contest that was stressful to watch but it provided entertaining, running rugby. The passion from both sides was immense and we held our line and nerve, to win 36-34. All credit to the U15A team for putting up a brave fight. They were a skilful, quick side with much talent; our guys were just hungrier on that day.

Cody "Cossy" Rothwell was the captain and his leadership on the field was reflected in his attitude; fear nothing, do not back down and run straight up the middle. He made many metres with the ball, was fit and was often the first to the breakdown and that helped inspire others. His tackle count was impressive all season and he often backed up a game of rugby with a hockey game in the same afternoon. The same can be said of Jo Bernet who also played hockey. He was one of the smallest in the team but had one of the biggest hearts. He would not back away from any tackle no matter how big they were and his lineout throwing and scrummaging improved well over the course of the season. While on the topic of forwards, the Diamond boys had good solid seasons. They were not flashy players but provided strength and stability in the scrum and set a great platform for set pieces. I was particularly impressed with the way Seth's fitness improved during the season.

Euan Jones was consistent at lock all year providing good power in the scrum and I will never forget his crunching tackle on the Central player that drove him out and smashed him into the deck. Thomas "Pac" Sutton was a big asset in terms of his go forward and scrummaging power. He carried the ball well and often set up or scored tries with his front foot rugby. He scored a hat-trick in the semi final. Campbell Grayling provided impact off the bench regularly at lock and showed good mobility as well as scoring the team's first try of the season. Ollie Doherty-Ramsey balanced rugby and basketball well, and provided much needed size and fitness when he was on the field. He also linked well with the loose forwards.

Tom Hopkins improved well throughout the season. His lineout throwing was great and his gym work paid off to the point where he became very mobile which backed up his strength. Sean Dent provided good strength and body position in both attack and defence, and was solid in the front row. Blake Kalin was versatile and shared halfback duties as well as providing front row cover. He was a good halfback as he gave plenty of chat.

The loose forward players were relentless and Logan Olsson and Bodie Butler ran and tackled hard consistently. They provided great support to Cody Rothwell and Ziah Taumoepeau to give the team a large, mobile and focused loose forward unit. Ziah, who also played school basketball, provided good forward motion and also shared the goal kicking

duties. His leadership, versatility and sensible decision making were invaluable to the team.

The backs were well directed by Mitchell Fleming at halfback who improved well throughout the season too. He had a great pass left or right, tackled his heart out and developed his box kick. He was quick to get the ball out and despite his size, never backed away from a challenge. Robson Chapman was a revelation at first five for the final three games. He is another multi talented sportsman within the 3rd XV team and his kicking, running and passing all impressed and set the backs up well. This allowed Connor Wilson to move to the wing where his impressive speed was well utilised, especially when he scored a try in the final.

Josh Cathie showed a better skill set when he was moved from the wing into centre. He had more confidence in this position and ran well. Israel Finnigan, Dylan Wheatley and Kalin Aylward were the main midfield players and were all solid throughout the season. A few tries were scored from these positions which demonstrated their running skills and strength. They were tight in defence and ran some good lines in attack. Israel also shared the goal kicking duties. Colby Wall had a good season on the wing defending well and he scored a few tries. Michael Kerr and Mitchell Tregoweth were the other wingers, and both provided good pace and defence consistently all season.

Finally, the fullback, Andrew "Star" Adams. He was safe under the high ball and a deceptive runner who would carry the ball back several metres without being tackled due to the ability of his wiry frame to duck and dive between players. He had a break from playing due to concussion but never backed down and enjoyed the team atmosphere and camaraderie.

Well done to the team on winning the 'final' of Division 3. They came together as a unit eventually and when they clicked, they were hard to beat. Good luck to those boys who are leaving school- all the best for your futures. To those that are staying, continue to play for the College as you have some great skills. Try out for the 1st and 2nd XV's and keep fit. Fitness is a main factor for performance success in this game.

Up the Thirds!

**Allen Jones**  
**3rd XV Coach**

### AUSTRALIAN RUGBY TOUR 2015

On Tuesday 31 March, Mr Taylor, Mr Stuck and Mr Rowland took a squad of 24 players to Sydney, Australia, for a 10 day rugby tour.

On arrival into Australia we were welcomed by our tour guide and quickly got on our coach to our first location, Sydney Lakeside Holiday Park, which is located in North Narrabeen. The boys were then divided into





three teams and for the rest of the afternoon they did a team building and 'survivor' type programme.

The next morning saw us have a training session at the local park before giving our coach driver a welcome with an inspirational haka. We then travelled to Manly where the boys were given free time to shop and swim. Later in the afternoon we set off to Oakhill College where the boys were being billeted for the next two nights.

Thursday was game day against Oakhill College. Played in very warm conditions, it was all level 17 - 17 at half time. However, in the second half, the heat played its part and our boys made too many errors and unfortunately went down 29 - 17. After the game it was great to see the comradeship between the two Lasallian Colleges.

On Friday the weather turned for the worse and it started to rain (and would continue to do so continuously for the next two days). The squad made their way to Central Sydney where we visited the Opera House and Sydney Aquarium where the Dugong was a crowd pleaser. In the evening the team went to ANZ stadium where we watched an AFL game between the 'Sydney Swans' and the 'Essendon Bombers'.

We then travelled back to Sydney Lakeside Holiday Park, which would be our accommodation for the next three nights.

Saturday was our next game day, this time against Kings' College. The rain was absolutely torrential with all other sporting codes (including Randwick Races) being cancelled. However, we managed to play our game on one of the back fields of this hugely impressive college. This time the boys played really well and were winning until the last play of the game. After the game we quickly got changed and this time went to Allianz Stadium to see an NRL game between the 'Roosters' and the 'Sharks'.

The next morning we made our way to Eastern Suburbs and visited Bondi Beach for the day where again the boys were able to have free time to swim and bodysurf on the famous beach.



The following day we made our way north to the Central Coast where we stayed in a fantastic township on the beach called Terrigal. After checking into our accommodation we went to a massive shopping complex where the boys (and teachers) loaded up on cut price sporting apparel.

Tuesday was our last game day against a local Under 19 side. It was played later in the day so the boys had plenty of time in the morning to lie on the beautiful white sand and soak up the sun. The game itself was a successful one for the team and we managed to put around 70 points on the opposition. After the game again was a social occasion with a shared BBQ and lots of interaction between both teams.

Wednesday saw us on the coach back to Central Sydney for our last full day. The boys were given free time to roam around the city before going to Darling Harbour in the evening and enjoying a meal at the Hard Rock Café.

The trip itself was a huge success. The tour group had an awesome and worthwhile time. It was great to see the boys develop not only as team players, but also as young adults. We hope to undertake a similar tour in 2017.

**Nick Taylor**  
Tour Manager



## RUGBY LEAGUE

### THE WILLIE TALAU CUP

The 1st XIII played the final of the Willie Talau Cup against Hawera. This was a torrid game against a very determined team. We scored 5 enterprising tries including a hat trick to Steven Snoxell, and Enele Fidow kicked 3 conversions.....but so did Hawera!

So at full time it was 26 all. Not wanting to share OUR cup the FDMC boys voted for Golden Point. 5 minutes each way, first to score, wins. So tired, cramping boys played on for the College! Hawera got right to our line but gritty defence held them. We got right to their line but not quite over. They got right to our line and looked like they had scored but knocked on. Back we worked to 35 metres out and Enele lined up a field goal. It flew like a bird..... and we are still unbeaten in the Willie Talau Cup!

Player of the match was Davy Rowe who was like quicksilver around the ruck, spun the ball left and right, dummied, scored a disallowed try against the posts and tackled fellows 3 times his size! The whole team was marvelous and our young guns had a taste of what it takes to carry on when all strength is gone. Our triumph was celebrated with a spine-tingling haka led by Jonathan.

And it got better still... off to the Secondary Schools' National Tournament we went again this year having

come second in the Isaac Luke Cup! This was from 30 August until 4 Sept. Yee ha!

### RUGBY LEAGUE 1ST XIII NZRL NATIONALS

The Isaac Luke Cup Competition for teams from Central Districts was held in Hawera and after some tough games we were Runners-up again. However, this was enough to qualify us to go to the NZ Secondary Schools' National Tournament held over a week in Auckland. This tournament is a show case for league skills but also a career expo and healthy mind and body seminar. The NZ Police have a high profile advising boys on all facets of their lives. The importance of education and training is promoted at every chance. Importantly, scouts from all NRL clubs are also looking for candidates.

Monday, after a powhiri, administration and photos we finally got to the business of playing league. Our games were positive spectacles despite the atrocious weather that kept us permanently damp.

Three pool games later and we faced Wesley College in the semi-final. Despite an outstanding 40/20 by Mason Taylor and determined defence, we lost to these Goliaths. This meant we played Trident College for 3rd or 4th place. The boys put on a dazzling display of dominant, enterprising league, running in tries from all over the field to win by 46 to 16. Special mention must be made of Steven Snoxell who found gaps when there were none and ran in scintillating tries. His consistent



### Rugby League - Isaac Luke Cup

**Back Row:** Kalin Aylward, Mason Taylor, Jonathan Fidow, Ziah Taumoepeau, Jensen Taumoepeau, Shamus Hurley-Langton, Mrs R. Wackrow  
**Front Row:** Josh Fitzsimons, Dylan Calder, Jared Hunt, Brandon Martin, Enele Fidow (captain), Feterika Fidow (vice captain), Connor Wilson, Nathan Philip, Caleb Wheatley  
**Absent:** Trent Brophy, Cody Bunn





performance earned him the 'Best and Fairest Award' for the Developing Division.

To have our FDMC 1st XIII represent their school, province and Central Districts for the second year running was great but to win the "Team of the Tournament Cup" was truly outstanding. The criteria for the cup states that players, coach, manager, trainers and support staff must uphold the five NZRL principles of Integrity, Respect, Passion, Leadership and Commitment both on and off the field. To have this presented to us in the Warriors Lounge at Mount Smart stadium in front of hundreds was proof that our motto of 'Men of Integrity' is working and being noticed by the top echelon of NZRL.

I am extremely proud of these boys and it certainly makes being responsible for them around the clock for five days much easier knowing they can be taken anywhere and they will be absolutely trustworthy and display impeccable manners.

The Year 13 boys Enele Fidow, Jared Hunt, Feterika Fidow, Bryn Chard, Steven Snoxell, Mason Taylor and Brandon Martin will be sadly missed next year as their contribution and leadership have been outstanding. Enele has captained the 1st XIII for two years leading the way in attack and defence on the field. Brandon, Bryn and Jared have tackled themselves to a standstill and Feterika has given us go forward with his speed and versatility.

The talented younger team members Cody Bunn, Conor Wilson, Jonathan Fidow, Dylan Wheatley, Dylan Calder, Luke Dravitski, Chris Balsom, Ziah Taumoepeau, Liam Penn and Isaac Kneepkens will be a strong backbone as we continue to play league for the



College! Thank you boys for the respect, the integrity and the humour.

My thanks to Mrs Martin and Mr Ruakere for their support. Finally our very grateful thanks to Mrs Coles for her generous sponsorship of Rugby League.

Enele Fidow and Steven Snoxell were noticed by selectors at the NZ Secondary School Tournament and trialled for the Under 20 Warriors. Our Captain from 2013, Satch Pryor, was also on trial. Exciting times!

The year ended on a real high with Jonathan Fidow being selected to play in a Melbourne Storm trial and from this performance he was offered a week's trial in Australia this January. The dream of a FDMC boy playing in the NRL edges ever closer!

### RUGBY LEAGUE YEARS 9/10

The Sunday we played in this annual tournament was anything but sunny. It was wet, windy and a tad chilly. However, that didn't stop these loyal players from fronting up to play for their College:

Andrew Kere-Rako (Captain) Ben Smith, Jacob Kneepkens, Rikki Sofeni, Seth Diamond, Jon Buhler, Aidyn Kettle, Callum Grayling, Finn Hosking, Shay Smith, Jakob Neilsen, Laclan Rhodes, Mairenga Laapo and Kady Luke formed the team.

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. The boys were wet and cold but courageously took the field against NPBHS who had the advantage of having their top league boys playing and were too good for us.

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 true College boys are being moulded into "Men of Integrity" through their commitment to their teammates and their school.

It was great to see old boys Ben Sofeni, Eruera Williamson and Jordan Penn there to support us. Also thanks to the sideline whanau for their help in trying to keep gear semi-dry and for their cheerful support.

### YEARS 7/8 RUGBY LEAGUE

The FDMC Years 7 and 8 Rugby League team trained for weeks with Feterika Fidow and Mrs Wackrow until on a Wednesday afternoon, in the wind and the rain, we were at Devon Intermediate competing in the Taranaki Hardcore Cup tournament. The boys wore the senior jerseys as we do not have a junior set and were reminded how precious these are and what they stood for. I am sure their chests swelled enough to fit even the XL jerseys!



Sadly Feterika couldn't make it on the day but little bro', Jonathan, happily jumped in to help. His coaching from the sideline and motivational speech saw the boys' skills and understanding of the game improve dramatically. In the first two games we were well beaten but as the sun came out so did our skills. The



### Rugby League: Nines

**Back Row:** Connor Wilson, William Peters, Ziah Taumoepeau, Jack Davies, Isaac Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Shamus Hurley-Langton, Mrs R. Wackrow  
**Front Row:** Nathan Philip, Jared Hunt, Dylan Calder, Jonathan Fidow, Jackson Sinclair, Kane Perrett, Chris Balsom



### Rugby League Junior

**Back Row:** Liam Mills, Jacob Bamber, Mairenga Laapo, Jamie MaDonell, Ethan Bouterey, Mrs R. Wackrow  
**Front Row:** Jacob Clement, Cody Campbell, Denzell Sofeni, Monaro Bennett-Ruakere, Fenni Sofeni, Jordan Varga  
**Absent:** Te Rangi-Matoha Cameron, Jayden Dravitski, Jason Hardy, Edward Iotia, Will Johnsen, Jayden Ruakere, Ignatius Sofeni-Williams, Fabian Te Huna-Matuku

next two games we won convincingly due to great defence and exciting tries. Three players made the tournament team - Denzell Sofeni, Manaro Ruakere and Fenni Sofeni. League lives on at the college!

**Robyn Wackrow**  
**Rugby League Coach/Manager**

## FOOTBALL

### 1ST XI FOOTBALL

Francis Douglas Memorial College's 1st XI football had a disappointing 2015 season following the high of the previous season. The team finished last equal in the Men's Premier Grade Football Competition scraping up four wins, one draw and eleven losses. Though they did not get the results they were looking for this season, the team remained in high spirits throughout, never getting down about their losses and staying strong as a team. There were still many highlights throughout the season with the most profound being the huge win over rival school, Boys' High, right after their high of winning the Super 8 Tournament which made the win even better for us, and Cole Hareb playing a record number of games. As the season wore on the team began to perform better, scoring more goals and conceding less.

All in all the season was not what the boys wanted but they held their heads high and performed week in and week out, and we are proud of them.

**Patrick Hay**

### 1ST XI FOOTBALL'S NATIONAL COMPETITION

The year started off with a 4-1 defeat to St. Peters, Cambridge, in our pre-season tournament that featured FDMC, NPBHS, St. Peter's Cambridge and Tauranga Boys'. The next day we beat Tauranga 2-0. These two teams are in the 'Top 16' in NZ so it was good to get a pre-season 'run out' with at least two quality teams.

Our first National Qualifier was against Hawera High School. We ended up with an emphatic 7-0 win which gave us a good goal difference going into our next qualifying game against NPBHS (our city rivals), which was teeing up to be a cracker of a game. Unfortunately for the College we went down 1-0 early in the first half and struggled to get back into the game in the second half, conceding two more sloppy goals. This was disappointing as it would more than likely mean that a 'Top 16' place for the nationals would be out of our reach.

Going into the last game against Palmerston North Boys' High we knew we needed a win to have any chance of 'Top 16'. We held out until the last 15 minutes

of the game where they got two lucky goals which unfortunately pushed us into the bottom 16 at the Nationals. Our only other inter-school fixtures were our traditional ones against St. Bernard's, Wellington, and St. John's, Hastings. We gave players who had constantly been playing a rest and gave opportunities to other boys on the fringes of the squad like Cole Hareb so that they could try and work their way into the tournament team. This competition provided games which were a great opportunity for many members to prove themselves and to break into the 1st Team for Tournament week.

We managed to beat St Bernard's 5-0 and drew with St. John's.

### **Ben Moore 1ST XI Captain**

#### **1ST XI FOOTBALL NATIONAL TOURNAMENT**

This year the College played yet again in the top tier of schools in the country at the National Football Tournament. Losing to both NPBHS and PNBHS the College boys were seeded 32nd out of the 32 teams in the competition which was held in Nelson.

Getting there was a mission in itself. We were kindly helped out by our generous sponsors, Pak 'n' Save, Waitara Challenge Four Square, Central Finance and also the school kindly organised a fundraising social for us. We also held a very successful quiz night which

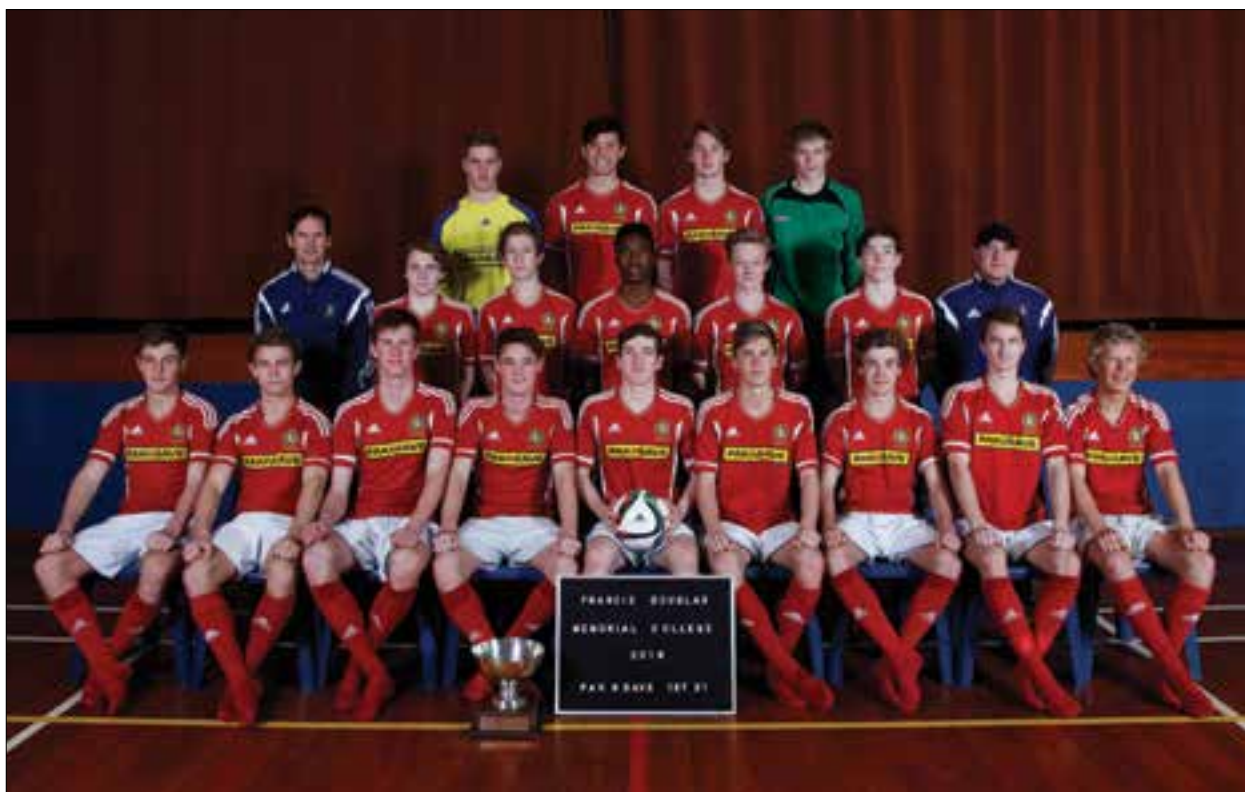
was very well organised by some of the parents. This certainly dropped the significant costs down for the team and was greatly appreciated by the parents and players.

Though the results didn't go so well for us with a new coaching crew and only half the squad back from our previous year, we still gave it our all. Unfortunately the weather was a major factor for all teams as we were playing on grossly waterlogged fields which soon became mud baths and made the results a bit of a lottery.

In our pool we faced Marlborough, Rangitoto and Cashmere College, picking up a draw and two close losses. This was a real disappointment after the last few years of winning our pool.

These results dropped us down to the lower tier play off games. As the rain continued to fall so did our final placing, slipping to 30th with a win against Waimea College but losses to Scots' College and Hastings' High School.

Even though we left the tournament feeling that we could have done better, it was a great experience and for the younger players it will prepare them well for future tournaments. A big thank you to all of our support crew who braved the terrible conditions in the alleged sunny Nelson.



#### **Football - Pak n Save 1st XI**

**Back Row:** Corban Garner, Taine Julian, George Monk, Jahdal Jordan  
**Second Row:** Mr A. Moore (coach), Tyler Buckland, Liam Scott, Leeroy Gonouya, Daniel Heerden, Sean Mosquera, Mr S Buffoni (coach)  
**Front Row:** Jack Richardson, Connor Hay, Thomas Wright, Jayden Taylor, Tyler Paterson, Ben Moore, Dawson Webber, Shaun Limmer, Cole Hareb

## SPONSORSHIP

1st XI footballers, Thomas Wright and Ben Moore presented Peter Melody of Pak n Save with a framed jersey to recognise his years of support of Football. The players have benefited from his generous donation of food stuffs, support of coaches and sponsorship of the 1st XI team.

## 2ND XI FOOTBALL

The 2nd XI had a very difficult year as it was impossible to find a permanent coach for the team throughout the season. Grateful thanks go to Christina Hermanns for taking on that role towards the end of the season.

The team played 9 games in the first part of the season finishing top of their table having won 8 and lost 1. Leagues were then combined and the final 3 games gave 1 win and 2 losses.

Most Valuable Player	Isaac Brown
Most Improved Player	Jostijn Dessing

## JUNIOR AND YOUTH GRADE

We had a huge number of teams playing Junior and Youth Grade.

In total there were:

- 2 teams in 12th Grade
- 4 teams in 13th Grade League
- 2 teams in U15 League
- 2 teams in Youth Premier League
- 4 teams in U18 League

As ever we have been very lucky to enjoy the support of a wide range of talented and committed coaches

### FDMC Cardinals - Taranaki 12th Grade League

Most Valuable Player	Kobe Allen-Raven
Most Improved Player	Sam Godfrey

### FDMC Gold - Taranaki 12th Grade League

Most Valuable Player	Max Dowd
Most Improved Player	Curtis Naughton

### FDMC Albion - Taranaki 13th Grade League

Most Valuable Player	
Most Improved Player	Rhys Revell

### FDMC Athletic - Taranaki 13th Grade League

Most Valuable Player	Oskar Taylor
Most Improved Player	Brooklyn Holdt

### FDMC Year 8A - Taranaki 13th Grade League

Most Valuable Player	Oskar Wano
Most Improved Player	Thomas Whaley

### FDMC Falcons - Taranaki 13th Grade League

Most Valuable Player	Dylan Evaristo
Most Improved Player	Oliver Edquila

### FDMC Lasallian - Taranaki U15 League

Most Valuable Player	Brayden Herbert
Most Improved Player	Tim Evans

### FDMC United - Taranaki U15 League

Most Valuable Player	Andrew Paynter
Most Improved Player	McGregor Smith

### FDMC Year 9A - Taranaki Youth Premier League

Most Valuable Player	Jamie Kestle
Most Improved Player	Alec Kozenof

### FDMC Year 10A - Taranaki Youth Premier League

Most Valuable Player	Daniel Kibby
Most Improved Player	Ben Leary

### FDMC Senior Development - Taranaki U18 League

Most Valuable Player	Matthew Jane
Most Improved Player	Karu Skipper

### FDMC Year 13 Social - Taranaki U18 League

Most Valuable Player	Joseph Taylor
Most Improved Player	Michael Wells



### Football - 2nd XI

<b>Back Row:</b>	Daniel Wells, Jostijn Dessing, Caylem Cook, Ben Hall, Mrs C. Hermanns (coach)
<b>Front Row:</b>	Alex Best, Cooper Bradley, Jonathan Dwyer, Jacob Mills, Felix Webby
<b>Absent:</b>	Sean Mosquera, Isaac Brown, John Cardy



### Football - Senior Development

<b>Back Row:</b>	Thomas Wright (coach), Zaki Din, Danyon Roguski, Ben Beer, George Monk (coach)
<b>Front Row:</b>	Kellen Fisher, Thomas Fleming, Matt Jane, Karu Skipper, Ben Collier, Alister Ang, Callum West
<b>Absent:</b>	Taylor McDonald, Carson Luckin, Aki Kobayashi

### FDMC Year 11 Social - Taranaki U18 League

Most Valuable Player Mitchell Pelham  
Most Improved Player Joseph Crowe

Francis Douglas Memorial College has been well represented among Taranaki Representative Teams in 2015.

**U11** - Kobe Allen-Raven, Josh Goble, Oscar Hadley

**U12** - Oliver Clennett, Jacob Judd, Mehul Killa, Braedon Quilter-Phipps

**U13** - Jamie Kestle, Simon Kleinsman, Charlie Waite, Oskar Wano, Tawanda Zhanje

**U14** - Declan Barrett, Jacob Crawford, Pacey Healy, Bryn Kearton, Alex Kozenof, Alfie Luque, Diarmaid McCarthy, Oskar van Hattum

**U15/16** - Tyler Buckland, Joseph Crowe, Corban Garner, Daniel Heerdegen, Taine Julian, Dawson Webber

Congratulations also go to Liam Moore who has been named in the Wellington Phoenix squad for its inaugural ASB Youth League season. Made up of players from the Phoenix's Wellington Academy and Soccer School in Auckland, the squad has an average age of just over 16 years.

### AIMS GAMES

In September FDMC took a team of Year 8 Footballers to the AIMS Games in Tauranga. The games have more competitors than the Commonwealth games and Tauranga was alive with the event, offering more than 20 different sporting codes.

After a fairly long journey the team arrived at accommodation that had kindly been donated for our use, very close to the Mount and not far from the venue itself.

The first game was tough with the boys losing 9 - 1 to Glen Eden, but it should be noted that Glen Eden made it to the final, only losing due to penalties. After that the boys picked themselves up and went on to play another 7 games, winning 3, losing 3 and drawing 1. They finished 28th out of 57 teams. This was a really fantastic effort against some very well drilled teams.

Many thanks must go to Bruce Forrest and Andrew and Judith Price for the time they gave up to make it a memorable trip for the boys

### FOOTBALL NEWS- CONGRATULATIONS

Jamie Kestle (Year 9) has been invited to play football in Australia with the Ricky Herbert Academy. Players are chosen from across New Zealand.



#### Football - Year 7 A Falcons

**Back Row:** Jerome Kumar, Heath Waayer, Isaac Doell, Oliver Edquila, Brayden Meuli, Aiden Bocock  
**Front Row:** Cade Thompson, Dylan Evaristo, Josh Goble, Conor Ebert, Mehul Killa, Oscar Hadley  
**Absent:** Ollie Gooch, Mr R. Gooch (coach)



#### Football - Year 7 Cardinal

**Back Row:** Jacob Mills (coach), Louis Baldock, Ethan Koning, Dylan Bint, Kobe Allen-Raven, Sam Godfrey, Daniel Heerdegen  
**Front Row:** Jack Coombe, Mikas O'Neill-Kirchheiner, Kyle Woodhead, John Patrick O'Mahony, Jade O'Neill-Kirchheiner, Ezekiel Dizon



#### Football - Year 7 Gold

**Back Row:** Jack Newell (coach), Fabian Te Huna-Matuku, Laikin Collins, Liam Ward, Germaine Grewal, Jackson Powell, Alex Best (coach)  
**Front Row:** Manson Hoeta, Jack Griffiths, Romaine Grewal, Francis Hernandez, Sreeram Cartigayen, Murugaiyen, Max Dowd



### Football - Year 8 A

**Back Row:** Jacob Mortensen, Thomas Whaley, Braedan Quilter-Phipps, Joseph Wills, Gregor Forrest, Hamish McKie  
**Front Row:** Oliver Clennett, Samuel James, Onno Dessing, Jason Hardy, Ben Price, Oskar Wano, Tawanda Zhanje, Jacob Judd  
**Absent:** Mr B. Forrest, Mr A. Price (coaches)



### Football - Year 8 Albion

**Back Row:** Connor Hay (coach), Rhys Revell, Louis Keig, Ben Hall (coach)  
**Front Row:** Jordan Vertongen, Nathan Tilt, Anthony Van Hameren, Curtis King, Geordie Vink, Max McFetridge, Myles Bines  
**Absent:** Jacob Donlon



### Football - Year 8 Athletic

**Back Row:** Kellen Fisher (coach), Hamish Cummings, Oscar Taylor, Deegan D'Ath, Roy Avery, Daniel Wells (coach)  
**Front Row:** Adam Johnston, Josh Cook, Jordan Wells, Jacob Hooker, Rahul Rajasingh, Quinn Scouller, Brooklyn Holdt  
**Absent:** Sebastian Reade-Swan



### Football - Year 9A

**Back Row:** Ben Moore (coach), Caleb Fleming, Oskar van Hattum, Alec Kozenhof, Simon Kleinsman, Michael Theron, Colin Campbell, Declan Barrett, Mr M. Luque (coach)  
**Front Row:** Simon Henderson, Charlie Waite, Vince Ropitini, Alfie Luque, Jamie Kestle, Diarmaid McCarthy, William Hadley



### Football - Year 9 United

**Back Row:** Riley Blair, Henri Lehrke, Andrew Paynter, Reuben Brown  
**Front Row:** Finlay McGrath, Toby Din, McGregor Smith, Cameron Vanner, Kian Greenhead  
**Absent:** Oisín Ammundsen, Logan Holdsworth, Isaac Howell, Lucas Sarten, Mr M Ammundsen, Mr P Greenhead (coaches)



### Football - Year 10 A

**Back Row:** Jacob Crawford, Bryn Kearton, Ben Bradley, Corbin Richardson, Ben Limmer, Tom Conway, Mr G. Webber (coach)  
**Front Row:** Kasey Corbett, Daniel Kibby, Zian Popata, Tyler Webber, Jordan Gray, David Barnard, Ethan Webber  
**Absent:** Ben Leary



### Football - Year 10 Lasallian

**Back Row:** Dylan Bines, Titan Cook, Rory Maxwell, Jakob Neilson, Liam James, Brayden Herbert, Jarrod Walsh (coach)  
**Front Row:** Conall Fisher, Jordan Mills, Jesse Gudopp, Kyle Fleming, Jarod Brophy, Tyler Te Huna-Matuku, Tomi Karasawa, Devin Carruthers



### Football - Year 11 Social

**Back Row:** Samuel Riordan, Xander Campbell, Sam Poles-Smith, Mitchell Pelham, Daniel Chow, Aleksander Timarac, Dawson Webber (coach)  
**Front Row:** George Monk, Bailey Wensor, Jarrod Walsh, Jonathan Brosnahan, Kai Warburton, Joseph Crowe, Jack Newell, Joel Ward



### Football - Yr 13 Social

**Back Row:** John Frengley, Sam Moon, Joseph Taylor, Jared Hall, Cormac Griffin, Hayden Moral  
**Front Row:** James Heerdegen, Finbarr McCarthy, Kurt Biesiek, Patrick Fisher-Evans, Alex Gray, Greg Murray, Michael Wells, Lleyton Taylor

## BASKETBALL

Welcome to the FDMC Cardinals' 2015 Basketball season. The College was well represented at all levels of local age group competitions with a total of 14 teams competing in the 6 NPBA (local) competitions and 1 Taranaki wide competition. Of these 14 teams, 10 qualified for playoffs with 4 placing as Runners-up and 2 being crowned as Champions.

Throughout the season these teams were coached, mentored and supported by Parents/older siblings, senior students, and a confessed Basketball-a-holic.

FDMC Cardinals' Basketball now proudly portrays each team from Year 7 to our mighty Senior 'A'.

### Year 7

#### FDMC KINGZ

Coach:

Mr Warren Sampson

This great group of boys represented the College very well in the NPBA Intermediate Year 7 Competition. Playing exciting basketball and doing what was asked of them on and off the court, they qualified for the playoffs as third seeds. Although playing extremely hard in the semi-final, fate dealt them a cruel blow and they were beaten by 1 point by the eventual winners.

Best Team Player	Dylan Evaristo
Most Improved Player	Jayden Carroll
Best Defense Player	Jared Simpson
Most Valuable Player	Oliver Edquila

### Year 7

#### FDMC YETTIES

Coach:

Mr Shane Bint

After a shaky start with the student coach having to withdraw his services, Mr Bint took the reins and guided the team through a roller-coaster season. A small but committed group of boys turned up to lunchtime trainings and showed improvement with their skills' level which in turn gave them confidence at games. They placed credibly 8th out of 11 teams.

Best Team Player	Jacob Forsyth
Most Improved Player	Thomas Stokes
Best Defense Player	Dylan Bint
Most Valuable Player	Robert Ropitini

### Year 8

#### FDMC COBRAS

Coach:

Ms Chelsea Bamber

After 2 trials, 12 players were selected to represent Francis Douglas Memorial College in the NPBA Intermediate Year 8 Championship Division. Coach Chelsea did a magnificent job of ensuring these boys learnt the complete meaning of team. The boys responded and played with true pride in a very tough competition, gaining a place in the quarter-finals. This unfortunately was as far as they could muster as they bowed out to the team that would go on to win.

Best Team Player	George Boon
Most Improved Player	Corey Neilson
Best Defense Player	Jacob Bamber
Most Valuable Player	Aiden Lovell

**Year 8 FDMC HEAT**  
Coach: Mr Harrison Fraser

As it proves, practice provides opportunities to improve. This was evident with Harrison's team of hard workers as they grew in confidence with every practice and game during their season competing in the NPBA Intermediate 2nd Division. The boys narrowly missed out on a semi-final berth by 1 goal (2pts), on a count-back.

Best Team Player	Hamish McKie
Most Improved Player	Reece Bungay
Best Defense Player	Jordie Vink
Most Valuable Player	Jacob Whittle

The College was well represented in the local association NPBA Secondary Schools' Recreational Competition with 5 Junior (Years 9/10) and 3 Senior (Years 11-13) teams. All teams qualified for their respective competition playoffs. The Junior teams were in the NPBA Secondary Schools' Junior Championship Division and the Senior teams competed in the NPBA Secondary Schools' Senior Plate Division. Two Junior and 2 Senior teams advanced to the FINAL.

Also a must mention is that these teams were Coached and Managed by Senior 'A' members, Senior Students and a Parent.

After 3 extensive Junior trials, 4 teams were evenly compiled by the 4 coaches involved. The 5th Junior team was a Boarders' team. The 3 Senior teams were formed by themselves.

**Year 9/10 FDMC BLUE**  
Coach: Owen Griffiths (Senior 'A')

Never getting the full complement of team members to any one training or game due to a variety of reasons, makes it hard to get any consistency. Owen's patience saw that those that were able to attend practices benefited and had a good season qualifying through to the Semi-finals of the NPBA Secondary Schools' Junior Championship Division, where they were narrowly beaten by 1 point by another FDMC team.

Best Team Player	Andrew Painter
Most Improved Player	Liam Matthews
Best Defense Player	Luke Hughes
Most Valuable Player	Caleb Ludlow

**Year 9/10 FDMC GREEN**  
Coach: Sam Wright (Senior 'A')

This team also competed in the NPBA Secondary Schools' Recreational Junior Boys' Competition, and



under the coaching of Sam, this team produced some incredible basketball which resulted in a 2nd placing in the regular season. This put them into the play-offs where they won the Final of the Championship Division. This game was of 'state of origin' context as both teams gave their all. Sam's lads were a little disappointed but none the less proud of attaining 'Runners-up' and making the victors work outside their comfort zone.

Best Team Player	Rory Maxwell
Most Improved Player	Zachary Tuuta
Best Defense Player	Corban Jones
Most Valuable Players	Ethan Langton, Joel Clement

**Year 9/10 FDMC RED**  
Coach: Ethan Adams (Senior 'A')

Placing 4th in the NPBA Secondary Schools' Junior Boys Section 2 of the regular season, Ethan and the team proved too strong in their Quarter Final of the Championship Division playoffs, advancing to the semi-final where they were narrowly beaten by another FDMC team who were the eventual winners. Ethan worked great player rotations and gave all of the players the opportunity to grow in the sport he loves so much.

Best Team Player	Charlie Waite
Most Improved Player	Christian Fletcher
Best Defense Player	Blair Adams
Most Valuable Player	Mairenga Laapo

**Year 9/10 FDMC YELLOW**  
Coach: Nathan Cousins-Lapworth (Senior 'A')

Simply a 'fab-tab-u-lous' season. From the brink of being withdrawn due to a severe lack of numbers turning up because of injury and transport problems, these boys, their parents/caregivers and their coach found solutions and triumphed! Not only did they WIN the regular season of their competition section but also completed the derby by WINNING the NPBA Secondary Schools' Junior Championship Division. This also brought deserved bragging rights for Nathan.

Best Team Player	Charlie Waite
Most Improved Player	Christian Fletcher
Best Defense Player	Blair Adams
Most Valuable Player	Mairenga Laapo

**Boarders**

Coaches:

**FDMC 69ERS**

Ollie Bestall and

Blake Kalin (Senior Students)

Also assisted by Hunter Putt, this team was our one and only Boarders' team. Winning their regular season in the NPBA Secondary Schools' Junior Boys Section 2 Competition, they qualified for the quarter-finals of the Championship Division. After successfully beating Waitara HS they advanced to the semi-finals against FDMC BLUE. This was a game to be enjoyed as the lead changed several times and the result was not a given until the last 10 seconds where a solitary 'Free Throw' was made to end their season. This was an absolutely brilliant season performed by all involved.

Best Team Player	Vinnie Bestall
Most Improved Player	Shay Smith-Luond
Best Defense Player	Ben Smith
Most Valuable Player	Brodie Calder

**SENIOR (Years 11 - 13)**

Three teams competed in the local NPBA Secondary Schools' Recreational Competition.

FDMC MEN managed by Mitchell Pelham, were playing purely for the recreational side of the sport and put together a team that fitted perfectly into the local competition played on Fridays after school and in the evenings. They were placed in the Plate Competition after the completion of the Regular season. They won their semi-final but did not quite come 'up to speed' against the more fancied FDMC Walruses in the Final, hence the title of 'Runners-up' was their final season's achievement.

FDMC MONGOLS managed by Felix Webby and his Mum, was another of these senior teams where the students managed to gain a semifinal berth in the Plate Division but did not advance any further.

FDMC WALRUSES managed by Ollie Doherty-Ramsay, was a team that had a bit of talent but could not piece together enough good fortune throughout the regular season, but made sure that they would come up trumps in the PLATE Division. They beat all contenders.

**2015 FDMC Cardinals Basketball 'Special Awards'****JUNIOR**

Most Improved Year 7 Player - 2015

Jayden O'Carroll

Most Valuable Year 7 Player - 2015

Oliver Edquila

Most Improved Year 8 Player - 2015

Cory Neilson

Most Valuable Year 8 Player - 2015

Aiden Lovell

Most Improved Year 9/10 Player - 2015

Joel Clement

Most Valuable Year 9/10 Player - 2015

Luke Hughes

Most Outstanding Junior College Player - 2015

Ethan Langton

**FDMC JUNIOR 'A'**

Coach: Mr Aarun Langton

Assistant Coach: Mr Matt Cursons

This is the College's 'Junior Flagship'. With only a few players back from last season, and the majority being Year 9's, Aarun and Matt worked tirelessly teaching the boys the basic fundamentals, and how to be players not robots! As the local Junior Premier Competition was disbanded this season, the team was entered in the NPBA (local) Mens' B Grade Competition with the thought of preparing them for their two tournaments. The TSSSA Junior Basketball Championships were where they met Stratford HS Junior boys in the semi-final. Playing against two BBNZ Reps. the team found themselves a little short. This gave them 3rd equal placing.

In the BBNZ Secondary Schools' Regional Tournament for Junior (Years 9/10 ) teams all players produced their best effort possible, playing 6 games in four days and attained a very credible 15th placing. This was an extremely good season.

Best Team Player	Joel Clement
Most Improved Player	Ethan Langton
Best Defense Players	Joshua Morris Kaden Adamson
Most Valuable Player	Luke Hughes

**'CARDINALS' SENIOR 'A'**

This team is indeed our school's flag carrier for basketball and the pinnacle for all basketballers to be a part of in their Senior years at Francis Douglas Memorial College.

The 2015 journey commenced in mid-February when the class of 2014 returned to take up their stations in the 2015 Cardinals Senior 'A' team.

Entering again in the Medlab Taranaki Secondary Schools' League we started the competition season well. We had a mixture of wins and narrow losses before our first inter-school fixture versus St. Bernard's from Lower Hutt. Playing away and knowing that St. Bernard's would be looking at avenging their 2014 loss, we exerted extreme 'hustle' and demonstrated great team confidence to produce an excellent 35 point victory.

Next up was the game against cross town rivals, NPBHS. This was not such a good result regarding points on the

score-board but provided a good result with regards to intensity and commitment. Our next inter-school game was against St. John's from Hastings at home. Although playing on our home-court had us firing with pride, our overall team effort was a little short. This gave St. John's the closely fought victory.

In between these events we were competing with success in the local NPBA Mens' Premier Reserve Competition. Keeping in the top 4 for this and continuing with the Medlab League we registered good, bad and ugly results leading up to the BBNZ Region 3 Premiership Tournament to qualify for the National Championships later in October.

The Premiership Tournament arrived and being placed in a pool of three very strong teams, we knew we would have to fight for everything. Although the results were very close they were not to our advantage and we placed 4th in our pool of five which meant we had to play in the quarter finals of the 8th to 16th playoffs. This meant that there would be no National Tournament for us this year. Not faring too well in our quarter-final we completed the tournament playing off for 15th and 16th places out of 22 teams.

However, in the local competition we were in a semifinal in the Meblab Taranaki Secondary Schools' Competition against Stratford HS. Again there was 'no cigar' but it was an extremely good game.

In the Mens' Premier Reserve Competition we had 2 rounds to complete. With one win from those two

games we finished 3rd and this meant 'Playoff' time. NPBA runs a Semi-finals, Preliminary Final and Grand Final system. We had to win 2 to make the Grand-final. A close shave in the semi-final put us up against last season's champions (who were beaten in their semi-final.) Our record was 1 and 2 against them. The boys played their hearts out and put forward one of their best displays of basketball; we were through to the GRAND FINAL. True to expectations, what a battle we had against more mature players. This was again a basketball spectacle with neither team giving an inch. The lead see-sawed play by play. Up by 1 with 4.4 seconds on the game clock. Time-out was called by the opposition and the ball advanced as allowed. Instructions were NO FOULS unless the ball is in the key. Their pass hit a player inside; BEEP (whistle blown). We had a foul with 1.9 seconds of game time left, and we did not have any 'time-outs' left. Their player walked calmly to the Free Throw Line- 'Swish': first shot clean. Nathan looked over to bench and he just couldn't watch. Scores were now EVEN, then swish again: they were up by 1!

Our in bound was too short and the time elapsed. Silence, disbelief, shock were only some of the emotions displayed by our lads. But what a great game. No one likes losing but school pride quickly came forth as they congratulated the victors and were congratulated sincerely by the victors for the tremendous efforts given.

This was a very commendable season but one which could not have unfolded without the loyal, passionate



### Basketball - Junior A

**Back Row:** Ethan Langton, Levi Bunn, Joshua Morris, Caleb Ludlow  
**Front Row:** Kobe Sinclair, Bryn Kearton, Riley Putt, Luke Hughes, Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Joel Clement, Kaden Adamson  
**Absent:** Mr A. Langton (coach), Mr M. Cursons (assistant coach)

support given by Parents, caregivers and friends. A huge thank you to Mrs Keryn Williams who took on the Manager's role for the season. THANK YOU ALL, SO VERY, VERY MUCH. We eagerly await 2016 to welcome those who want to represent the College at the highest level of basketball.

Kent Mori Cup - Senior A Captain  
Nathan Cousins-Lapworth

Crowley Family Cup - Most Outstanding Team Player  
Ethan Adams

Siffleet Family Trophy - "Rookie" of the Year  
Jack Williams

Denis Toon Trophy - Most Improved Player  
Ollie Doherty-Ramsay

Dobson Trophy - Best Defense Player  
Owen Griffiths

Andy Cowie Trophy - Most Valuable Player  
Sam Wright and Nathan Cousins-Lapworth

Joseph Riordan Trophy - FDMC Most Outstanding  
College Basketball 2015  
Matthew O'Connell

### Special Mention of Representative Honours

NPBA U'13 BOYS - Cory Neilson, Connor Ford

NPBA U'15 BOYS - Blair Adams

TARANAKI U'15 BOYS - Ethan Langton, Joel Clement,  
Riley Putt, Caleb Ludlow

TARANAKI U'17 BOYS - Oisin Quinn, Lachlan Landreth

TARANAKI U'19 BOYS - Nathan Cousins-Lapworth,  
Ethan Adams, Matthew O'Connell

BBNZ U'16 BOYS - Matthew O'Connell

To ALL Sponsors, Players, Coaches, Team Managers and Supporters again a HUGE THANK YOU for the many, many hours of voluntary time and assistance you have given to the FDMC Cardinals' Basketball 2015 season successes. YOU TRULY EPITOMIZE what TEAM represents.

I graciously invite you to join with us again in 2016 to create even more successes.

Bouncing with Basketball

**Andy Cowie**  
**Director of Cardinals Basketball**



### Basketball - Senior A

**Back Row:** Ollie Doherty-Ramsay, Oisin Quinn, Hunter Putt, Jack Williams, Mr A. Cowie (coach)  
**Front Row:** Ryuki Han, Matthew O'Connell, Kobe Ratapu, Nathan Cousins-Lapworth, Sam Wright, Owen Griffiths, Ethan Adams



### Basketball - FDMC Kings

**Back Row:** Oliver Edquila, Jayden Carroll, Mathew Linton  
**Front Row:** Ethan Coward, Jade O'Neill-Kirchheiner, Mikas O'Neill-Kirchheiner, Alfie Whitham  
**Absent:** Cameron Dagg, Dylan Evaristo, Ollie Gooch, Jared Simpson, Jesse Zimmerman



### Basketball - FDMC Yetties

**Back Row:** Heath Waayer, Johnny Ryburn, Thomas Stokes, Dylan Bint, Mairenga Laapo (student coach)  
**Front Row:** Marshall Duffield, Jamie Horgan, Ezekiel Dizon, Cooper Ritai, Robert Ropitini  
**Absent:** Caleb Megchelse



### Basketball - FDMC Cobras

**Back Row:** Jamie MacDonell, Denzell Sofeni, Edward Iotia, Jacob Bamber, Oscar Taylor  
**Front Row:** Oskar Wano, Cody Campbell, Vincent Bolton, Aiden Lovell, Connor Ford, Cory Neilson, George Boon  
**Absent:** Ms C. Bamber (coach)



### Basketball - FDMC Heat

**Back Row:** Geordie Vink, Rhys Revell, Riley Lawn-Cliffe, Jacob Whittle, Curtis King  
**Front Row:** Andrew Jane, Max McFetridge, Liam Mills, Hamish McKie, Reece Bungay  
**Absent:** Jakob Erb, Harry Hawrot, Harrison Fraser (coach)



### Basketball - FDMC Mongols

**Back Row:** Jarrod Walsh, Felix Webby, Keegan Lindsay  
**Front Row:** Thomas Hadley, Gabriel Ramos, Isaac Brown  
**Absent:** Gioele Ventresca, Danial Gallo, Max Keig



### Basketball - FDMC Walruses

**Back Row:** Ollie Doherty-Ramsay, Mason Porteous, Sean Mosquera, Michael Kerr  
**Front Row:** Shaun Limmer, Liam Scott, Robson Chapman, Jonathon Brosnahan  
**Absent:** Jack Williams



### Basketball - FDMC Yellow

**Back Row:** Luke Parkinson, Christian Fletcher, Jacob Campbell, Boen Bracegirdle, Nathan Cousins-Lapworth (coach)  
**Front Row:** Keanu O'Brien, TJ Waiariki, Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Bryn Kearton



### Basketball - FDMC Red

**Back Row:** Hunter Putt (coach), Blair Adams, Riley Putt, Josh Morris, Scott Jury, Ethan Adams (coach)  
**Front Row:** Riley Blair, Harry Koch, Mairenga Laapo, Ben Koch, Charlie Waite



### Basketball - FDMC Green

**Back Row:** Brad Bowles, Corban Jones, Rory Maxwell, Sam Wright (coach)  
**Front Row:** Kobe Sinclair, Joel Clement, Ethan Langton, Isaac Cooksley.



### Basketball - FDMC Blue

**Back Row:** Henri Lehrke, Luke Hughes, Owen Griffiths (coach)  
**Front Row:** Liam Matthews, Caleb Ludlow, Reuben Brown, Andrew Paynter  
**Absent:** Corbin Merwood



### Basketball - FDMC 69ers

**Back Row:** Blake Kalin (coach), Jayden Smith, Keegan Wright, Shay Smith-Luond, Benjamin Smith, Cameron McDonald, Oliver Bestall (coach)  
**Front Row:** Camden Lacey, Callum Grayling, Brodie Calder, Vinnie Bestall, Fletcher Burnett



### Basketball - FDMC Men

**Back Row:** James Hall (student coach), Bradley Cooper, Oisin Quinn, Sam Lock  
**Front Row:** Mitchell Pelham, Bayley Cardie, Bryn Lawrence Pacheco, Zac Reid, Aleksandar Timarac  
**Absent:** Lachie Landreth





## HOCKEY

New 1st XI coach this year, Andy Bedford, had bold plans for the growth of FDMC Hockey and entered the 1st XI in the Men's Saturday competition playing in the new second division competition. The team acquitted itself very well with wins over Stratford and Te Kiri in the first round to finish middle of the table. The division then split up into 'Top 4' and 'Bottom 4' with FDMC again picking up wins over Te Kiri, Stratford and NPBHS 2nds to earn a Finals' Day game against

Stratford. Unfortunately we could not repeat the earlier performances and went down 3 - 6. Still this was a great effort for this young team playing for the first time against some seasoned men's teams and without two of their senior players who were playing for first division Northern.

The highlight of the season had to be an 8 - 0 win over the Te Kiri B Men's Team. The boys gained valuable experience with a number of 2nd XI players filling in each Saturday, and it was noticeable how much tougher their hockey became after each game. MVP's



### Hockey - 1st XI

**Back Row:** Mr C. Sorenson, Daniel Tofts, Ryan Dombroski, Jordan Roylance, Sam Johnson, Method Te Huia, Joseph Bernet, Mr A. Bedford  
**Front Row:** Samuel Johnson, Cody Rothwell, Jackson Mitchell, Harrison Smith, Quin Sorenson, James Heerdegen, Joseph Landrigan, Cameron Tofts, Jacob Campbell  
**Absent:** Thomas Morgan



### Hockey - 2nd XI

**Back Row:** Isaac Cooksley, Rhys Hurley, Liam McSweeney, Patrick Titter, Samuel Sutton  
**Front Row:** Riley Habib, Konrad Ward, Jayden Smith, Mason Habib, Matthew Picard, Nathan Hammersley, Finlay McGrath



### Hockey - Year 7 & 8

**Back Row:** Samuel Partridge, Jacob O'Connor, Cody Campbell, Ben Price  
**Front Row:** Samuel James, Robert Morgan, Bailey Collier, Adam Johnston, Amos Pease

for Saturday were Captain, James Heerdegen, and top goal scorer, Cody Rothwell, with 6 goals.

The team also played in the mid-week Secondary School grade and went through the competition winning all their games except for a last round loss to NPBHS A. Unfortunately the next loss to NPBHS Colts cost the team a finals' game and they had to settle for beating Inglewood HS to finish in 3rd place. MVP's for this competition were captain Quin Sorensen with 21 goals, Cody Rothwell with 7 goals, and the teams most promising young player, Method Te Huia.

The 1st XI played three interschool games, with an 8 - 0 loss to a very strong NPBHS team. NPBHS plays in the 'Top 16' national competition and has two NZ U18 representatives so overall it wasn't a bad result for such a young team.

In the other interschool games, FDMC (without their senior players) defeated St Johns 9 - 0 and then travelled down to Wanganui Collegiate and won a close game 3 - 2 after going 2 - 0 down early in the game.

The final games of the year involved the Tier 3 Secondary Schools' Tournament in Palmerston North. After gaining promotion from Tier 4 last year, it was always going to be very tough making it to the finals, and so it proved to be. We had a first up 2 - 3 loss to Paraparamu, who went on to finish in the top 4. We then drew 1 - 1 with Wanganui Collegiate and then had to win our last game against Taradale High School. It wasn't to be. Despite dominating the second half we could not find the winning goal and drew 3 - 3 and Taradale went through to compete in the Top 8.

FDMC won the first crossover game against Mahurangi College but lost their next two games against Gisborne BHS and St. Patrick's Town to finish 12th. This was enough to avoid relegation. MVP for the tournament was Quin Sorensen with Harrison Smith and James Heerdegen second equal.

Thank you to all the parents who supported the team throughout the year by coming down to the tournament and dropping/picking up boys from practices. It can't be done without you.

Lastly a big thank you must go to Andy Bedford for the time and effort he has put in this year taking the lads for two practices during the week, a Thursday night game and the Saturday game. This is a huge contribution in time and the team has benefited immensely.

As my time comes to an end at FDMC I wish the team the best of luck for next year; continue that improvement guys.

**Craig Sorensen**  
**Manager of FDMC 1st XI Hockey**

## CROSS COUNTRY

### FDMC CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

#### Juniors

1st	Brayden Herbert	(S)
2nd	David Barnard	(S)
3rd	Jacob Crawford	(LS)

#### Intermediate B

1st	Liam Moore	(L)
2nd	Matthew O'Connell	(S)
3rd	Dylan Simpson	(B)

#### Intermediate A

1st	Felix Webby	(S)
2nd	Thomas Hadley	(LS)
3rd	Tyler Buckland	(B)

#### Seniors

1st	Thomas Wright	(S)
2nd	Shaun Palmer	(L)
3rd	Jack Matthews	(S)

#### House Points

1st	LaSalle	4465
2nd	Benildus	4063
3rd	Solomon	3766
4th	Loreto	3256

### TSSA CROSS COUNTRY

On the 19 May, Hawera produced ideal conditions for the Taranaki Secondary School Cross Country Championships held at the Egmont A & P Showgrounds. The field organisers shaped a challenging up and down course which tested our boys throughout the day. The highlight of the day was our Intermediate 6 Man Team placing 1st in their category. The boys were lifted by the presence of former FDMC cross country coach Nick Tipler, who made an appearance. A big thanks to Nick for helping out.



#### Cross Country - Senior

**Back Row:** Isaac Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Keegan Lindsay  
**Front Row:** Joseph Bernet, Felix Webby, Tyler Buckland, Ryan O'Sullivan

Notable results included:

### Intermediate

3rd	Liam Moore
4th	Matthew O'Connell
8th	Jack Potroz
9th	Felix Webby

### Intermediate 6 man team result

1st	FDMC
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### Individual Results were

3rd	Liam Moore,
4th	Matthew O'Connell,
8th	Jack Potroz,
9th	Felix Webby,
12th	Joseph Bernet,
14th	Thomas Hadley

### Senior

10th	Cameron Tofts
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### Scott Crocker

Sports Coordinator



### Cross Country - Junior

Left - Right: Daniel Kibby, Brayden Herbert, David Barnard, Jacob Crawford

## SKIING / SNOWBOARDING

### TARANAKI PRIMARY SKI/SNOWBOARDING COMPETITION

This event was held on the Tuesday 11 August at the Manganui Ski field on Mt Taranaki. There was a good cover of snow on the T-bar and there was enough visibility to see the whole giant slalom course. Each athlete raced twice down the course and both timed runs were combined to decide on placings.

Our team was made up of 6 skiers and 2 snowboarders.

### Skiers

Adam Johnston, Oliver Wright, Oliver Silk, Louis Newton, George Newton, Jack Cleland

### Snowboarders

Oliver Clennett, Bailey Collier

Our boys performed very well. College currently has a strong group of competitive riders.

### Results

Skiing - Adam Johnston 3rd

Snowboarding - Oliver Clennett 1st, Bailey Collier 2nd

Thanks to the parents who helped out on the day.

### John Neeson

Snowsports Co-ordinator

### TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS SKI/ SNOWBOARDING COMPETITION (TSSSA)

This event was held on Wednesday 12 August at Manganui Ski field on Mt Taranaki. There was a good cover of snow on the T-bar and it was a 'blue bird' day. A giant slalom course was set on the T-bar run and electronic timing used. Each athlete raced down the course twice and both timed runs were combined to decide on placings.

The top 4 student placings were calculated to make up school points.

Our senior team was made up of 8 skiers and 4 snowboarders.

### Skiers

Cole Hareb, Keegan Lindsay, Sam Street, Zachary Smith, Nikolai Murray, Dominic Coleman, Phillip Jager, Kieran Cullen

### Snowboarders

Charlie George, Tom Hopkins, Tai Ruakere, Israel Finnigan

The course was fast and demanding, and our boys performed very well.



### Skiing

Back Row: Mr J. Neeson, Phillip Jager, Keegan Lindsay, Nikolai Murray  
Front Row: Sam Street, Cole Hareb, Dominic Coleman

## Results

Skiing - Cole Hareb 3rd, Keegan Lindsay 4th  
Snowboarding - Charlie George 1st (for the second year in a row)

Thanks to the parents who helped out on the day.

**John Neeson**

**Snowsports Co-ordinator**

## NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SKI COMPETITION

This was held on the 14th, 15th and 16th September at Mt Ruapehu's Turoa ski field.

Once again it was a popular event attracting 124 schools and 566 competitors. Over the 3 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, Zachary Smith

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

**John Neeson**

**Snowsports Co-ordinator**

## NORTH ISLAND INTERMEDIATE SKI/ SNOWBOARDING COMPETITION

A team of 8 students represented the College in this event at Whakapapa, Mt Ruapehu over 4 days. The activities were Giant Slalom, Ski Cross, Dual Slalom, Boarder Cross and Slope Style. This was unfortunately hampered by poor weather. Our fastest skier for the Giant Slalom was Adam Johnston and fastest snowboarder was Oliver Clennett. All the boys experienced the pressure of racing and met students



from other schools in this popular event. Our teams were:

### Skiers

Adam Johnston, Oliver Wright, Louis Newton, George Newton, Jack Cleland, Kobe Allen-Raven

### Snowboarders

Bailey Collier, Oliver Clennett

**John Neeson**

**Snowsports Co-ordinator**



### Skiing/Snowboarding Yr 7 & 8

**Back Row:** Bailey Collier, Oliver Wright, Adam Johnston  
**Front Row:** George Newton, Jack Cleland, Oliver Clennett, Louis Newton



### Snowboarding

**Back Row:** Mr T. Ruakere, Israel Finnigan, Cameron Sharrock  
**Front Row:** Tom Hopkins, Taihawe Ruakere, Charlie George

## SQUASH

### TSSSA SQUASH

This year Francis Douglas Memorial College competed in the TSSSA Squash Competition held on Sunday 28 June in Okato. The team represented the College well and competed in all age group divisions. FDMC was strong in Division 2 and also had a Senior student competing in Division 1.

An outstanding achievement on the day was Callum Grayling making it to the Division 2 Boys' Final, losing 15-9 and 15-5.

#### Placings:

Boys Division 1  
Blake Habib 3rd

Boys Division 2  
2nd Callum Grayling  
3rd Lachlan Greensill  
4th Ambrose Moratti  
5th Matthew Picard

**Sarah Beckett**  
Sports Co-ordinator



#### Squash

**Back Row:** Blake Habib, Callum Grayling, Miss S. Beckett (coach)  
**Front Row:** Lachlan Greensill, Matthew Picard, Mason Habib

## ADVENTURE RACING

2015 has been a huge year of development for FDMC and SHGC Adventure Racing with both Junior and Senior teams able to build on their success in qualifying events last year. This all began with the Year 9 and 10 'Get2Go' Challenge team competing in the National Finals on Great Barrier Island last December. After showing incredible form to take out the regional competition for the first time ever, the team progressed well to tackle the National Final against the other 11 top teams from around the country. The event involved

five days of intense competition and included outdoor based activities such as running, paddling, sailing and high ropes. Over the first two days the team performed solidly as they aimed to tackle an array of initiatives, going head to head with other teams. However it was in Day 4 that the team really took control, putting in a dominant performance on a land and sea based rogaie. Their strong sense of competition showed throughout the week and they earned 3rd place in the country; an outstanding achievement for their first crack at National level competition.

Similarly the FDMC/SHGC Hillary Challenge team looked to build on their success from last year's qualifier as they prepared to compete in the Genesis Energy Hillary Challenge. This event is regarded as the toughest secondary schools' sporting event in the country with 5 days of outdoor based challenges competed in by the top 12 teams in Australasia. The team had a rollercoaster first couple of days as they struggled to apply their processes in the unpredictable challenges. However, coming into more familiar territory with the Day 3 and 4 expedition, the team pushed themselves to the limit both physically and mentally. Over the 2 days they covered over 60km on foot over off road terrain, and did so carrying a cumulative amount in excess of 100kg of gear between the 8 team members. However, unforeseen injuries plagued our expedition and vastly limited our point scoring options. So when the 50km multisport race rolled around on Day 5, the team were motivated to leave on a high. We started hard and finished harder, managing to peg back a number of strong teams to take line honours on the day. It was an incredible finish to such a challenging but memorable week. As a result we came away with 8th place overall, which was a very respectable effort for our first ever crack at the event!

There were a number of other notable results achieved throughout the year that reflected the hard work the competitors put into these events. The 'Get2Go' team took out the regional qualifier for the second year running over their NPBHS/NPGHS counterparts to secure a spot in the finals again this December. The Hillary Challenge team also requalified for next year



#### Adventure Racing - Junior Squad

**Left - Right:** Liam Matthews, Joshua Hopkins, Finn Morris  
**Absent:** Tom Le Fleming

by placing second in the North Island qualifying event. In the Kawerau 6 hour event, Shaun Palmer and Jack Matthews raced strongly to take out 2nd place out of 138 teams overall as well as a category win. Similarly the other senior boys' team took out their respective division in this event.

In the recent Whangamata 6 hour competition a strong FDMC/SHGC contingency achieved some very desirable results and took out category wins in the Senior Boys, Senior Girls and Junior Mixed divisions. As a whole there were some outstanding results this year and not only is that a testament to the competitors but also the coaches and parents that put in a lot of work behind the scenes. Special mentions must go to Rick Palmer, Sarah Morris, Matt Lash and Dave Hadley who have been instrumental in the organization of the teams throughout the year. Without the continuous support of people like you we really couldn't have grown the sport into the success it has become today.

With Connor Lindsay and myself moving on from the College next year, we can take great pride in seeing what Adventure Racing has become. We'd like to thank everyone involved for helping us develop it to what it is today and for the many friendships we have made as a result of it. We know that with the enthusiasm and drive of the people involved today that the legacy will continue for many years to come.

Race Hard, Race Fast, but most importantly Race Smart!  
Go the College!

**Shaun Palmer**  
**Captain FDMC/SHGC Hillary Challenge Team**

## GET-2-GO

For the second year running, a combined team from FDMC/ SHGC has won the Taranaki regional qualifier Get-2-Go event.

The team of eight Year 9 and 10 students competed against teams from schools all around Taranaki and has won the right to represent our province in the national



Grand Final, which is a week long adventure racing event held on Great Barrier Island in December.

Our college had two teams competing, and both performed strongly in the mountain biking, kayaking, problem solving activities and orienteering; showing excellent teamwork, leadership and determination.

For our winning team, the challenge now lies ahead, with plenty of training and fundraising to come in order to secure a top placing, with the aim to go two spots better than last year's team who placed third in NZ!

**Shaun Palmer**  
**Student Coach**

## HILLARY CHALLENGE

The combined FDMC/ SHGC Hillary Challenge team competed in the National Finals held at OPC near Turangi this year.

The competition began with two days of problem solving activities, ranging from kayaking, search and rescue, climbing, high ropes, abseiling and canoeing; with the team scoring well on their skills and team working ability. The next two days involved a rogaie style expedition, where the team had to plan and navigate their way to as many checkpoints as possible in the allotted time. The expedition started at the top of the Bruce Road, near Whakapapa Ski-field and finished back at OPC. This meant the terrain covered was a challenging mix of mountain rock, bush, trail and farmland, and tested all teams ability to navigate accurately and travel at great pace, with over 55 km covered with full sized packs.

The final day saw all 12 teams competing in a multi-sport race that covered over 50 kms of bush trails, paddling on lakes and mountain biking. Our team crossed the line just 30 seconds ahead of NPGHS/ NPBHS to take line honours- a result that capped off the week nicely!



### Hillary Challenge

Left - Right: Jack Matthews, Connor Lindsay, Shaun Palmer, Josh Morris, Mr M. Lash

The standard of racing all week was very high and finishing in eighth place in our first year in the event was a solid result and one that we can build on for the future. The winning team was Thames High School, with NPBHS/NPGHS second and Whangarei Boys' High and Girls' High third.

A huge thanks to Rick Palmer for his dedication over the past few years, and our wide range of awesome supporters.

**Matt Lash**  
**HOD Physical Education**



## ROGAINE



### Rogaine

**Back Row:** Kane Perrett, Connor Lindsay, Matthew O'Connell, Brad Saxton, Shaun Palmer, Andrew Adams, Josh Cathie  
**Second Row:** Josh Hamer, Jackson Sinclair, Mitchell Tregoweth, Keegan Lindsay, Jack Matthews, Felix Webby, Damon Judd-Oliver, Josh Morris  
**Front Row:** Finn Morris, Davy Rowe, Henry Baylis, Isaac Brown Jacob Taplin, Jaide Coombes, Thomas Hadley, Joshua Hopkins

## NETBALL



### Netball

**Back Row:** Ben Moore, Ollie Doherty-Ramsay, Ziah Taumoepeau, Jonathan Fidow  
**Front Row:** Michael Kerr, Tyler Buckland, Connor Wilson, Nathan Cousins-Lapworth, William Peters

## HALF IRONMAN



### Half Ironman

**Left - Right:** Cameron Tofts, Damon Judd-Oliver

## TRI NATIONALS



### Tri Nationals - Under 19s

**Left - Right:** Cameron Tofts

## CRICKET

Cricket remains strong at Francis Douglas Memorial College. In 2015/16 large numbers of boys played our summer game and many also achieved great results at all levels.

TIMBERCO has continued to sponsor cricket at the College and their support is much appreciated. Through their generosity we have been able to retain Level 3 cricket coach, Debu Banik, and harness his specialist cricket coaching skills. Through this partnership the College continues to build and develop more resources for cricket such as the revamped cricket nets and multi use turf. This season a grass practice wicket will be developed which will enable more realistic practice for our batters.

Roger Stachurski of Stachurski Motors has also been a huge supporter of College cricket and has supplied Debu Banik with a car over many years. This year a new car sponsor has come on board, which is Russell Dempster at Energy City Ford. This is an exciting move and we look to continue this partnership into the future. Warren Richardson of Western Auto Services provides any mechanical help that is needed with the vehicle. Craig Meads of Computerwise provides funding towards 1st XI warm up gear and Hayden Whiting of Action Indoor Sports provided Hooded Sweatshirts for the 1st XI. Thanks to all the people involved for your amazing support over the season.

Our grass wicket is considered by many to be the best playing surface in Taranaki due to the expertise of our ground staff at College. Rodney, Neville and Miles put in massive hours preparing the grounds for Saturday cricket and they always look immaculate. This season Matthew O'Sullivan looked after the wicket and produced an excellent playing surface. In recognition of this we were granted a Taranaki Hawke Cup cricket match and judged to be the second best wicket in Taranaki after Pukekura Park.

We are very lucky to have fantastic coaches supporting our teams at the College and we can boast that all teams receive quality coaching throughout the week from highly skilled coaches. A massive thanks must go to Debu Banik who coaches a large number of cricket teams across all ages and continues to improve the standard of cricket at the College.

I am also hugely grateful for the hours that many parents give up looking after teams on Saturday mornings. Your efforts on the scorebook, umpiring and managing the boys are gratefully received.

Last season the following teams were entered in competitions:

Term 1 and Term 4 2015  
1st and 2nd XI (Taranaki Men's grade) - 2 teams



Term 1 and Term 4 2015: Cricket teams involved in Saturday Morning Cricket

Years 7 - 8 Senior Primary - 7 teams (4 in Term 1, 3 in Term 4)

Years 9 - 13 Secondary School - 10 teams (7 in Term 1, 3 in Term 4)

Congratulations to the three FDMC cricket teams who took out all grades of Secondary School Cricket in Term One. FDMC Green won the Secondary School Division 3, FDMC Seniors won the Secondary School Division 2 and FDMC Gold won the Secondary School Division One competitions.

It is awesome to see our boys achieving at an elite level with their cricket. Congratulations to all the cricketers who have been selected in Taranaki teams at all levels.

Finally, thanks to all the parents, grandparents and supporters of cricket in the College. We are truly grateful for all the effort that goes into your son being able to enjoy our summer game.

### Taranaki Age Group Cricketers 2015

Taranaki U12  
Max Dowd, Joshua Elder

Taranaki U15  
Matt Allen, Jonty Hughes, Jacob Mortensen, Jack Krutz, Ambrose Moriarty

Taranaki U17  
Sean Mosquera, Jesse Vertongen, Jensen Taumoepeau, Robson Chapman, Finbar Moriarty

Taranaki U19  
Bailey Wisnewski, Quin Sorensen

**Mark Wales**  
**Director of FDMC Cricket**

## 1ST XI CRICKET REPORT

The 1st XI Cricket Team had an exceptional season in 2014/15 playing in the Taranaki Men's Premier grade, taking part in several inter-school college matches and competing in the national Gillette Cup knockout competition.

The team progressed through to the Central Districts Final of the Gillette Cup and gained national recognition as one of the top 12 cricket teams in the country. For its efforts throughout the season, the team claimed the FDMC "Team of the Year" trophy and also had some outstanding individual performances as well.

The 1st XI consisted of several experienced Year 12/13 students such as Matthew O'Sullivan, Jordie Barrett, Quin Sorensen, Bailey Wisnewski, Shaun Phillips, Oliver Polson and Luke Dravitzki. Added to this was the exciting new talent of Sean Mosquera, Robson Chapman, Jacob Richards, Jesse Vertongen and Jensen Taumoepeau. Ugandan fast bowler Faruk Ochimi added some heat to the bowling attack and Debu Banik coached the team again this year aided by match day manager, Peter Wisnewski.

The season started in early October 2014 with the Taranaki Men's One-Day Competition. Unfortunately the weather played a terrible hand and two of the games were washed out. The team managed to pick up one win against Stratford but did not make the semi-finals, which was a disappointing result. The top performers



in the One Day Competition were Jordie Barrett who claimed 4 wickets and 83 runs against Inglewood in the first game of the season and Quin Sorensen who scored an impressive 68 vs. New Plymouth Old Boys'.

The boys moved onto the grass wickets of Taranaki in early November to play in the Men's Premier Two Day Competition. Our overall statistics for the Two Day Competition were that we played 7 games, winning 1 and losing 6. However, in many of the games the team was close to a favourable result and employed a positive attitude during the two-day format.

Faruk Ochimi picked up a 5-wicket bag in the first two-day match against Inglewood and in the same match Jordie Barrett slammed a hard hit 59. In the next game against Stratford, Jordie claimed 5 wickets and helped



### Cricket - 1st XI

**Back Row:** Jensen Taumoepeau, Jakob Schrader, Thomas Wright, Jahdal Jordan, Jacob Richards, Mr M. Wales  
**Front Row:** Oliver Polson, Michael Kerr, Robson Chapman, Quin Sorensen, David Gardner, Luke Dravitzki, Shaun Phillips  
**Absent:** Sean Mosquera, Jesse Vertongen, Bailey Wisnewski (c)

skittle Stratford for 64 runs. Matthew O' Sullivan picked up his second honours board performance by claiming 6 wickets against New Plymouth Boys' High School in the following match.

After Christmas the pitches generally become more batter friendly and Quin Sorensen scoring a magnificent 140 against New Plymouth Old Boys' at Western Park showed this. He was helped by a solid Oliver Polson who knocked off 58 to take the side through to 287 runs. It was Shaun Phillips' turn to score some runs against Hawera and he contributed by scoring a solid 63 in the first innings. In the final Two Day match, young fast bowler Jensen Taumoepeau announced his presence on the big stage with a stunning 6-wicket bag against Marist United.

The annual Twenty 20 season proved a hit with the boys and lots of fun was had in the shortened version of the game. Unfortunately we lost all 3 of the Twenty 20 games we played but the boys certainly had a lot of enjoyment playing in the twilight of some magnificent summer days.

The first College game the team played was a 3-day match vs. St Patrick's Silverstream from Upper Hutt. This year we travelled down to play them and had an outright win which boosted the confidence of the boys.

The next College game was against Rathkeale College of Masterton. The format of the fixture was changed to

a two-day game to enhance the quality of the cricket played. The game was very even and went right down to the final over of the day where Rathkeale claimed the outright victory.

The last College match of the season was against St Patrick's Wellington, which was a traditional 3-day match, played at FDMC. Quin Sorensen bowled very well claiming 5 wickets in the first innings and 4 in the second innings. Bailey Wisnewski batted extremely well in this match also compiling 63 runs in the first innings and 81 in the second. This match also went very close with FDMC needing 8 runs off the final over of the day but just falling short.

In early March the Gillette Cup campaign started. We met New Plymouth Boys' High School first who were the current holders of the "Challenge Trophy". The team played outstandingly with Quin Sorensen scoring 100 runs, supported by Bailey Wisnewski who scored a patient 80, taking the team through to a formidable 271. We were much stronger than NPBHS on the day and knocked them over for 133, with all the bowlers contributing to a true team effort.

The next game was played against Wanganui Collegiate at FDMC. This was an easy win for the College again as we bowled out Wanganui for 100 runs and chased it down successfully. This meant that we progressed through to the Central Districts Gillette Cup semi-final, held in Palmerston North. In the semi-final we



### Cricket - 2nd XI

**Back Row:** Jesse Vertongen, Jensen Taumoepeau, Jakob Schrader, Thomas Wright, Jahdal Jordan, Shay Smith-Luond, Mr M. Wales  
**Front Row:** Finbar Moriarty, Nathan Philip, Jacob Richards, David Gardner, Robson Chapman, Michael Kerr, Matt Allen

played Marlborough Boys' High School. We scored an impressive 243 led by a solid knock of 68 from Shaun Phillips. We showed our bowling strength again as we bowled out Marlborough for 189. The wickets were shared around the team again.

The Central Districts final was played against Palmerston North Boys' High School. We scored 207 against a large and skilled Palmerston North team who fielded several Year 13 and 14 players, compared to our two Year 13's. Robson Chapman batted extremely well for 60 and held the middle order together. PNBHS demonstrated real skill in chasing the total down with relative ease in 45 overs. This meant that our season had come to an end. It was the best season of cricket yet with several players making significant contributions in many games. The team showed true dedication and commitment especially in the latter part of the season - often giving up large amounts of time on Sundays to train and play practice matches. Debu Banik put an extraordinary amount of time into developing the team and I believe the best is yet to come with this young side.

At the time of writing the 1st XI have already played most of the One Day matches in the 2015/16 season with some notable performances, including a stunning victory over Inglewood. I would like to congratulate Jordie Barrett for making the Central Districts U19's and also representing the College with pride playing for the Taranaki Men's side.

I would personally like to thank Debu Banik and Peter Wisnewski who coached/ managed the team last season and will continue to do so in 2015/16. Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and supporters of the 1st XI at the College and the time and effort you put into helping your son excel at cricket in the school. Many thanks to our Sponsors TIMBERCO who continue to provide amazing assistance to cricket in the College.

**Mark Wales**  
**FDMC Director of Cricket**

#### AWARDS

Kirk Family Trophy for Most Valuable Batsmen:  
Bailey Wisnewski

D'ath Family Trophy for Most Valuable Bowler:  
Jensen Taumoepeau

Fleming Trophy for Most Improved Player:  
Robson Chapman

Bolstad Trophy for Most Valuable Player:  
Quin Sorensen

Br. Peter Smyth Trophy for Contribution to Cricket:  
Bailey Wisnewski

FDMC Team of the Year: 1st XI Cricket



#### Cricket - Year 9/10 NZCT

**Back Row:** Shay Smith-Luond, Matthew Meuli, Luke Hughes, Jensen Taumoepeau, Javaahn Taumoepeau, Mr M. Wales  
**Front Row:** Matt Allen, Jack Krutz, Finn Hosking, Jesse Vertongen, Ambrose Moriarty, George Kerr  
**Absent:** Jonty Hughes, Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens



#### Cricket - Napier Tournament

**Back Row:** Shay Smith-Luond, Matthew Meuli, Jensen Taumoepeau, Jesse Vertongen, Mr M. Wales  
**Front Row:** Matt Allen, Sean Mosquera, Bryn Lawrence Pacheco, Robson Chapman, Jacob Richards, Josh Cathie, Jonathan Brosnahan  
**Absent:** Jackson Sinclair



#### Cricket - Primary Cup

**Back Row:** Jordan Varga, Ben Price, Connor Ford, Liam Mills, Jacob Mortensen, Joshua Elder  
**Front Row:** Jacob Donlon, Max Dowd, George Boon, Ollie Gooch, Tawanda Zhanje, Gareth Duffy, Keller Biesiek  
**Absent:** Aidan Lovell

### GILLETTE CUP CRICKET

Our 1st XI Cricket team have had a very successful Gillette Cup campaign this year finishing 12th in New Zealand.

The team gained the right to play Wanganui Collegiate by winning the Taranaki regionals and then went on to beat Marlborough Boys' High School to make it through to the Central Districts play off against Palmerston North Boys' High School where they had a close loss. The team played exceptionally well in reaching this level and congratulations are extended to players, coaches, sponsors, managers and parents involved in the 1st XI this year.

### FDMC YEAR 9/10 CRICKET - NAPIER BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT 2015

The annual Napier Boys' High School Years 9/10 Cricket Tournament was held on the 23 - 26 November 2015 in the sunny Hawkes Bay.

The College sent a talented group of cricketers to the tournament this year and we were keen to do well against the other major schools in the Central Districts and Wellington region.

The first game was against Hawkes Bay locals Lindisfarne College. We batted first and slowly compiled the runs to gain a total of 142. Top scorers were Jesse Vertongen with 25, Matt Allen with 27 and Finn Hosking with the crucial 21 runs batting at Number 9. The boys bowled exceptionally against Lindisfarne and dismissed them for 94. The top wicket-takers were Jensen Taumoepeau with 2 wickets and Rory Maxwell with 2 wickets.

The next game was played against Wanganui High School and we had a comprehensive victory. The boys bowled first and made light work of the Wanganui batsmen, getting them all out for 75 runs. The best of the bowlers were Matt Meuli (2 wickets), Finn Hosking (3 wickets) and Shay Smith- Luond (2 wickets). We easily chased the total down in 8 overs with Jonty Hughes scoring 24 not out and Matt Allen scoring 36 not out.

The third game was against Havelock North High School. We bowled first again and dismissed Havelock for 120. Matt Allen was the star with the ball in this



match, taking 5 wickets for 14 runs. We chased down the score relatively easily with Jesse scoring 29, Shay scoring 23 not out and Jonty scoring 45 not out.

The last game of the tournament was the annual grudge match against billets St. John's. After spending a week together the boys were keen to battle it out on the cricket field and show off their cricket skills. We batted first and notched up an impressive 222 off our 40 overs. Jesse Vertongen batted brilliantly - smashing the ball to all parts of the ground and scored an exceptional 104 off 60 balls. He was well supported by Ambrose Moriarty who scored 27 and was part of a 120 run opening partnership between the two openers. Our bowlers stepped up again and dismissed St. John's for 85. Rory took 2 wickets and Brodie Calder took 4 wickets.

The boys were a fantastic group to take away and showed maturity both on and off the cricket field. The team shows real promise and the College can look forward to some exceptional cricketers in the years to come.

Team list: Jesse Vertongen, Ambrose Moriarty, Jonty Hughes, Jensen Taumoepeau, Rory Maxwell, Shay Smith- Luond, Matt Allen, Matthew Meuli, Finn Hosking, Jack Krutz, Brodie Calder, George Kerr.

**Mark Wales**  
**Director of Sport**





### Cricket - FDMC Seniors

**Back Row:** Daniel Wells, Danyon Roguski, Jakob Schrader, Oliver Bestall, Matthew Jane  
**Front Row:** Michael Kerr, Jack Richardson, Hunter Putt, Jackson Mitchell, Hayden Moral  
**Absent:** Jordan Barnett, Shaun Limmer, Shaun Palmer, Nathan Philip



### Cricket - FDMC Yellow

**Back Row:** Ben Koch, Patrick Butler, Keegan Steere, Aden McBreen, Matthew Sisarich  
**Front Row:** Faryn George, Harry Koch, Jack Krutz, Jonty Hughes, Cameron Vanner  
**Absent:** Riley Davison



### Cricket - FDMC Blue

**Back Row:** Liam Scott, Cooper Bradley, Jacob Richards, Campbell Grayling, Sam Cleland, Dylan Calder  
**Front Row:** Jackson Sinclair, Bryn Lawrence Pacheco, Josh Cathie, Jonathan Brosnahan, Liam Thomson, Finbar Moriarty, Joseph Bernet



### Cricket - FDMC Gold

**Back Row:** Matthew Meuli, Luke Hughes, Joel Heyen, Jensen Taumoepeau, Nathan Philip  
**Front Row:** Matt Allen, Javaahn Taumoepeau, Shay Smith-Luond, Finn Hosking, Brodie Calder, Ambrose Moriarty  
**Absent:** Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens



### Cricket - FDMC Green

**Back Row:** Method Te Huia, Jacob Campbell, Reuben Brown  
**Front Row:** Diarmaid McCarthy, Blaque Macleod, George Kerr, Jeremy Gopperth, Finlay McGrath  
**Absent:** Declan Barrett, Logan Brophy, Kady Luke



### Cricket - FDMC Royal

**Back Row:** Ben Limmer, Jayden Smith, Benjamin Smith, Corbin Richardson  
**Front Row:** Ethan Webber, Tyler Webber, Tom Conway, Rory Maxwell, Harry Newman, Jacob Farrant, Fergus Conley  
**Absent:** Cameron McDonald, Jakob Neilson



### Cricket - FDMC Red

**Left - Right:** Kaden Adamson, Campbell Lusk, Ethan Langton, Boen Bracegirdle, Riley Putt, Bryn Kearton

**Absent:** Samuel Barbour, Cameron Shearman, Liam McSweeney



### Cricket - Southees

**Back Row:** Jakob Schrader (coach), Robert Morgan, Samuel Partridge, Saki Waicere, Michael Kerr (coach)

**Front Row:** Louis Baldock, Robert Ropitini, Jacob Hooker, Ethan Koning, Brayden Meuli, Alexander Wells, Keller Biesiek

**Absent:** Amos Pease



### Cricket - Andersons

**Back Row:** Jordan Wells, Mathew Linton, Andrew Jane, Jahdal Jordan (coach)

**Front Row:** Jimmy Moffitt, Gareth Duffy, Daniel Prendiville, Jericho Henry, Aiden Bocock, Romaine Grewal, Cade Thompson

**Absent:** Cullen Luckin, Joshua Read



### Cricket - McCullums

**Back Row:** Jakob Erb, Hamish Cummings, Oliver Wright, Connor Ford, Jacob Mortensen

**Front Row:** Harry Hawrot, Brooklyn Holdt, Jacob Donlon, Ben Price, Cooper Ritai, Jacob Marshall, Oscar Hadley



### Cricket - Taylors

**Back Row:** Vincent Bolton, Liam Mills, Lachlan Fleming, Cody Campbell

**Front Row:** Max Dowd, Ollie Gooch, Jordan Vertongen, Jordan Varga, Joshua Elder, George Boon, Tawanda Zhanje

**Absent:** Braedan Quilter-Phipps, Jacob Whittle



## ROWING

### MAADI CUP ROWING

Mason Porteous and Bodie Butler competed extraordinarily well at the Maadi Cup Rowing competition.

Both boys were in the Under 18 A final and the Under 16 double. Mason also finished in the U16 B final. Exciting times lie ahead for these novice boys after performing so well at this level in their first year of rowing.

Congratulations to both Mason and Bodie.



**Rowing - Maadi Cup Double**

**Left - Right:** Mason Porteous, Bodie Butler

### TSSSA INDOOR ROWING

This year Francis Douglas competed at the TSSSA Indoor rowing event held at NPGHS on Monday 21 September. FDMC demonstrated their strength by winning 3 out of the 4 events. This was a very pleasing result for the team.

A consistent and talented team of Year 11's competed in the Junior Boys' section and won overall. The team included Cobi McCook, Mason Porteous, Bodie Butler and Logan Olsen. Events included the 1000m Individual, 500m Individual, 500m pair and 2000m relay. This was a very strong and honourable performance from all of the 4 boys involved.

**Sarah Beckett**  
Sports Co-ordinator



**Rowing - Maadi Cup Double**

**Left - Right:** Logan Olsson, Cobi McCook

## VOLLEYBALL

### TSSSA BEACH VOLLEYBALL

FDMC was well represented at the TSSSA Beach Volleyball sports series with 5 teams entered amongst the competition from the other 9 schools which totalled 200 students. Teams competing on the day included three Senior 4's Teams, a Senior Pair and a Junior 4's Team. The boys came up against strong competition and often relied on natural talent to win some exciting games. The Year 13 Senior Team battled away during the day and managed to place 4th after going down to a well drilled NPBHS side in the semi-finals. Our senior pair of Ziah and Ollie toiled valiantly in their matches and with further preparation before next year's event these two could really push for a final's berth.

The Junior 4's were the competitors of the day as they performed time and time again during the round robin. The semi-final against NPBHS was an absolute spectacle as the boys played some outstanding shots to force golden point after the time expired with the scores tied. Unfortunately our boys missed out during golden point but managed a respectable result of 3rd for the day. Well done boys.



**TSSSA Volleyball**

**Back Row:** Aaron Gao, Ziah Taumoepeau, Ollie Doherty-Ramsay, Aaron Doherty  
**Second Row:** Jacan McDonald, Joseph Crowe, Cooper Bradley, Mitchell Pelham, Jordan Roylance, Jarrod Walsh  
**Front Row:** Bailey Kuklinksi, Jackson Mitchell, Danial Gallo, Daniel Chow, Joshua Fitzsimons, Jack Newell, Zian Popata

## ATHLETICS

### TSSSA ATHLETICS

FDMC was once again represented well at the Taranaki Secondary Schools' Athletics' Championships. This year's event was held at Inglewood's TET Stadium and featured the regions top athletic talent with standout performances from FDMC's Caylem Cook & Titan Cook. A mention must go to Shamus Hurley-Langton who showed great patience, tactical awareness and speed to place 1st in the 3000m walk. Well done to all the boys who competed.

#### Some notable results included:

Titan Cook - 1st Junior Discus  
Jacob Kneepkens - 2nd Junior Discus, 2nd Junior 300m  
Braeden Herbert - 2nd Junior Boys 3000m  
Caylem Cook - 1st 100m Intermediate Hurdles, 1st Intermediate 200m, 2nd Intermediate Triple Jump  
Jonathan Fidow - 1st Intermediate Shot Put  
Shamus Hurley-Langton - 1st 3000m Walk

Congratulations to Titan and Caylem who qualified for the North Island Athletics' Championships on the 28th of March.

**Scott Crocker**  
Sports Coordinator



#### TSSSA Athletics

**Back Row:** Sam Cleland, Titan Cook, Shamus Hurley-Langton, Liam Penn, Jonathan Fidow, Isaac Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Jensen Taumoepeau  
**Front Row:** Brayden Herbert, Finn Hosking, Corban Garner, Jackson Sinclair, Javaahn Taumoepeau, Jacob Campbell, Davy Rowe  
**Absent:** Caylem Cook, Andrew Kere-Rako, Kady Luke, Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Jesse Vertongen

## TENNIS

FDMC Tennis is continuing on with strong numbers and good results. There are strong teams in all age groups and the quality of tennis improves every year.

2015 highlights include strong wins over Spotswood and Inglewood as well as Palmerston North. An even contribution by all players allowed us to secure solid wins against these schools.

The Taranaki Secondary Schools' Final was held against old rivals NPBHS. What a fixture this turned out to be! FDMC Tennis came out of the blocks firing, with both David Barnard and Caleb Fleming beating their more fancied opponents. Then NPBHS won the next two singles matches, which meant the match went down to the wire. It would come down to the last 20 minutes and either team could have won. In the end NPBHS had the experience and won a great match but our young team did us proud and will be hard to stop in 2016. Well done to Caleb Fleming, David Barnard, Tyler Patterson and Cole Hareb for their performances playing for FDMC Tennis in 2015.

A big thank you goes out to our sponsors, Central Finance and Rotokare Tennis Club. The support you provide assists our students with the opportunity to enjoy the great game of tennis. Thanks also to Janet Fleming from Taranaki Sport, Mike Fleming who assisted with coaching, and staff members Mark Wales and Tim Stuck at the College.

Thank you for all of your generous support of FDMC Tennis. I am looking forward to doing it all again in 2016.

**Guy Fisher**  
Tennis Co-ordinator



#### TSSSA Tennis

**Left - Right:** David Barnard, Jackson Sinclair, Cole Hareb, Tyler Paterson, Caleb Fleming, Lachlan Greensill, Mr G. Fisher

## BADMINTON

### TSSSA BADMINTON

This year the TSSSA Badminton Competition was held on Friday 14 August at NPGHS. We won both the singles and doubles competitions for Junior Boys. A 'standout' athlete was Zian Popata who was the Singles Champion after beating his friend, another great athlete, Bryn Keraton, in the semi-final and then winning the final 21-18, after a close match-up with one of Zian's badminton training partners.

Bryn and Zian then battled together in the Doubles' section and won this overall 21-11, playing rival Francis Douglas pupils Joel Heyen and Ethan Turner in the final. Vanshay Bindra also competed in the Senior Boys' category.

We look forward to a very promising future in badminton with a lot of talent evident at Francis Douglas Memorial College. We definitely demonstrated our strength at the TSSSA Badminton Championships this year.

Congratulations to all of the College representatives.

**Sarah Beckett**  
Sports Co-ordinator



### Badminton

**Back Row:** Vanshay Bindra, Ethan Turner, Zian Popata, Bryn Kearton, Joel Heyen



## ORIENTEERING



### Orienteering

**Back Row:** Jack Matthews, Connor Lindsay  
**Front Row:** Thomas Hadley, Keegan Lindsay, Shaun Palmer, Isaac Brown

## SMALL BORE RIFLE SHOOTING



### Small Bore Rifle Shooting

**Left - Right:** Xander Campbell, Matthew Hooper, Joel Ward, Bayley Cardie, Eliah Bradford

## BMX



### BMX

**Left - Right:** Ben Bradley

## WAKA AMA

Early Monday morning on the 23 March the FDMC Waka Ama group set off to Rotorua with our hearts set on racing and our hopes up for another great week at Whakarewarewa Village.

When we first arrived we were not let down as the smell of the mud pools and Rotorua filled our nostrils. The first day at the lake was when our W12 races were scheduled and where the FDMC crews mixed with other female crews. One of our crews was fortunate enough to make the Plate Final and they took this out. What a great start to the week!

Every year we are fortunate enough to have a team of parents that support us, and this year was no different. Huge credit must go out to Whaia Leone and her team for always providing great food for us throughout the whole week, at the lake and in the village. With a return to the village, it meant a return to the 'bluey' for the boys and for those who had not been, it definitely lived up to its name. A tranquil warm blue lake beneath an occasional geyser really set the scene for the crews and is another reason why Whakarewarewa Village remains

one of the top tourist destinations in Rotorua. Another feature at the Village (which in some ways shocked the rookies), were the 'naked baths'. Yes the name does say it all! This was an interesting experience to say the least!

Throughout the next few days our crews progressed to Plate Finals and Cup semi-finals respectively. Tamatea narrowly missed out on a Cup Final by a few milliseconds, while the younger crew did very well in their plate final.

A trip to the luge was fun for most, however not for our new member Oliver Doherty-Ramsay who had to take a quick trip into the bushes for some fresh air. This progressed even further with Tom Hopkins and Polaiu'amea Kirifi succumbing to food poisoning: nothing a trip to A&E didn't fix! I think it's fair to say we'll leave the cooking to the ladies from now on Mr Crowe!

All in all it was a great week filled with memories and it sure lit a fire in the boys. 2016 will be a great year.

**Polaiu'amea Kirifi**  
**Waka Ama Contestant**



### Waka Ama

**Back Row:** Corban Jones, Ollie Doherty-Ramsay, Thomas Sutton, Polaiu'amea Kirifi, Rory Maxwell, Mr T. Ruakere  
**Front Row:** Lewis Ritai, Taite Gaskell, Taiawhio Waipoua-Bryers, Taihaweia Ruakere, Taylor McDonald, Tom Hopkins

## CROSS FIT

Francis Douglas competed in TSSSA Crossfit yet again this year, with 4 boys giving it a go for the first time. Damon Judd Oliver, Kaia Harrison, Cameron Tofts and Shaun Kiernan all had a day to experience the growing sport of Crossfit. The TSSSA Competition was very tough and was held at 'Latitude 39' on Wednesday 5 August.

The day was not ours with other schools from around the Taranaki province clearly excelling. The difference on the day was the level of experience: we had very little training and/or preparation leading into this event and there were a lot of nerves on the day. However, the boys competed very well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our strongest event was the Team Challenge where FDMC placed 4th in the Senior Boys' event. The exercises for this included rowing, burpees, squats and pullups, and all of them were time trialed against a strong number of teams. Therefore this result was pleasing to see. Overall this competition was a rewarding experience with a great bunch of boys.

**Sarah Beckett**  
Sports Coordinator



### Crossfit

**Left - Right:** Damon Judd-Oliver, Cameron Tofts, Kaia Harrison

## SURF LIFE-SAVING

### TSSSA SURF LIFE-SAVING

A strong team of surf-lifesavers represented FDMC at East End Beach this year. The boys battled the conditions in some choppy surf and were able to take away some impressive placings.

In the team events FDMC performed extremely well placing 1st in the Beach Relay and 2nd in the Beach Sprint.

FDMC also placed well in the individual events as Oisin Quinn showed his class placing 1st in the Surf Race and 1st in the Run- swim- run.

A skillful performance from Corben Le Breton earned him 2nd place in the Board Race.

This was a successful day in the surf for FDMC.

**Scott Crocker**  
Sports Coordinator

## SURFING

### TSSSA SURFING

It was unfortunate this year that the calendared date for the TSSSA Surfing Competition clashed with our 'College Swimming Sports'. First term is always heavily booked for TSSSA events so there was no window for change with the hosts, New Plymouth Boardriders' Club and Taranaki Surfing's Craig Williamson being non-negotiable. We had a keen team registered in all age categories and had hoped to perform well, so hopefully this will be the case in 2016.

The Taranaki Intermediate Surfing Championships was on Thursday 5 March. Although several of our younger surfers are now attending Wednesday surf lessons with Mr Wilcox, at the time they did not feel confident to enter.



### Surfing

**Back Row:** Mrs J. Connolly, Zac Reid, Israel Finnigan, Sam Lock, Jack Spicer  
**Front Row:** James Hall, Aleksander Timarac, Cooper Bradley, Corben Le Breton

## SWIMMING

### FDMC SWIMMING SPORTS

On Friday 20 February we had the annual Francis Douglas Swimming Sports. There was plenty of support and encouragement from the Houses, and the House Leaders did a great job urging everyone to participate. The senior students dressed up in some unique costumes, with chants and songs being sung throughout the day. Over 250 races were competed on the day with many preliminary races happening the week prior to swimming sports.

In the all important marquee event, the staff team took out the relay over a fast finishing Solomon.

After all the points were tallied, Solomon took out first place followed by La Salle who tried but just couldn't quite match the performances of many in Solomon House. Loreto followed in third place with Benildus in fourth place.

Over all it was a very successful day with excellent participation, fierce competition and a lot of fun.

### NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 in Hamilton.

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

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



### Swimming - TSSSA

**Left - Right:** Theo Johnsen, Matthew Meuli, Oisin Quinn, Troy Ryan, Eliot London-Moore, Zac Reid, Jaxon Madden

Troy Ryan achieved top ten placings in the 200 Medley(6th), 200m butterfly(9th), 200m breaststroke (10th), 100m breaststroke (10th). Congratulations to all three.

### BAY OF PLENTY SHORT COURSE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Bay of Plenty Short Course Swimming Championships were held from 17 - 19 July. Eliot London-Moore, Zac Reid, Jaxon Madden, Matthew Meuli, Troy Ryan and Brayden Meuli all attended. Results:

Eliot London-Moore (open age group)  
1st - 50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke, 200m breaststroke, 2nd 400m freestyle relay  
Zac Reid (open age group)  
1st - 800m freestyle, 1500m freestyle, 3rd - 400m freestyle, 2nd - 400m freestyle relay  
Jaxon Madden (13-14 years)  
1st - 50m backstroke, 200 back- stroke, 2nd - 100m backstroke  
Matthew Meuli (13-14 years)  
2nd - 50m backstroke, 200 back- stroke, 3rd - 100m backstroke, 50m fly  
Brayden Meuli (11-12 years)  
Taranaki Record 100m fly

Eliot, Zac, Jaxon, Mathew and Troy all qualified to attend the NZ Short Course Championships held in Auckland 11-15 August.

### TSSSA SWIMMING

The TSSSA Swimming Championships were held on the 31 April in Stratford. FDMC had a successful evening in the pool with our extremely talented group of swimmers performing well. The boys managed some outstanding results both individually and as a team in the relay events.

#### Notable individual results included:

Matthew Meuli - 1st Junior Boys Backstroke and 1st Junior Boys Butterfly.  
Zac Reid - 1st Intermediate 50m Backstroke.  
Eliot London-Moore - 1st Senior Boys 50m Breaststroke

Our FDMC Relay teams also performed well:

Intermediate Relay team: 1st Freestyle Relay, 2nd Medley Relay (Matt Meuli, Jackson Madden, Zac Reid, Oisin Quinn)

Senior Relay team: 1st Medley Relay, 1st Freestyle Relay (Jackson Madden, Eliot London-Moore, Zac Reid, Oisin Quinn, Matt Meuli)

**Scott Crocker**  
**Sports Coordinator**





## SAILING

**CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS 420 SAILING REGATTA**

On Sunday 22 March the College 420 Sailing Team travelled to Taupo to compete in the Central North Island Secondary Schools' 420 Sailing Regatta against 11 other schools. Dominic Coleman, Sam Street and Anthony Van Hameren were the skippers and Oliver Clennett, Criostoir O'Mahony and Cillian Mason were the crew in the 420 two man boats.

On Sunday evening the team was lucky to get on the water for some pre-race practice. Monday morning there was little wind so the boys sat in on a coaching session run by a coach and umpire from Kerikeri High School's Sailing Academy. They must have picked up some good tips as when racing began the boys won the first race with a 1,2,3 finish! In the light conditions the team fared well and on Monday came away with 4 wins out of 8 races. Monday evening the boys had a soak in De Brett's hotpools and socialised with some of the other teams before heading back to a Thai banquet made by Anthony's mother, Lek.

The field was split in to gold and silver divisions for Tuesday's racing. We were placed in the Gold Division based on first round results. Tuesday proved to be more demanding when sailing against the top rated teams and was not helped by huge wind shifts which saw the resetting of the course several times, as it circled around the compass from a northerly to a south westerly over and over again. Sailing was finally abandoned when it became obvious that the full round robin would not be completed by nightfall.

The College 420 Team is rebuilding after a couple of years off the water so if you have a son who may be interested in crewing they would be welcome to join us. We look forward to further training and competition in 2016.

A huge thanks to John Street for his support and organisation, Leo and Lek Van Hameren for being camp

**Sailing - Senior**

**Back Row:** Mrs J. Connolly, Ben Leary, Sam Street  
**Front Row:** Dominic Coleman, Cillian Mason, Finn Morris

**Sailing - 420**

**Back Row:** Mrs J. Connolly, Cillian Mason, Sam Street, Criostoir O'Mahony  
**Front Row:** Oliver Clennett, Dominic Coleman, Anthony Van Hameren

**Sailing - Junior**

**Back Row:** Mrs J. Connolly  
**Front Row:** Anthony Van Hameren, Oliver Clennett

Mother and Father and cooks extraordinaire, to Tim for his Monday night coaching, Youthsail Taranaki and the NPYC for their continued backing and especially the parents and students who make all of this possible. Also a big thanks to Nyal Simpkin and the NPBHS and NPGHS teams for their camaraderie.

### TSSSA YACHTING

The TSSSA Sailing Competition was hosted by the NPYC on Wednesday 25 February. We had students entered in the Intermediate and Secondary Schools' Optimist and Starling divisions. The wind grew as the day progressed and the College boys came away with good successes.

Thanks to Dominic Coleman, Criostair O'Mahony, Ben Leary, Cillian Mason, Oliver Clennett, Anthony Van Hameren, Finn Morris and Sam Street for representing the College so well.

Congratulations to Anthony Van Hameren who won the Intermediate Optimist Competition and Dominic Coleman who won the Secondary Schools' Optimist Competition.

## MOUNTAIN BIKING



### Mountain Biking

**Left - Right:** Ben Limmer, Ben Bradley, Jack Matthews, Shaun Palmer, Keegan Lindsay, Reuben King

## CYCLING



### Cycling

**Left - Right:** Shaun Palmer, Isaac Cooksley

## IN-LINE HOCKEY

Hayden Luckin captained the 14 and under New Zealand team at the Oceania tournament in Australia in the school holidays this year where they won gold.

Mitchell Hurley also played in the 17 & Under New Zealand team and won silver.



### Inline Hockey

**Back Row:** Jayden Haslip, Alex Gray, Mitchell Hurley  
**Front Row:** Ben West, Oscar Taylor, Liam Walton, Jack Hofstee, Te Rangi-Matoha Cameron  
**Absent:** Eliah Bradford, Lachie Simmons



### Inline Hockey

**Back Row:** Shamus Hurley-Langton, Phillip Jager, Alex Gray  
**Front Row:** Jack Hofstee, Liam Walton, Jayden Haslip, Oscar Taylor, Ben West

## LAWN BOWLS

## TSSSA INDOOR BOWLS

FDMC produced a strong line-up of talented bowlers at this year's TSSSA Indoor Bowls event. The Senior Team Captained by Bailey Wisnewski was able to play some consistent bowls and improved as the day went on. Quinn, Jayden, Tyler and Bailey showcased some outstanding teamwork in the Fours category while Blake and Jayden toiled well in the Pairs, and Jakob was a standout in the Singles category.

After a long day of exciting bowls the Senior Team was placed 4th on the day: a respectable placing.

The Junior Boys' Team came up against some talented bowlers in their category and managed to be placed 4th on the day.

Felix Webby was a standout on the day dropping only one game.



## Lawn Bowls

**Back Row:** George Miles, Jarrod Walsh, Joseph Crowe, Cooper Bradley, Mitchell Pelham, Felix Webby, Joel Ward

**Front Row:** Jayden Taylor, Tyler Paterson, Bailey Wisnewski, Jack Richardson, Blake Habib, Quin Sorensen



## TOUCH

## TSSSA TOUCH

This year's TSSSA Touch Championship was held in Hawera with FDMC fielding a talented side. A tough first match-up against a well drilled NPBHS side saw the team go down convincingly. However, improvement throughout the day helped by the leadership of Mason Taylor, secured the boys solid wins over Stratford High School 5-1 and Opunake High School 7-2.

These results booked FDMC's place in the final to once again meet the strong NPBHS side. The game was a huge improvement from game one and after a physical and controversial final the boys lost narrowly 4-1 with standout performances from Enele Fidow and Steven Snoxell.

Thanks to Ronnie Asi for his help in training the team the week leading up to the event and to old boy Bailey Walsh for his help coaching on the day.

**Scott Crocker**  
Sports Coordinator



## Touch - TSSSA

**Back Row:** Oliver Polson, Feterika Fidow, Jack Davies, Matt Cathie

**Front Row:** Joshua Mellow, Enele Fidow, Callum Cookson, Steven Snoxell, Mason Taylor, Zack Thomson, Caleb Wheatley

**Absent:** Jayden Calder, Harrison Smith, Quin Sorensen



## GOLF CROQUET

Felix Webby competed in the International Under 21 Golf Croquet World Championships held in Christchurch. After the first three days he finished top of his pool, unbeaten. He then won in both the round of 16 and the quarter-finals, knocking out the top ranked NZ player in the process.

In the semi-final he was beaten by the eventual winner of the tournament. He then went on to play the top ranked English player Harry Dodge in the play-off for third. After dropping the first game in the best of three match he came back to win, gaining 3rd place overall and the bronze medal.



### Golf Croquet

Left - Right: Thomas Hadley, Felix Webby, Shaun Palmer, Daniel Chow



## MOTORCROSS

### TSSA MOTOCROSS

The Taranaki Secondary Schools' and North Island Motocross Championships were held at Barrett Road on 23 May in ideal conditions. FDMC was represented well by riders in all age groups with outstanding performances coming from senior rider Sean Dent and promising Year 10, Sam Megaw. Notable results included:

Taranaki Year 10 Race Class: 2nd Sam Megaw  
Taranaki Year 12 Race Class: 1st Sean Dent,  
2nd Henry Baylis, 3rd Sam Hutterd  
North Island Year 10: 3rd Sam Megaw  
North Island Year 12: 3rd Sean Dent,  
4th Henry Baylis, 5th Sam Hutterd



### Motorcross

Back Row: Samuel Hutterd, Sam Cleland, Patrick Titter  
Front Row: Maxwell Crighton, Kasey Corbett, Nathan Hammersley, Samuel Megaw, Curtis King



## YEAR REPORTS

### YEAR 7 REPORT

When I first walked up the path with all my friends, I was feeling really nervous because I didn't know many people but all the 'seniors' gave me a good welcome. We had to do a hongiri and I didn't know what it was.

At first I was excited and nervous but slowly throughout the day it got better. After the powhiri we got told what classes we were in. I was in Ms Sheriff's class.

The best things about being here have been Swimming Sports, which was a really fun atmosphere with everyone having a laugh and getting involved. Also, the Athletics Sports was great as well because I enjoy sport. Everyone cheers you on, which makes you feel good. I like playing rugby at lunchtimes too. I have also enjoyed being part of the school surf team and going to surf spots in a van with Mr Wilcox.

I was also lucky enough to go to Ohakune with the school ski team for a week and that was heaps of fun because I had never been there before and I love doing competitions.

For me, Francis Douglas Memorial College has been heaps of fun because I had never been here before and I love doing competitions. For me, FDMC has been heaps of fun right from the start. I have met a lot of new friends and it really feels like I belong here. People are kind and the seniors are kind and nice, and they hang out with me and encourage me when I am unsure of things.

FDMC is different from primary school as there are so many more opportunities and everyone takes part. I like being around people who are kind and sporty. They make me feel good and are encouraging. FDMC has been great fun and I love being here.

**George Newton 7G**

### YEAR 7 CAMP

On Thursday 12 February the annual Year 7 Campout was held in the school grounds. The Year 7 boys, with their teachers and accompanying parents, camped out in tents in front of the technology block. We held a family barbeque in the evening and we managed to feed everyone very well and even provided free ice creams for all. The boys really enjoyed the company and guidance of the 2015 Senior Leaders who took them for games on the field, generally mixed with them and got to know them well.

After breakfast in the Boarders' Dining-room the next morning, we departed for Ngamotu Beach where the boys enjoyed beach races, a huge morning tea (courtesy of some very talented parents) and a Sand Sculpture Competition. Back at school we held a liturgy

in the Chapel and after lunch, proceeded to dismantle the tent village.

The weather had been perfect throughout and the boys had a wonderful experience. I cannot speak highly enough of the 2015 Senior Leaders who contributed so much to making our camp a great success for all the boys. They were absolutely outstanding and it was very much appreciated.

**Jenny Sheriff**

### YEAR 8 REPORT

Hi my name is Sam James and I would like to tell you about the highlights of Year 8.

So far the Year 8's have been on many different adventures like to Sacred Heart for a sports day where we did a quiz, a Mass and lots of games and sports. The Years 7 and 8's went to 'the pools' for a fun day of splashing around having fun (and annoying the aqua joggers), just kidding! Most of our trips have been lots of fun though; playing, running, jumping around and having a good time. Here are two activities that I thought were highlights of the year.

#### Camp

Camp is a fun bunch of days where kids goof around playing and getting to know their new class mates. They also get to do lots of fun activities with their parents and their new Teacher, like sitting around the campfire, rafting, 'spot-light' and many, many more. I liked camp because there was a funny rumour that down at one end of the camp there was a haunted cabin called the Waitara Cabin. A bunch of kids would go down to the cabin at night and try to scare people... but I couldn't be bothered getting out of bed at 10 o'clock at night just to be scared!

Camp is great because it motivates people to do things out of their comfort zone... Like my Mum, who REALLY doesn't like the cold, went floating down a freezing river while paddling in an inflatable raft. She also went climbing up high on the ropes in the trees.

'Shout out to Mum!'

I chose camp as one of my Year 8 highlights because it was a really fun couple of days where you make new friends, play fun games, do scary activities, and get to know the Parents and Teachers better.

#### Police Training

Police Training was so cool! It was an awesome day where half of the Years 7 and 8's went on a trip to the TSB Stadium where heaps of schools had a big day of jumping hurdles, climbing fences, and sliding through flaming hoops of burning fire (well... without the fire). First off, we did a practice run and we were paired up with Sacred Heart. There were two boys and two girls in a team. You had to run around the stadium and you had to do heaps of obstacles. It was a long day of waiting for your turn, but it was worth the wait.

Two minutes on the obstacles was traded for two hours of waiting time, so it had been a smart idea to bring your phone to pass the time. After the first two trials, the Policemen timed you on your third trial. My group and I came 5th out of the whole competition.

This was definitely a highlight for me and the Year 8 kids who went. It was a fun day of jumping and running around, and I think we learnt some good tips, like how to jump a fence, how to slide under a hurdle and quickly run across a beam. The day was very enjoyable.

I think that these were the highlights of the year for most Year 8's because they were both very pleasurable days where all the boys could play, run around, and have a brilliant time.

I liked Year 8 because I felt more like a leader to the new Year 7's, helping and teaching them, and it always helps to know someone is younger and shorter than me! I also liked Year 8 because we got to go on more trips to places, and lucky me, I got an amazing teacher. Year 8 has been a total blast for me and I'm really looking forward to Year 9 but I'm a little nervous and I think all the other Year 8's aren't looking forward to exams but I think it will be fun.

**Sam James**  
**Year 8 Student**

## YEAR 9 REPORT

Our Year 9 days have been filled with new experiences. Some of the highlights for our year group have included the Konini Lodge Camp experience up on the mountain. This brought us all together more closely.

Many of us have also enjoyed being involved in a diverse range of summer and winter Sports' Teams and having lots of new opportunities available to us. The new Science and Art classrooms have been a big improvement and the renovations currently being made in the main block will make it an exciting place to come back to next year.

In the classroom setting some of the practical things we enjoyed this year were doing the Whakairo tiki prints in art, having a field trip to SHGC for Spanish, visiting Pukeariki for Social Studies to the 'Te Ao o te Maori' exhibition and making chopping boards that we can give as presents, made out of native timbers in Wood Technology.

We have had a range of interesting visitor speakers too. Billy Graham talked to us and he was entertaining, a good role model and gave us some good tips for ensuring we get the most out of life. Paddy Gower- "This is the news" guy, was proud to come and speak at his old school and it was good to hear that although he might not have been the most conscientious student in his time here, he definitely retains a great deal of College pride. We also had an interesting presentation

from another College 'old boy', Professor Tim Naich who spoke at the Academic Colours ceremony about his time in Antarctica.

Some standout performances for us have been the effort made for Mad Day by Alton Gondipon and his contributions towards it, and Mr Costello's enthusiasm..." Bring in your MAD Day money now", that kept driving us along.

Swimming Sports was a laugh...Athletics' Day was the best day in 3 years...and the streakers were the brightest we have had yet, planning their getaway on an unregistered motorbike. Some of us were pleased that La Salle won the Inter-House Competition!

We enjoyed planting native trees with help and guidance from Mr Wilcox on the farm, to help with erosion and riparian planting. We loved planting our vege. patches but were not that impressed when the rabbits ate the lettuces and our plants died because they weren't watered while we had a relief teacher.

Science with Mrs Severinsen and Mr Hucker has been fun....even though some of the experiments failed to fire!

We have made origami paper cranes in Japanese and been challenged by some 'blues' and 'reggae' in Music while having good fun learning guitar skills with Mr Harding. We planned and performed a production in our Arts modules with Mr Crocker and Mrs Scott, and have made shoebox dioramas in our media studies module with Miss Mathews and Mr Ingram.

Corban fondly remembers his time in Wellington competing in the Junior Prepared Speech competition at O'Shea Shield and jumping off the spiral staircase in Wellington with Ziah Taumoepeau, David Codd, Polaiu'amea Kirifi, Kurt Biesick, Patrick Fisher- Evans, Michael Wells, Chris Headey, Tyler Patterson, Colby Wall, Owen Griffiths, Phillip Jager and Thomas Hadley. He also adds that the Haka Competition was hundy!

William has enjoyed playing in the Fusion Concert Band and we wish him luck as he heads off with the Junior Adventure Racing Team to Great Barrier Island to compete in the 'Get-to-go' Challenge in a combined FDMC and SHGC team.

We have enjoyed our 2015 Year 9 year and...having Boarders amongst us! There has never been a dull moment and Year 10 is looking good as a building year for NCEA. We are going to enjoy it before it all gets too serious!

And look out, the Year 13 Milk (Chug) Challenge is now not looking that far away!

**Patrick Butler, Corban Dravitzki and William Hadley**  
**Year 9 Students**

**YEAR 9 CAMP**

Once again the Year 9's ventured out for their annual Year 9 camp up Mt Taranaki, staying at Konini Lodge. The first two classes of 9B and 9G had picture perfect weather, with the sun beaming and the boys enjoying a swim in Wilkies Pools after a 4-5 hour tramp. The night games of spotlight, hide the cups and '1, 2, 3 Home' provided hours of entertainment after dinner, despite the drop in temperature.

The following day consisted of a short tramp to Dawson Falls, where some students enjoyed a swim under the waterfall, followed by packing up camp and heading to the Stratford swimming pools.

The week's weather didn't seem to put a dampener on the camp at all, with the tramp and swimming still going ahead each day, and the Stratford swimming pools being a place for fun and games.

It was another very successful trip, made possible by the time given up by staff, and the home-baking provided by the students! Thanks to all staff who went on camp.

**Lana Rowland**  
**Year 9 Dean**

**YEAR 10 REPORT**

2015 has been an interesting year for Year 10; we experienced new modules, some of which gave us our first credits for NCEA Level 1 and we went on expeditions such as TOPEC. Year 10 has been challenging and provided us with our first taste of our senior years to come. Overall it has been rewarding and a good preparation for NCEA next year.

We started off the year gathering in the Chapel, waiting to be assigned our new classes. Most of us who were here in Year 8 were happy to hear that we had reverted back to the Vertical Form system. The newer boys were eager to get started after hearing how great the re-introduced forms were meant to be. Eventually we found our forms, some old, some new, and we were ready to get the year started.

Swimming Sports was a good way to kick off the first school term. It made for an effective warm-up for the activities to come. It was also a perfect opportunity for each House to try and get a head start on the points' board. Congratulations to Solomon for dominating once again.

Next up was Athletics' Day. Oh boy! We all marched down to the grandstand displaying our strong house pride and then it hit us. The cold, bitter wind! We all sat there, jerseys over our legs, shivering up an earthquake. But after an inspirational speech by Mr Stuck, we started the day off. Sighs and triumphant screams were heard throughout the day as the scores were updated. The day grew warmer. In the end Solomon reigned supreme again.

Once again we have had a successful 'Gala Day', this year raising over \$29,000. Our half-hour job shifts felt a lot more involved with our fellow Vertical Form members working alongside us. It was a good chance to get to know each other and to bond as a reunited Vertical Form.

The Interhouse 'Haka' Competition on Mission Action Day is an event which has been one of our true pride and joys for many years at the college. It showcases our Maori culture and the students put their hearts and souls into it. It is a chance to strike fear into the opposing Houses. This year, La Salle was favoured in the judges' eyes. Congratulations La Salle!

Cross Country was a day most of us dreaded but a handful of us saw it as something to take pride in. It was a day that the determined trained hard for. In the end those who put in the effort made the finish line, and those who were lazy stayed home.

In Term 3 we all had the opportunity of a week long TOPEC trip. Those of us who signed up couldn't wait to go. The week was full of fun and excitement. Our main activities involved going on hikes and rafting down rocky rivers. It was an amazing week and we all enjoyed the time off school.

The Skiing and Snowboarding trip was an alternative option at the same time as TOPEC. Beginners who were there for the experience were also welcome. It was a thrilling time 'shredding' on the mountain.

Lastly we would like to thank all the teachers and helpers who put in the effort to help us make the most of our Year 10 education. Big thanks to Mrs O'Neill who helped us earn our first literacy credits through the new study module, and to Mr Lash and everybody else who helped set up outdoor activities such as TOPEC. All of your efforts have helped us to have a great year and gave us our first taste of the coming senior year.

**Christian Fletcher and Teagan Wilson**  
**Year 10 Students**

**YEAR 10 TOPEC**

At the beginning of the year 28 students elected to participate in a Year 10 Outdoor Education camp at TOPEC. This was an awesome opportunity for them to experience some of Taranaki's finest outdoor challenges, including activities such as rafting the Waiwhakaiho River, rock climbing and abseiling on the new rock wall at TOPEC, high ropes, initiative activities, orienteering and of course the famous "Thursday Overnighter" - where the boys had to tramp with all their gear and set up a remote campsite for the night. Despite the pretty average weather for the week, the boys all displayed impressive levels of tenacity, resilience and demonstrated 'College spirit' in working really well together in testing circumstances - Well Done!

The second TOPEC trip for Year 10 boys was offered in Week 5 of Term 4. A smaller group of boys attended this camp where they experienced the rich challenges mentioned above. In our modern world where urban dwelling and sedentary life-styles associated with gazing at computer screens have become the norm, it is important for our boys to engage in outdoor education for the sake of their health and ability to appreciate the great outdoors.

**Matt Lash**  
**HOD Physical Education**

### YEAR 10 BOYS IN THE WOMAD 'COOK OFF' COMPETITION

Three Year 10 students - Liam Moore, Liam James and Dominic Cole represented FDMC in the Womad Cook off Competition on 11 March, demonstrating the usual high standard. They worked well together and cooked up an Italian storm. All schools taking part produced some very appealing dishes; our boys included. Many of the school Food & Nutrition Tutors all commented on what a high standard of cooking there was.

During the Prizegiving one of the judges made special mention of the FDMC boys and congratulated them on a great effort as they attempted the challenge on their own.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience and FDMC is now registered for the 2016 event and have opted to cook Indian cuisine.

**Estelle Meyer**  
**Year 10 Dean**

### FORESHORE CLEANUP

In Term 4 many of the Year 10 students were involved in a service activity which saw them collecting litter from the foreshore during their Year 10 Retreat. They worked cheerfully and with a sense of purpose.

### YEAR 10 FUN DAY AT SHGC

This year a group of girls from Sacred Heart Girls' College invited the Year 10 FDMC students for a fun day at their College on 10 November. The girls selected five boys to help organise the day, and as a group we decided it would involve a Mass, a sausage sizzle for lunch and a Touch Tournament.

On arrival we attended the Mass that was led by the organising students from both Colleges: it ran very nicely.

After the Mass it was lunchtime and the students organised a very tasty sausage sizzle which got a lot of positive comments from the Staff from both Colleges.

After lunch all of the students got changed in to their

sports' gear for the Touch Tournament. The organisers had already created the teams fairly so that everyone could have a good time. The final for the tournament was between two teams led by Andrew Kere-Rako and Jensen Taumoepeau. It was an intense game but Jensen's team came out victorious with a 1-0 win.

This was a great day for all of the Year 10 cohort because it was organised well and staff from both of the schools were pleased with the outcome. We would advise next year's group to plan a day like this as it is a great day to remember as you head in to the senior school.

**Joshua Morris and Ben Smith**

### YEAR 11 REPORT

"Unlike the 1st XV, I hope to achieve something this year." - Daniel Chow's comment from his BOT Student Representative election campaign speech.

We all started the year with a great deal of optimism and enthusiasm, ready for the beginning of our NCEA journey. After four years of Social Studies tests and effort for brownie points, we were prepared to take the plunge into reality and earn our futures. However this was not to be. Little did we know that ahead of us would be the greatest trial of our schooling lives, a year to "sort the men from the pineapples." And we hadn't even hit Level 2 yet. Nonetheless we have pulled through thus far, and with some achievements to boot.

Year 11 has been quite a step up academically from Year 10. Thrown upon us all has been the monumental Level 1 of NCEA. Internal assessments have run throughout the year with many students achieving to high standards in the assessments - scooping up these credits left, right and centre and gaining a head start before going into externals.

Extra-curricular academic successes also included four students making the finals for the national 'Brain Bee' neuroscience competition at Auckland University under the guidance of Mrs Marshall. The day involved tours of the campus in Auckland and a visit to the anatomy library where various organs suffering different ailments could be seen. The highlight was mighty Daniel Chow taking 3rd place nationally after a tense tie-breaking quiz. The workload has been tougher this year than ever before, but with the helpful guidance of our Teachers and Dean, the lads have made it through the academic year more or less in one piece.

A Sports' overview for our year group by Dawson Webber:

2015 saw a successful year on the court, field, green and in the pool for our Year 11 athletes. We had students playing at National level in the codes of basketball, indoor cricket, swimming and croquet. The Year 11's represented the College well, being involved in the pinnacle teams of their respective sports. Throughout their seasons, Year 11's were included in: 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Rugby League, 1st V Basketball, 1st XI Football,

1st XI Hockey and 1st XI Cricket, with a few receiving awards at the annual Sports Prize-giving Dinner held in late September. With a large proportion of our year group playing in at least one sport either socially or competitively, FDMC was well represented and went on to win, and/or place highly in many leagues across the sporting spectrum. Constant remarks from parents and supporters on the impressive sportsmanship and comradeship of all students reminds us that although we play hard, we play fair, and we play representing the College and the Lasallian tradition and morals.

Special mention must go to the cultural sector of our year group. With the core musicians of the College almost entirely made up of Year 11's, our eternal thanks go to those from other year groups who have stepped up: most of the Masses and assemblies have been up to us. While questionably up to the task, we have succeeded in not completely ruining anything of importance! The cultural highlight for many of us this year was, without a doubt, the combined FDMC/SHGC production 'The Wizard of Oz'. This opportunity only presents itself once every two years and is a much looked forward to event. Talented actors, musicians and stagehands including Year 11 students- Jacques McCallum-Lind, Shyon Noble and Finlay Morris came together to create a show for the general public under the guidance of Miss Hunneyball. Performing for six days to excited crowds, the cackling of witches and song combined to produce a stellar hit with the New Plymouth public. Needless to say, Year 11 is proud to have been a part of this cultural sensation.

What a wonderful year it has been for our year group. Full of learning, banter and excitement, it has been a pleasure to watch it all unfold.

And so while we enjoy our break from hard study and effort, we remember a great year at Francis Douglas Memorial College.

In the words of John Dewey, "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." Year 11 has been an exciting part of our lives, and more is yet to come.

**David Codd**  
**Year 11 Student**

### YEAR 12 REPORT

The Flag referendum, back to back Rugby World Cup triumphs for the All Blacks and another house victory for Solomon. Yes, it has truly been a remarkable year here at Francis Douglas Memorial College filled with honour, enthusiasm and astonishment.

Ah yes, NCEA Level Two, the magnificent and overwhelming step up from our previous year's accomplishment, NCEA Level One. We were told to expect both a significant increase in our study workload and our general contribution to the school. The teachers' expectations were higher therefore self

management was of the utmost importance. At first, studying for assessments and exams was all going very well, until right in the middle of our study the Rugby World Cup started. The All Blacks were playing in the middle of the night to bring home the World Cup. This meant that some mornings it was almost impossible to stay awake in class.

The year began with yet another magnificent victory from none other than Solomon in the school Swimming Sports. Many Year 12's contributed to their house's efforts with varying degrees of success. A 'stand-out' in the Year 12's participation in the Swimming Sports was Cameron Tofts of Benildus who finished 2nd overall in the senior age group championship.

There were no surprises when it came time for Athletics' Day which was again dominated by Solomon House. Standout Year 12's on the day included Polaiu'amea Kirifi, Thomas Wright and George Monk who all performed outstandingly well in various athletic activities including high jump, long jump and the 100m sprint.

Other highlights were the Taranaki Secondary Schools and North Island Motocross Championships held at Barrett Road in May. There were outstanding performances from some of our Year 12's, with Sean Dent coming 1st, Henry Baylis 2nd and Sam Hutterd 3rd.

And it wasn't only about sport this year. Our year group was well represented in our Academic Colours ceremony, after earning Excellence Endorsements in Level 1 NCEA with stand out achievements from Dominic Jacquemard who earned 132 excellence credits and Jostijn Dessing earning 114 excellence credits. Other Level 1 students who were endorsed with excellence were: Alister Ang, Matt Browne, Jostijn Dessing, Zaki Din, Ollie Doherty-Ramsay, Thomas Fleming, Daniel Heerdegen, Dominic Jacquemard, Jahdal Jordan, Taine Julian, Michael Kerr, Polaiu'amea Kirifi, Jack Koch, Liam McBreen, Jacob Mills, George Monk, Tom Reumers, Ziah Taumoepeau, Daniel Wells, Sam Wright and Thomas Wright.

Multi talented musician Dominic Jacquemard was then chosen to participate in the New Zealand Secondary School Symphony Orchestra for a six day course in Christchurch which culminated in two public performances.

One of the major aspects of being a Year 12 at the 'College' was the preparation for our turn as School Leaders the following year. This preparation included a Retreat Day where we learnt about the different types of leadership and what it means to be a leader, as well as an eight week leadership module. Although the time spent learning about leadership did take some valuable time away from our much needed study, it seems it is more important that we are well prepared for our roles as Leaders in 2016.

The increased expectations that were placed on us throughout the year only ensured that we achieved to the best of our ability, not only academically but in all of the extra-curricular areas too. As we now enter our well deserved summer break we look back on our previous year at Francis Douglas Memorial College. Ultimately 2015 was a defining year in our academic lives and what we have achieved this year we will carry with us for the rest of our lives.

We wish good luck to the members of our year group who will not be returning next year and look forward to our roles as future leaders of the College.

**Liam McBreen**  
**Year 12 Student**

### YEAR 13 REPORT

Each year, around this time, it's another group of Year 13's turn to leave. For the past four to six years we've looked up at those big, scary giants moving on to the next step in their lives, but I think that I speak for us all when I say that up until now we haven't thought much of them. They move on, but we continue as we always have. Well, now it's our turn; we are the big, scary Year 13's. Yet, I don't think it's hit me exactly how big a change this is. Perhaps it never will. The College, after all, will live on with us for the rest of our lives.

What a ride this has been. Our time at the College has prepared us well for whatever may lie ahead. The values installed in us by the Teachers have turned us from the (mostly) shy, innocent, ignorant young boys we once were, into the confident, slightly less ignorant men we now are. We have made good friends, had some laughs, and learnt that you should never take your drink bottle out in Mr. Blanks mathematics' class.

The achievements this year have been a testament to our year group, with some striving to reach their goals, and with some of us even achieving them. The majority of us can look back on these achievements and say to ourselves that we've done the College proud.

### Cultural Front

Culture has been one of the pinnacle aspects of our lives at the College. We've had a variety of successes this year. At the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition we won the regional competition, making it to the Nationals. The inter-school production of the 'Wizard Of Oz' went off well and Law-mooting came home with second place in the competition, which was a pleasing result for the team. Patrick Fisher-Evans played a major role in 'Fusion' the College Concert Band; assisting them towards their silver plus award in Hamilton.

### Special Character

The year began with the North Taranaki Confirmation programme to which the College supplied the majority of the young leaders, and candidates. Most of these went on to co-ordinate and participate in the monthly

Youth Masses at Saint Joseph's, New Plymouth. Towards the end of the year, the Lasallian Student Leaders together with a small group from Sacred Heart, organised a Caritas Challenge Day for the Year 7 students from our two schools. This was a successful fundraising event. Finally, FDMC hosted Camp La Salle for Years 7 and 8 students from the three Lasallian schools in New Zealand.

### Sports

"Ah yes, good morning College" this year has failed to live up to the hype of previous years, with many of our sporting codes falling to our rivals, Boys' High. Even the mighty orienteering boys failed to find their way past the College's rivals. Cricket, on the other hand, kept the College rivalry alive. We had countless pleasing victories, and even topped Boys' High. Despite these recent losses, we had an enjoyable time throughout our years, and the sports will always be remembered fondly for our healthy rivalry and fierce competition.

### Academic

Our past years at the College have been filled with academic successes. There has been a noticeable improvement in NCEA results between each year, with ever increasing record breaking amounts of academic 'excellence' given out to students. Congratulations to Kurt Biesiek for taking home Proxime Accessit, and to the Dux of our year, Jack Ternouth.

Throughout our future, our College education will remain a key part of our lives, and we are sure to continue with our academic prowess. We wish our Teachers the very best as they gave us the foundation for our futures.

This past year has been a great experience and each and every one of us, just like those who went before, brought a bit of our own character to the school. And that's what I think is great about the College, you're not forgotten when you leave, you're still a part of something bigger. The school repeatedly says 'Faith, Service, and Community', and those aren't empty words to make us sound special to visitors. From the moment you step foot on the grounds, you are a part of the worldwide Catholic, Lasallian community.

As we move on to the next step in our lives, we are still part of this community, and we are sure to succeed in our future endeavours as we take what we've learnt here, out into the wonderful wider world we will live in.

Thank you Francis Douglas Memorial College.

**Ryan Sadler, John Fregley, James Heerdegen**  
**Year 13 Leavers' 2015**

## END OF YEAR ACTIVITY DAY

Tuesday 8 December was the annual Activity Day for all Years 7-10 students. The tried and true options of the Aquatic Centre and Skating Rink/ Park were on the agenda along with a 3 day surfing trip to Raglan with John Wilcox and Matt Lash, a day of golf, 'Paintball', fishing on the breakwater, Tennis and Outdoor Bowls, Hut building and 'Air Zone'. Enclosed are photos from these activities.

### Raglan Surf Camp 7- 9 December

Early on Monday morning Mr Wilcox and Mr Lash took eight lucky and eager students to Raglan to hone their skills on the point breaks at Raglan. After the drive we were all ready to freshen up in the balmy 18°C Tasman Sea. The first surf was at Whale Bay. Here the boulders and rocks provided the initial challenge for the pupils who had to negotiate them, to get into the surf. The

waves were fun, but the rocks were a distraction.

Later that day the pupils surfed Manu Bay where everyone began to challenge each other on wave counts and manoeuvres. On Tuesday, the teachers gave some video analysis advice and tuition on the pupil's surfing techniques before they were let loose in the surf and worked on their skills. The mechanical waves at Manu Bay provided the ideal learning platform to try new manoeuvres on.

The Wednesday dawn patrol rewarded us with 'head high' and 'clean' surf where fun was had by all in the relatively un-crowded waves. The camp has given the pupils an opportunity to progress and develop confidence and surfing skills; ready to impress in the summer!

### Hut Building



### Air Zone



### Skatepark



### Raglan Surf Trip

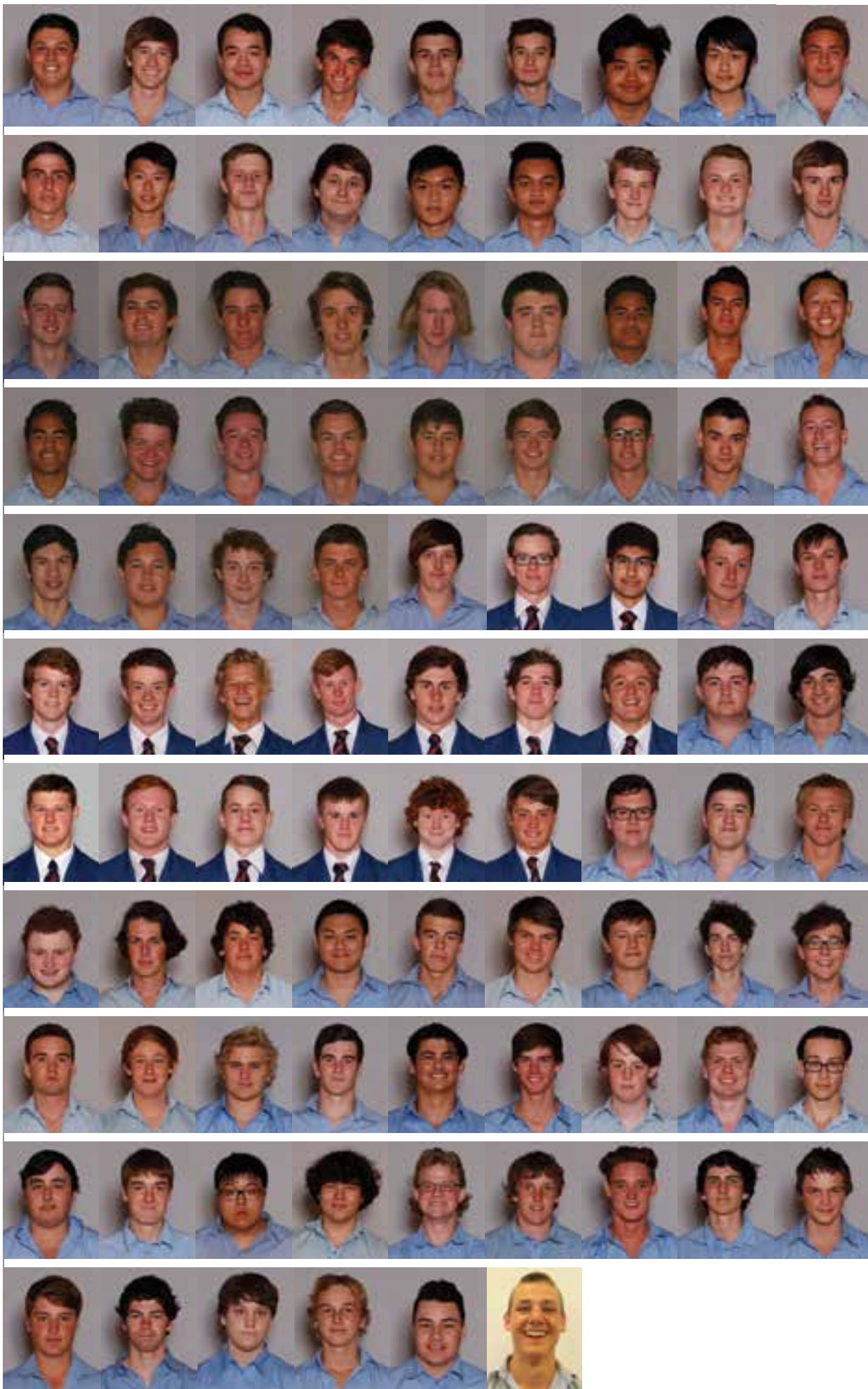


### Fishing at the breakwater



### Paintball







## COLLEGE LEADERS 2016

The following students will have the privilege of being College Leaders to their peers next year.

Prefects: Owen Griffiths, Jahdal Jordan, Taine Julian, Shaun Limmer, Jack Matthews and Thomas Wright

House Captains:

Benildus - William Peters

La Salle - Nathan Cousins-Lapworth

Loreto - Joseph Landrigan

Solomon - Ziah Taumoepeau

Cultural Captain: Dominic Jacquemard

Sports Captain: Sam Wright

Lasallian Student Captain: Daniel Wells

Deputy Head Boy: Michael Kerr

Head Boy: Polaiu'amea Kirifi

Lasalle House Head Boarder - Joseph Landrigan

Deputy Head Boarder - Jack Matthews

Polaiu'amea, Daniel and Joseph are fortunate in that they will be sent to Australia for a week in January for deeper training in what it means to be a leader in a Lasallian school.



Polaiu'amea Kirifi



Michael Kerr



Daniel Wells



Dominic Jacquemard



Sam Wright



William Peters



Nathan Cousins-Lapworth



Joseph Landrigan



Ziah Taumoepeau



Owen Griffiths



Jahdal Jordan



Taine Julian



Shaun Limmer



Thomas Wright



Jack Matthews



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Surname	First Name	Yr Level	House
Adams	Andrew	12	B
Adams	Blair	9	B
Adams	Ethan	12	B
Adamson	Cam	10	L
Adamson	Kaden	9	L
Aim	Benjamin	11	L
Aim	Jack	11	L
Allen-Raven	Kobe	7	B
Allen	Matt	10	LS
Ammundsen	Oisin	9	B
Andersen	Tyler	8	L
Ang	Alister	12	B
Ansley	James	13	L
Asi	James	11	B
Austin	Jonathan	10	L
Austin	Thomas	13	L
Avery	Roy	8	L
Avey	James	11	LS
Aylward	Kalin	12	S
Back	Michael	10	B
Back	Patrick	11	B
Baldock	Louis	7	LS
Balsom	Chris	12	L
Bamber	Jacob	8	B
Barbour	Samuel	9	S
Barnard	David	10	S
Barnett	Jordan	12	S
Barrett	Declan	9	L
Barrett	Flynn	7	L
Batchelor	James	10	B
Baylis	Henry	12	LS
Beer	Ben	12	B
Benefield	Theo	10	LS
Bennett-Ruakere	Monaro	8	L
Bernet	Joseph	11	L
Best	Alexander	11	LS
Bestall	Oliver	12	S
Bestall	Thomas	9	S
Bestall	Vinnie	10	S
Betts	Bayley	12	LS
Biddick	Dion	10	B
Biesiek	Keller	8	B
Biesiek	Kurt	13	B
Bindra	Vanshay	13	LS
Bines	Dylan	10	S
Bines	Myles	8	S
Bint	Dylan	7	S
Bishop	Jaime	9	LS
Blackman	Jack	10	B
Blair	Riley	9	LS
Bliss	Nick	13	B
Blundell	Keegan	12	B
Bocock	Aiden	7	S
Bolton	Vincent	8	B
Boon	George	8	LS
Boon	Isaac	12	S
Borsje	Thomas	9	S
Borst	Ethan	9	L
Boschat	Sam	12	B
Bourke	Finn	13	B
Bouterey	Ethan	8	LS
Bouterey	Kaya	11	LS
Bowles	Brad	9	LS
Bracegirdle	Boen	9	S
Bradford	Elijah	11	LS
Bradley	Ben	10	LS
Bradley	Cooper	11	B
Britz	Matthew	7	LS
Brophy	Jarod	10	L
Brophy	Logan	9	L
Brophy	Trent	12	L
Brosnahan	Jonathon	11	L
Brown	Isaac	11	S
Brown	Reuben	9	S
Brown	Tyrone	12	S
Browne	Matt	12	LS
Bryan	Christopher	10	LS

## Surname

Buckland
Buhler
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Campbell
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Capper
Cardie
Cardy
Carr
Carranza
Carroll
Carruthers
Carswell
Carter
Cathie
Cathie
Cerin
Chadwick
Chapman
Chard
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Church
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Clegg
Cleland
Cleland
Clement
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Clennett
Codd
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Coleman
Collier
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Collins
Conley
Conley
Conway
Cook
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Cooksley
Cookson
Coombe
Coombe
Coombes
Copeman
Copestake
Corbett
Corrigan
Cousins-Lapworth
Coward
Crawford
Crighton
Crowe
Crowe
Cullen
Cummings
D'Ath
Dagg
Davies

## First Name

Tyler	12	B
Jon	9	LS
Reece	8	B
Cody	12	LS
Levi	10	LS
Jaxon	10	L
Fletcher	10	LS
Fletcher	10	B
Bodie	11	S
Callum	11	S
Patrick	9	LS
Derique	13	LS
Brodie	10	LS
Dylan	11	LS
Jayden	13	LS
Te Rangi-Matoha	7	S
Cody	8	S
Colin	9	S
Jacob	9	S
Jacob	12	L
Memphis	12	L
Xander	11	S
Taiora	9	LS
Bayley	11	LS
John	13	S
Blake	9	L
Carlo	8	L
Jayden	7	B
Devin	10	B
Johnathon	13	S
Bailey	10	LS
Josh	11	S
Matt	13	S
Carl	12	L
Blade	9	S
Robson	11	LS
Bryn	13	S
Jake	12	S
Joel	12	S
Henry	11	B
Kevin	11	B
Daniel	11	S
Caelan	11	B
Corban	8	B
Harry	7	LS
Jack	7	B
Sam	11	B
Jacob	8	L
Joel	9	B
Oliver	8	LS
David	11	LS
Nicholas	9	LS
Dominic	10	B
Bailey	8	B
Ben	12	S
Laikin	7	LS
Fergus	10	LS
Joe	13	S
Tom	10	LS
Caylem	11	L
Josh	8	L
Titan	10	L
Isaac	9	S
Callum	13	LS
Jack	7	L
Jaron	10	L
Jaide	9	L
Haden	12	LS
Liam	9	LS
Kasey	10	B
Joshua	9	LS
Nathan	12	LS
Ethan	7	S
Jacob	10	LS
Maxwell	9	LS
Daniel	13	L
Joseph	11	L
Kieran	9	B
Hamish	8	S
Deegan	8	S
Cameron	7	B
Jack	13	B

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Davis	Caleb	13	L	George	Charlie	12	LS
Davison	Bryn	7	S	George	Faryn	9	LS
Davison	Riley	9	S	Giblin	Connor	10	L
De Guzman	Kyle	11	L	Gibson	Stephen	13	LS
Deacle	Sonny	9	S	Gillespie	Josiah	7	S
Dempster	Josh	13	B	Gilmour	Shaun	13	LS
Dent	Brendon	13	LS	Glennie	Alistair	7	B
Dent	Sean	12	LS	Goble	Josh	7	L
Dessing	Jostijn	12	L	Godfrey	Sam	7	S
Dessing	Manuel	10	L	Godfrey	Tyler	9	S
Dessing	Onno	8	L	Gondipon	Alister	13	S
Diamond	Ethan	11	L	Gondipon	Alton	13	S
Diamond	Seth	10	L	Gonouya	Leeroy	12	L
Din	Toby	9	L	Gooch	Ollie	7	S
Din	Zaki	12	L	Goodwin	George	9	S
Dizon	Ezekiel	7	LS	Gopperth	Jeremy	9	LS
Dodds	Nicholas	9	L	Grainger	Kurtis	13	B
Doell	Isaac	7	B	Gray	Alex	13	LS
Doherty-Ramsay	Ollie	12	S	Gray	Jordan	10	S
Doherty	Aaron	13	L	Grayling	Callum	10	LS
Dombroski	Ethan	11	S	Grayling	Campbell	11	LS
Dombroski	Ryan	10	S	Greenaway	Hareth	12	B
Donlon	Jacob	8	LS	Greenaway	Patrick	11	B
Douds	Reuben	12	B	Greenhead	Kian	9	B
Dowd	Max	7	B	Greensill	Lachlan	9	B
Dravitski	Jayden	7	B	Grewal	Germaine	7	B
Dravitzki	Corban	9	B	Grewal	Rumaine	7	B
Dravitzki	Luke	12	B	Griffin	Cormac	13	LS
Duffield	Marshall	7	L	Griffiths	Jack	7	L
Duffy	Gareth	7	L	Griffiths	Owen	12	L
Dunn	Jordan	11	S	Gudopp	Jesse	10	L
Dwyer	Jonathan	11	LS	Habib	Blake	13	LS
Ebert	Conor	7	LS	Habib	Mason	10	LS
Edquila	Oliver	7	S	Habib	Riley	9	LS
Edwards	Truman	13	B	Hadley	Oscar	7	LS
Ekdahl	Benjamin	8	LS	Hadley	Thomas	11	LS
Elder	Joshua	7	B	Hadley	William	9	LS
Eliason	Liam	12	L	Hall	Ben	12	B
Emett	Mason	7	L	Hall	James	11	S
Erb	Jakob	8	B	Hall	Jared	13	S
Evans	Tim	10	L	Hamer	Joshua	11	LS
Evaristo	Dylan	7	LS	Hammersley	Bailey	13	S
Farrant	Jacob	10	B	Hammersley	Nathan	11	S
Fearnley	Michael	7	S	Han	Ryuki	13	L
Fernandez	Jeremy	9	L	Hancock	Kyle	12	B
Ferneer	Brooklyn	7	B	Hardy	Jason	8	L
Fidow	Enele	13	LS	Hardy	Lewis	12	L
Fidow	Feterika	13	LS	Hareb	Cole	13	LS
Fidow	Jonathan	12	LS	Harewood	Sonnie	9	L
Finnigan	Israel	12	B	Harrison	Kaia	13	B
Fisher-Evans	Patrick	13	B	Harvey	Logan	12	LS
Fisher	Conall	10	S	Harvey	Taegan	11	LS
Fisher	Kellen	12	S	Haslip	Jayden	9	B
Fitzgibbon	Ben	10	L	Hastings	Sam	10	S
Fitzsimons	Joshua	13	B	Hawrot	Edward	10	B
Fleming	Caleb	9	S	Hawrot	Harry	8	B
Fleming	George	10	S	Hawrot	Maximilian	7	B
Fleming	Kyle	10	S	Hay	Connor	12	LS
Fleming	Lachlan	8	S	Headey	Chris	11	L
Fleming	Mitchell	12	S	Heerdegen	Daniel	12	LS
Fleming	Thomas	12	LS	Heerdegen	James	13	LS
Fletcher	Christian	10	LS	Henderson	Simon	9	LS
Fletcher	Jacob	8	LS	Henry	Jericho	8	S
Fogarty	Jack	7	L	Herbert	Brayden	10	S
Ford	Connor	8	B	Hernandez	Francis	7	LS
Ford	Daniel	9	B	Heyen	Joel	10	B
Foreman	Harry	9	LS	Hiestand	Jackson	10	B
Forrest	Gregor	8	B	Hill	Brooklyn	7	S
Forsyth	Jacob	7	LS	Hitchcock	William	11	L
Franklyn	William	8	L	Hodges	Danyon	10	B
Fraser	Harrison	13	B	Hodges	Keegan	13	B
Freeman	James	13	S	Hoeta	Manson	7	S
Frengley	John	13	L	Hofstee	Hendrik	12	S
Fruhstorfer	Nick	10	LS	Hofstee	Jack	10	S
Fujii	Yuto	12	LS	Holdsworth	Logan	9	B
Gallo	Danial	11	S	Holdt	Brooklyn	8	B
Gao	Aaron	13	S	Hooker	Jacob	8	B
Garcia	Samuel	11	B	Hooper	Liam	7	B
Gardner	David	13	LS	Hooper	Matthew	11	LS
Garner	Corban	11	S	Hopkins	Joshua	9	LS
Gaskell	Taite	10	S	Hopkins	Tom	12	LS
Geater	Phoenix	10	S	Horgan	Erin	12	L

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Horgan	Jamie	7	L	Kozenof	Alec	9	L
Horgan	Timothy	10	L	Kretschmar	Chase	7	L
Hortor	Cole	12	B	Krutz	Jack	9	S
Hosking	Finn	10	LS	Kuklinski	Bailey	10	S
Howcroft	Mathew	13	S	Kumar	Jerome	7	LS
Howe	Ethan	7	S	Kunizaki	Yutaka	11	S
Howe	Joshua	11	S	Kuriger	Gerard	11	L
Howell	Alexander	12	L	Kuriger	Philip	11	L
Howell	Isaac	9	L	Laapo	Mairenga	9	L
Hudson	Samuel	8	B	Lacey	Camden	10	L
Hughes	Jonty	9	L	Lamb	Elijah	13	L
Hughes	Luke	10	L	Lamb	Zach	10	L
Hughson	Timothy	12	S	Landreth	Lachie	11	L
Hulbert	Joshua	13	B	Landrigan	Joseph	12	L
Hunt	Jared	13	S	Langton	Ethan	9	B
Hurley-Langton	Shamus	11	B	Lawn-Cliffe	Riley	8	S
Hurley	Mitchell	12	S	Lawrence Pacheco	Bryn	11	LS
Hurley	Rhys	9	LS	Le Breton	Corben	11	B
Hutchins	Jack	11	S	le Fleming	Tom	9	L
Hutchins	Tom	8	S	Leary	Ben	10	LS
Hutterd	Samuel	12	L	Lehman	Joshua	9	B
Inoue	Daichi	10	L	Lehrke	Henri	9	S
Iotia	Edward	8	L	Lichtwark	Bradley	9	LS
Irvine	Ben	13	B	Liggett	Cameron	9	L
Irvine	Matt	10	B	Lightbody	Alex	11	S
Jacquemard	Dominic	12	B	Limmer	Ben	10	S
Jager	Phillip	13	L	Limmer	Cole	7	S
James	Liam	10	L	Limmer	Shaun	12	S
James	Samuel	8	L	Lindsay	Connor	13	B
Jane	Andrew	8	L	Lindsay	Keegan	11	B
Jane	Matt	12	LS	Linton	Mathew	7	S
Jochico	Edwin	8	LS	Lock	Sam	11	L
Joffe	David	12	L	Lord	Jaiden	9	S
Johnsen	Theo	9	LS	Lovegrove	James	9	LS
Johnsen	Will	8	LS	Lovell	Aidan	8	LS
Johnson	Connor	10	B	Lovell	Ollie	10	LS
Johnson	Samuel	9	B	Loveridge	Joshua	9	L
Johnson	Samuel	11	B	Luckin	Carson	12	S
Johnston	Adam	8	LS	Luckin	Cullen	7	S
Johnston	Jeremy	9	LS	Luckin	Hayden	11	S
Johnston	Travis	10	LS	Ludlow	Caleb	10	B
Jones	Corban	10	L	Luke-Hurley	Jade	9	L
Jones	Euan	12	L	Luke	Kadyn	9	L
Jones	Lachlan	11	L	Lundon-Moore	Eliot	13	S
Jones	Mason	9	B	Luque	Alfie	9	LS
Jones	Tristan	11	S	Lusk	Campbell	9	B
Jordan	Jahdal	12	LS	MacDonell	Jamie	8	LS
Joyce	Kris	9	LS	MacLeod	Baylee	11	B
Judd-Oliver	Damon	12	B	Macleod	Blaque	9	B
Judd	Jacob	8	S	MacLeod	Tahanga	9	L
Julian	Sidney	7	LS	MacNicol	Alastair	13	L
Julian	Taine	12	LS	Madden	Jaxon	10	S
Jury	Scott	9	S	Malizia Caro	Luciano	12	S
Kalin	Beni	12	S	Mander	Jacob	10	B
Kalin	Blake	12	S	Mansell	Alan	13	LS
Kalin	Matthew	12	S	Manu	Jahmaey's	11	L
Karasawa	Izaak	12	B	Manukonga-John	Ryan	8	S
Karasawa	Tomi	10	B	Marshall	Jacob	8	B
Kearton	Bryn	9	LS	Martin	Brandon	13	LS
Keegan	Bernie	12	S	Martin	James	11	S
Keig	Louis	8	S	Mason	Cillian	9	B
Keig	Max	11	S	Matchett	Aiden	7	B
Kere-Rako	Andrew	10	L	Matthews	Jack	12	S
Kere-Rako	Xavier	9	L	Matthews	Liam	9	S
Kerr	George	9	LS	Maxwell	Rory	10	L
Kerr	Michael	12	LS	McBreen	Aden	9	S
Kestle	Jamie	9	B	McBreen	Liam	12	S
Kettle	Aidyn	10	LS	McCallum-Lind	Jacques	11	S
Kibby	Daniel	10	L	McCarthy	Diarmaid	9	LS
Kiernan	Shaun	12	LS	McCarthy	Finbarr	13	LS
Killa	Mehul	7	S	McCook	Blane	9	L
King	Curtis	8	L	McCook	Cobi	11	L
King	Reuben	12	B	McDonald	Cameron	10	L
Kirifi	Isaiah	8	LS	McDonald	Jacan	10	S
Kirifi	Polaiu'amea	12	LS	McDonald	Taylor	12	L
Klaassen	Zaelynd	11	LS	McFetridge	Max	8	S
Kleinsman	Simon	9	B	McGrath	Finlay	9	S
Kobayashi	Aki	12	LS	McGrory	Jadeim	9	L
Koch	Ben	9	B	McKenzie	Quinn	10	L
Koch	Harry	9	B	McKie	Hamish	8	L
Koch	Jack	12	L	McKnight	Nathan	13	S
Koning	Ethan	7	B	McLay	Connor	13	L

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McLeod	Ethan	9	B	Pellett	Jack	9	B
McLeod	Joshua	10	B	Penn	Liam	12	L
McNamara	Michael	10	B	Perrett	Kane	11	LS
McQuoid	Aedan	9	LS	Peters	Nathaniel	10	B
McSweeney	Liam	9	LS	Peters	William	12	B
Medeiros	Francisco	10	S	Philip	Nathan	12	L
Megaw	Samuel	10	LS	Phillips	Shaun	12	S
Megchelse	Caleb	7	L	Picard	Matthew	9	LS
Mellow	Joshua	13	L	Pittwood	Timothy	13	L
Merwood	Corbin	9	LS	Poles Smith	Sam	11	LS
Meuli	Brayden	7	L	Polson	Oliver	13	S
Meuli	Matthew	10	L	Poole	Louis	13	B
Miles	George	11	LS	Popata	Zian	10	L
Mills	Jacob	12	LS	Porteous	Mason	11	L
Mills	Jordan	10	LS	Potroz	Jack	10	B
Mills	Liam	8	LS	Potroz	Taylor	9	S
Mills	Troy	11	B	Powell	Jackson	7	B
Milner	Callum	11	LS	Prendiville	Daniel	7	B
Mitchell	Connor	9	L	Price	Ben	8	S
Mitchell	Jackson	13	L	Proctor	Kai	10	B
Moffitt	Jimmy	7	LS	Pronk-Jones	Mario	10	L
Monk	George	12	B	Prosser	Cavaghn	10	B
Moodie	Robert	7	LS	Putt	Hunter	12	LS
Moon	Sam	13	S	Putt	Riley	9	LS
Moore	Ben	12	L	Qi	Hanson	12	LS
Moore	Liam	10	L	Quilter-Phipps	Braedan	8	S
Moore	Malici	10	LS	Quinn	Oisin	11	S
Moral	Hayden	13	L	Quinnell	Jordan	13	S
Morgan	Robert	7	LS	Rajasingh	Prathik	11	B
Morgan	Thomas	11	LS	Rajasingh	Rahul	8	B
Moriarty	Ambrose	9	B	Ramos	Gabriel	11	L
Moriarty	Finbar	11	B	Ratapu	Kobe	13	L
Morris	Finlay	11	B	Ratumaivavuki-Kneepkens	Isaac	11	B
Morris	Finn	9	B	Ratumaivavuki-Kneepkens	Jacob	9	B
Morris	Josh	12	B	Read	Joshua	7	L
Morris	Joshua	10	B	Reade-Swan	Sebastian	8	S
Mortensen	Jacob	8	B	Reid	Zac	11	LS
Mosquera	Sean	11	S	Reihana-Dombroski	Harley	13	B
Mount	Andrew	12	B	Reumers	Tom	12	B
Muggeridge	Ethan	12	LS	Revell	Rhys	8	L
Mullin	Tyrone	9	L	Rhodes	Lachlan	9	L
Murray	Gregory	13	LS	Rice	Laine	11	L
Murray	Nikolai	10	B	Richards-Meier	Callum	10	LS
Murray	Pacey	10	B	Richards	Jacob	11	B
Murray	Tyler	12	LS	Richardson	Corbin	10	LS
Murugaiyen	Sreeram	7	S	Richardson	Jack	13	LS
Naughton	Curtis	7	B	Riordan	Samuel	11	B
Neilson	Cory	8	LS	Ritai	Cooper	7	LS
Neilson	Jakob	10	LS	Ritai	Lewis	11	LS
Newell	Jack	11	LS	Roguski	Danyon	12	LS
Newman	Harry	10	L	Ropitini	Robert	7	L
Newton	George	7	LS	Ropitini	Vince	9	L
Newton	Louis	7	LS	Rothman	J J	8	L
Ngatai	Ethan	8	B	Rothwell	Cody	12	S
Nickson	Callum	10	LS	Rowe	Davy	11	L
Noble	Shyon	11	B	Rowlands	Scott	11	B
Nolasco	Chester	13	L	Roylance	Jordan	10	LS
O'Brien	Keanu	10	L	Ruakere-Hau	Brodin	8	LS
O'Connell	Matthew	11	S	Ruakere	Jayden	7	L
O'Connor	Ethan	12	B	Ruakere	Taihawe	10	L
O'Connor	Jacob	7	S	Ryan	Troy	9	L
O'Connor	Ollie	10	S	Ryburn	Johnny	7	LS
O'Mahony	Criostoir	10	S	Sadler	Ryan	13	LS
O'Mahony	John Pat	7	S	Sampson	Jared	7	L
O'Neill-Kirchheiner	Jade	7	S	Sandford	Hamish	12	B
O'Neill-Kirchheiner	Mikas	7	S	Sarten	Ben	12	L
O'Neill	Conor	13	LS	Sarten	Lucas	9	L
O'Sullivan	Ryan	13	B	Saxton	Brad	11	LS
O'Sullivan	Wiremu	11	B	Schrader	Jakcob	13	B
Olsson	Logan	11	LS	Schuler	Caleb	11	B
Orr	Joshua	9	B	Schultz	Braeden	9	S
Page	Moss	7	L	Scott	Asher	12	S
Palmer	Shaun	13	L	Scott	Liam	11	S
Parker	Todd	8	B	Scouller	Quinn	8	LS
Parkinson	Luke	9	L	Sear	Martin	13	L
Parr	Finlay	13	B	Searle	Edan	13	LS
Partridge	Samuel	8	LS	Seed	Ethan	9	S
Paterson	Tyler	13	L	Sei	Koichi	11	B
Paynter	Andrew	9	LS	Sellwood	Jonah	10	B
Pease	Amos	7	L	Sharrock	Cameron	12	B
Pelham	Liam	12	B	Sharrock	Nathan	7	B
Pelham	Mitchell	11	B	Shaw	Finn	10	S

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Shearman	Cameron	9	B	Van Blerk	Qbre	8	S
Silk	Benjamin	10	L	Van Hameren	Anthony	8	LS
Silk	Oliver	8	L	Van Hattum	Joshua	8	B
Simmons	Lachie	8	L	van Hattum	Oskar	9	B
Simpson	Calum	12	L	Vanhoff	Kavin	12	L
Simpson	Dylan	11	B	Vanner	Cameron	9	L
Sinclair	Jackson	11	S	Vanner	Joshua	10	L
Sinclair	Kobe	9	S	Varga	Jordan	8	LS
Sirimaha	Ekachai	12	LS	Ventresca	Amedeo	9	S
Sisarich	Matthew	9	B	Ventresca	Gioele	11	S
Skipper	Karu	12	S	Vertongen	Jesse	10	S
Skvor	Corey	9	LS	Vertongen	Jordan	8	S
Skvor	Jason	12	LS	Vincent	Brooklyn	8	L
Skvor	Reece	9	LS	Vink	Geordie	8	L
Smillie	Jarrold	12	L	Waayer	Heath	7	L
Smith-Luond	Shay	10	S	Waiariki	T J	10	S
Smith	Benjamin	10	LS	Waicere	Saki	8	LS
Smith	Darrell	9	B	Waipoua-Bryers	Taiawhio	11	B
Smith	Harrison	13	B	Waite	Charlie	9	S
Smith	Jayden	10	B	Walker	Mitchel	11	LS
Smith	McGregor	9	L	Wall	Colby	12	LS
Smith	Zachary	12	L	Walsh	Jarrold	11	LS
Smither-May	Finn	12	B	Walsh	Logan	13	LS
Snoxell	Steven	13	S	Walton	Liam	9	L
Sofeni-Williams	Ignatius	7	LS	Walton	Nicholas	12	L
Sofeni	Denzell	8	LS	Wano	Oskar	8	S
Sofeni	Fenni	8	LS	Wanoa-Sundgren	Maiaorere	12	S
Sofeni	Rikki	9	LS	Warburton	Kai	11	LS
Soffe	Cole	9	B	Ward	Joel	11	B
Sole	Corbyn	9	LS	Ward	Joshua	10	S
Sorensen	Quin	13	B	Ward	Konrad	9	S
Spicer	Jack	10	S	Ward	Liam	7	S
Spicer	Olly	8	S	Webber	Dawson	11	LS
Steere	Keegan	9	S	Webber	Ethan	10	LS
Stena	Maxim	13	LS	Webber	Tyler	10	LS
Stevens	Andrew	12	S	Webby	Felix	11	S
Stewart	Cameron	12	L	Wells	Alexander	7	B
Stewart	Olivier	9	L	Wells	Daniel	12	B
Stokes	Thomas	7	LS	Wells	Jordan	7	B
Street	Sam	10	LS	Wells	Michael	13	B
Sulzberger	Logan	9	L	Wensor	Bailey	11	L
Sutton	Samuel	9	S	West	Ben	10	S
Sutton	Thomas	12	B	West	Callum	12	S
Sy	Butchie	13	L	Western-Normanton	Todd	12	L
Sybrandy	Jay	9	B	Weston	Daniel	12	B
Tamati-King	Te Maia	11	S	Weston	Mathew	10	B
Taplin	Jacob	12	L	Westraad	Nicholas	9	B
Taplin	Rhys	11	L	Whaley	Thomas	8	S
Taumoepeau	Javaahn	10	S	Wheatley	Caleb	13	S
Taumoepeau	Jensen	10	S	Wheatley	Dylan	11	S
Taumoepeau	Ziah	12	S	Whitham	Alfie	7	L
Taurerewa	Cameron	10	L	Whitmore	Jackson	8	B
Taylor	Jayden	13	L	Whittle	Jacob	8	B
Taylor	Joseph	13	B	Whyte	Joe	13	S
Taylor	Lleyton	13	S	Willets	Iziah	12	B
Taylor	Lorenzo	10	S	Williams	Jack	12	LS
Taylor	Mason	13	S	Wills	Joseph	8	S
Taylor	Oscar	8	B	Wilson	Connor	12	S
Te Huia	Method	9	S	Wilson	Elijah	9	S
Te Huna-Matuku	Fabian	7	L	Wilson	Teagan	10	S
Te Huna-Matuku	Tyler	10	L	Win	Aaron	11	L
Ternouth	Jack	13	LS	Win	Taine	13	L
Theron	Michael	9	S	Wise	Flyn	11	L
Thomas	Rohan	9	S	Wise	Jeremy	13	L
Thompson	Bailey	11	L	Wisnewski	Bailey	13	S
Thompson	Cade	7	S	Woodhead	Kyle	7	L
Thompson	Kaleb	11	LS	Woodhead	Lachlan	8	L
Thomson	Liam	11	L	Wright	Keegan	10	B
Thomson	Zack	13	L	Wright	Oliver	8	LS
Tilt	Nathan	8	S	Wright	Sam	12	L
Timarac	Aleksandar	11	S	Wright	Thomas	12	S
Titter	Joshua	8	LS	Xiao	Andrew	13	L
Titter	Patrick	11	LS	Zeylemaker	Benjamin	11	L
Tofts	Cameron	12	B	Zeylemaker	Finn	12	L
Tofts	Daniel	10	B	Zhanje	Tawanda	8	S
Townes	Steven	11	B	Zimmerman	Jesse	7	LS
Tregoweth	Mitchell	11	S	Zimmerman	Kaylim	11	LS
Turner	Ethan	9	B				
Turner	Liam	10	B				
Tuuta	Zachary	10	LS				
Uhlenberg	Cameron	8	L				
Van Beers	Bradley	10	B				





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