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 re wiring 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
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 Sewart
Agriculture and Horticulture .......... Jon Wilcox
Biography ............................................... Joan Coles
CPP/STAR/Trades Academy/Gateway ... Lauren O’Reilly
E-Learning ................................................ Jeanne Marshall
Health ..................................................... Lana Rowland (Maternity Leave T3/T4)

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

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
Roni As (T1) ........................................ Ronie Asi (T1)
Andy Evans (T2-4) .............................. Andy Evans
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 ......................... Religious Education, Physical Education
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
Lana Rowland ...................... Physical Education, Art, Health (Maternity Leave T 3/4)

Ann 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 ................. Specialist Reading Teacher
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

2015 COLLEGE STAFF
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 Cockedge
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)
ICT Supervisor ................................................... Sebastian Schaumann (T 3/4)
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 Mauder
Ken Sole
Ross Townsend
Robin Wells

Equipment Assistant ........................................... Robyn Wackrow
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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: Kylee 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 Irie, 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 Cockedge, 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 Woolaston, Andy Cowie, Briar Sutherland, Tina Dalliston, Gurpreet Singh, Iris Clark, Joanna Morris-George, Suzie Broadfoot, Ruth Morris
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
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 focused 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 groundwork 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 pantaloon,
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 McKeeffry 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
**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
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.
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

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
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 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
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
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. 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
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 the club spirit. Being part of the College is a real experience. We have 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 yestertime’s creases; in pool and rut peel parches
Squandering ooze to squeezed ‘ dough, crust, dust; stanches, stanches
Squadroned masks and manmarks ‘ treadmire toil there Footstretted in it. Million-fueled, ‘ 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, dissoever, 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
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 is awarded to the top Y13 student in Mathematics..........................Vanshay Bindra

St Cecilia 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 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 Biesick

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

Daily News Award for Literary Excellence is made to a senior student who displays literary excellence across a range 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 Dessing

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

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 Biesick

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)
- History (Attainment)
- English for Academic Purposes (Attainment)
- Design (Diligence)
- Geography (Diligence)
- English for Academic Purposes (Attainment)
- Agriculture & Horticulture (Diligence)
- Business Studies (Diligence)
- Chemistry (Attainment)
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- Mathematics with Calculus (Attainment)
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- English (Diligence)
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- Physics (Attainment)
- Design and Visual Communication (Attainment)

Year 12 First in Subject

Cameron Sharrock
- Statistics (Attainment)
- English (Attainment)
- Business (Attainment)
- Accounting (Attainment)
- Digital Technology (Attainment)
- Media Studies (Attainment)
- Technology - Wood (Attainment)
- Agriculture/Horticulture (Attainment)
- Chemistry (Attainment)
- Economics (Attainment)
- Physics (Attainment)
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Classics (Attainment)
- English (Attainment)
- Mathematics (Attainment)
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Kurt Biesiek
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**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.

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**ROLL OF HONOUR**
Junior Prizegiving

Held on Friday 11 December the event was well supported by family and friends. Polaïu'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

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

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#### Year 8 First in Subject
- Whaley, Thomas

**Br Julian Watson Cup** - First in Religious Studies

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

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- Hudson, Samuel - Attainment
- Johnston, Adam - First in Class
- Kirif, Isaiah - Attainment
- Quilter-Phipps, Braedan - First in Class
- Rajasingh, Rahul - Attainment
- Scouller, Quinn - Attainment
- Sofeni, Denzell - Diligence
- Titter, Joshua - Diligence
- Whaley, Thomas - First in Class

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- Bamber, Jacob - Attainment
- Bennett-Ruakere, Monaro - First in Class
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- Johnston, Adam - Diligence
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- Sofeni, Denzell - Attainment
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Mathematics  
McLeod, Joshua  
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Leary, Ben  
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Science  
Dessing, Manuel  
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Social Studies  
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### 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.
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 Taumoepaeu
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.
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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 Taumoepaeau, Nathan Cousins-Lapworth, Polaiu’a’mea 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’a’mea 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.

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

Cultural Colours
Patrick Fisher- Evans, John Frengley, Cormac Griffin, Benjamin Hall, Dominic Jacquemard, Polaiu’a’mea Kirifi, Tyler Paterson, Ziah Taumoepaeau, Mason Taylor, Colby Wall, Michael Wells.

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

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
Sports Dinner

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 Lundon-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 Lundon-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
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 mighty ‘green machine’ to the rest of the houses. 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.

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 Taiahio 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’ Heerdenen 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’ Snell 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
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 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.

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 Lundon-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
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
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 Poole
- 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:

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

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 Quinell (Design)
- 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 “yummi” 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 Marilyn, our hardworking and unsung hero out the back in the laundry, thank you for the mountain of washing that you plough through

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.
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


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. Snowell - Head Boarder, Mr. H.G. Smith - Dean of Boarding, Mrs. M.J. Smith - supervisor, J.B. McRae, 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 Puti, 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, Damell Smith, Daniel Ford

Absent:  Joshua McLeod

Watson House

Back Row:  Oliver Bestall, Hunter Puti, Kyle Hancock, Jonathan Dayer

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, Mitchell 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
La Salle Boarding House Students

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 Burghy, Andrew Adams, Scott Jury, Mr M. Cursons
Front Row: Jay Sybrandt, Kaden Adamson, Kasey Cardett, Vinnie Bestall, Jordan Quinell (Head of House), Koichi Sei, Ethan McLeod, Nicholas Westraad, Daniel Tofts
Absent: Henry Baylis

Firman House
Back Row: Seth Diamond, Euan Jones, Campbell Grayling
Second Row: Luke Dravitzki, Jayden Smith, Flyn Wise, Brendan Dent, Keegan Wright, Shamus Hurley-Langton, Sam Cleland, Mr G. Singh
Front Row: Thomas Bestall, Jacob Taplin, Kobe Sinclair, Ethan Langston, Jayden Calder (Head of House), Daichi Inoue, Ethan Borst, Connor Giblin, Bailey Hammersley

Hawke House
Back Row: Zeblynd Klaassen, Beni Kalin, Ethan Adams, Harrison Smith
Front Row: Ambrose Moriarty, Connor Mitchell, Dylan Calder, Yuto Fujii, Steven Snazell (Head of House), James Batchelor, Mitchell Fleming, Liam Matthews, Jeremy Gopperth
Absent: Henry Baylis
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.

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 Taumoepoa, 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.

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. 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.

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He claimed 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 sniffs from other students. All of us are struggling not to talk or trigger Mrs Collins’ crazy side.

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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?” she asks. “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!” I scream. “No, please no!” “Why?” I scream. “No, please no!” “Hurry along. We need more meat for burgers tomorrow.” “You mean you have been feeding kids to kids?” I yell. “Yep, and you’re the main dish for tomorrow!”

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: Distinction
  - Thomas Hadley: Credit
  - Felix Webby: Credit

- **Year 10**
  - Benjamin Leary: Merit

- **Year 9**
  - William Hadley: Distinction
  - Liam Matthews: Credit
  - Vince Ropitini: Participation

- **Year 8**
  - Rahul Rajasingh: Distinction
  - Oliver Wright: Credit

- **Year 7**
  - Oscar Hadley: Credit
  - Jerome Kumar: Credit
  - Sreeram Murugaiyen: Merit
  - Rumaine Grewal: Participation
  - Mathew Linton: Participation
  - Robert Moodie: Participation

**FONTEIRA 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

- 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

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.

Mike Crow
Science Teacher

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.
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 MACNIEL 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.

ROSS MACNIEL 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
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.

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.

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
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: Waiwhakaiho 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

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.

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**

**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...
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 made him seem even clumsier.

“No, 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, glared-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.

“I trick’d ya Brad!”

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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 Heedergen 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’
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!

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 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.
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!

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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
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 standout at the local competition in Stratford on 1 April.

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’aamea 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’aamea Kirifi won the Senior English speech, and William Peters won the Senior Essay Competition.

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
Music

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.

Jane Aitken Connolly
HOD Arts

MUSIC

Study 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
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.
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’

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
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
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:

![Diagram showing Vocational Pathways](image)

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 formalised arrangement with an employer
- Developing a learning plan that integrates with other school studies
- Being assessed in the workplace

This year 43 Gateway students undertook a variety of work experience in industries as follows:

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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.


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.

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.

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
Correspondence / 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.

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.

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

Lauren O’Reilly
HOD Careers

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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

EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM COLEGIO DE LA SALLE, BUENOS AIRES
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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

INTERNATIONAL NEWS
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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
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  Bradyn 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
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)
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.
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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 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 Yarrows 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, Isaiah 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...
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 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.

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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

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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, Jakcob Schrader, Oliver Bestall, Polia’amea Kirifi, Harrison Smith, Feterika Fidow, Mr J. Rowland (coach)
Front Row: Dylan Calder, Liam McBeene, Joseph Landrigian, Liam Thomson, Matt Cathie (captain), Zack Thomson, Callum Cookson, Trent Borphy, Chris Balsom
Absent: Caleb Wheatley, Mrs L. Rowland (manager), Mr R. McGregor (coach)

Rugby - 3rd XV

Back Row: Bodie Butler, Mitchell Tregweth, Ollie Doherty-Ramsay, Thomas Sutton, Ziah Taumoepenu, Dylan Wheatley, Campbell Grayling
Second Row: Robson Chapman, Andrew Adams, Seth Diamond, Israel Finnigan, Evan Jones, Kalin Aylward, Connor Wilson, Blake Kalin, Mr A. Jones (coach)
Front Row: Joseph Bernet, Colby Wall, 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 Chad, Teagan Harvey, Stephen Gibson, Joshua Mellow, Josh Fitzsimons, Mr N. Taylor (tour manager), Mr J. Rowland (coach)
Front Row: Bryn Chad, Luke Dresvki, Brendan Dent, Oliver Polson (captain), Steven Snell, Shaun Phillips, Mason Taylor, Emele Fidow
Rugby - Under 13
Second Row: Cody Campbell, Campbell Lusk, Derenxi Soferni, Jacob Bamber, Liam Mills, George Goodwin, Jakob Ebb
Front Row: George Boon, Jordan Varga, Jacob Clement, Lachlan Fleming, Fenni Soferni, Isaiah Kirill, Olly Spicer
Absent: Mr D. Ebb (coach)

Rugby - Under 15 Blue
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Second Row: Oliver Polson (coach), Matthew Picard, Taitie Gaskell, Keegan Wright, Samuel Barbour, Dylan Simpson, Bradley Van Beers, Pacey Murray, Vinnie Bestall, Jack Davies (coach)
Front Row: Harry Foreman, Jack Aim, Matthew Siarich, Shay Smith-Luond, Callum Grayling, Camden Lacey, Lachlan Rhodes
Absent: Mr D. Erb (coach)

Rugby - U15 Under 63kg Green
Second Row: Steven Smuell (coach), Blade Chadwick, Ethan Bost, Kobe Sinclair, Jayden Haslip, Ethan Turner, Nicholas Westraad, Mr T. Walsh (coach), Shaun Phillips (coach)
Front Row: Daniel Ford, Thomas Bestall, Jade Coombes, Scott Jury, Taioira Capper, Kaden Adamson, Amedeo Ventresca

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Second Row: Mr C. van der Heever (coach), James Martin, Jackson Sinclair, Jacob Ratumaitavski Koepphaun, Finn Hosking, Christopher Bryan, Javuaha Tuamoepeau, Marenega Laup, Joshua Hamer, Mr M. Casey (coach)
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Rugby - U15 Under 63kg Gold
Back Row: Connor Mitchell, Jack Farrant, Jack Spicer, Jordan Reyland, Jack Potroz, Liam Matthews
Second Row: Mr B. Walsh (coach), Blake Carr, Joshua Hopkins, Bailey Kuiklinksi, Brodie Calder, George Ken, Mr S. Crocker (coach)
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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 scrumming 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 scrumming 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 his ability to duck and scrummage 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.

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 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 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 Kneepeks will be a strong backbone as we continue to pay 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:


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!
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

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 and

Rugby League: Nines

Back Row: Connor Wilson, William Peters, Ziah Tauamoepoa, Jack Davies, Isaac Tatumaukivi 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, Maierega Laapo, Jamie MaDonell, Ethan Bouterery, Mrs R. Wackrow
Front Row: Jacob Clement, Cody Campbell, Denzell Sofeni, Monaro Bennett-Ruakere, Fenni Sofeni, Jordan Yanga
Absent: Te Rangi-Matoha Cameron, Jayden Dravitski, Jason Hardy, Edward Iotia, Will Johnsen, Jayden Ruakere, Ignatius Sofeni-Williams, Fabian Te-Huna-Matuku

Robyn Wackrow
Rugby League Coach/Manager
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 Gorouya, Daniel Heerdegen, 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
Back Row: Daniel Wells, Jostijn Dessing, Caylem Cook, Ben Hall,
Mrs C. Hermanns (coach)
Front Row: Alex Best, Cooper Bradley, Jonathan Dwyer, Jacob Mills, Felix Webby
Absent: Sean Mosquera, Isaac Brown, John Cardy

Football - Senior Development
Back Row: Thomas Wright (coach), Zaki Din, Danyon Roguski, Ben Beer,
George Monk (coach)
Front Row: Kellen Fisher, Thomas Fleming, Matt Jane, Karu Skipper, Ben Collier,
Alister Ang, Callum West
Absent: 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 9A
Back Row: Ben Moore (coach), Caleb Fleming, Oskar van Hattum, Alec Kozenhof, Simon Kleinsman, Michael Theron, Colin Campbell, Declan Barrett
Front Row: Mr M. Luque (coach)
Absent: Mr B. Forrest, Mr A. Price (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: Casey Corbett, Daniel Kibby, Zian Popata, Tyler Webber, Jordan Gray, David Barnard, Ethan Webber
Absent: Ben Leary

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: Oisin Ammundsen, Logan Holdsworth, Isaac Howell, Lucas Sarten, Mr M. Ammundsen, Mr P. Greenhead (coaches)

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 Scouler, Brooklyn Holdt
Absent: Sebastian Reade Swan

Football - Year 8 Albion
Back Row: Connor Hay (coach), Rhys Revell, Louis Krieg, 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 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 Handy, Ben Price, Oskar Wano, Tawanda Zhanje, Jacob Judd
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Absent: Jacob Donlon
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.
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 countdown.

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 NBPA Secondary Schools’ Junior Championship Division and the Senior teams competed in the NBPA 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
Basketball
Boarders  FDMC 69ERS
Coaches:  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
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 Basketballer 2015
Matthew O’Connell

**Special Mention of Representative Honours**

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

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**Bouncing with Basketball**

**Andy Cowie**
**Director of Cardinals Basketball**

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**Andy Cowie**
**Director of Cardinals Basketball**
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: Giuele Ventresca, Danial Gallo, Max Keig

Basketball - FDMC Yetties
Back Row: Heath Waager, Johnny Ryburn, Thomas Stokes, Dylan Bint, Mairenga Laapo (student coach)
Front Row: Marshall Duffield, Jamie Horgan, Ezekiel Dizon, Cooper Ritai, Robert Rupitini
Absent: Caleb Megchelse

Basketball - FDMC Walruses
Back Row: Ollie Doherty-Ramsay, Mason Purttous, Sean Mosquera, Michael Kerr
Front Row: Shaun Limmer, Liam Scott, Robson Chapman, Jonathon Brosnahan
Absent: Jack Williams

Basketball - FDMC Kings
Back Row: Oliver Edquila, Jayden Carroll, Mathew Linton
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Winter Sports
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...
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 Paraparaumu, 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

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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

TSSSA 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.
Notable results included:

**Intermediate**
- 3rd: Liam Moore
- 4th: Matthew O’Connell
- 8th: Jack Potroz
- 9th: Felix Webb

**Intermediate 6 man team result**
- 1st: FDMC

**Individual Results** were:
- 3rd: Liam Moore,
- 4th: Matthew O’Connell,
- 8th: Jack Potroz,
- 9th: Felix Webb,
- 12th: Joseph Bernet,
- 14th: Thomas Hadley

**Senior**
- 10th: Cameron Tofts

**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.
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
**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**

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**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 rogaine. 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
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 rogaine 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!

Hillery 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
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
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...
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
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 Knut, 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 Brosnan
Absent: Jackson Sinclair

Cricket - Primary Cup
Back Row: Jordan Varga, Ben Price, Connor Ford, Liam Mills, Jacob Morteensen, 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, Jakcob 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, Hary 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, JavaahnTaumoepeau, Shay Smith-Luond, Finn Hosking, Brodie Calder, Ambrose Moriarty
Absent: Jacob RatumaIaukau Kneepkens

Cricket - FDMC Green
Back Row: Method Te Huia, Jacob Campbell, Reuben Brown
Front Row: Diarmuid McCarthy, Blaque Macleod, George Kerr, Jeremy Gopperth, Finlay McGrath
Absent: Declan Barrett, Logan Brophy, Kedyn 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, Byn Kearton
Absent: Samuel Barbour, Cameron Shearman, Liam McSweeney

Cricket - Southees
Back Row: Jakcob Schnader (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, Garth Duffy, Daniel Pretendiville, Jericho Henry, Aiden Boocock, Rumaine 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 Rital, Jacob Marshall, Oscar Hadley

Cricket - Taylors
Back Row: Vincent Bolton, Liam Mills, Lachlan Fleming, Cody Campbell
Front Row: Max Dood, Ollie Gough, Jordan Vertongen, Jordan Varga, Joshua Elder, George Boon, Tawanda Zhange
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 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.

**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

**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.
**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 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

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**TSSSA Athletics**

Back Row: Sam Cleland, Titan Cook, Shamus Hurley-Langton, Liam Penn, Jonathan Fidow, Isaac Ratuma Tahaki-Kneepkens, Jensen Taumoepeau  
Front Row: Brayden Herbert, Finn Hosking, Corbin Garner, Jackson Sinclair, Javaahn Taumoepeau, Jacob Campbell, Davy Rowe  
Absent: Caylem Cook, Andrew Kere-Rako, Kadyne Luke, Jacob Ratuma Tahaki-Kneepkens, Jesse Vertongen

**TSSSA Tennis**

Left - Right: David Barnard, Jackson Sinclair, Cole Hareb, Tyler Paterson, Caleb Fleming, Lachlan Greensill, Mr G. Fisher
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

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
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
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

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.
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).

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 Lundon-Moore, Zac Reid, Jaxon Madden, Matthew Meuli, Troy Ryan and Brayden Meuli all attended.

Eliot Lundon-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 Lundon-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 Lundon-Moore, Zac Reid, Oisin Quinn, Matt Meuli)

Swimming - TSSSA
Left - Right: Theo Johnsen, Matthew Meuli, Oisin Quinn, Troy Ryan, Eliot Lundon-Moore, Zac Reid, Jaxon Madden

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
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.

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**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.

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Mitchell Hurley also played in the 17 & Under New Zealand team and won silver.

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**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.

**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
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.

TSSSA 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
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 hongi 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 7and 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 Headay, 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 Report

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

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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,
The teachers’ expectations were higher therefore self-workload and our general contribution to the school. To expect both a significant increase in our study accomplishment, NCEA Level One. We were told over an overwhelming step up from our previous year’s accomplishment, NCEA Level Two, the magnificent and wonderful year. Here at Francis Douglas Memorial College filled with joy, enthusiasm and astonishment. Solomon House, Yes, it has truly been a remarkable year filled with triumphs for the All Blacks and another house victory for Solomon. The Flag referendum, back to back Rugby World Cup victories 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.

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 Frengley, 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!
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 Taumoepoeu
Cultural Captain: Dominic Jacquemard
Sports Captain: Sam Wright
Lasallian Student Captain: Daniel Wells
Deputy Head Boy: Michael Kerr
Head Boy: Polaiu’a’mea Kirifi
Lasalle House Head Boarder - Joseph Landrigan
Deputy Head Boarder - Jack Matthews

Polaiu’a’mea, 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.
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