LEADERS 2013

BACK ROW:
Thomas Schaare, Satch Pryor, Liam Doherty, Joel Scott, Ethan Perrett, Brent Harrison, Shaun Bradley, Logan Crowley.

FRONT ROW:
Cameron Meads, Dermot Frenglely, Michael Blanks, Chaz Jones, Mr R. Marris, Scott Murfitt, Cavaan Wild, Matthew Poole.
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In his book Bread for the Journey: A Daybook of Wisdom and Faith, Henri Nouwen wrote, “We become neighbours when we are willing to cross the road for one another. There is a lot of road crossing to do. We are all very busy in our own circles. We have our own people to go to and our own affairs to take care of. But if we could cross the road once in a while and pay attention to what is happening on the other side, we might indeed become neighbours.”

Our school is a busy place. It caters for 755 students, 121 of them boarders, and it employs over one hundred staff to cater for all aspects of its operations. It is the 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 spirit of Father Francis Douglas and the Lasallian tradition.

St John Baptist de La Salle wanted all of his students to seek eternal salvation but he was also very grounded in making, “Your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.” To this end, he worked with the poor and equipped them with a knowledge of good manners and understandings of how society functioned and with academic and manual skills so that they might have a life of meaningful employment with the dignity that brings. We are fortunate to have such a down to earth charism to follow. De La Salle pointed to Jesus as our model and got on with the business of forming God’s younger creations to know love and serve him in this world and be happy with him in the next. We like to think that despite our busyness, maybe even because of it, we are doing the will of God in our school. Apart from other endeavours, a record $29,900 raised for Lasallian missions on Mission Action Day and more than $3,500 raised for Caritas also portrays us as neighbours who are willing to cross the road for one another.

NCEA results were most satisfying and on balance, were among the best we have had. An emphasis on students not being too strategic about being satisfied with the minimum number of credits needed and encouragement to stay in the examination room longer, both paid off. The number of students reaching Excellence Endorsement saw a doubling in numbers at Years 12 and 13 to exceed national averages by more than double and the total number of endorsements across the three year levels moving from 10 to 34 in the last four years.

We can be proud that none of last year’s school leavers departed without NCEA Level 1 and 88.1% had Level 2 at time of leaving. This compares well to the Minister of Education’s desire that all schools in New Zealand should have reached the 85% level by 2017.

It was a major sadness that our Science Technician Karen Chisnall died after a short illness. Karen’s gentle and obliging ways are missed in the school. We have seen staff departures of Sjaane and Steve Simpson, Neil Imrie, Sonya Newton, Ricky Green, Melissa Lowe and William Mills. This has been a large turnover in comparison to previous years. In their stead we have welcomed Brendan Bergin, Julia Butler, Guy Fisher, Marc Gallagher, Ashley Reader-Nokes, Catrin Scott, Cath Spindler and Tobias Wright. We sink or swim on the basis of our staff and can feel proud of the ethos that exists among them.

The support of staff, Boards and PTA is an ongoing strength of the school and harmony, resolve and a work ethic is strong in both groups. As a staff, parent and student body we owe much to these two groups and to our Lasallian Proprietor represented by the indefatigable Brother Pat Lynch.

We shall miss the skills of Chris Moller as he takes up the role of Headmaster of Wanganui Collegiate. His sixth sense in pragmatically diffusing issues among the student body made this a safer and smoother running school for us all to be part of. I wish Chris well as he takes up this prestigious helm.

As God, Francis Douglas and De La Salle would have us do, let’s pick up the 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

Teaching and Administration Staff 2013
Principal ........................................ Martin Chamberlain
Deputy Principal .............................. Chris Moller
Deputy Principal ................................ Richard Marris

Heads of Learning Areas
Arts .................................................... Jane Aitken Connolly
Language and Languages .................... Sally O’Neill
Mathematics ..................................... Graham Blanks
Health and Physical Education .......... Steve Simpson (Jan - Aug)
Health and Physical Education .......... Tim Stuck (Aug onwards)
Religious Studies ......................... Sjaane Simpson (Jan - Aug)
Religious Studies .......................... Brendan Bergin (Term 3 onwards)
Science ........................................... Colleen Severinsen
Social Sciences ................................ Ross MacNicol
Technology ..................................... Jan Meyer
Intermediate Department ................. Richard Doherty

Teachers- In-Charge
Accounting and Economics ............... Mark Sewter
Careers and STAR ............................ Carol Land
Health .............................................. Lana Phipps
Information Technology .................. Peter Smith
Junior English (Y9 & 10) ..................... Renee Woollaston
Junior Religious Studies (Y7 & 8) ........... Joan Coles
Junior Mathematics (Y9 & 10) ............ Russell Cleaver
Junior Social Studies (Y9 & 10) .......... Mark Wales
Learning Languages ...................... Ruth Marris
Maori ............................................. Taare Ruakere
Music ............................................ Sonya Newton (Term 1)
Music ........................................... Tobias Wright (Terms 3/4)
Physics ......................................... Leigh Hucker

Guidance and Deans
Chaplain ......................................... Graeme Mustchin
Guidance Counsellor ....................... Carol Land
Year 7 ............................................ Ronie Asi
Year 8 ........................................... Bryce Koch
Year 9 ........................................... Lana Phipps
Year 10 .......................................... Estelle Meyer
Year 11 - 13 Loreto ......................... Nick Taylor
Year 11 - 13 Benildus ....................... Ruth Marris
Year 11 - 13 Solomon ...................... Tim Stuck
Year 11 - 13 La Salle ....................... Pascale Joines

Other Key Responsibilities
Arts Co-ordinator ............................ Jane Aitken Connolly
Buses ........................................... Mike Ingram
CPP and Gateway Co-ordinator ........ Laureen O’Reilly
Director of International Students ...... Margie Smith
Director of Religious Studies ......... Sjaane Simpson (Jan - Aug)
Brendan Bergin (Term 3 onwards)
Director of Sport ............................ Tim Stuck (Terms 1/2)
Mark Wales (Terms 3/4)
Gifted and Talented ....................... Robyn Wackrow
Outdoor Education .......................... Steve Simpson (Jan - Aug)
Tim Stuck (Aug onwards)
Principal's Nominee / NZQA Liaison .. Richard Marris
Lasallian Facilitator ....................... Sjaane Simpson (Jan - Aug)
Mike Ingram (Aug onwards)
Lasallian Services Co-ordinator ....... Peter Costello

Teaching Staff
Rorie Asi ....................................... Homeroom, Religious Education
Peter Costello ......................... Religious Education, Mathematics
Michael Crow ............................. Science, Information Technology
Kathryn Curd ............................... English
Tina Dalliston .............................. English (Maternity Leave Terms 1/2)
Bronwyn Donaldson ..................... (Relieving Term 3)
Guy Fisher ................................. Physical Education (Aug onwards)
Marc Gallagher ......................... (Term 2/3/4)
Maggie Garnham ......................... Maths with Calculus (Relieving Term 2)
Ricky Green .............................. Physical Education (Terms 1/2)
Neil Imrie ................................... Homeroom, Mathematics (Term 1)
Michael Ingram ......................... Religious Education, Technology,
Junior Mathematics
Peter Ingram ........................... Technology, Mathematics
Krissy Jackson ......................... Part-time Music
Pascale Joines ......................... Religious Education, Media Studies,
English
Bryce Koch ............................... Homeroom, Mathematics
Melissa Lowe ......................... English (Relieving Terms 1/2)
Jeanne Marshall ......................... Science, Biology, Benilde
Estelle Meyer ............................... English, Social Studies, IT
William Mills ............................ Technology, Graphics, IT,
Junior Mathematics (Terms 1/2)
Jo Morris-George ......................... Literacy
Ruth Morrison MacNicol ......... Social Studies, Special Needs
John Neeson ................................. Mathematics
Lauren O’Reilly ........................... CPP/ Gateway/ STAR
Lana Phipps ......................... Physical Education, Art
Ashley Reader-Nokes ................. Physical Education,
Junior Mathematics (Terms 3/4)
James Rowland ......................... Physical Education,
Jenny Sheriff ......................... Homeroom, Mathematics
Margie Smith ........................... ESOL
Christina Sugiyama ..................... Science, Spanish
Nick Taylor ............................... Science, Biology, Chemistry
Charl van der Heever ................. Science, Technology, CPP,
Physical Education, Young Enterprise Scheme
Robyn Wackrow .......................... English
Brendan White ......................... (Relieving Term 3)
Mary Williams ......................... Part-time Music (Term 2)
Jon Wilcox ............................... Agriculture and Horticulture

Administration and Support Staff
Business Manager .......................... Diana Blair
Archives ................................. Linda Crowe
Art Technician ............................ Nick O’Neill (Terms 1/2)
Barbara Gunn (Terms 3/4)
Careers Assistant, Correspondence Co-ordinator,
Teachers’ Aide ............................ Christel Chapman
Caretaker .................................... Miles Blair
ESOL ........................................... Lynda West
Gateway/ Clerical Support ............ Karen Maclean
Groundsmen ............................ Neville Rowlands
Mark Jenkins
Laboratory Technician .......... Karen Chisnall (Term 1 - R.I.P.)
Cath Spindler (Term 2 onwards)

Library Assistant .................... Suzette Stephens
Network Manager ..................... Phil Smolenski
Network Technician .................. Bruce Lester
Principal’s Personal Assistant/Registrar .. Maree Fleming
Property Manager .................... Rodney Bishop
Receptionists .......................... Marie Cockedige
Karen Gray
Teachers’ Aides ........................ Mary Baker
Julia Butler
Monica Fennrey
Pam Low
Catrin Scott
Gary Simmonds
Michelle Stevenson
Uniform Shop .......................... Barbara Gunn

Casual Supervisors ................... Phillip Rogers
Cleaners ............................... Suzie Broadfoot
Leah Horo
Chrissy Jones (Terms 1/2)

Head Chef .............................. Steve Muir
Second Chef ........................... Ronald Perera
Kitchen Hands ........................ Iris Clark
Barbara Fox
Karyn Pui
Vanessa Brooks
Margy Weston
Carmen Cavalcuic

GAP Supervisors ...................... Felix Shåfer (Terms 1/2)
Paolo Pappe (Terms 1/2)
Patrick Steig (Terms 3/4)
Benjamin Christians (Terms 3/4)

LaSalle House Hostel Staff

Dean of Boarding ...................... Heta Smith
Year 9 Hostel Supervisor ............. Thomas Walsh
Year 10 Hostel Supervisor ............ Mark Walsh
Year 11 Hostel Supervisor ............. Mark Walsh
Year 12 Hostel Supervisor ............. Andy Cowie
Year 13 Hostel Supervisor ............. Heta Smith
Year 9 Prep. Supervisor ................. Margie Smith

Laundry Supervisor .................. Marline Tohia
Matron ................................. Sandra Kelsen
Tuckshop Manager .................. Amy Loveridge
Tuckshop Assistant .................. Jody Renton

Itinerant Music Staff

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

Absent: Robyn Wackrow, James Rowland, Mark Walsh, Karen Chisnall.
This is my first report as Chair of the Board of Trustees following the elections in May 2013. It was a great honour to be elected as Chairperson and I thank the Board for having confidence in me to lead them.

It has been an exciting year for me as Board Chair and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members for their contributions and support throughout the year. A special welcome to new trustees: Bridget Burke, Zane Webby, Peter Costello (Staff Rep.) and Vanshay Bindra (Student Rep.) They have all added something new to the Board.

We farewell Ross MacNicol (Staff Rep.) and Tanaka Utete (Student Rep.) and thank them for their contributions during their term on the Board. I cannot forget Brother Pat Lynch who continues to guide us on the finer details of governance. His knowledge and wealth of experience cannot go unmentioned; the Board is indebted to him for his contribution. Thank you Brother Pat.

In Term Four the Board approved the construction of the new school entrance. As the expression goes “first impressions last”. We are excited that the entrance way will enhance the frontage of the College when it is completed for the new school year.

During the year the College was advised that we would get five new classrooms. There has been much debate and discussion over the placement and make up of these classrooms. Final decisions are in progress and the Board looks forward to signing off on this early in 2014, with completion expected later in the year.

The College can be very proud of the successes being achieved on the academic front with results being better than most schools of a similar size and decile ranking, not only in Taranaki but New Zealand wide. This success can only be put down to our dedicated and hardworking staff. I congratulate and thank all the staff on their outstanding efforts given the increased workloads and demands. While these results are pleasing, no one is resting on their laurels as continued improvement is always sought.

On the Sporting and Cultural front we have had another outstanding year with too many achievements to be acknowledged in this report but they are evident throughout this magazine.

The Sports’ dinner and awards’ night continues to be a fine tradition with every year being bigger and better. This evening is certainly a highlight for many boys and showcases the enormous sporting talent within the school. It makes me feel so proud of the College seeing the boys accompanied by their parents, resplendent in their blazers and ties. Special mention must be made of our 1st XV Rugby and 1st XI Cricket sides this year. They have both had outstanding seasons. I congratulate all those involved. We are undoubtedly building a tradition that we can be very proud of. FDMC is not only recognised locally but is now considered a leading light nationally.

The College also continues to grow in strength in its Cultural aspects which encompass kapa haka, music, debating and the arts. All of these successes do not happen without hard work on the part of Principal Martin Chamberlain, the teaching staff, administration staff, grounds men and those parents and others who put so much time into the College.

I would like to acknowledge Diana Blair our Business Manager for her effective financial leadership and our HOD’s who sensibly manage their budgets. At Francis Douglas Memorial College we are truly blessed with the support of parents and fundraising work undertaken by the PTA ably led by Lindsay Thomson. The new college entrance is testament to the time and effort put in by this committee to raise funds for the College. There are always many more projects than there are funds available and the Board is most appreciative of the extra fundraising undertaken by the College community.

I would like to acknowledge Deputy Principal Chris Moller for his dedication, skills and leadership as Acting Principal during Martin’s absence in Term 2. We wish Chris well as he leaves us to take up a new challenge as the Headmaster of Wanganui Collegiate in 2014.

Finally on behalf of the Board, I would like to wish Students, Staff and the Francis Douglas Memorial School Community all the best for the coming year. It is a privilege to be a part of a community which celebrates success but continually seeks ways in which to be better.

David Leuthart
Board of Trustees Chairman
I returned to my position as the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees after an enjoyable time on the Board in 2012. The elections were very tough this year and the competition was incredibly fierce. Thoughts of giving up and backing down constantly filled my mind but I managed to remain resilient. This led to me emerging victorious and re-claiming my title as the Student Rep. It would now be appropriate to mention that no other student actually ran for the position and that I was automatically given the role. Yes, my anecdote on the hardships of the election for this year was simply my weak attempt at humour.

I was pleased to see one of my dreams for the school become a reality this year after the Student Council was initiated. The establishment of a Student Council was a goal that I wished to accomplish if I was to have a second term on the Board, and I was ecstatic to see it happen. The Student Council made my job on the Board much easier as there was now a formal and recognised group that represented the student voice and allowed me to report what was relevant to the students, to the Board. Since this was the first year of the Council’s existence, this year was mainly based on building a foundation for the group and figuring out what its roles and responsibilities within the school would be. Despite the fact that the Council was still in its early stages, the group managed to have a positive presence in the school by requesting new equipment such as a rubbish bin at the bus stop, contributing to charity through collecting cans for the Food Bank appeal, and simply being a group that was there to make the voice of the students more prominent.

My final term on the Board was, again, an enjoyable experience in which my appreciation for the work the Board does for the school grew even stronger. The behind-the-scenes processes the Board goes through just to ensure that Francis Douglas Memorial College is an environment where student progress can be improved and achievement outcomes can be met are truly deserving of recognition and praise.

As I say goodbye to the two-hour long meetings in the Boardroom, I would like to thank all of the Board members for making me feel welcome on the Board and for helping me learn skills that I can use elsewhere in life. I would also like to thank my fellow students for voting for me two years ago (and for accepting my sugar-filled confectionery bribery). Your support and faith in me was more than appreciated. I wish Vanshay Bindra luck as he takes on this prestigious yet exciting role.

Tanaka Utete
BOT Student Representative 2013

A new initiative, the implementation of a student council was both overdue and surprisingly successful. Unsure of what was expected, a room full of aspiring students pledged together in order to form the first Student Council in many years. The aim of this council was to set up a process to be available for future students to truly act upon the needs and wants of the student body as a whole, and individually. This did not stop the boys, led by Chairman Louis Coetzee and Deputy Chairman Jack Earp, delving straight into some core concerns of the school community, and resulting in an increase of rubbish bins, drinking fountains and fundraising for the New Plymouth Food Bank. Working as a team, the council focussed on the main initiatives rather than tackling every issue brought to their attention. Transcribed by the Secretary Jordan Putt, valuable minutes were released into Form Classes so that the College was aware of the council’s motives and plans.

Councillors for 2013:
Louis Coetzee, Jack Earp, Jordan Putt,
Oisin Ammundsen, Kurt Biesiek, Isaac Brown,
Marino Courtenay, Patrick Fisher-Evans,
Timothy Headey, Andrew Hockey, Sean Kelly,
Polaiu’amea Kirifi, Daniel Macdonald,
Tahanga Macleod, Alistair MacNicol,
Diarmuid McCarthy, Jacon McDonald, Marcus Murray,
Louis Poole, Joseph Robinson, Ziah Taumoepeau,
Tanaka Utete, Logan Walsh, Dawson Webber and
Caleb Wheatley.

We look forward to what the council can bring to the College next year.

Student Council Job Description
A Student Council Representative should:
• Be willing to co-operate with fellow councillors for the benefit of the school.
• Be willing to take action on their words.
• Be able to represent the student body without bias.
• Uphold College ethics whilst in this position of privilege.

Student Council Accomplishments
• A rubbish bin has been put in the bus shelter.
Staff Comings & Goings

We have experienced more staff changes than usual for a range of reasons.

Melissa Lowe worked in a relieving capacity until mid-year for Tina Dalliston, following the birth of her son Kahu. When Tina returned from maternity leave at the start of Term 3, we farewelled Melissa to a teaching position in Tauranga. Neil Imrie finished his time with us as a permanent employee at the end of Term Two but has continued his association with the College as a day-to-day relieving teacher. He was replaced as a Homeroom Teacher by Marc Gallagher who came to us from St Joseph’s School.

Ricky Green accepted a position as Head of Sport at an International School in Indonesia and shifted there with his family at the same time as Sjaane and Steve Simpson tendered their resignations to enable them to spend some time living and working in England. Their resignations ended a long period of service to the College. They had both had major roles in the formation of students and staff. Sjaane had been the Head of Boarding and Steve the HOD Physical Education for several years. In recent times Sjaane had taken on the DRS role and Steve had co-coached the 1st XV to success with Tim Stuck. Their service to the College went far beyond their teaching loads, and they have been missed.

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The priority of this founder council was to pave the way for future councils to be effective within the College.

Louis Coetzee, Jack Earp, Jordan Putt

The Student Council has now been operating for a year and boys have settled in to their roles well and got used to having a ‘voice’. One of the first activities completed by the council was the Can or Coin mufti-day to raise supplies for the food bank. The school provided 400 cans and $400 dollars to bolster ‘Foodbank’ supplies. Mike Merrick, Foodbank’s manager, attended the last student council meeting for the year to present the school with a Certificate of Appreciation for all the years the school has been supporting ‘Foodbank’. This was not just for the recent mufti day but also for all the years’ generous donations on Founder’s Days.

Louis Coetzee with the Certificate of Appreciation from Foodbank.

Pascale Joines
Year 13 La Salle Dean

• A bell is being put into the Years 7 and 8 quad.
• A new bike shelter has been built.
• A wheelie bin is being looked at to be put on the field every lunch-time.
• An allocation of $500 toward sports gear.
• Approval for a fountain at the bus shelter.
• Mufti Day fundraiser for Foodbank: We CAN make a difference. $400 and 400 cans raised by this appeal.
• Petition published for lockers.
• Once the 2014 leadership team has been established, a ‘Wheels Day’ for Years 7 & 8’s will be held after the 2013 senior external examinations promoting active transport and safety.

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William Mills, a Technology and Graphics Teacher, chose to rejoin the business workforce and is now happily employed using the skills that he brought to his teaching from prior employment. We wish him well in his future endeavours.

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old-boy, Tobias Wright, was appointed as TIC of Music and began teaching in the Music Department at the beginning of Term Three.

Catrin Scott joined us to help support some of our Special Needs students and Catherine Spindler was also appointed as our Laboratory Technician and assists the teachers of Science with their practical lessons. Julia Butler has also come onboard in the last term to help provide support for a student.

We welcomed Brendan Bergin to the DRS role this term after Mike Ingram had filled it temporarily with help from the other Religious Studies Department staff in the interim, after it was vacated by Sjaane. Brendan is currently working hard to tidy the RE office and ‘move in’. In a short time he has worked hard to get to know the boys and started to put his mark on Liturgies etc. We wish him every success here at Francis Douglas.

Peter Ingram has recently won the HOD Technology position at Waitara High School. Although congratulations are in order for this promotion, his colleagues and especially those in the Tech. block, will be sad to see him go. His drift-bikes and motorized mini-bikes have become a real focus of metal workshop time, and many students have benefited from his expertise and passion. A new appointment for this position has not yet been finalized. ‘Pingas’ skills preparing the College cricket wicket will also be sorely missed.

Changes are afoot again as we congratulate Chris Moller. He recently was appointed as the Headmaster of Wanganui Collegiate and will be leaving Francis Douglas Memorial College at the end of 2013. It is often said that a school is as good as its disciplinarian. Chris has demonstrated his strength in this role for the last nine years and given huge service to the College in an Acting Principal’s role on more occasions than he would probably want to recall. We are all indebted to Chris for solving crises often even before they occurred, and for being a ‘rock’ in our midst. We wish him well for his new appointment and are sure that we are going to see some interesting rivalry and banter on the rugby field next year!

Former student and current Head of Physical Education, Tim Stuck, has been named as appointee to Chris’s position and will assume the mantle of Deputy Principal in charge of Welfare and Management. Tim is well known as a “good College man” who lives and breathes the ethos of this school, and we congratulate him on this appointment. His promotion will necessitate the appointment of a new HOD of Physical Education, so our staffing may be in a state of flux for a bit longer yet.

Finally, we farewelled Barbara Gunn. Barbara has given service to the College and been in charge of the Uniform Shop for several years. This year she supplemented this job and helped as the Art Technician for two terms when Nick O’Neill relinquished that job to take up an apprenticeship. Her quiet unassuming manner and great organisational skills will be missed, but we wish her well for the future and an already planned overseas adventure.

There were several other relief replacements that had to be implemented during the year whilst staff were on medical leave or had been granted a term’s leave. Hopefully 2014 will see fewer changes.

Karen Chisnall - Rest in Peace
It was with much sadness that when we returned after the May School holidays we learned of the passing of Karen Chisnall, our science technician. Karen was an absolutely lovely woman and worked with us right up until the end of Term One. Such was her courage and strength that many staff were not aware that she was ill. Karen worked quietly and conscientiously in her role as the Science Technician, supporting teachers in that Department by preparing materials for practical sessions and also getting theoretical material such as examination papers printed. Her support and service have been hugely missed. May her strength and integrity be a lesson for us all.

Phil D’Ath - Rest in Peace
Phil worked in the Technology Department of the College from 1986 until 2004. He was a man of action who loved to be out and about and took every opportunity to get involved in all kinds of activities that interested the boys. He was at his best when out in the bush or up the mountain. Always a very kind man, he had a good word for everyone and could entertain
friends and acquaintances with wonderful storytelling. No request was ever turned down. He, his wife Maureen and their youngest son Luke, spent two years at the De La Salle Brothers’ outback mission in Balgo Hills in the north west of Australia. He returned to Francis Douglas Memorial College for a time after his stint in Balgo Hills, finally resigning to utilize his building skills.

Phil was a brave and patient sufferer. When offered a trial drug near the end of his life, he felt it should be apportioned to someone younger whose life expectancy it could possibly change. He will be remembered by the many friends he served with during his time at Francis Douglas Memorial College.

**Brother Oliver O’Leary - Rest in Peace**

Brother Oliver came to Francis Douglas Memorial College in 1982 at the tender age of 68 and stayed for 28 years until the disestablishment of the Brothers’ Community, when in 2009 he entered a retirement home for Brothers on the Gold Coast in Australia. When asked at that time what he was going to do there, he replied ‘I’ll look after the old Brothers!’ And that summed up Brother beautifully. Brother Ollie was the first New Zealander to become a De La Salle Brother. Those of us who were privileged to know him well can attest to the wonderful gift of hospitality that permeated his whole life. A man of real faith he spent his life in service to everyone he came in contact with and preferred to be ‘hidden and unknown’. Brother Ollie’s name will always be synonymous with freshly baked scones and fabulous roses. Both of these were renowned throughout Taranaki and beyond. Heaven help you though if you cut one of Brother’s blooms for your own pleasure: you would be reprimanded as they were there for all to enjoy! Ollie was responsible for the fabulous grounds at the College which during his tenure were often visited by vans of Retirement Village inhabitants on outings to see his roses, neatly tended flowerbeds and the College’s park-like grounds.

Brother Ollie celebrated his 100th birthday earlier in the year, and we remember him with love and respect.

**Father Joe O’Riordan - Rest in Peace**

We pray as a school community for the soul of Father Joe O’Riordan who died in Ireland on 28 September. He was a colourful character who is remembered with fondness and gratitude for his Chaplaincy work at our College and for his celebration of Mass on Saturday evenings in our College Chapel. Father Joe loved the boys and they loved him! He had the knack of destroying a well-planned lesson when he decided to make an impromptu visit to any classroom around the College, as the boys would clamber to have a chat with him. He knew most of the students and made it his business to attend sailing competitions, surfing and surf lifesaving events, basketball, football, rugby matches: in fact if a student asked him to be there, he would make an effort to do so. Father Joe also made many home visits to boys and their families and was an entity known well beyond our College community. He held a sympathy for the underdog and one year when a football team lost every game they played, he organized and bought a trophy for the coach and one for each of the players. He was impressed that although they consistently lost they always attended and played with vigour.

He would meet students for McDonald lunches to celebrate birthdays and arrive in his car with pizzas for the boys when they were completing art folios late in the evening at the end of the year.

Father Joe always retained a love for South America where he had worked previously, and would return there en route to Ireland at the end of our school year.
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PTA

2013 was again a busy year for the Francis Douglas College PTA. Our traditional Gala Day was held on 6 April and through the combined efforts of the whole school community, a sum in excess of $27,000.00 was raised. Thank you to all the businesses and sponsors whose generosity and donations allowed this to occur. Because of this hard work, the PTA was able to make a donation to the school of $30,000.00 and these monies were spent on a range of “wish list” items requested by the teachers. The PTA believe it is important that the money raised each year is spent in the year that it is raised and it was nice to be able to provide the school with those extra items which would be difficult for the College to fund from existing budgets.

The PTA also ran its mid-year raffle and through this a further $5,000.00 was donated to the College. Thank you again to the businesses who assisted with prizes, and to the pupils and parents for their efforts in selling these raffle tickets.

After many years on the PTA, we lost the significant skills of Sjaane Simpson as she and husband Steve took up the opportunity to broaden their horizons and accepted teaching positions in the UK. We were sad to lose Sjaane as she has been a driving force on the PTA, particularly around the Gala Day but also as the College staff representative on the PTA. We wish Sjaane and Steve all the very best for the future and hope to see them back at the College at some point in the future.

2013 will also see the PTA lose some parents who have been members for a number of years and who have assisted greatly with their contributions. In particular I acknowledge Michelle Schaae, Lee Blanks and Fay Haakma, and thank them for their wonderful contributions to the PTA and the College generally.

Thank you also to Principal, Martin Chamberlain, for making himself available to attend PTA meetings to keep members up to date with all the happenings which occur in the College.

However, the PTA is not solely about meetings and fund raising. There are opportunities for attending social functions such as the mid-year dinner and the Christmas function hosted in the school dining hall. These occasions were well attended and allowed parents and staff to intermingle and create lasting friendships. Accordingly a warm invitation is extended to any new parents who would like to become involved with the PTA. Generally our meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7.30pm in College boardroom.

Finally, I take the opportunity to extend special thanks to Heidi Griffin, our Secretary and Facebook coordinator, and to Mark Parr, our Treasurer.

Best wishes to all of you for the upcoming festive season and have a happy and prosperous 2014.

Lindsay Thomson
PTA Chairman

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Gala Day

The annual Gala Day is an important day in the school year where students, staff, parents and members of the wider community come together to have fun and raise some money. The FDMC PTA is the overall coordinator of the Gala and have been very generous supporters of the College with annual donations of up to $40,000. This year’s Gala on Saturday April 6 was well supported by the community. We treat the day as a normal school day with the expectation being that students attend and involve themselves in their class activity. The ‘White Elephant’ stall is always of huge interest with donations being made to the College throughout the preceding year.
“It’s got to be shared.”
“Are you sure?”
“Yes.”
“You’re really certain about that?”
“Definitely!” replied Shaun Palmer.

This brief conversation highlights the magnificent spirit that encompasses Francis Douglas Memorial College. It came about as a result of the generous sponsorship of MAD Day by Kevin Landrigan from BDO Spicers. Instead of the agreed $250 donation of vouchers for the boy whose name was drawn out of the hat from among all those who had raised $100 or more, Kevin had donated $500. Caleb Mawson (Head Boy 2008) came up to the College and drew out Year 11 student Shaun Palmer’s name. Once the envelope with the cheque had been presented to Shaun, Caleb revealed that it was actually for $500, whereupon the above conversation took place. Shaun insisted that the prize be shared so a second draw took place, enabling Jackson Sinclair to win $200 after Shaun agreed that $300 was a wonderful amount for him. This example highlights our ability as a school to see the wider picture of people in much greater need than we in Taranaki generally experience. The Lasallian community focuses on being brothers and sisters walking together and that is never seen more clearly than our collective sense of service to others, as exemplified in the incident above.

Caritas

Once again the Lasallian Leaders enjoyed a worthwhile training day early in Term 1 and so were well motivated to maintain the high profile of the annual Lenten Caritas appeal, now firmly ensconced as part of FDMC culture. This year’s appeal focussed on Partnerships for Change – Towards a Sea Change in Oceania. While the amount raised was down on the totals of the last couple of years, $3282 is still an excellent result when it is understood that most of it comes from the boys themselves rather than appealing to the wider community as we do for the MAD walkathon. Caritas annually acknowledges the wonderful support they receive from FDMC and clearly state that this College is the leading light for schools in the Palmerston North and Wellington dioceses, if not for the whole of New Zealand.

New Plymouth Foodbank

For Founder’s Day on the Friday before Queen's Birthday weekend, we concentrated our sense of service on the local Foodbank. This has developed over the years and is now very much part of the tradition of how we celebrate Founder’s Day. Each Form amasses many boxes of food, slowly to start with but on the last two days it piles in. The van used to take the food down to the Church and then onto the Foodbank is absolutely full and takes some time to load and unload. It has become an important source of supplies in the middle of the year for the NP Foodbank, and they are truly appreciative of the efforts of the College. The chairperson of the Foodbank made a special trip up to the College recently to present a framed certificate to the Student Council in appreciation of the generosity of the students and families of the College.

Mission Action Day Walkathon

As described in the paragraph above, MAD Day and the week following, certainly provided inspiration for all students, none more so than Shaun Palmer’s wonderful example of being of service to others and walking the talk of what it means to be truly Lasallian. Shaun had already raised over $200 in sponsorship so it was fitting that he was the recipient of other’s generosity. There were 64 students who raised $100 or more, making them eligible to win the vouchers from Centre City or for petrol. Shaun and Jackson both chose the Centre City vouchers.

There is always a cheerful energy associated with MAD Day and this year was no different. Amidst days of uncertain and stormy weather (with back up walking plans well in place) we were blessed with an overcast but still day with no rain. It would have been a different story if it was held later in the afternoon or the next day! The liturgy in honour of Francis Vernon Douglas was once again wonderfully organized by Mr. Mustchin, with excellent input from the speakers of many different languages, including Tagalog. The House Singing Competition followed the liturgy and it is pleasing to see that it is now becoming a singing competition rather than who can generate the greatest volume! It is improving every year. The walk is enjoyed by all students and it was uplifting to hear of the “Tail-end Charlies” clearing up any rubbish they came across as they completed the circuit.

The amount raised has once again become a record with $29,350 currently handed in and more still to come. It is the third year in a row we haven’t quite reached the $30,000 goal but it is certainly getting closer. The students who raised notable amounts were Lachie Landreth (Year 9) who again raised over $1200 through his mother’s business contacts and Enele Fidow (Year 11) who raised $400 by approaching people all around his neighbourhood (much to the annoyance of his brothers who found it hard to get sponsorship as a
The theme for MAD Day this year was “With No Regrets” based on the service that Fr. Francis Vernon Douglas offered to the people he served and which is reflected in his biography. The students who fully involved themselves in the day certainly have no regrets and it is our hope that those students who have yet to contribute to the day will make a donation soon so that they too, have no regrets.

Peter Costello
Lasallian Service Coordinator

Whilst attending a function in late 2012, I by chance met BJ Monk, my predecessor in 2011. He congratulated me on my appointment to the post of Lasallian Captain. When I asked him for advice, he simply said one thing: ‘Pass on the legacy.’

While BJ’s sage advice didn’t affect me at the time, I realised as 2013 commenced that this would prove to be key for the Lasallian activities during the year. Especially so, while learning how to cope without the men who inspired it; the Brothers. As you may know we no longer have any Brothers at the school. On top of this, our long standing Religious Studies Teacher and Director of Religious Studies, Mrs. Sjaane Simpson left this year to teach at a Lasallian school in England. We have been handed the somewhat daunting task of keeping the flame alight in their absence. However, I feel this has been accomplished admirably this year, and we aim to not only keep the flame of Lasallian tradition alive but spread it further - ‘positive pyromaniacy’ if you will.

The Lasallian year has been a productive one. The team of Lasallian Leaders has been characterised by a quiet willingness to carry out good works behind the scenes, eschewing simply doing things for acknowledgement, and instead recognising a need, and doing the best they can to help. Whilst the group is still a developing faction within the school, we took further steps during the school year towards establishing ourselves as a positive influence within the College and local community. These included such things as monthly meetings and reflections on what it means to be Lasallian and what we can do to spread the message of St. John Baptist De La Salle. The group got amongst all sorts of religious activities in the Taranaki Parishes, from Youth Masses to liturgies, school masses for important religious dates and adapting the ‘Passion of Christ’ for a modern audience at a 5:30pm Mass, complete with high-visibility vests and hard hats. The group also instigated its own charitable initiative within the College, collecting pre-loved clothes and toys for the ‘Care, Share and Wear’ organisation. This was responded to incredibly well and we are very grateful to the students and parents who helped to make the winter months a little more bearable for the large number of children we have in New Plymouth living below the poverty line. Stay tuned for the summer collection 2013/14.

I feel that if we can ‘keep the faith,’ the Lasallian special character of the school will continue to grow. It is this special character that marks our college as something different, and something positive. Without it, we would just be another school for boys. This Lasallian pride runs through all things Francis Douglas, and makes us ‘true college men’.

As I leave the College, I know that the future of the Lasallian culture within the school is in good hands; our maverick leader Mr. Mustchin, along with the current crop of Lasallian Leaders are testament to that. I encourage any interested students to join, and make a really positive difference to the lives of others as well as themselves, all in the name of St. John Baptist De La Salle. I would also like to point out that we are the only group that meets monthly and provide pizza at these meetings.

The Lasallian culture is something I will always carry. I ask you, St. John Baptist De La Salle, to pray for me, and to pray for the Lasallians within our school.

Cavaan Wild
Lasallian Captain
The Chaplain Reflects

Its very easy in a report to go through a list of the activities for the year and discover that it is almost a template of the previous year’s effort. So hopefully I can avoid that.

I think it is good to measure ourselves against who we say we are. So I’ll do that and comment on how the year unfolded. Hopefully you might be able to do the same and decide for yourself how your own son has benefitted.

So what do we believe? That Francis Douglas Memorial College is a Roman Catholic College that exists for the education of the young men within the Lasallian tradition of nurturing one’s faith and being of service energized by the influence of a living Christian community.

Nurturing of one’s faith
We are Catholic i.e. totally inclusive. During the year we have conducted regular services that are designed to include everybody. These services have ranged from Masses to paraliturgies to prayer services for special occasions. Where possible we have used our magnificent chapel but sometimes numbers have meant that we need another venue. The gymnasium provides an appropriate space. It is pleasing to report that students who are not Catholic or who come from families that have little connection with church do feel welcome and can take an active part in our rituals.

We are aware that for many of our families the College is actually the Parish and so with the generous assistance of the priests of North Taranaki we have had Mass every week on a Friday. The priests themselves are under pressure as the calls on their time increase but it is pleasing to report that we are able to meet with the clergy from time to time. We have encouraged the students to connect with their parishes through sacramental classes and by being a presence at youth masses and other special celebrations. Our student leaders have provided a very good example in this regard.

Our retreat programme continues to provide the students at each level with an opportunity to take time out and reflect on important aspects of their lives as Lasallians.

Being of Service
Our community is a generous one. Many of our groups look for a number of opportunities to use their gifts and talents for the benefit of others. At various times during the year we have raised money for our charities and for emergencies as they arise. We have provided food for the food bank. We have worked with one of our local primary schools. We have had students assist in a number of school activities around the North Taranaki region.

A small group of senior students continue to commit themselves in a special way to the Lasallian ethos by becoming part of a group known as the LSL’s who work under the direction of the Lasallian Student Leader who this year was Cavaan Wild. We have enjoyed twilight gatherings, and been involved in camp activities and other training opportunities in conjunction with our fellow Lasallian Colleges, de La Salle College in Mangere and John Paul College in Rotorua. I often call this group the unsung heroes as they go quietly about their mission of being ‘big brothers’ who through the example of their own lives help others understand a little better what faith and service is all about.
Being part of a Living Christian Community

We all need heroes. During the year we have continued to bring before the students the example of the lives of Jesus (Christo Duce), Father Frank (Francis Vernon Douglas), and John Baptist de La Salle himself. This year has been particularly poignant in this regard as we commemorated the seventieth year of the disappearance of Father Frank in the Philippines. A small group of us travelled to the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Wellington to be with the extended Douglas family as a plaque was presented by the Columban priests to the Cathedral. We were astonished to learn that the story of Father Douglas’s great heroism is little known by many people. We understood then that an important role for us is to continue to be ambassadors and to continue to tell the wonderful story that speaks to us so powerfully in the Chapel’s stained glass windows. An outstanding contribution was made by Mr. Graham Blanks at our Leavers’ Mass in placing before our graduates the model of a good kiwi bloke and is certainly a step in the right direction.

The stories of our heroes must continue to be passed on to each new generation. I believe we do that very well.

We have had some changes in personnel. Melissa Low from John Paul College in Rotorua came to work with us for the first half of the year and shared her Lasallian journey with many of our students.

Mrs. Sjaane Simpson left us to move to England with her husband. She took on the combined roles of DRS and Lasallian Facilitator with great vigour and enthusiasm for which she was much admired and respected by the students. She particularly enjoyed the Lasallian role as for her the Charism that we have inherited was very real to her. It is a measure of her great skills and the wonderfully vibrant ethical principles evident in her life that within a very short period of time of arriving in England she was offered two jobs. The people whose offer she rejected continued to pursue her to see if she would change her mind.

Mr. Mike Ingram, our quiet achiever, took on these responsibilities in her absence. To Mr. Ingram’s great credit the transition was seamless. With enormous energy and enthusiasm he not only kept things ticking over as it were but offered some innovations of his own. With the arrival of the new DRS he has continued to work as the Lasallian Facilitator and in spite of his time being much taken up with extra study he has agreed to further his own professional Lasallian development. Being an old boy of the College puts the icing on the cake for us.

Mr. Brendan Bergin is our new DRS. We are very fortunate to have the benefit of his services. He enjoys language, is fluent in Te Reo, has a very strong background and has come to us from de La Salle, Mangere. Living in Kaponga he is being looked after by some of our wonderful coastal families with longstanding associations with the College.

I believe our college is very well served by our community. I have always said that the special character of our college is actually the enormous good will of everyone who has some interest in the education of Taranaki’s most precious resource.

Graeme Mustchin
College Chaplain
Just the other day a Year 13 student approached me to introduce himself. He shook my hand, welcomed me to the College and assured me I had come to a ‘good’ place. “You’re gonna love it here.” I’ve thought about him a lot. He didn’t need to do what he did but I think he was prompted by something greater than himself to do so.

This time of year reminds us of someone else in our Christian tradition who felt called to go beyond her ‘brief’ as a woman and a mother. “How can I get out of this?” is a question that one female teacher and young mother thought may have come into Mary’s mind. True! And there were other reservations. The evangelist Luke tells us that she kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. Her ultimate decision not to ‘get out of this’ changed the course of human history.

May you too have a chance to ‘ponder’ over the Christmas season, remembering those who have little but whom, through tragedy, necessity or generosity, have been able to achieve so much.

Merry Christmas!… but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.’
Luke 2:19

Brendan Bergin
Director of Religious Studies
The school O'Shea Shield team travelled to St Patrick’s College, Silverstream, on the weekend of 18 and 19 May. There we participated in a range of speech and drama events. First up was our debating team consisting of Dermot Frengley, Thomas Schaare and Matthew Poole assisted by Scott Murfitt as researcher. After a good debate where they affirmed ‘That New Zealand is a Christian Country’ they unfortunately lost to a team from Sacred Heart Girls’ College, Napier.

The next events were the Impromptu speeches performed by Kurtis Grainger and Polaiu’amea Kirifi, our junior speaker. Though unplaced, both of these students performed very well and I am sure that they will benefit from the experience in future years.

Chaz Jones, our most experienced O'Shea team member, once again took on the difficult task of presenting the oratory, which he did with a considerable amount of skill, speaking on depression.

The drama is always one of the highlights of the O'Shea Competition and this year was no exception. Our drama team was Tanaka Utete, Cameron Meads, Satch Pryor, Joshua Flynn and Andrew Hockey. ‘Faith can move mountains’ was their topic and their acting and singing brought forth a resounding response from the audience.

On Sunday morning the remaining events were the scripture reading and the religious questions. Max Hall, having stepped in to do the scripture reading at short notice, gave a very good reading of the scripture passages.

Our religious questions team of Cavaan Wild, Joseph Robinson and Patrick Fisher-Evans provided the highlight this year. They were able to answer all their questions showing extensive knowledge and a deep understanding of the documents studied. They scored our only distinction grade this year and were placed second.

The weekend concluded with Mass in St Patrick’s beautiful chapel. Cavaan Wild spoke at the Mass on ‘What it means to be a young man of faith in the 21st century’, a speech which brought a lot of positive comments.

Overall it was a very enjoyable weekend, even though we didn’t win any events. We look forward to competing again next year at St John’s in Hastings.

Richard Marris
O'Shea Competition Coordinator
**FOUNDER’S DAY MASS**

The Francis Douglas Memorial College community celebrated their Founder’s Day Mass at Saint Joseph’s Church on Friday 31 May. Staff and students travelled by bus from school down to the church for a 9.30am start with Father Craig Butler as the celebrant.

We were fortunate to have the presence of former student and staff member Brother Jack Iremonger as well as Auckland based Share the Mission volunteer, Dominic Woodward. Also in attendance were members of our College Board of Trustees and students and staff from our brother school, De La Salle College in Mangere.

On Founder’s Day the college celebrates the life and work of Saint John Baptist De La Salle, the founder of all Lasallian educational institutions throughout the world and the Patron Saint of Teachers.

A usual feature of our Founder’s Day Mass is the donation of goods for the New Plymouth ‘Foodbank’. In recent weeks students have generously donated non-perishable food items for this special event. Students brought forward their food items during the Offertory procession in what was a very moving experience.

The boys concluded the Mass with a great rendition of the College Hymn kindly accompanied by Margaret Hurley on piano.

*Sjaane Simpson*
*Director of Religious Studies*

**MISSION ACTION DAY**

Our annual walkathon was held on Friday 20 September. The boys were given a bright green sponsorship form and were strongly encouraged to get many sponsors for the walk around the College block (Frankley Road, Tukapa Street and the College farm).

The senior students had set $30,000.00 as their target this year, and came very close to it by receiving $29,350.00 for their efforts. We would have reached that target if every student had raised around $35.00 minimum. Many senior students who are in paid employment contributed some of their work shifts to the cause and those not in work were asked to approach neighbours, friends, extended family etc. to generously sponsor them and even make their own contributions.

Many thanks for the support of your sons in this wonderful endeavour. As you can see from the photos the day was well enjoyed by all!
INVESTITURE MASS

Our Leaders’ Investiture Mass on 8 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 2013. We were grateful for the support of Father Craig Butler and Monsignor Bell, new to Stratford, who celebrated the Eucharist with us.

It was gratifying also to have Brothers Declan Thompson and Michael Carroll who travelled to join us from Mangere. Brother Declan spent 21 years here at FDMC.

COLLEGE LEADERS 2013

Head Boy: Scott Murfitt
Deputy Head Boy: Chaz Jones
Lasallian Student Captain: Cavaan Wild
Cultural Captain: Dermot Frengley
Sports Captain: Michael Blanks
Benildus Captain: Joel Scott
La Salle Captain: Ethan Perrett
Loreto Captain: Satch Pryor
Solomon Captain: Cameron Meads
Prefect: Matthew Poole
Prefect: Shaun Bradley
Prefect: Logan Crowley
Prefect: Liam Doherty
Prefect: Brent Harrison
Prefect: Thomas Schaare
2013: Eventful. Tumultuous. Exhilarating. Of all the tests, tasks and challenges I have faced while being a student here at Francis Douglas Memorial College, this year, without a doubt, was my hardest. As I sat writing this speech, I was filled with many flashbacks. Positive. Negative. Others simply too fast to recall. This year really did fly by with all the events on the school calendar. However, it feels like only yesterday that I was walking up the school driveway, staring at the massive cross, ready to begin another seven years of my education and where I was now back to being a “little fish in a big pond.”

It has not only been an honour but also a privilege to have served the college as Head Boy for 2013. I couldn’t imagine my school life getting any better than the years that I had already experienced here at Francis Douglas. As I was sitting at the school prize-giving this time last year, I remember the butterflies in my stomach doing backflips and my legs uncontrollably shaking as I tried to listen to Sam’s speech. The dream was to be like him and the other five previous Head Boys, but there was no way that I could see myself being up there in a year’s time...

Our final year as a group of Year 13 students began with the annual Swimming Sports. Here Solomon continued their dominant form from last year under the new leadership of Cameron “DJ Meado” Meads, however, Benildus’s Dylan Finnigan’s transition from ocean to pool seemed to be no struggle as he came out Senior Champion for 2013, as well as Sportsman of the Year for his outstanding results in triathlon. Two weeks later Athletics Day was held. Here Solomon grasped another win, but only just off La Salle as Year 12 student Simon French came out to be Senior Champion.

As the year continued, Loreto came out on top with their passionate performance of the College Haka, “Te Atawhai”, led by Chaz, as the student’s inner warrior came out. From this, Loreto seemed to enjoy the winning feeling as Satch went on to lead them to win House Rugby and Football. Yet a win in basketball wasn’t to be as La Salle came out on top, then also won the House Singing competition. Here the ‘funky’ costumes from previous years continued, with portrayals of the moon and light, hippies, Australians and cross-dressers being at the top of the list. This event faced a change in scoring criteria from other years and much controversy arose with the judges scoring and it was surprising to see that some of the teachers were more caught up on who should have won than the students were.

On the Cultural note, here I would like to thank Dermot for his efforts this year. His impromptu speeches in assemblies where he welcomed and congratulated acts were always humorous and caught the attention of the students, and his last-minute run around the school to find a performance for a Friday assembly showed his true character when he was able to find an excellent act with only five minutes to spare. We achieved in all types of events, be it O’Shea Shield, the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival, Law Mooting or the Smokefree Rockquest. Here the College can stand with pride knowing that we did our best, and sometimes better.

Now, onto Sport. Our successes here were huge! The Senior Rugby League team, managed by Mrs Wackrow’s passionate spirit and captained by Satch Pryor, continued their winning streak this year by maintaining hold of the Willie Talau Cup. The 1st XI Cricket team, captained by Daniel Bernet and Cameron Meads, made the final in the T/20 comp. for the first time in College history, and also retained the Gillette Cup from the secondary schools knockout competition. The 1st XI Football team, captained by Damien Mosquera, was placed third in the premier competition, and beat St. Patrick’s Silverstream for the first time and also gained twelfth place in New Zealand.

Finally, the 1st XV rugby side, led by Cameron Keech, achieved outstanding results this year. This was evidenced by their being named as Team of the Year for 2013 after beating Palmerston North Boys’ High for the first time in College history, not once but twice, and winning the Central North Island Competition. What is also satisfying is that all of these sides beat our school rival, New Plymouth Boys’ High. In spite of the limited support that was able to be offered to the 1st XI Football and 1st XV sides, the two sides made the school very proud, continuing the sporting legacy of FDMC. I would like to commend everyone who represented the College in all sporting events this year. Your participation and level of success are very
impressive for the size of our College. Thanks must go to Mr Stuck, Mr Rowland, Mr Reader-Nokes, Michael Blanks and all the coaches and managers (students or parents) for their work in making College sport a success. The work behind the scenes is what makes for success on the sporting field, so thank you.

The strong Lasallian ethos of Faith, Service and Community continues to thrive at FDMC. The year saw records broken with plenty of new ones set. Francis Douglas’s contribution to the Red Cross continued through the Red Cross Schools’ Challenge. Here a near $1000 was raised, on top of students helping at the ‘No Limits’ holiday programme, or the Marfell Mentor Breakfast Club at 7:45am every weekday. Finally, the leadership team each year selects a charity to sponsor. This year it was KidsCan, with over $5000 raised; a standout record.

Our annual Mission Action Day, with Mr Costello’s reminders in the daily notices, as well as Joseph Robinson’s and Mrs Wackrow’s presentation on where the money was going, meant the school pulled together as a community again to reach the final total at $28,800. We, as a school, have shown our generosity to these numerous projects not only this year, but in years prior. Thus I am sure for those of us leaving this year, and those who remain, we will all continue to share this sense of service to the community in years to come.

When I was in Year 6 at Westown School, Francis Douglas was just another school to me. However, over the past few weeks, I have pondered about leaving this school that has been my second home throughout my teenage years and where we, as Year 13’s today, have grown from young boys into young men. It is something that I am struggling to comprehend, let alone put down in words. Although we have our defined groups, I cannot help but be afraid of not seeing everyone’s face again, those we have grown to see every day for the five or seven years that we have been at Francis Douglas.

To my closest friends, we are separating after being together more than perhaps with our parents, and sharing our most personal stories. I only came to realise this separation one week ago when writing this, however, as I have been promised, the friendships that we have formed will last a lifetime because of our time at this college. Your support is what got me through. There is no other example for myself of what being Lasallian is than what you, as my closest friends, have done for me whilst being at FDMC. You have stuck by me, encouraging me in my goals and supporting my actions, yet also acknowledging when I am wrong. In the spirit of St. John Baptist de La Salle, you are my ‘brothers’. Thus to the class of 2013, I say thank you to every one of you for your unique personalities that have made this year level what it is. I sincerely wish you all the best in your future endeavours and to live “with no regrets”.

I speak on behalf of the Year 13’s when I say that we have all grown in some way through the guidance that we not only offer to each other, but also what our teachers here at FDMC offer. The forever supportive staff keep this college running at its very best, seen not only through our results in the classroom, but life in general. The teachers here have the ability to relate to every student in some way, and don’t leave their students when the bell rings at 3:10. Most, if not all, are just an email away, ready to answer a homework question, or to provide quick advice on a revision question for exams.

The year has been full of triumphs for the Leadership Team. The House Captains, with their passion and enthusiasm, brought forth a competitive year for all competitions. Cavaan, you gave to the school much of your time and effort, which showed your commitment to your role. I would also particularly like to thank Matthew for his tireless efforts throughout the year, but specifically for organising the successful quiz night for our leaders’ charity. Also thanks to Cameron for his active involvement and willingness to help in all events. These acts of generosity were not only helpful to me, but the Leadership Team as a whole. It’s what’s behind the badge that counts and the members of the leadership team are a great example of this.

Thank yous must go to Mr Chamberlain and Mr Moller for their consistent work that happens behind the scenes. Mr Moller, although I have always been afraid of being on the receiving end of your yelling, you are a man of great respect and I wish you luck in your post as Principal at Wanganui Collegiate. I am sure the inter school competition between FDMC and Collegiate will be rife with your fuelling. Thank you to Mrs O’Neill who was always prepared to make sure that I was okay when times were tough, and thank you to the Senior Deans, Mrs Joines, Mrs Marris, Mr Stuck and Mr Taylor, for their constant support this year, specifically to our Year 13 group. For me, thank you all for always checking that I was okay and offering me advice and support on numerous occasions. I have always had the guidance of someone this year and it really does enforce the community ethos of this college.

However, my final thank yous are perhaps the most important. Firstly, thank you Chaz for your unconditional support this year. In Term 2 you quickly came to my aid,
filling in for me when I was unable to be present, on top of your schoolwork and 1st XV commitments. Your service is something that I am truly indebted to you for. Secondly, I would like to thank Mr Marris. The support you provided me in some of my hardest situations is something that is indescribable and words cannot explain. However, please understand that I am forever grateful and without a doubt, there is no way that I would be up here today without your assistance.

My role as Head Boy was always going to be a test for not only myself (maybe more than I originally thought), but also for my family. Mum and Dad, you have had to endure my occasional breakdown this year, and despite what I have sometimes led you to believe, I have truly appreciated your unconditional support in all areas. To my sister Emma, thank you for only being a phone call away while down in Wellington, and to my Nana, you are the definition of a grandparent. You, along with Aunty Lyn, have showed endless love and comfort which has thus far nurtured me and I thank you for that.

This year I have discovered a lot about myself, more than I would ever have thought. I have recognised the importance of friends and family, and the significance that their support has on a life. Life is fragile and what appears on the outside, may not always be felt on the inside. Thus, this community that I have now had the privilege of being a part of over these past seven years will be etched in my heart forever, because we are the College, with Christ as Our Leader.

Scott Murfitt
Head Boy 2013

When you came here I didn’t need glasses. It has been interesting being a teacher and a parent. You get to see two views of the same thing. I have been in a meeting and someone says, “the parents really like this new thing we are doing” and I think quietly, “not all of them.” There have been moments of real comedy when other teachers forget that I am a parent and start complaining about those ignorant, lazy, useless, immature cheeky, worst group ever blah blah blah. I have so much wanted to say - “hey, that’s my son and his friends you are talking about.” So with my teacher hat on, to all you other parents, thank you for trusting the school with your sons and thank you for supporting the school in all its endeavours.

Now, young men. Go back seven years or five years. The day you walked up that drive or got off the bus or got out of the car in the yard, you became a new kid. You were a new kid for about three weeks. Until the swimming sports. After the swimming sports you weren’t new kids anymore. It is strange, but the ritual of being locked inside a wire cage for six hours with 700 other young males and getting wet, tired, sunburned and hoarse seems to be community building. Maybe it has something to do with the older boys drawing body parts on you with vivids. What’s on my back? It says “Go Benildus.” Honest it does.

Anyway, after the swimming sports you are all FDMC boys. You make part of the yard your own. You are one of ours and you will be one of ours forever. One day you will do something outstanding, and become famous and in the staffroom, some teacher will say, “He’s an old boy you know?” We will be walking you forever because we are proud of you. We put a lot of effort into you. Some of you needed more effort than others. So when you become a Rhodes scholar or Prime Minister or a billionaire or get mentioned in the sports’ pages of the Daily News, we will be proud of you.

When you see your teachers in town or in the street or wherever, come and say hello. Teachers love that. Something else that we really like is to see some of our best students come back as teachers. That is a real vote of confidence.

By the way, I have to tell the truth here - when I meet you in the street or wherever, it is quite likely that I won’t remember your name straight away, but I’ll pretend I do. Your name will come back to me eventually though. At my age there are a lot of old boys.

To those of you whom I have worked with, I have enjoyed it. Mostly I have had a lot of fun. I hope you learned something, even if it was by accident. It is a two way street. I learned from you too. To my Year 12 Accounting class 2012, remember your forklift safety rules. It has been a privilege. In a few years you might find yourself thinking, I wonder what is happening
I am sure that over this much-anticipated final week of school, many of you have reflected upon your time at the College.

You will meet each other again but you won’t ever all be in the same room again after this week. So what makes you special? You are my son’s year group, that should do it. No. What is your point of difference? What binds you? I have sat and listened to masses, liturgies and reflections at this school for a long time and what stands out for me now is the story of Father Francis Douglas. He is not remote from us in time and place. He lived in Wellington, in Opunake for a short time and New Plymouth. He is like a figure just out of sight, just around the corner, in the next room perhaps. I think if I could turn my head fast enough I could catch a glimpse of him. He was a kiwi kid. He started at a school just as you did. He left school as you are about to. He was 14 when he left school. Life was different then. He loved sport. He played rugby, cricket, tennis.

He wasn’t here as a schoolboy but I can imagine him here, playing basketball on Friday evenings, playing football on the field. I see him in the queue at the tuckshop. I can see him at athletic sports, organising his vertical form relay team. I can hear him reading the daily notices, or practicing a speech for the O’Shea Shield. I can imagine him and his friends claiming a part of the yard and defending it just as you did. Would he have joined in the big food fight in the yard? You bet. Was he a top student? I don’t really know, but I’ll bet he was staring at the clock at five past three just like you.

He didn’t really know what he wanted to do. Nor do many of you. Eventually he decided. It was a difficult path he chose. He struggled with his training. So will many of you. He didn’t give up. Then he was sent to a place, which was not where he wanted to be. He went. He worked to make the best of it. It was still difficult. Then he was tested, tested severely in a way that no one should be tested. He responded with courage and integrity. He stayed true to what he believed. He has made a difference to all of you.

It is a great story and you all know it well. It has taken me a long time to really appreciate it. It is the story of a real man - and I would be pleased if more people in New Plymouth and New Zealand knew of him. But as I say, you know the story and you share that story with all the FDMC community. It can be part of your bond. It is your point of difference. So as you go from here, take his story as an example, share it, keep it warm. It is special to you.

Go well, work hard, remember to laugh, have many children, good luck.

Graham Blanks
Parent and HOD Mathematics
I could never thank our teachers and administration enough. They have regularly gone above and beyond what is expected of them to aid and assist in our development.

It is in these years that we have been given countless opportunities to display our ability and learn on the sporting field and the cultural stage. This school has taught me that education is about more than academic achievement; school is not just a prelude to life. School is the integral part of our lives that has allowed we students to grow in our understanding of the world, ourselves and each other. Our school’s unique ethos has played a great part in the formation of many of us. No matter what religion, creed or belief system you may align with, the Lasallian values are universal; respect, community service and the protection of the underprivileged and disenfranchised. Being Lasallian is about recognising that we are all brothers and sisters no matter where we are in the world, something that I was blessed enough to witness myself at the Pacific Region Lasallian gathering last year in Thailand.

Yesterday, many of us participated in the tradition of shirt signing, a tradition that reminded me again of this brotherhood. I wish to thank all the students here today and those who are no longer here; you are my brothers and I feel privileged to have met and got to know you all.

On behalf of the students I would like to thank our parents. Thank you for the countless hours you have invested in us and the love and care you have always provided us with.

Francis Douglas Memorial College is not an institution. Francis Douglas is the sum and total of the relationships between the people who belong to and are involved in operating and supporting the education for life of students at 201 Tukapa Street. Francis Douglas is the parents, it is the students, and it is the staff.

Additionally it is at this point that we must thank those who have come before us; those great men and women of vision including the likes of our founders, St John Baptist de La Salle and Francis Vernon Douglas. These people understood what was most important: Te Tangata, the people.

Also at this time we must direct our thoughts and offer our blessings toward the oncoming generation of students with whom the future of this college resides. I was fortunate this year to have two Year 7 buddies, Taylor and Thomas. When I look at these kind-hearted younger boys I see men of integrity, respect and service in the making. I know that this school is in good hands. Thank you again to all of you, thank you Francis Douglas Memorial College. We wish the staff all the best for next year, as they remain to teach and continue the legacy of de La Salle. We the students will also continue the legacy of La Salle in our own ways. We entered this school to learn and now it is time that we leave to serve.

Joseph Robinson
Year 13 Student

SUE CROWLEY’S (PARENT) SPEECH AT THE YEAR 13 LEAVERS’ MASS 2013

Congratulations boys – you are the graduation class of 2013.

I cannot believe that our journey at FDMC has come to an end. I say “our journey” because, as parents, we have watched you grow into fine young men and we have shared many wonderful moments and achievements with you over the past five to seven years while at FDMC.

As parents, we know we have one chance to give our children a quality education. As well as providing you with outstanding academic opportunities FDMC has a unique character. Being a part of the De La Salle community, this catholic college has enriched your lives supporting you in your faith. These values and qualities will hold you in good stead for the rest of your lives.

You will all remember your very first day; for the day boys it will be standing at the entrance gates to the college, feeling slightly daunted. Being greeted and welcomed with a firm handshake, a smile and a few words of encouragement by the Year 13 leaders in their impressive blue blazers. I always feel very proud of this College tradition, our Year 13 leaders welcoming our new boys and families on the first day of the new school year. So many positive comments are made by the parents who are instantly made to feel a part of the College family.

To our La Salle Hostel boys who joined FDMC in Year 9: Once again, for some of you it was a daunting prospect as Mum and Dad climbed the stairs with you to the Year 9 hostel. This was to be your home away from home for the next five years. They helped you make your bed with your brand new duvet with the matching All Black pillowcase and placed your valued possessions in your locker. The senior boys and hostel supervisors filling
your time with endless fun activities so you had little
time to think about home and Steve and his wonderful
ladies in the kitchen making delicious meals and baking
to help you settle in.

Our sons, Daniel and Logan, have been privileged to
live weekdays at La Salle House for the past six years.
Privileged because they have experienced a very
special time in their lives. They have formed a second
family, a brotherhood where the boys always look out
for each other, they are always there for each other and
the friendships and memories of this wonderful hostel
will stay with them for their lifetime.

As parents, Alan and I have a special place in our hearts
for FDMC. We have followed both our sons in all the
sports days, whether it be Athletics or Swimming. Both
these days are so professionally and effortlessly run
by the PE department. As a parent, you would never
know the hours of organising that go into running such
events. FDMC has something other schools can only
envy, and that is the way the teachers get in behind
these events and assist in any way they can. The
number of teachers who give up their valuable time to
coach the boys in their chosen sport, guiding them in
Young Enterprise schemes, supporting and mentoring
the cultural and musical talent of our boys is a credit
to them and is just another piece in the jigsaw, making

our College a wonderful place to educate our children.
I am sure all of you have a close association in a certain
area with the College. For our family it has been the
1st XV rugby team. For the past three years Daniel
and Logan have both been fortunate to play, and their
father Alan has had the honour of managing the team
alongside the co-coaches of Steve Simpson and Tim
Stuck. During this time we have had several momentous
and wonderful occasions.

One of these was the trip to Canada in 2012. The
boys’ sister, Anna and I decided there was no way we
were going to be left behind, so we decided to make
it a family trip of a lifetime. Seventeen parents, two
grandparents and one sister travelled with the team on
this wonderful tour. Thirty-one outstanding young men
were a credit to their school and their families both on
and off the field as they played and travelled through
British Colombia over nineteen days.

Behind every good team though, is a brilliant coaching
team. Our boys are so very fortunate to be coached,
skilled and cared for by Simmo and Stucky, as they are
so fondly but respectfully known. Two outstanding
men who encouraged the best from the players, set
standards of sportsmanship on and off the field and
led from the top in respecting and valuing their team
mates.

One special occasion that I always looked forward to
is the annual Sports Awards Dinner. So much talent!! I
always come away in awe of the numerous sports our
boys take part in and achieve to a very high level.

This special college is blessed with a wonderful
staff. From the office, where the girls always greet
you with a smile and nothing is too much trouble, to
the groundsmen who ensure the college grounds
and buildings are always looking their best, to
the teachers who ensure our sons are provided with
the best possible education they can receive. To Mr Martin
Chamberlain, the college has been truly blessed with
you at the helm, sharing all aspects of college activities
and taking time to stop and talk to the boys and their
families, showing a real interest in their day-to-day life
at school.

One teacher in particular has played a major part in
the lives of our sons, Daniel and Logan over the past
six years. Tim Stuck - thank you so much, you are so
highly regarded by all the boys. You have a wonderful
quality that the young men of this college look up to,
respect and admire. You know how to extract the best
from each individual and I know you have a genuine
affection for Francis Douglas, wanting only the best for
the College Family.

Well boys, you are all heading in different directions
as you walk out through the school gates. Whatever
road you may be taking, I wish you every success and
happiness for the future ahead. You are now a special
part of the tapestry that continues to form the history
of this wonderful school, and in years to come I know
you will look back with great affection, remembering
the wonderful years you shared as the Graduation
Class of 2013.

God bless you all.

Sue Crowley
Parent
SPECIAL AWARDS

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Walsh, Logan
Hockey, Andrew
Limmer, Jake
Poole, Isaac
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Blanks, Michael
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Medal for Academic Excellence
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Taamu Tuu Tama Ora Award
Alexander Trust Award - Top student in Agriculture
The Smith/Drinkwater Shield
Sports Captain Cup
The Senior Cup for Geography
Senior Award for Accounting
The Leo Walsh Award - Top student in Economics
Services to the College Library
Gaines Award for the Study of Law
Moriarty Cup
Cultural Captain Cup
The Smith Family Award for History
The Butterworth Cup for Culture
Peter Costello Trophy for Deputy Head Boy
Margaret Fleming Trophy for Hostel Deputy Boy
The Roger French Cup for Visual Art
The Senior Cup for Physics
Butler Family Trophy for Head Boy
Brother Bill Firman Cup for Religious Studies
Kelly Endowment for Physics
The Senior Cup for Chemistry
Senior Cup for Mathematics with Calculus
Senior Cup for Statistics
Dux Award
Br Anthony Hawkins Memorial Trophy - Hostel Head Boy
Michael Finnigan Award for Service to the College
The Wayne Kibby Memorial Cup
The Hills Family Award for English
Lasallian Student Captain Trophy
The Senior Cup for Classics Studies
Daily News Award for Literary Excellence
First in Media Studies
Proxime Accessit 2013
Medicross Award for Biology
The Margaret Wright Music Award
Shell Todd Oil Services Trophy for Senior Science

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We congratulate Matthew Poole (pictured on the left) who is our Dux for 2013. He is the son of Robert and Clare Poole of Hawera. Eric Yang (pictured on the right), son of Mun Hwan Yang and Eun Nam Bark, is our Proxime Accessit.

Well done to both of these students who have not only excelled academically during their time at the College, but have also participated in the extra-curricular life of it as well.

Matthew was the Head Boarder in La Salle House this year and has played rugby and other sports throughout his College life. Eric has been involved in the cultural side of the college, playing clarinet in the Concert Band in his years at FDMC as well as playing basketball.

Held in the College Gym on Friday 6 December at 11.00am, this was well supported as usual. Family and friends celebrated it with the Years 7 - 10 students, Staff and BOT members who filled the gym to capacity. It was pleasing to share the successes of so many of our younger students.

ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 7

Year 7 Special Awards
Ammundsen, Oisin
Brother Jerome Foley Cup Religious Studies

Year 7 Attainment/ Diligence and First in Class Awards
Ammundsen, Oisin Science Attainment
Mathematics Attainment
Physical Education Diligence
Religious Studies First in Class

Barrett, Declan English Attainment
Social Studies Attainment
Mathematics Attainment
Science Diligence

Borsje, Tomas Science Attainment
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Butler, Patrick Science Attainment
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Campbell, Colin Religious Studies Attainment
Science Attainment
Social Studies Attainment

Copestake, Liam Religious Studies Attainment
Science Attainment
Social Studies Attainment

Daveison, Riley Mathematics Attainment
Religious Studies First in Class

Din, Toby Science Attainment
Religious Studies First in Class

Dravitzki, Corban Social Studies Attainment
Religious Studies Attainment

Fleming, Caleb Physical Education Attainment
Religious Studies Attainment

Hadley, William Science First in Class
Physical Education First in Class

Henderson, Simon Religious Studies First in Class
English First in Class

Hopkins, Joshua Physical Education First in Class

Howell, Isaac Mathematics First in Class

Hughes, Jonty Physical Education First in Class
Social Studies First in Class

Johnston, Jeremy Religious Studies First in Class
English First in Class

Joyce, Kris Mathematics First in Class
Religious Studies First in Class

Kerr, George Physical Education First in Class

Kestle, Jamie Religious Studies First in Class
Social Studies First in Class

Kruitz, Jack Social Studies First in Class

Laapo, Mairenga Physical Education First in Class

Lovegrove, James Mathematics First in Class

Luque, Alfie Physical Education First in Class

Lusk, Campbell Physical Education First in Class

Macleod, Blaque Physical Education First in Class

MacLeod, Tahanga Science Diligence
English Diligence

Mason, Cillian Mathematics First in Class

McCarthy, Diarmaid Religious Studies First in Class
McCook, Blane  Mathematics First in Class  Social Studies Diligence
McGrath, Finlay  Religious Studies Attainment  Physical Education Diligence
McQuoid, Aedan  Social Studies Attainment  Mathematics Diligence
Morris, Finn  Science Attainment  Social Studies Attainment
O’Donnell, Cailean  Religious Studies Diligence  Mathematics Diligence
Parkinson, Luke  Social Studies Diligence  Physical Education Diligence
Paynter, Andrew  Social Studies Attainment  English Diligence
Ratumanavuki-Kneepkens, Jacob  Physical Education Attainment  Religious Studies Diligence
Ropitini, Vince  Religious Studies Attainment  Science Diligence
Schultz, Braeden  Mathematics Attainment  Religious Studies Diligence
Sisarich, Matthew  Social Studies Diligence  Mathematics Diligence
Skvor, Corey  Science Diligence  English Diligence
Sofeni, Rikki  Religious Studies Diligence  English Diligence
Soffe, Cole  Mathematics Diligence  Physical Education Diligence
Te Huia, Method  English Diligence  Science Diligence
Theron, Michael  Religious Studies Attainment  Mathematics Diligence
Tuala, Iosefa  Religious Studies Attainment  Physical Education Diligence
Turner, Ethan  English Attainment  Science Diligence
Vaniners, Cameron  English Diligence  Religious Studies Diligence
Walton, Liam  Science Diligence  Mathematics Diligence

The John Whyte Cup for general excellence in Years 7 and 8 is awarded to a student that has consistently displayed the Lasallian qualities encouraged in the Intermediate Department. He must have also gone the extra mile in the academic, sporting, cultural and spiritual sides of college life. He needs to defy any odds to be the best that he can be not only in school but also in the community. In a nutshell this student clearly needs to demonstrate all the traits of being a “good College man”.

ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 8

Year 8 Special Awards
Moore, Liam  John Whyte Cup for Excellence Special Award
Van Beers, Bradley  Brother Julian Watson Cup Religious Studies

Year 8 Attainment/Diligence and First in Class Awards
Adamson, Cam  Mathematics Attainment  Social Studies Diligence
Allen, Matt  Mathematics Attainment  Religious Studies Diligence
Austin, Jonathan  English Diligence  Physical Education Attainment
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**Year 10 Special Awards**

Jacquemard, Dominic
- The Shell Todd Oil Services Cup for Junior Science
- The Park City Trophy for Music
- The Junior Literacy Award

Kirifi, Polai’amea
- Junior Cultural Cup awarded for outstanding Cultural Achievements
- Jonathan Milne Cup for Junior Leadership

Taumoepaeu, Ziah
- Junior Lasallian Award for respect to others and is recognised for the Lasallian qualities of Faith, Service and Community

Wright, Thomas
- John George Cup for Junior Sportsman
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**JUNIOR CERTIFICATE**

**Platinum achievement for Junior Certificate**

The Junior Certificate is a combined grade that students get after each of their full year course teachers have assessed their work outcomes in their class out of 10 each term. The FDMC Junior Certificate exists to encourage Years 7-10 students to focus on the range of skills and abilities that lead to overall success. It is designed to recognise not only academic achievement but the work habits and commitment that go into being a well rounded student. It is also a self-extending system where students can try and better their former result. It is awarded in four levels:

- **Bronze**: up to 55%
- **Silver**: between 56% & 70%
- **Gold**: between 71% & 80%
- **Platinum**: 81% and above

We celebrated platinum achievement at the Junior Prizegiving Ceremony.

**Year 7 Platinum Achievement**

- Ammundsen, Oisin
- Borsje, Tomas
- Carr, Blake
- Crighton, Maxwell
- Dravitzki, Corban
- Hadley, William
- Johnston, Jeremy
- Kestle, Jamie
- Lusk, Campbell
- McCarthy, Diarmid
- McGrory, Jadeim

Barrett, Declan
Campbell, Colin
Copestake, Liam
Din, Toby
Francis, Malcolm
Henderson, Simon
Kerr, George
Krutz, Jack
Mason, Cillian
McGrath, Finlay
McQuoid, Aedan
University Graduates

Congratulations to the following ex-students who have graduated from Massey University this year.

**Massey Graduates**
Buhler, Andrew
Cameron, Scott
Carey, Matthew
Curtis, Kevin
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Arnold, Sean
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Corboy, Scott
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Coulton, William
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Hills, Tim

**Year 8 Platinum Achievement**
Allen, Matt
Coleman, Dominic
Evans, Tim
Fitzgibbon, Ben
Hawrot, Edward
Kuklinks, Bailey
Lovell, Ollie
McNamara, Michael
Moore, Liam
O’Connor, Ollie
Van Beers, Bradley

**Year 9 Platinum Achievement**
Avey, James
Chow, Daniel
Cook, Caylem
Esquerra, Angelo
Hadley, Thomas
McCook, Cobi
Morgan, Thomas
O’Connell, Matthew
Reid, Zac
Walsh, Jarrod
Webby, Felix
Zeylemaker, Benjamin

**Year 10 Platinum Achievement**
Ang, Alister
Brown, Matt
Din, Zaki
Fleming, Mitchell
Griffiths, Owen
Hancock, Kyle
Heerdegen, Daniel
Jordan, Jahdal
Kalin, Beni
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Hills, Tim
The first ‘Colours Assembly’ on 18 March celebrated the efforts of 34 students now in Years 12 and 13, who earned Level 1 and Level 2 Excellence Endorsements in NCEA last year. These students act as great role models and represent a marked improvement over past years as the graph shows. Our guest speaker was Professor Michael Kelly who holds the Prince Philip Chair in Technology at Cambridge University. Michael started at FDMC in 1960 and it was special to have him among us. We are always grateful when former students are able to portray successful vocational pathways for current students.

If you or your son is a Year 13 student in 2014, these days reaffirm the excellent work the Recruitment Officers do from each university when they visit the College and do their promotions at venues such as the Plymouth Hotel. These provide invaluable experiences for students and parents alike. Throughout the ‘Open Days’ there are a range of lectures and informative talks so it is wise to download the information and plan your day well in advance so that you utilise what is available.

**2013 ENGINEERING TARIKANI CONSORTIUM APPRENTICESHIP**

**Awards for the Engineering and Electrical Trades.**

Congratulations to our following old boys who recently received awards.

Jonathan Tuiletoa, Rivet  
Winner Engineering Fabrication Light - Senior Excellence Award

Hayden Murray  
Pace Engineering - Winner Engineering Fabrication Heavy - Senior Excellence Award

Hayden Murray  
Pace Engineering - Winner Western Institute of Technology Award

Phillip Radford  
Methanex - Winner Senior Category of Electrical - Industrial.

Pictured above (in no particular order) with guest speaker Professor Michael Kelly, are:


Congratulations to all these students who achieved Excellence in NCEA Level One or Two in 2012.
The Assembly to issue Colours for Service, Culture and Sport was held on Tuesday 24 October and was once again a proud occasion. Guest speaker and former Deputy Head Boy, Shaun Murphy, spoke creatively on the theme of colour in his work, in our lives and in the variety of achievements for which colours were being presented. Shaun shook the hands of an impressive group of awardees. Rather than a dilution of standards, this large number was indicative of the talent, selflessness and diligence of these two year groups and their supportive families.

Recipients were as follows:

**Culture & Service Colours:**
Dermot Frengley, Chaz Jones, Cavaan Wild

**Sports & Service Colours:**
Michael Blanks, Louis Coetzee, Michael McKillop, Cameron Meads, Scott Murfitt, Ethan Perrett, Satch Pryor, Thomas Schaare, Joel Scott, Nick Tipler.

**Culture Colours:**

**Sports Colours:**

While service is encouraged to be carried out so that “the right hand does not know what the left hand is doing”, it was edifying for all present to hear of the good work our boys are doing for other students or those less fortunate than themselves. In this way, younger students are inspirationally educated in the tradition of giving and serving.
For 2013 I had the honour and pleasure of being the College’s Cultural Captain, a role that has been both challenging and invigorating. I have experienced a lot over the course of the school year and learnt a lot about cultural and performing arts talent within our school and the immense amount of hard work and dedication that goes on in the many cultural areas that Francis Douglas students are involved in. The depth and range of people that are involved in culture either as performers and contestants or as coaches and organisers at FDMC, are testament to the passion that we have to cultural activities.

Even though not every Francis Douglas student and teacher is involved in culture there is a widespread feeling of appreciation and admiration that exists within our school and without this base there would be no one to perform for. It is sometimes the whole school events that are the most memorable. For example I got on board with this year’s Swimming Sports and with Michael Blanks’s help made a classic kiwi play list (as well as a bit of 70’s English rock as per Mr Simpson’s request) for between races. The sight of the whole school including Mr Chamberlain getting into a rousing rendition of YMCA, will be a treasured memory of 2013.

As always we had the annual O’Shea Shield Competition which this year was hosted by St Patrick’s Silverstream and so the team made the trip down to Wellington with seventeen other Catholic schools from the Palmerston North and Wellington dioceses to compete in speech and drama. The debating team and their researcher Scott Murfitt were thrown into the O’Shea spirit with a debate against Sacred Heart, Napier whose team consisted of three quite fierce girls. Most of the boys knew them well from various leadership camps, and all friendships were put on pause prior to the debate as both teams let their true competitive spirits be unleashed. The junior speaker, Polaiu’amea Kirifi gave a sterling performance and did the College proud. Next was the Oratory where Deputy Head Boy Chaz, gave a moving recital on the topic of bullying. In the evening the boys let their dramatic side come out and gave a humorous performance based around the parable of the mustard seed.

The next day sees the religious questions team of Cavaan Wild, Joseph Robinson and “spring chicken” Patrick Fisher-Evans demonstrate a range of knowledge and critical thinking which impressed the adjudicators and scored the team a 6, the highest mark possible. Max Hall performed well during the Scripture reading in both the prepared and sight section of the event. We may not have got all the results we wanted but it was still a good weekend overall. A big thank you must be said to the staff particularly Mr Marris, Mrs Marris and Mrs Connolly who gave up their weekend to help out with the event; your efforts did not go unnoticed and were appreciated by all.

One of the next events was the Shakespeare Drama competition. Once again this year we entered the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition. This is a regional competition with friendly Shakespearian rivalry amongst Taranaki schools where the students re-enact scenes from the works of the king of theatre himself. Francis Douglas entered two teams. One entry was for the student directed section. Joseph Robinson directed a segment of Much Ado About Nothing, in which Alastair MacNicol, Kurtis Grainger, Michael Wells and Shaun Kelly performed the roles. The second entry under the stewardship of Ms Joines, performed a scene from Hamlet. The cast for this included Tanaka Utete, Patrick Fisher-Evans, Logan Clarke and Josh Flynn. Tanaka won best actor award for his astounding performance in Hamlet. For his performance Tanaka was given the opportunity to travel down to Wellington for a Shakespearian drama course. Due to his talented acting abilities he is heading to London next year as part of a New Zealand Shakespeare contingent of 24 high school students. Thanks go to Ms Curd for helping Joseph direct, to Mr Marris for providing directing and speaking techniques and Ms Joines for directing and organising the boys.

On the musical side of things this year we said farewell to Mrs Newton who had been the College’s resident Music Teacher. College old-boy, Mr Tobias Wright took charge of the Music Department in Term Three and was a driving force for this year’s heated House Singing Competition. House Singing rules were reviewed and changed in order to make it clearer what the houses would be judged on. The passion and quality of singing in the 2013 competition seemed to take a step up with both judges, Miss Hunneyball of Sacred Heart and Miss Suren a former FDMC Music Teacher, having
Cultural Captain

to make the tricky call as to who the winning house was. La Salle took out the title this year with their rendition of “Summer of 69”; the final decision was a source of contention which if anything shows just how much the Houses had all put into their performances and how House Singing has developed over the past few years.

We also had a number of college musicians who travelled to Hamilton to take part in the Waikato Competition. Our Concert Band, Fusion, did very well gaining a Silver Award. We are fortunate to have many talented students such as Dominic Jacquemard who was selected as reserve percussionist for the New Zealand Brass Band.

Mrs Coles’s Junior Years 7 and 8 Debators came through this year getting a taste and becoming comfortable with public speaking and debating. Mrs Coles also was able to get an exchange going with Boys’ High with some of our finest Year 11’s. They went ‘head to head’ with those we usually challenge as sports field rivals! The Francis Douglas boys came away with a win over the across town neighbours, and this shows great promise for the future. Thank you very much to Mrs Coles who puts in a substantial amount of time and effort into College debating.

The Speech finals were in Term Three, and as in past years showcased Francis Douglas’s best public speakers. This competition is always competitive and the quality of speeches done by boys of all year levels is something that we value at the college. Unfortunately this year the speech finals were scheduled for the same week as ‘Fiddler On the Roof’ so I was not able to attend to hear the speeches on the night but from all accounts it sounded as if they were all very well written and well spoken. Thanks to Mrs O’Neill and the English Department for helping to run the event. Intermediate Winner - Corban Dravitski
   Junior Winner - Chris Headey
   Senior Winner - Jack Ternouth

This year was the biannual musical production with Sacred Heart Girls’ College. This year it was the Broadway favourite, “Fiddler On The Roof”, a musical about an early 1900’s Jewish family and their surrounding community. Although the production was very much a SHGC production there was a significant contribution, on stage and in the orchestra pit, from FDMC boys. A big thank you has to go to SHGC for enabling us to be part of it all. In particular thanks to Ms Ledger, Miss Hunneyball the Director, Mrs Daurua the Musical Director, Raelene Luckin the Choreographer, and Heidi Griffin. I was lucky enough to be able to have an onstage role as the village’s elderly Rabbi and I was able to see how FDMC and SHGC’s “Fiddler On the Roof” was such an immense production. We need to be thankful that we have a sister school who is willing to work with us on a large scale such as with “Fiddler On The Roof”. Even though the girls may have outnumbered the boys onstage our Francis Douglas lads certainly showed off their skills with Tanaka Utete as the lead role being applauded for his passionate and lively performance.

My last official job as Cultural Captain was to host the Years 11 and 13 Media Studies Movie Night which had Kurt Biesek and George Moller taking out the Year 11 title with their music video. From the Year 13’s, Joseph Robinson and Kirk Lightbody won with their Dicky Barrett Documentary. Thanks to Bruce Lester and Mrs O’Neill for being judges for the night, and Ms Joines for running the Media Studies classes over the year.

Thank you to Mr Moller for being a ‘good sort’ with the Friday Cultural Assemblies and always being able to fit in something when it worked out. To everyone who performed during assembly thank you, it’s not easy getting up there which is something I learned from getting on stage at the start of the year, as well as during the College sing-along to “Slice of Heaven”. I have had a great year and learnt a lot about people and had many interesting cultural experiences. I know that with the likes of teachers such as Ms Joines, Mrs Connolly, Mr Marris, Mr Wright and many other teachers who are involved in culture in some way, the young guys who are coming through Francis Douglas and have a genuine interest and talent in cultural activities will have opportunities to be involved. Culture at the College is in safe hands.

Thank you for the year, and remember to get behind any kind of cultural activity that you may be interested in and don’t let other things hold you back.

Dermot Frengley
Cultural Captain
Since my arrival at the college in 2007, sport has been an integral part of school life. A big thank you to the boys for an outstanding year and also to the coaches and teachers who put in endless hours of work throughout the year. 2013 has been more than memorable with some big results across all codes, which fully demonstrates the sporting powerhouse the College has become.

Swimming Sports kicked off the house events as always, with the House Leader’s ‘chomping at their bits’ ready to take out the first challenge. Thanks to Cameron Meads and the quality Solomon swimmers, Solomon was crowned the swimming champion, with outstanding Benildus athlete Dylan Finnigan taking out the senior title.

Athletic Sports proved to be another tight encounter as all the houses toiled away to gather precious points for the House Cup. Once again Cameron Meads and his band of Solomon brothers grabbed the win, with Simon French awarded the senior champion’s title.

The first sports event on the house challenge schedule was rugby. The ever confidence and stacked Loreto side went in favourites easily dismissing Solomon in the first round. The Benildus boys in green gritted their teeth and although outnumbered and out-skilled, still managed to claw their way to a win by beating La Salle in vintage Benildus fashion. The final proved a great spectacle with the underdogs, Benildus, holding their own against numerous 1st XV players. However it wasn’t quite enough and Satch and his Loreto lads gladly escaped a great scare and won House Rugby.

Next to follow was House Football. Once again Benildus defied the odds and beat La Salle in the first round, with Loreto defeating Solomon despite the efforts of Damien ‘get in’ Mosquera. The Loreto fellas proved too strong for the Benildites and they snaffled the Football Trophy.

Basketball was like every other year, a tight shirted and sweaty affair enjoyed by all, under the watchful eye of Mr Cowie. La Salle proved too strong for all the competition and won House Basketball.

A massive congratulations to Cameron Meads and Solomon House for comprehensively winning the House Cup. I would also like to extend my gratitude towards Joel Scott, Ethan Perrett and Satch Pryor (Mr Taylor).

The TSSSA calendar was once again packed with numerous events and boys competing in these all around the province. The success stories of the year go to the League Team who with their snazzy jerseys once again won the Willie Talau cup.

The Smallbore Rifle lads were spearheaded once again by Thomas Schaare and Mitchell Moratti who as expected cleaned up the competition.

The senior boys who went to the newly renovated Bowlarama for the Ten Pin Bowls competition, placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Shaun Bradley won the Senior BMX championships whilst the College Golf Team had the best overall gross placing.

Our Intermediate Rogainers picked up a first in their competition whilst our Year 7/8 Road Relay Team placed first in their races in Wanganui.

The Squash Team placed 1st in the E grade competition, and lastly our College Orienteering boys did outstandingly well with 1st place going to Shaun Palmer and 2nd place going to Connor Lindsay.

Over recent years rugby has become more and more prominent at the College. The school has always had a proud tradition of punching above our weight in terms of competition. The 1st XV epitomized College Rugby this year and added a few trophies to the cabinet while doing so. 24-10 will be etched into the memories of all the people who attended the ‘banned’ gully ground to watch the 1st XV create history with their win over the old enemy, New Plymouth Boys’ High. If this wasn’t enough the side went on to comprehensively beat Palmerston North Boys’ High 20-3 for the first time in history and once again knocked them over in the Hurricane’s qualifying match. With high accolades such as winning both the Hibernian cup and the Central North island competition, the 1st XV deservedly gained the esteemed College Sports Team of the Year. Much
of this success must be put down to the ‘old married couple’ (Mr Simpson and Mr Stuck) along with manager Alan Crowley’s coaching and development of the boys, and also to Cameron Keech who lead the side superbly. To add to the highlights package that has been the rugby season at the college, the Senior Sevens’ Team has won the Taranaki championships and will once again travel to Auckland to compete in the Condor Sevens.

One must not leave out the outstanding effort of the Year Nine boarders with their barnstorming win over New Plymouth Boys’ High when they contested the annual Boarders’ Cup fixture. 28-20.

The 1st XI Cricket side continued to build on the outstanding performances of the previous season. Despite losing several key players the boys still managed to topple Boys’ High for the Challenge Trophy for the 5th consecutive time. Praise must go to Co-captains Daniel Bernet and Cameron Meads for mentoring a fresh faced side.

Most recently the Primary Years 7/8 team have made it through to being in the top four in the country; a promising sign showing us that the college cricket success is going to continue. A big thanks to Debu Banik, Mr Wales, Bernard and Sally O’Neill along with Mrs O’Reilly, for the long days in the nets and out in the middle.

The 1st XI Hockey side had a challenging season, with another young side. They have proven that they have the potential to be a real force in the Taranaki Competition and nationally with their 11th placing during Tournament Week. The side was led passionately by hockey veteran, Thomas Schaare.

The 1st XI Football side had another stellar season with a history-making win over Saint Patrick’s Silverstream 2-0. At their national tournament the lads came away with an admirable 12th placing in the country, something the boys will cherish. Other highlights during their season were making the semi-final of the Duff Rosebowl Knockout Competition and gaining a 3rd place in the Premier Mens’ Competition. The team was lead expertly by Damien Mosquera, and standouts like Jayden Taylor and Patrick Hay will ensure that College Football is in safe hands for the years to come. Thanks must go to Mr Green, Mr Reader-Nokes and all the coaches and volunteers involved in football this year.

Although it was a challenging season the Senior A can take pride in their several inter-school victories and with a young team and many returning players we can look forward to a big season from them next year. The side was led by inspirational big man, Louis Coutzee. As usual, we thank Mr Cowie who makes basketball a possibility at FDMC.

Being the Sports’ Captain has been perhaps the most honourable part of my time at the College. My time here has been extremely well spent, from the Milo and Linkhorn Cup days to running out for the 1st XV. I would like to personally thank all the teachers, coaches, volunteers and sponsors that make College sport so fantastic!

I will forever look back on my days at the College in the fondest of fashions and cardinal, blue and gold will forever run through my veins.

Michael Blanks
Sports’ Captain 2013
On Wednesday, September 25th the annual Francis Douglas Memorial College Sportsmen’s Dinner was held at the Plymouth Hotel Ballroom. This dinner sets out to acknowledge and recognise those students at Francis Douglas who have represented the College community with distinction both on and off the sports field.

It was a great evening where students and parents were able to appreciate the many successes students at the College have achieved throughout the year, and over the many years they have attended Francis Douglas.

The supreme awards for the night were:
Outstanding Contribution to College Sport: Michael Blanks
Team of the Year: Francis Douglas Memorial College 1st XV
Sportsman of the Year: Dylan Finnigan

Thank you to all the students, parents, sponsors and supporters of College sport who have dedicated their time and energy throughout the year. This College certainly understands the importance of sport in young people’s lives and the lessons learned through competing.

Mark Wales
Director of Sport

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1st XI: Players Player
Best Squash Player
Most Outstanding Performance
Senior Champion
Small Bore Rifle Shooting Champion
1st Overall Team FDMC
Senior Champion

Jayden Taylor
Blake Habib
Dylan Finnigan
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Mitchell Moratti
Thomas Schaare
Beauden Fleming
The year’s events kicked off with Swimming Sports. This is a major event in the house calendar and a whole house participation event. The preliminary events started off well with our top swimmers, including Cameron Tofts and Dylan Finnigan, notching up some good placings. They must be commended for their ability in the pool. This kept us in the running going into Friday’s event. Unfortunately after the first round we were bringing up the rear. The troops appeared to be low on confidence and negativity was in the green corner. Efforts to motivate the ‘green machine’ were fruitless and unfortunately we came fourth by only 6 points. Nevertheless it was a good effort from the majority of the house and some great passion was shown. I was particularly impressed with the younger students who were new to the school but got really involved.

A good ‘rark up’ was in order before Athletics Day, another major event on the house calendar which involves full participation. Benildus showed early signs of high motivation but again negativity crept in on the day. We showed great success on the track with some good results and great participation. Unfortunately I believe the field events let us down. However there were some valiant performances and credit goes to those who put in the hard work. Special note to Marino who convincingly cross-dressed with style and sass!

House rugby was one of our more successful events in the year. The side only had a few 1st XV players and fewer compared to some of the other houses. However passion was Benildus’ strength showing great courage against the man mountain that is Cameron Keech and his La Salle cronies. The green machine had unknown rugby players stand out like Connor Lindsay. Credit also goes to big Gawler for his firey play and also to Mr Greensill who took a nasty head knock. Great effort got us up over La Salle and meant we were to face off against the Mexicans Loreto lads. Loreto fielded thirteen 1st and 2nd XV rugby players and we knew we were up for a battle. Unfortunately we couldn’t quite break the line but we showed great ticker and passion only losing by two tries. Credit in this game goes to Nick again who missed his precious hair appointment to play. It was a proud day to be a part of Benildus and was definitely a highlight for me as house leader.

We didn’t get the luck of the draw in House Basketball coming up against a strong La Salle side. However, we kept the score respectable and again showed pride for our house. Strong games from Gawler and some long range bombs from Blanksie were appreciated.

House Haka demonstrated an overall improvement and lifted it to a new standard yet again. Again full house participation was great and it was great to teach the Juniors the ‘haka’. The boys picked up the moves well but unfortunately on the day the volume wasn’t quite there. Eli Kneepkens led the house with passion and our modifications to the beginning were not as appreciated as we had expected. Our emphasis on timing also went unnoticed and our tactics yet again went begging.

Coming towards the end of the year, MAD Day brought with it House Singing. Benildus chose to sing an old classic by The Monkees, ‘I’m a Believer’. With a simple song choice, the whole house got stuck in with a real belief a victory could come from it. Unfortunately on the day controversy was present after the judges’ decisions. Clearly stated in the rules was the line, ‘a backing track will be provided for the house song which will be used.’ Having read this I started practicing the school song with the significantly slower backing track. I was then disappointed to hear the day before that all the other houses had decided not to use the backing track. However I was not going to do so, standing by my decision to sing the school song according to the rules. This was our downfall on the day! A superb rendition of the Monkees hit was overshadowed by
Firstly I’d like to start by acknowledging the honour it has been to be selected as mighty La Salle’s House Captain for 2013. Coming through the age groups I have gained a pride and passion for La Salle House for a reason I did not fully understand until this year. By having the privilege to lead La Salle, it has shown me that despite having struggles with beating our rival houses such as Solomon and Loreto in previous years, the events we have won this year have been due to the heart, a competitive attitude, and of course our obvious talent within the house!

With competitiveness in the air, the year began with the famous Swimming Sports. Our younger students an out of time school song. I am sure this led to our defeat as many teachers agreed our chosen song was the best. Huge credit must go to the whole house and in particular Andrew Hockey for letting us use his talented voice. Passion and commitment were evident right throughout the year levels and great dress code and boogieing was taken up by the Year 13’s, which led to a performance I am proud of. I stand by my decision regarding the school song and was disappointed it turned out the way it did. Big thanks to the judges Ms Honeyball and Ms Suren. Also a big thanks to Mot for his cultural organisation of the event.

I would like to extend my thanks to the teachers who have helped Benildus throughout the year. In particular Mr van der Heever, Mr Blanks, Mr Hucker, Mrs Marris, Mrs Wackrow and Mr Sewter. Their help has been much appreciated. The Year 13 students of Benildus house have also been a huge help; in particular Blanksie, Gawler, Nick, T Schaare, Eli, Chainey and Pooley. I couldn’t have done it without you guys.

I am honoured to have served Benildus in 2013. Thank you to the Benildus boys for your involvement and passion. I hope to hear some positive results in the years to come. Best of luck to the Benildus Captain for 2014, Trent Kleinsman. I will always be proud to have experienced leading the house and will always be proud to pull on the green jersey.

Joel Scott
Benildus House Captain
In competitive rugby season so it was up to Cameron Keech, Henry Miles, Liam Parker and the ‘Last Yak’ to step up and lead the other younger players. After Blake put his muscles to good use and took some physical hits for the team, we eventually gained third place.

In basketball La Salle breezed through with a dominant side of Senior A players and also Cameron Keech, myself, Du’plessis Kirifi, Blake Cameron, and Fred filling in the empty spots. By impressing Mr Cowie with our NBA potential we won the final convincingly against Solomon.

In Cross Country everyone put in a good effort but the best we could do was gain ourselves second placing.

Football was the final event for the year and we knew it was going to be difficult having no 1st XI players. Despite doing well in the events leading up to this and gaining a good placing, we were unlucky with the opposition getting some lucky goals which knocked us in to last place.

As for our cultural event, the lads really put themselves out there. We were unlucky during the House Haka, coming 3rd equal. However for House Singing the boys sang their lungs out and put on a confident performance of ‘Summer of 69’ by Bryan Adams. After some difficult practices this choice came through to provide La Salle with a 1st placing and Knowlsey another chance to put on his mother’s clothes. A big thanks to Thomas Hadley of Year 9, who led us magnificently.

As written earlier, I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to give back to the house that gave me so much. Words cannot describe the emotions created through victory, loss, and friendship that this role has allowed me to experience. This role enabled me to get to know people outside of my year group, ranging from Year 7 right through to Year 12. For this I would especially like to thank all those boys in La Salle House for making my job so much easier than some of my fellow house leaders because of your participation.

A special mention must go to Keechy, Shaun, Yak, Knowlsey, Cory, Patrick, Perry, Parker, Scott (when you turned up), Alex and all the other La Salle Year 13’s for the help you gave me running house events. I seriously would have struggled without it. I must also acknowledge the help teachers such as Ms Sugiyama, Mrs O’Neill and Mrs Joines provided. Thank you for all your input which was much appreciated.

Once again it has been a honour to be your La Salle Captain for 2013 and I wish Du’plessis Kirifi good luck for 2014.

Yellow is a colour that will be with me forever, get up Mighty La Salle!!!

Ethan Perrett
La Salle House Capatain

LORETO HOUSE

From the very first day I started at the College and I received my first ever Loreto top, I have been a passionate blue boy through and through. I always looked up to those who had ruled over the great house, so when I was announced as Loreto House Captain at the end of 2012 to take the reins in 2013, I was honoured. My aspirations for the year ahead were to carry on the traditions of Loreto and also most importantly, which Mr Taylor and I agreed upon, to win!

First on the agenda for the House Competition like always was to see what talent Loreto had in the pool. With this event counting towards a huge chunk of the overall house competition points, it was vital that the boys in blue got off to a good start. Before the boys flooded through the gates of the steel caged arena for the day, we were all already in high spirits as we were safely in second place because of some good preliminary results. We now needed to ensure we didn’t let anything slip and stayed in this position. Throughout the day Solomon furthered their lead more and more, whilst we stayed solid. The boys thought we would save our energy for athletics in a couple of weeks time, so we cashed in on the second placing in the pool.

Stand out Loreto performances came from young boys Jonty Hughes and Matthew Meuli who won their respective age group competitions. There was also a great performance from the Year 7 medley team who not only won but also set a new school record.

Like the swimming, athletics was going to count towards the final result of the House Competition so the boys needed to step out and get a good result. Once again we went into the day with our heads held high because of our accomplishments in the preliminaries but we did one better this time and started off in the lead. It was a long day that saw the scoreboard tick over for La Salle and Solomon with Loreto only slightly increasing. This meant we would end the day in a disappointing third place. At this point I was very worried and hoped that Loreto’s form wasn’t going to continue to slip.

Unfortunately the form did continue on this downward slope as we went into the Cross Country Competition. It was a very dark day in the Loreto calendar for 2013 as we were never in the running for a placing and ended up coming last by a large margin. The boys seemed to me to be more passionate about the colour of brown
mud as numerous blue Loreto shirts decided to take to the hills and slide around. They crossed the finish line in dismal placings, covered in mud and grass stains. But well done to the boys who ran to their potential and gained good placings. A special mention goes to the Moore brothers who both won their respective age groups.

After the poor form of late, the competitive nature of Loreto Dean, Mr Taylor, was in my ear saying that the boys needed to get their act together. I agreed, and that’s exactly what happened come ‘Haka’ time. Going up first was always going to be difficult but with this event being Loreto’s forte in recent years, we backed ourselves. Led for the second year in a row by Chaz Jones, the boys were bare-chested and gave the haka their all, showing the raw passion they had for their house with Luke Taplin even managing to draw blood. Our haka saw the boys take out a well-earned first place.

House Singing for 2013 had it all! The standard had increased immensely and it was an event that each house really wanted to do well in as we all needed the valuable points. After a long hard decision process the Year 13’s decided that we would sing “Dancing in the Moonlight” by Toploader, a choice Mr Taylor wasn’t too happy about at first but slowly warmed to. With a slight remix from Tanaka Utete and a solo from the Year 13’s we thought we had it in the bag but a controversial decision saw the Loretans finish in a disappointing third place ahead of Benildus. Knowing we had beaten Solomon, Benildus had no chance! The boys played to the plan of negative football and booting the ball down field worked as we were proclaimed victors winning 2-1.

At the end of the House Competition for 2013 the Loreto boys finished in a satisfying second place behind Solomon. I have to thank many people who helped me with the running of Loreto this year. To all the Year 13 boys, you have been a huge help in all areas of the house competition and have always been there to call upon when I needed you, especially my right hand men, Dermot Frengley, Logan Crowley and Daniel Bernet. To Mr Taylor who has been with the boys through thick and thin the whole year, you have been a massive help. Popping into my classes to strategize for up-coming events and chasing after me in the quad to talk about what went wrong in a previous event showed how much like me, you wanted to see Loreto succeed. I must say a big thank you and acknowledge how great it was to work with you!

Lastly I would like to say it has been an honour and a privilege to lead Loreto this year. Time has flown by so quickly and it has been a pleasure working with all the boys. I will never forget my time at the college especially when representing Loreto in the colour ‘Blue’.

Best of luck for the future Loreto boys, go hard and represent well!!

“EVERYWHERE WE GO, PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW, WHO WE ARE, WHERE WE COME FROM, SO WE TELL THEM, WE ARE THE BLUE MEN, THE MIGHTY, MIGHTY BLUE MEN, AND IF THEY CAN’T HEAR US, WE’LL SHOUT A LITTLE LOUDER!”

Satch Pryor
Loreto House Captain
Prior to my arrival at FDMC, I was told by old boy Kevin Walsh that I ‘had to be in Solomon house because it was the premier house.’ Was his opinion biased? I think so, given that he was a passionate Solomon lad himself. Did I still take his word for it? You bet! And was I ignorant in requesting to be a member of the ‘red house’? Probably, but it was a decision I would not regret. After four passionate years of slipping into my comfortable (more so metaphorically than literally) red Solomon shirt, I was elated when I was given the daunting yet exciting role of Solomon house captain for 2013. The record 6 out of 8 victories set by Rhodri’s stacked 2012 Solomon House was nothing short of a hard act to follow. My goal this year as House Captain was not to match or better this record as this would be a near impossible task to achieve, but my realistic goal was to win the inaugural Sporting House Cup kindly donated by the Rowland brothers, along with the House Shield, and to win them convincingly. I had no idea how difficult this ‘realistic’ goal would be to actually achieve.

The first house event was fast approaching after a prolonged summer break and it was time to get out the swimming trunks for the last time before hanging them out to dry; or in my case, a red ‘Telly-Tubby’ costume. A stacked Solomon dominated the prelim. races as expected by many to gain a significant points buffer heading into the swimming sports carnival. Oisin ‘Goliath’ Quinn, Lachie ‘Shaka’ Stevens, Michael ‘Phelps’ McKillop and Simon ‘the fish’ French led the unstoppable Solomon charge, backed by impressive participation heading into the ever important house and year level relays. These relays could not have gone more according to plan with Solomon being victorious in the house relay with a record time and victorious in many of the year level relays. The day began in favour of the blue house as they extended their small buffer early. La Salle and Solomon quickly closed the gap causing several lead changes and controversy throughout the day. However it would be La Salle’s day for the most part as they increased their lead into a substantial one by lunch. The ‘Red House’ obviously had a ‘mean feed’ at lunch because we were fueling up on victory after lunch, winning numerous races and dominating the 100m sprint. One of the highlights of the afternoon was the senior high jump which was brutally contested between La Salle’s Matthew Codd and Solomon’s Karl Wright. Both broke the College record clocking in jumps at 1.81m, which resulted in a slightly underwhelming draw but riveting nevertheless. The day continued with the pivotal relays which would be even more important with La Salle and Solomon neck-and-neck nearing the days closure. The well-oiled machine that is Solomon, dominated the relays but the disqualification in the house relay due to an infringement during the race, and the threat of losing 100 points due to some junior antics left the result hanging in the balance at the end of the day. It is fair to say when Steve Simpson announced we had won by a mere 60 points, it was the best moment for my fellow Year 13’s and me in the red shirts. It was the most satisfying victory for me as a Solomon lad because of the relief and joy in being victors in one of the closest Athletics’ Sports in years. Well done to these boys who gained first placings in their respective age groups: Intermediate B: 1st - Steven Snoxell, Intermediate A: 1st - Thomas Wright, Senior: 1st - Simon French.
The House calendar continued with Cross Country, an event which has seen interesting results throughout the years with no house dominating the event throughout its history. With the senior cross country pretty much split between Benildus and Solomon, the junior cross country proved pivotal in contributing to Solomon’s narrow victory over Benildus and Loreto who made a late charge with their juniors later in Term 3. Well done to the entire house on this event as a successful outcome requires full participation and effort by every single Solomon lad. Good work on this victory Sol.

One of the most passionate events was next up, and that was the College Haka ‘Te Atawhai.’ ‘Matua’ Tane Uhila easily filled the big boots (and shirt) that Ricky Riccitelli had left from the previous year in leading Solomon in the Haka. The men in red belted out a powerful rendition of the Haka racking up second place behind Loreto’s outstanding version. We were pleased with the placing but disappointed we could not fill Ricky’s big shirt from the year before.

The Blue Brigade capitalised on their momentum from the Haka when we met on the rugby field. Despite an early Steven Snoxell try against the blue house, we were still blitzed in an embarrassing defeat. Already dubbed to be the weakest house in the rugby, we were desperate not to hold the wooden spoon in the playoffs for third and fourth. Unfortunately our lack of understanding of the unwritten rule of House rugby [to never kick the ball] proved to be the decider with the red house being sent to last place for the first time of the year. Congrats to Loreto on continuing their dominance in this event ‘snatching’ another first place.

Perhaps the most enjoyable sporting event for the seniors in the sporting year is House Basketball which was next up on the calendar. The Sol had a promising lineup with Louis ‘Magic Johnson’ Coetzee and Karl ‘the man with the big calves’ Wright fronting Solomon in what looked to be a promising house event. This promise was shown in the first encounter against Loreto with the boys in red dealing to the boys in blue in a one sided affair. The tables turned however in the final with a surprising dominant performance by La Salle, clinching the Basketball title in impressive fashion. Well done to Ethan ‘Bones’ Perrett and his House for getting their first win of the year.

Eager to get back on our bandwagon of success, House Football was shaping up to be that event with the possibility of a much needed first place. However it was not meant to be in the 12 minute matches for Solomon. The first match against Loreto went straight into a penalty shootout where Damo ‘two left feet’ Mosquera could not get the ball past his rival and good mate Brook Melody’s feet. Destined to play in the wooden spoon game again against La Salle, we managed to hold our nerve in a desperate 12 minute battle to graft a third place in a disappointing day on the football field.

The last house event was fast approaching in the form of House Singing (shouting). With the red house choosing the Men at Work classic, ‘Land Down Under,’ the last house event was shaping up to be an enjoyable one. With the house pouring their heart and soul into the Aussie classic and passionate Hymn to the Founder, we were unlucky not to receive the gold medal, as La Salle barely beat the Sol by a mere 0.5 of a point. Bone’s yellow house’s version of the school song made former College teacher Ms Suren’s heart flutter. Well done to the ‘nice’ house of the College on their second victory of the House season.

Looking back on the house year, I am very proud of what I, my fellow Year 13’s, and the rest of the house have achieved this year. The year was filled with some outstanding victories and numerous chokes in events that should have been ours for the taking. However we dug deep near the end of the College year to achieve my goal of taking out the inaugural Rowland Cup. With the House Shield still in the balance due to unfinished junior events, I have faith that Solomon will be victorious in regaining the Shield.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the Year 13’s for their support throughout the year, our successes could not have been without your help. Special thanks to Cavaan Wild, Kirk ‘Yogi’ Lightbody, Joseph ‘Ned Flanders’ Robinson, and all the other senior lads for helping out. A massive thanks to Mr Stuck for all your help and guidance throughout the year, and of course for nabbing at my ear about how we had to win, or at worst not to lose to Loreto, “To destroy Nicky Taylor’s ego.” The pressure has been immense but with all the help from those mentioned and many others, my job and the House’s success had been made possible. Good luck to next year’s Solomon leaders, Tyler Feakins, Jake Limmer, Michael McKillop, and Karl Wright. I’m sure you’ll do a superb job on carrying on the Solomon spirit. And in the wise words of Solomon dean Tim Stuck, “…Just another year of winning...perfect.”

Cameron Meads
Solomon House Captain
Searching for inspiration from past College magazines, I stumbled upon a legendary reference of Mathieu Stevenson, comparing the journey through Francis Douglas Memorial College to the preparation of a hearty lasagne. While still a very relevant association, today, the hostel lasagne seems to implicate resentment and disappointment, completely misrepresenting hostel life. I remember the anxiety I felt about coming to the hostel in 2009, and wondering how I could get through five years of living away from home. Looking back on my time here, I would gladly go back and start again. The friends I have made and the life lessons I have learnt are priceless and I hope the rest of the boys can appreciate this and make the most of the remainder of their time there.

Mr Smith received a similar response to Steve when he tried to sneak apricots into our chocolate chip biscuits, when he proposed we start an inter-house Hostel competition. However, unlike Steve with the biscuits, Mr Smith stood by his initiative and saw it through to fruition. Each house was to be named after a Lasallian brother who had majorly contributed to the identity of La Salle House today. After a tough selection process, Watson House, Peter House, Thompson House, Hawke House, Firman House and Foley House were confirmed as the competitors for the Barbara Fox Interhouse Trophy. We kicked things off with the swimming competition and then following this, the athletics. Firman House, under Logan Crowley’s leadership with great support from the country star Alex Kalin, controversially took out the inaugural House Singing Competition while Hawke House won the House Drama. I am sure with each year of this competition, each house will become more unified and passionate about beating the others and the Barbara Fox Trophy will be more fiercely competed for. The inaugural winner of the Barbara Fox trophy was Ethan Perrett’s Foley House.

In addition to the house events, the Year 13 Hostel dinner was a welcome addition to the Hostel calendar. It was a great chance for us to share in a dinner with our mates, parents, hostel staff and past hostel leaders to reflect on what a success the last five years have been. Thank you again to Mr Smith for this initiative and I hope it will continue for years to come. After plenty of competition within the hostel, the whole hostel relished the annual Boarders’ Cup fixture between the Year 9 boarders of La Salle House and the Boys’ High Hostel. Finally we were able to have another crack at knocking over Boys’ High, which the Year 9 boys did in great fashion. As a markedly smaller hostel, winning this match is always a struggle, which makes victory all the more sweet when obtained. The skills picked up from trainings from the Year 13’s shone through and a well-deserved 28-20 victory was celebrated.

As is the case every year, La Salle House has given all it has to offer to the school. The widely noted success of the 1st XV rugby team, which is being dubbed as ‘a team in a generation’, owes a lot to the contribution of the hostel boys. Led from the front by Cameron Keech, with the likes of Logan Crowley, the Barrett brothers and many more pushing him forward, this team did the school and hostel proud. The hostel was proudly represented in other top teams, among others, Chad Knowles in the 1st XI Hockey side. Comprising mostly of rough Coastal and Southern boys, ‘culture’ has been a word often said with hostility; walls have been broken down thanks to the efforts of Mr Smith to involve the boarders in singing and drama competitions, and Brodie Forbes did us proud in the inter-school Talent Quest.

The Quiz Night with Sacred Heart was yet again a success, and the socials with Sacred Heart, Saint Mary’s and Girls’ High were a highlight for many of the boys, namely Sean Dent!

A huge thank you must go to Mr and Mrs Smith, Mr and Master Walsh and Mr Cowie for being our surrogate parents, giving us the freedom we needed to grow but tightening your grip when you saw fit. What you do should not be understated, and I’m sure the parents of all the boys at La Salle House are more than grateful to hand you the responsibility of disciplining their teenage boys. To Steve, Ron and Marline, the banter shared between you and the boys shows how you are not just staff members, but part of the La Salle House family. To the kitchen staff, you have possibly the most unforgiving job, having to deal with us at 7:30am in the morning. It is partly the early hour and partly Mr Cowie’s whistling which makes us seem as though we do not appreciate your work. Deep down we all look
forward to the smiles and reminders for us to ‘have a good day.’ To Mrs Kelsen, our matron, we thank you for always being available when we need you and even when we don’t really need you. The boys love coming for naps during school when they have ‘headaches.’ To the rest of the hostel staff who work behind the scenes, thank you. We will miss coming back to a vacuumed room and scrubbed showers next year. Make sure you boys appreciate it while it lasts.

To my fellow Year 13’s, it’s been a great journey. We all entered the hostel for the first time in 2009, with huge dreams for ourselves. Although many of these dreams have not come to realisation (Blake, you are still the smallest Cameron boy, and Charles, while it’s no Senior A our social basketball team the ‘Senior Aid’s’ kind of sounds the same) we have all grown into the College men we are today. I doubt I will ever find myself in a group of guys that knows me as well as you do, and with whom I can be completely myself. We have got to know the good, the bad and the ugly about each other, and it is this special bond which makes La Salle House what it is. To my deputy, Cameron Keech, it’s been great to have your support throughout the year. We all admire your special bond with the Year 9 boys and hope that you cope without them next year!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Hostel Leaders of next year luck. Appreciate and embrace the comradeship of the hostel. Also, to the House Leaders of next year, the success of the competition is up to you. If you run with it, so will the junior boys, so really make an effort.

Matthew Poole
La Salle Boarding House Captain

“Let us always remember that we are in the holy presence of god”

“Me mau mahara tatou ka tu tatou te aro o te atua”

2013 has been a busy year and it is hard to believe that there is only one more week of school to go before we break for the summer holidays. In January we welcomed 29 new Year 9 boys, three new Year 10’s, two new Year 11’s and two new Year 12 boys, giving us a total of 126. Amongst the new students were four international boys; one from Japan, one from China and two from Thailand.

Also at the start of the year the College celebrated Mass as a welcome and investiture of the school leaders. The hostel was fortunate to have five senior boys involved in the investiture: Matthew Poole, Logan Crowley, Brent Harrison, Ethan Perrett and Blake Barrett. Along with their school leadership commitments, these young men played a key role in the smooth running of the hostel throughout the year.

Our annual Family BBQ in February proved to be very popular with a turnout of 160 people. Blessed with fine
weather, the families old and new, had the opportunity to make connections and to catch up with one another after the summer break.

Social Events
During the year the boys enjoyed a number of social events starting with the annual BBQ and social with the Sacred Heart girls. We also enjoyed a very successful social with Girls’ High, hosted at the college. In Term Two we again hosted a social at the college with St Mary’s. In Term 3 we had the annual quiz night with Sacred Heart. This is always a successful night as the boys and girls are put into mixed teams and have to work together. This generally causes a lot of friendly banter as they decide what their answer is going to be. The final event for the year was a social with Sacred Heart at Sacred Heart. The night’s theme was occupations. Needless to say there were some very interesting costumes. Agricultural jobs seemed to feature highly. A special thanks must go to Matthew Poole and the senior boys for their organisation of each event.

Pastoral Care
This year we introduced an Inter - Hostel house competition consisting of six houses named after Brothers who have made a significant contribution to La Salle House. Foley, Firman, Thompson, Watson, Peter and Hawke houses were born. Each house had a mixture of year levels and competed in various events during the year. Some of the events such as sports the boys enjoyed, however when it came to the cultural events such as singing and drama the boys weren’t so keen. After a lot of pushing and pulling the boys finally got there, delivered great items and had a lot of fun doing it. Next year these events will be a lot easier now that the boys know what the format is. A magnificent trophy of a carved patu (short club) was kindly donated by Barbara Fox (long serving staff member) for the House Competition. The patu signifies leadership, strength and unity - appropriate attributes for our boys to aspire to. The inaugural winner of the Barbara Fox House Trophy was Foley House who consistently performed well in all events. Well done to Ethan Perrett and the boys of Foley House. A special thank you must go to all the house leaders, because without their passion and drive, this would not have been possible.

Liturgy
Keeping with the house theme, this year’s liturgies were conducted in house groups rather than in year levels as we have done in the past. We are so fortunate to have Mr Graeme Mustchin as our school Chaplain. He was able to give the history of each Brother, which allowed the boys to connect with the namesake of their house. Liturgies are now house orientated and boys from each year level can play an active part in the service. The wonderful spin off from this is that the boys take themselves to Chapel, often arriving early and sitting quietly, waiting for the liturgy to start. During the year the boys had the opportunity to attend services off site. A group of boys attended the “Ash Wednesday” service at the Taranaki Cathedral and recently all the Year 9 & 10 boys went to the “Advent” service also held at the Cathedral. The boys enjoyed both occasions and were blown away by the history and architecture of this beautiful building.

Academics
Academically our boys are maintaining a high standard. The majority of our Year 9 boys achieved their Reading Certificates with some of them gaining Merit and Excellence endorsements. In the senior school our boys continue to do well and I am always interested to see the bar graphs posted at the beginning of the year of the final results comparing the boarders’ results to the day school. For me this is where the rubber meets the road. Being a five day hostel means that our major focus is on academics. It is always pleasing when I see our boarders succeeding. I was particularly pleased when Matthew Poole was awarded as DUX for 2013. Matthew is an outstanding young man who I have been able to observe from close quarters. The one key element to his success was his ability to focus on his work and not get distracted. I attribute this to his time in the hostel and the regular routines he established.
as a Year 9 boy. He is definitely a great role model and an excellent advertisement for a boarding school education.

**Leadership**
This year our leaders were Matthew Poole - Head of Hostel and Cameron Keech - Deputy Head of Hostel. House leaders Ethan Perrett, Logan Crowley, Brent Harrison, Jamie Noakes, Luke Taplin and Blake Barrett, have done an excellent job. They are now part of hostel history and will be remembered as the inaugural leaders of the Inter Hostel House Competition. I believe that they have laid a solid foundation on which the leaders of 2014 can build. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts this year and wish them well for the future. As one group departs, I would like to welcome the following young men to the leadership roles in 2014:

**House Leaders for 2014**
Thomas Kalin
Jordan Putt
Isaac Poole
Alex Kalin
Paddy Ford
Beauden Fleming

**Head of Hostel:** Thomas Kalin
**Deputy Head of Hostel:** Jordan Putt

There is always an element of excitement when we have a change in leadership. I am confident that this group of young men will continue the legacy of those who have gone before them.

**Staffing**
During the year we farewelled Chrissy Jackson from the housekeeping staff. We also farewelled our two German Gap Tutors Felix Schaefer and Paolo Pappe who left in June, and in July we welcomed Ben Christians and Patrick Steig. The new tutors have settled in quickly and are now part of the La Salle House team.

Finally I would like to acknowledge all the staff who make La Salle House a great place to work. Thanks to the Housemasters Mr Andy Cowie, Mr Mark Walsh and Mr Thomas Walsh and prep. supervisors Mrs Margie Smith and Mr Phillip Rogers (part time). Thanks also to Matron Mrs Sandra Kelsen who looks after what seems like a never-ending line of ailments amongst the boarders. We are appreciative of the high level of medical care and the motherly touch she brings to her job.

To the laundry and house keeping staff - thank you for the daily commitment and high standard of work you do. As mentioned in Matthew Poole’s report, it was always nice for the boys to come back to a vaccummed and scrubbed hostel or to collect their clean clothing from the laundry. I am sure that not having this done for them next year will truly make them appreciate what the staff do even more.

To our two master chefs and their band of merry helpers, Mr Steve Muir, Mr Ronald Perera, Mrs Barbara Fox, Mrs Iris Clark, Mrs Karen Pui and Mrs Carmen Covalcivc - thank you very much for the quality of the food that you produced for the staff and boys on a daily basis. This is the fuel that keeps our wheels turning and allows everything to stay on a smooth even keel.

As Dean of Boarding, I am privileged to work with such a talented group of people this year. In closing I leave you with this quote by Henry Ford.

‘Coming together is a beginning
Keeping together is progress
Working together is success.’

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa

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


Absent: S.T Bradley, N.J Schumacher, P. Sukmankong, T.C Wosle, C. A Thomas

La Salle Boarding House Staff

Back Row:  Ronald Perera, Felix Schaefer, Paolo Pappageorge

Middle Row:  Marline Tohia, Karen Pol, Sandra Kelsen, Sussy Broadfoot, Iris Clark, Chris Jones, Leah Horo.

Front Row:  Mark Walsh, Margie Smith, Andy Cowie, Martin Chamberlain, Heta Smith, Thomas Walsh, Steve Muir.
La Salle Boarding House Students

Watson House

Back Row: Oliver Bestall, Brendon Dent, Hunter Putt, Jodie Barrett, Sean Bellamy, Louis Poole.

Second Row: Mr H. Smith, Kyle Hancock, Fim Kessuksonmorong, Joseph Brophy, Nick Bliss, Zie Jie Gao, Jonathan Annabel, Jonathan Dwyer.

Front Row: Joshua Hamer, Kane Perrett, Cody Rothwell, Charles Matthews, Jamie Noakes (Head of House), Matthew O’Connell, Blake Kalin, Finbar Moriarty.

Absent: Nicolaus Schumacher, Corban Garner.

Peter House

Back Row: Brad Saaton, Harrison Smith, Jordan Putt, Paddy Ford, Joel Churd.

Second Row: Mr A. Cowie, Jelen Beer, Matthew Kalin, Ethan Muir, James Freeman, Cameron Tofts, Song Sukmanthong, Fred Kaosaiyapanth.


Absent: kale New, Hamish Sandford.

Thompson House

Back Row: John Baylis, Ryan Hawken, Brodie Forbes.

Second Row: Mr M. Walsh, Damon Judd-Oliver, Callum Cookson, Shaun Phillips, Thomas Kalin, Chris Appert, Matt Cathie, Alan Mansell.

Front Row: Mitchell Tregoweth, Haden Copeman, Ethan Diamond, Brent Harrison (House Captain), Dylan Schuler, Jack Matthews, Jackson Sinclair, Davy Rowe.

Absent: Niclaus Schumacher, Corban Garner.
Foley House
Second Row:  Mr T. Walsh, David Gardner,
Adam Mullin, Troy Adamson,
Patrick Back, Joshua Perrett,
Steven Snoxell, Yutaka Kunizaki.
Front Row:  Josh Cathie, Layne Wapp,
Trent Browse, Liam Barker,
Ethan Perrett, Kalin Ayward,
Andrew Adams, Nathan Hammersley.

Firman House
Back Row:  Steven Adams, Ryan Merson,
Alex Kalin, Josh Trott, Cody Bunn.
Second Row:  Mrs M. Smith, Sean Dent,
Sam Cleland, Euan Jones,
Jayden Calder, Aaron Tosland,
Joshua Mellow, Campbell Grayling.
Front Row:  Flyn Wise, Caleb Thomas,
Green Chaidi, Logan Crowley,
Blake Cameron, Tim Woollett,
Shamus Hurley-Langton, Jacob Taplin.
Absent:  James Gibbon.

Year 13 Boarders
Back Row:  Dylan Schuler, Blake Cameron,
Charles Matthews, Samuel Patten,
Liam Parker.
Front Row:  Jamie Noakes, Brent Harrison,
Blake Barrett,
Cameron Keech (Deputy Head of Hostel),
Matthew Poole (Head of Hostel),
Luke Taplin, Ethan Perrett,
Logan Crowley.
Absent:  Chad Knowles, James Gibbon,
Sam Bradley, Josh Murdoch.
Implementing the Revised Standards at Level 3 was a key priority in 2013. Keeping abreast with the changes and creating courses of study that are reflective of the new standards has been our focus. As well, we have begun the process of auditing the Junior Curriculum. Years 9 and 10 will be a target area in the New Year. The 2012 NCEA results were pleasing and we congratulate the number of boys who were endorsed with Excellence and Merit. It is extremely heartening to see these numbers increasing each year.

The English Department has embraced the school’s commitment to Teaching as Inquiry and we expect the benefits of this will enhance the quality of work produced by the boys.

In addition to developing, delivering and assessing a challenging and relevant curriculum in 2012, the English Department has been actively involved in a wide range of activities and pursuits that are beyond the classroom. These include:

- ICAS English and Writing
- Participation in Religious Questions, Oratory, Religious Drama and Public Speaking categories in the O’Shea Shield.
- Performances at the Sheilah Winn Shakespearian competition. We congratulate Tanaka Utete whose outstanding performances have resulted in his selection to attend a workshop at The Globe.

- Inter-school Debating. The junior classes, ably coached by Mrs. Coles have had a most successful year.

- Media Studies Film Evening. This is an opportunity for NCEA students to showcase their talents. This year’s winners were Kurt Biesiek and George Moller (Level 1) and Joseph Robinson and Kirk Lightbody (Level 3 and Overall)

- Speech Finals. Finalists from the Intermediate, Junior and Senior Schools delivered their speeches to members of the College community. This year we were the recipients of the inaugural Utete Family cups. We are most appreciative of this generosity. The winners were: Intermediate: Corban Dravitski
  Junior:  Chris Headey
  Senior: Jack Ternouth

- Professional Development. This year, we have five members of the Department marking NCEA external papers.

The English Department congratulates all boys who have given of their best throughout the year. In keeping with the ethos of our founder, St. John Baptiste de la Salle, we strive to challenge and empower each and every student.

Sally O’Neill
HOD English

Sheilah Winn Performance Team 2013

Front Row: Tanaka Utete, Patrick Fisher-Evans, Logan Clarke, Joshua Flynn.
Absent: Sean Kelly, Alistair MacNicol.

Sheilah Winn National Selection

Tanaka Utete.
COMPETITIONS

ICAS COMPETITIONS
The ICAS competitions ran again this year. The international competitions provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. Students who participated each received a certificate and a detailed results letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, identifying the skill tested in each question and indicating the percentage of students across New Zealand who answered each question correctly.

The ICAS Competitions are optional for all students from Years 7 - 13.

ICAS WRITING AND ENGLISH COMPETITIONS
This year we had 10 students enter the ICAS Writing Competition and 16 students enter the ICAS English Competition. Those students who ranked in the top 1% of entrants gained a High Distinction. Those in the next 10% gained a Distinction while those in the following 25% gained a Credit. All other students gained a Participation certificate. Well done to all those who entered.

Writing
Year 7
William Hadley  Credit
Finlay McGrath  Participation

Year 8
Oliver O’Connor  Participation

Year 9
Daniel Chow  Participation
Thomas Hadley  Participation
Felix Webby  Participation

Year 10
Andrew Stevens  Participation

Year 11
Jayden Calder  Participation
Ryan Sadler  Participation

Year 13
Cavaan Wild  Credit

English
Year 7
Vince Ropitini  Distinction
William Hadley  Credit
Finlay McGrath  Credit
Michael Theron  Credit

Year 8
Alexander Cousins  Participation
Ben Leary  Participation

Year 9
Daniel Chow  Distinction
Thomas Hadley  Credit
Felix Webby  Credit

Year 10
Andrew Stevens  Participation

Year 11
Logan Walsh  Credit
Vanshay Bindra  Participation
Jayden Calder  Participation
Ryan Sadler  Participation

Year 12
Lachlan Fisher  Distinction

Year 13
Cavaan Wild  Participation

Renee Woollaston
ICAS Writing and English Coordinator

ICAS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT
In Term 2, students from Year 7 to Year 12 participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) in Science. The students did extremely well, but in particular the following students should be recognised for gaining excellent results.

**Distinction:**
These are awarded to the top 10% of all entries.
Congratulations to the following boys.
Year 7 - Michael Theron
Year 8 - Ben Leary and Oliver O’Connor
Year 9 - Daniel Chow
Year 10 - Jack Matthews
Year 12 - Lachlan Fisher

**Credit:**
These are awarded to the next 20% of all entries.
Year 7 - Finlay McGrath and Vince Ropitini
Year 8 - Alexander Cousins
Year 9 - Thomas Hadley and Felix Webby
Year 11 - Ryan Sadler and Logan Walsh
Year 12 - Aaron Ritchie

Congratulations to all students who participated and the College looks forward to further success next year.

Nick Taylor
ICAS Science Coordinator

AUSTRALIAN CHEMISTRY QUIZ
A number of students were selected to take part in the 2013 Australian National Chemistry Quiz. Excellent results were obtained by the following students:

Credit (Top 40% in New Zealand)
Connor Lindsay, Logan Walsh

Distinction (Top 25% in New Zealand)
Joshua Woudt, Matthew Poole
**COMPETITIONS**

**Maths Quiz**
Four teams of Years 9 and 10 boys entered the Maths Quiz on 29th August. Our Year 9 A team came third which is a very good effort against fierce competition. Our Year 10 team finished first equal but lost on the tiebreak question. This is a great result because these boys are competing against the best of Taranaki. Well done to all who competed and thanks to Mrs Lauren O’Reilly and Mr Martin Chamberlain for their support.

**Quiz teams**

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**Colleen Severinsen**
HOD Mathematics

**Big Science Competition**
24 students competed in the Big Science Competition. Over 45,000 students in Australia and New Zealand took part.

This year, Francis Douglas Memorial College students excelled, with 8 High Distinction awards (over 94%), 6 Distinction awards (85% to 94%), and 9 Credit awards (60% to 84%). Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding results.

**High Distinction:**
Patrick Fisher-Evans  
John Frengley  
Dominic Jacquemard  
Connor Lindsay  
Connor O’Neill  
Logan Walsh  
Daniel Chow  
Thomas Morgan

**Distinction:**
Matthew Poole  
Cody Brown  
Matthew Codd  
Joshua Woudt  
Eric Yang  
David Codd

**Credit:**
Andrew Putt  
Jack Earp  
Brock Wills  
Vanshay Bindra  
Ryan Sadler  
Thomas Hadley  
Matthew O’Connell  
Benjamin Zeylemaker  
Felix Webby

**Colleen Severinsen**
HOD Science

**Fonterra Taranaki Science & Technology Fair**
The annual Fonterra Taranaki Science & Technology Fair took place from 5 to 7 August at the Pukekura Raceway. A number of students entered the fair. The following students are congratulated on winning the following prizes:

**Scientific Investigation**
Alton Gondipon & Patrick Fisher-Evans  
“Is the future of the world in the poo?”  
Prize: First Prize - Scientific Investigation, Years 11-13
Prize: Second Prize - The Taranaki Regional Council prize for the best project demonstrating some aspect of environmental science.
Prize: Special Prize - NIWA environment prize
Prize: Major Prize - The University of Otago “Hands On Science” Prize for the “Best Application of Scientific Method” from Years 11 or 12
Prize: Major Prize - ITL Scholarship
Prize: Major Prize - The Shell Todd Oil Services Sustainable Development Tertiary Scholarship
Prize: Major Prize - The Dow AgroSciences Tertiary Scholarship
Prize: Major Prize - ITL Trophy for the Best Project in Years 11 - 13
Prize: Major Prize - Best in Fair and Fonterra Trophy

Sean Kelly
“Shrimp responses to light”
Prize: Merit - Scientific Investigation, Years 11-13

Matthew O’Connell
“The placebo effect”
Prize: Second Prize - Scientific Investigation, Year 9
Prize: Special Prize - DairyNZ Scientific Endeavour Prizes

Thomas Morgan
“The diabetic dilemma”
Prize: Merit - Scientific Investigation, Year 9
Prize: Special Prize - The Taranaki MedLab prizes for the best projects in human biology/health

Daniel Chow
“Energy drinks - Help or hindrance?”
Prize: Special Prize - The Taranaki MedLab prizes for the best projects in human biology/health

Ethan Griffiths
“Light proof or fool proof?”
Prize: Merit - Scientific Investigation, Year 7

Technological Development
Dominic Jacquemard
“Easy blow”
Prize: Special Prize - DairyNZ Scientific Endeavour Prizes

Benjamin Zeylemaker
“Rubber racer revolution”
Prize: Special Prize - NIWA environment prize

Journalism
Cody Brown
“The great fluoridation debate”
Prize: First Prize - Scientific Journalism, Years 11-13

Chaz Jones
“To fluoridate our water or not?”
Prize: Second Prize - Scientific Journalism, Years 11-13

Andrew Putt
“The water fluoridation controversy”
Prize: Merit - Scientific Journalism, Years 11-13

Photographic Section
Jordan Dunn
“Queen Charlotte Sound”
Prize: Second Prize - Photographic Section, Years 9 & 10

Water Rocket Challenge
Mason Habib
Prize: Second Prize - Water Rocket Challenge Intermediate

Jarrod Walsh
Prize: Second Prize - Water Rocket Challenge Senior
Fieldwork experience is a major part of the learning carried out in this busy College Department. With full day trips at all NCEA levels and three-day expeditions for the Year 12 and Year 13 students we have a great opportunity to see the practical examples in the natural and cultural environment.

**Coast and Farm visit Year 11.**
Geography has an early focus on two NCEA internal assessments, firstly the issue of coastal erosion. Our New Plymouth coast has great examples of the effects of erosion and the engineering solutions, which have been used over the past forty years. The city foreshore has concrete wall defences running along the cliffs, boulder sea walls near the Te Henui River and Centre City - Aquatic Centre, re built sand dunes and a major boulder groyne wall at Fitzroy and wire baskets filled with boulders inside the Te Henui river mouth.

The opportunity to see these and even clamber over these increasingly common structures helps students work out the advantages and costs involved. This is essentially the topic of the first NCEA internal assessment.

The links between the Taranaki natural environment dominated by the mountain and the dairy farming of the volcanic ring plain is the key element of the second internal assessment. Essentially we visit the farm near Okato to examine the interaction between soils, climate and rivers with the farming systems operating in the region. The focus of the fieldwork is to examine the impacts of dairy farming on the environment and on people. Issues such as nitrogen and waste reduction, riparian planting, slope and soil protection and sustainable farming methods are all key parts of this NCEA work.

**Level 2 Geography.**
Natural landscapes and the impact of altitude on vegetation are the main reason we explore the slopes of Mt Taranaki from the temperate rainforest on the edge of the National Park, to the alpine grass and stunted trees on the Stratford ski field. By climbing steadily up the volcano’s slopes we can observe the gradual reduction in size of trees and changes to vegetation. This learning is useful for the NCEA exams in November and gives the student a good idea of the interactions within an environment.

The main field trip of the year is to Auckland; here we study the growth and change of the city as it has sprawled out over the past 120 years. We focus on the housing styles and how the age of houses changes as one moves out from the central suburbs of the city with its 1900s villas in Mt Eden, to the periphery with new housing 40 km south at Karaka. For most of our students this is the most detailed look at Auckland they have experienced. We examine industrial areas such as Mt Smart/Penrose, exclusive housing areas such as Takapuna with $10 million properties overlooking the Pacific Ocean, cross the Harbour Bridge to the Central Business District and explore Queen St and the redeveloped foreshore. Traffic, rail, retail shopping centres and the challenge of stretching our food budget over three days gives the students a good appreciation of how our largest city operates, that it
Coastal Fieldwork and Rotorua expedition.

The senior Geographers experience the natural processes operating on our North Taranaki Coast, with four different types of coastal geology and a varied range of features and processes to observe. Photographs, diagrams and maps are added to computer and library research in writing a major research report on the coast between Oakura and Urenui. Worth five credits we encourage students to do a good job and make the most of their learning opportunities.

Rotorua is the setting of our Economic Geography topic centred on the development and impact of tourism. For three days we have speakers, activities and attractions to explore. This gives great examples for the students to use in the final NCEA exams and is a good combination of fun and learning. There is no doubt that fieldwork enhances learning and our results reflect this. The aim is to keep the costs down so that all students can attend and gain the benefits of the experiences. Students appreciate the variety in learning and contribute in a responsible and positive manner.

Our experienced team of Geographers help to make this happen and I thank Mr Dravitzki and Mr Wales for their enthusiasm and effort.

ROSS MACNICOL  
HOD Social Sciences

In 2013 the new achievement standards were implemented in NCEA Level 3. The achievement standards have been aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum. The existing programmes were reshaped to meet the achievement aims for science, and in particular the Nature of Science.

During Term 1 the students studied the relationship between organisms and their environment. The students’ understanding in this topic was assessed internally through a practical investigation of shrimp responses to their external environment and externally at the end of the year. On Monday 4 March, the class went on a field trip to Kawaroa and observed the external environment of the shrimp. The boys collected many shrimp to bring back to class for their individual investigations. Scott Murfitt, Eric Yang and Sean Kelly entered their investigations in the Science Fair and Sean was awarded a Merit for his investigation “Shrimp Responses to Light”.

In Term 2 the students studied how humans manipulate the transfer of genetic information from one generation to the next and make informed judgments about the social, ethical, and biological implications relating to biotechnology. The students’ grasp of biotechnology was assessed by two internal assessments. They had to write a report comparing ‘Selective Breeding versus Transgenesis’ and an informed response to the socio-scientific issue of ‘Stem Cell Research.’ The students particularly enjoyed discussing the ethics of embryonic stem cell research in a Christian context and the human need that has driven this technology.

Term 3 saw the class exploring the evolutionary processes that result in changes in the gene pool, speciation and reproductive isolation. Speciation was studied predominantly in the New Zealand context, taking into consideration the shaping of the New Zealand landscape, sea level changes, mountain building and subsequent niche differentiation. The last topic studied was trends in human evolution on a biological and cultural level, and how man became dispersed over the earth. The students learnt about hypotheses, predictions and how theory evolves with new evidence, especially in view of the emergence of molecular biology.
Year 13 Biology Fieldtrip to Kawaroa

On Tuesday, 5 March, during periods 2 and 3, the Year 13 Biology class visited the Kawaroa rock platform at low tide to study factors affecting the intertidal shrimp ‘Palaemon affinis’. The study was part of the internal Achievement Standard AS 91601, to carry out a practical investigation in a biological context, with guidance.

The class travelled to Kawaroa by bus at 9.45 am. There the students studied the shrimp in their natural habitat and each student measured factors that pertained to his own individual focus. Light measurements were taken to see what light intensities the shrimp are exposed to, water temperatures were measured from high tide to low tide, pool depths were established, substrates and possible food sources for the shrimp were examined. The influence of exposure and temperature change on salinity was discussed and photos were taken. The highlight of the day was catching many of the allusive shrimp to take back to school for further intense investigation. The students returned to the college by 11.55 am.

The fieldtrip was followed up with individual investigations in class. The revised standard required that students had to compare their results with findings of previous investigations. The students rose to the challenge and had fun comparing and contrasting their results with the results of students from previous years. On the last day of term each student submitted a report on their investigation for assessment.

Three students, Sean Kelly, Scott Murfitt and Eric Yang entered their investigations in the Fonterra Taranaki Science & Technology Fair. Sean Kelly was awarded a Merit for his investigation.

It has been a busy year down on the farm. Through funding we have established some hives and were rewarded with some beautiful honey. The Year 10 pupils have participated in a basic Apiary course and continue to show fascination with our insect friends.

We have also rescued some battery chickens as part of an animal welfare topic, which incorporated chickens. These chooks must be some of the best fed in the ‘naki. Unwanted or gone to seed vegetables grown in the pupil’s garden plots seem to end up with the appreciative birds.

We have also continued with the sustainability theme and are now collecting food waste for our new worm farm and are in the process of coordinating a college wide compost system.

All year levels have helped create the FDMC orchard and planted feijoa, plum, apples, citrus, fig, apricot, pear and nashi trees. The plan is to use these trees for training and propagating skills.

The subject continues to grow in popularity and we have now expanded into Year 12, and Year 13 is in our sights. Pupils have opted for a diverse range of topics to study from coastal Aquaculture to High Country Farming and everywhere in between which includes Dairying, Goats, Alpaca, sheep and beef, arable crops and forestry. We have even established links to schools in the USA and Australia where pupils can exchange ideas and projects.

Overall, it has been a productive, diverse and exciting year with much more in the pipeline.

Jon Wilcox
Teacher of Agriculture and Horticulture

Chainsaw Course

A small group of students attended a course on the safe use and handling of chainsaws. Time was spent on theory, a visit to a sawmill and then the boys got to cut up a fallen tree on site at the school for the practical component. All boys gained two units towards their NCEA.

Lauren O’Reilly
Gateway Coordinator
Year 10 Maori and Pasifika trip to Auckland and beyond. On the 25th of November, thirteen Year 10 boys woke up at 5:00am all ready to begin a week of Maori & Polynesian culture and good times. The first day we all went to Rainbow’s End and spent a fantastic day there where many of the boys tried rides they never thought they could handle but ‘nek minnut’, they had already been on six times.

We spent the night at the beautiful Halls of Residence on the Auckland University campus grounds where we were fed well and all given our own rooms for the night. The next day we all went to the BEAMS course, a course giving insight into five of the main areas at Auckland university: business, engineering, architecture, medicine and science. We were split into groups where we met new people and were forced to call upon knowledge to complete challenges and answer questions given to us. The whole day was a great experience and would certainly have given students an idea of whether they wanted to head to university or not.

That afternoon we travelled for about 3.5 hours before arriving at our kainga for the week, Taipa Area School. On Wednesday we travelled up to Cape Reinga, where the spirits depart to return to Hawaiiki and saw the lighthouse, the meeting of the waters, and for many of us we found out about these amazing sand dunes that Aotearoa holds, Te paki. These sand dunes were an opportunity for the boys to go wild, the fastest speed recorded for the day was 14000 km/ph and the furthest jump was about four metres.

Activities to indulge in at Taipa were the superette, jumping off State Highway 10 bridge into Oruru river and swimming at the beach. So in short, heaps.

The next day we went to the Waitangi grounds, but first we stopped off at the carving site of the mighty waka Te Aurere. We were shown around the place, shown the waka and also shown some of the ways they used their surroundings in the ocean to help them reach land. We then moved onto Waitangi. We were lucky enough to reach the welcoming powhiri just in time and the cultural experience of a Maori welcome, overwhelmed many of the boys.

After a hearty barbecue feed we went on a two-hour tour with Barbara Brown who enthusiastically showed some partially attentive boys the many historical items they have on display at the Waitangi grounds. Barbara Brown or Agnes Busby, whichever you want to call her, then went out of her way for us as she directed our van through the roads of Waitangi to a spectacular swimming area with a branch that hung about 2.7 kilometres above the water. Matua Toby went straight up to the branch and was the first one to jump off and after about three seconds in the air he hit the water with a slap. That jump must have flicked a switch in him because he proceeded to jump off another six times while the other four boys who manned up only went once or twice.

That night was our last night in Taipa and the boys wanted to make the most of it, whether it was jumping off the bridge for the first time or going for a fish on the rocks, or even going for a keen swim with Taiawhio. All the boys got into what Taipa had to offer and it was all pretty ‘ow, na mean!’ The next day was sadly our last. We went to see the huge tree Tane Mahuta, but the biggest and most exciting event of the last day was definitely without a doubt, the 12 or so hour drive home from Taipa.

The week was amazing for all of us, a true insight into Maori and Pacific culture and also a way of getting to know some of the boys that we might not have known so well before the trip. Thank you to Matua Taare, Matua Toby and Whaea Carolyn for making the week such a success. All the boys took away most important memories of good times, good laughs and also learnt some things along the way.

P.S. Not all measurements are correct.

Polaiu’amea Kirifi
Student

Te Reo Maori Wananga
On Wednesday 30th October the fourth wananga (workshop) aimed at improving the oral capacity of our students was held here at the college. All the secondary schools in Taranaki were invited to send half a dozen students. It is exciting to see the progress made by our students that have attended a good number of these workshops. The idea is that these students continue to attend these wananga run by Ruakere Hond throughout their schooling.

Taure Ruakere
Teacher in Charge of Maori
FOREIGN LANGUAGES

LANGUAGE PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Our language students competed in the online Language Perfect vocabulary learning championships this year and won the awards below. Those who study more than one language had difficulty deciding which language to work on. In total, 225,000 students from around the world answered 172,000,000 questions in this year’s competition. A grand total of 26,300 certificates were posted to 1000 schools.

Congratulations on a great World Championship Competition! Bring on the Language Perfect World Championships in 2014.

Gold Award
Felix Webby 3,001 2013 Year 9 Spanish

Silver Award
Aaron Win 2,007 2013 Year 9 Japanese

Bronze Award
Joshua Woudt 1,815 World Championships Class
Daniel Chow 1,527 2013 Year 9 Spanish
Liam Moore 1,013 World Championships Class
Thomas Morgan 1,006 2013 Year 9 French

Credit Award
Corben Le Breton 731 2013 Year 9 French
David Codd 624 World Championships Class
Cole Hortor 573 2013 Year 10 French
Callum Milner 501 2013 Year 9 French

Ruth Marris
Teacher in Charge of Foreign Languages

SPANISH OUTING
Miss Sugiyama took her Spanish students to Spotswood College to take part in the Ugly Fashion Show. The boys were required to describe their partner’s appearance and clothing in Spanish. Highlights were Daniel in a leopard onesie, Damon in a full burka and Jordan with an ‘afro’. The boys spoke confidently and enjoyed being a part of the Ugly Fashion Show.

As well as this, the Year 9 Spanish class set up stalls to sell produce earlier in the year and had to advertise their stalls in Spanish and speak Spanish when selling their goods.

The Year 11 students traveling to Argentina in the Term Three holidays also did some fundraising activities such as a school social, selling chocolate and sausage sizzles for their trip. They also enrolled on the ‘Language Perfect’ site to try and improve their Spanish skills prior to attending a language school in Buenos Aires.

ARGENTINA TRIP
On the 29th of September 2013, Miss Sugiyama, Mrs Connolly and five FDMC boys along with a group of Spotswood students, boarded a plane to cross the Pacific Ocean and the Andes Mountains headed for Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. Over the next fortnight, they would ride horses with Gauchos (Argentine cowboys), visit the home of one of the most successful South American football teams, Boca Junior Stadium, and learn how to dance the Tango. The visits to La Casa Rosada (Government House), Plaza de Mayo (Central Plaza), Cathedral, Cabildo (Colonial building), Museo de Bellas Artes (Fine Art Museum), Cementario de Recoleta, and a boat trip on the Tigre Delta were all included in the package. As it was a Spanish trip, the boys and teachers spent over 30 hours in intensive Spanish lessons at the Academia Buenos Aires every morning and took part in the other activities in the afternoons and during the weekends. In the evenings our homestay hosts fed us the local fare, and made us feel at home. After two weeks we could navigate the Subte (metro) and buses with ease.

VISIT FROM NIHON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FROM MISHIMA, JAPAN
A big group of students from Nihon University in Mishima visited FDMC this year and spent a day spread throughout our classes. The FDMC students enjoyed working beside the visitors and asked them questions about our sister city, Mishima, and Japan in general. The Japanese students were here to improve their English and enjoyed working alongside our pupils. It was a beneficial experience for all involved.

COLLEGE DIARY
Foreign Languages & Trips
On the very first full day of our Argentina trip we all had to go to school. Since it was our first day we needed to be there at 8:45am so we could all be put into groups. As it happened Taine, Jordan, Cormac and I were in one group while John was put in a more advanced class. Our teacher was known as Paula. I think I can say for the group that she was a very good teacher and enjoyed teaching though maybe not our group!

In our first lesson we all realised that the language barrier was going to be a problem. Paula knew more English than our Spanish combined, which was well below a child’s level. We did manage to understand what she was meaning and implying through hand gestures and movements though. Class went from 9:30 to 11:30am and then we had a break which is when we would normally walk around our area to get our lunch. We would then head back to class at around 12:00pm. Afternoon class went from 12:00 to 1:30pm.

On the second day we had a new student join us, he was Gavin, who was the husband of the Spotswood Spanish teacher Mrs Fitzpatrick. We played games such as bingo so we could understand concepts and help us extend our vocabulary. The first week’s class flew by and we found ourselves into the second and final week of class very quickly. Class went very slowly from Wednesday onwards as the games ran out and we knew our Argentinian trip was slowly coming to a close.

On the final day as we endured our last few hours of school, we all tried to stay positive and pay attention to Paula. As the lesson drew to a close we thanked our teacher and said our goodbyes.

We all received a certificate stating the course level we did and how far we had completed it. Overall the school known as Academia Buenos Aires was great, as well as the teachers and other staff we met.

John Frengley

De La Salle

Our visit to the De La Salle school was an enjoyable experience, although we were very nervous at first. As we walked into the school, we had people staring and pointing at us, and we realised just how foreign we looked. The school looked normal, although it was bigger than FDMC. The most memorable part of the visit was when we went into a classroom to meet students about our age. We nervously took our seats at the front of the room so that we were facing the other kids. We then introduced ourselves. Luckily most of them could speak some English, otherwise it would have been pretty difficult. The kids were very friendly, and asked us questions about what it is like living in New Zealand. Eventually we had to move on, and after saying goodbye we wandered around some other parts of the school (most notably the chapel), which looked more like a cathedral than a chapel. Visiting the school and meeting the students was a worthwhile experience, and it showed us how similar other people and schools are to us, even in very different countries.

Keegan Hodges

Here’s more from the boys:

Home stays

In Buenos Aires we all stayed in home stays with Argentine families provided by the Academy we went to in Buenos Aires. Cormac and Keegan were together, as were Taine and I. Jordan was with a student from Spotswood, George. All of us had a wonderful time in our homestays. We had almost everything provided for us: nice comfy beds, warm showers, proper toilets and most importantly brilliant authentic Argentinean food, lots of meat, vegetables and pastries. Our hosts were all very nice and had hosted international students from the Academy before. As I have already said they provided us with all we could want and made sure that we knew how to get to the Academy and anywhere else we wanted to go. As our trip came to an end we were all sorry to leave the families that we had come to know. We knew that it was likely that we would not see them again, so on the last Saturday it was with heavy hearts that we left our new families for our old ones.

Taine Win

Academia Buenos Aires

On the very first full day of our Argentina trip we all had to go to school. Since it was our first day we needed to be there at 8:45am so we could all be put into groups. As it happened Taine, Jordan, Cormac and I were in one group while John was put in a more advanced class. Our teacher was known as Paula. I think I can say for the group that she was a very good teacher and enjoyed teaching though maybe not our group!

In our first lesson we all realised that the language barrier was going to be a problem. Paula knew more English than our Spanish combined, which was well below a child’s level. We did manage to understand what she was meaning and implying through hand gestures and movements though. Class went from 9:30 to 11:30am and then we had a break which is when we would normally walk around our area to get our lunch. We would then head back to class at around 12:00pm. Afternoon class went from 12:00 to 1:30pm.

On the second day we had a new student join us, he was Gavin, who was the husband of the Spotswood Spanish teacher Mrs Fitzpatrick. We played games such as bingo so we could understand concepts and help us extend our vocabulary. The first week’s class flew by and we found ourselves into the second and final week of class very quickly. Class went very slowly from Wednesday onwards as the games ran out and we knew our Argentinian trip was slowly coming to a close.

On the final day as we endured our last few hours of school, we all tried to stay positive and pay attention to Paula. As the lesson drew to a close we thanked our teacher and said our goodbyes.

We all received a certificate stating the course level we did and how far we had completed it. Overall the school known as Academia Buenos Aires was great, as well as the teachers and other staff we met.
My aim for the Gifted and Talented Programme at Francis Douglas Memorial College is always to be inclusive rather than exclusive. This means I strive to include as many students in as many diverse extension activities as possible in order to extend their skills and understanding. Suggestions for programmes that could be included are always very welcome. I am delighted to report that we have had a stellar year and outstanding results.

Future Problem Solving
FPS 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. Recent results have proven that our Francis Douglas Memorial College students have the academic ability to successfully compete against those from some of the top schools in New Zealand.

Year 10 Future Problem Solving
This year for the first time FPS has been a timetabled subject in Year 10, allowing the students in FPS teams, two periods a week to work with me. The results after one year are superb. From 400 teams entered in the competition, two FDMC teams made the New Zealand Final held in Auckland in November. There were nine finalists in this Middle Division so the boys achieved outstandingly to get this far.

Year 11 Future Problem Solving
Our fame and glory does not end there! Our Year 11 team also made the final in the senior division. This division is for Years 11, 12 and 13 students so it was remarkable for a team from Year 11 to be one of only four national finalists.

Year 9 Future Problem Solving
All Year 9 students have rotated through an eight week module. At the same time the four competitive teams of Year 9 students have had one period together to work on FPS booklets.

Year 8 Future Problem Solving
Ms Jenny Sherriff has again given her free time to start the FPS process with two Year 8 teams. This is a tremendous help as there are many skills to develop before the students are ready to attempt the booklet challenges. Hopefully these are the boys who will enjoy progressing through the divisions to future success.

Future Problem Solving Group
Back Row: Jacob Mills, Dominic Jacquemard, Ziah Taumoepeau, Hunter Pult, Sam Wright, Ryan Sadler, Cameron Barnes.
Second Row: Alexander Best, Keegan Lindsay, Jack Matthews, Samuel Garcia, Haden Capeman, Joseph Landrigan, Daniel Chow, Dawson Webber, Thomas Morgan, Bailey Kulinski, Mrs R. Wackrow.
Front Row: George Fleming, Kellen Fisher, Josh Morris, Caelan Church, Zac Reid, Jarod Brophy, Isaac Brown, Felix Webby, Thomas Hadley.
There are now 10 competitive teams (40 students) working throughout the year in the college. A definite goal of mine is to see Francis Douglas Memorial College represented at the World Final! The students involved in teams this year are:

**Year 8**
David Barnard, Dion Biddick, Jarod Brophy, Dominic Coleman, Ben Fitzgibbon, George Fleming, Ollie O’Connor, Sam Poles Smith, Mason Porteous

**Year 9**
Isaac Brown, Samuel Garcia, Dawson Webber, Felix Webby, Daniel Chow, Caelan Church, David Codd, Thomas Morgan, Alexander Best, Thomas Hadley, Lindsay Keegan, Zac Reid

**Year 10**
Shaun Limmer, Kellen Fisher, Dominic Jacquemard, Joseph Landrigan, Nicholas Walton, Jacob Mills, William Peters, Ziah Taumoepeau, Josh Morris, Sam Wright, Michael Kerr, Polaiu’amea Kirifi, William Peters, Kyle Hancock, Hunter Putt, Jack Matthews

**Year 11**
Louis Poole, Patrick Fisher-Evans, Ryan Sadler, Logan Walsh, Michael Wells, Andrew Xiao, Kurt Biesiek, Jack Ternouth

**New Zealand Future Problem Solving Finals**
The New Zealand Future Problem Solving finals were held on 2 November. FDMC was extremely well represented having one Year 11 team in the Senior Division and two Year 10 teams in the Middle Division. Our senior team of Louis Poole, Kurt Biesiek, Ryan Sadler and Patrick Fisher-Evans came a gallant third in a division that included Years 12 and 13 students from schools with twenty years experience.

This year for the first time, Year 10 FPS has been timetabled allowing the students two periods a week to concentrate on the complexities involved in FPS. The results from this are superb. In the Middle Division there were 8 national finalists and two of them were ours. Although not placed in the first three, these boys are resilient and enthusiastic about the programme and how it has extended their academic, creative and teamwork skills. The boys are Haden Copeman, Kyle Hancock, Joseph Landrigan, Jack Matthews, Dominic Jacquemard, Michael Kerr, Shaun Limmer and Hunter Putt.

I am extremely proud of the results in FPS after only three years involvement. Furthermore, our FDMC boys were noticeable throughout the weekend for the humble, friendly manner in which they conducted themselves and pitched in to help an often frazzled FPS executive team!

Ms Dalliston, Ms Sherriff and I are determined that 2015 will see FDMC represent New Zealand at the FPS World Finals in America

**Bridge Club**
Our Friday afternoon Bridge group continues to grow under the expert tutelage of Dr Frengley. Andrew Xiao, John Frengley, Edan Searle and Vanshay Bindra were confident enough to go to the New Plymouth Bridge Club and take on the old hands at their own game. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are keen to hone their skills against adults or peers. Elijah Lamb and Ryan Sadler are regular participants. Future plans include inter-school games. Teachers or Board of Trustee members are welcome to play a hand or two with us at 3.30 to 5.00 pm on Fridays in Room 24.

**Global Youth Leaders Conference**
The July holidays saw two 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 the accompaniment of an adult.

I was happy to nominate Tanaka Utete and Ryan Hawken and GYLC accepted both boys. 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. Tanaka and Ryan represented the College admirably and this resulted in an invitation to nominate further students for 2014.

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 to strive for excellence in academic subjects. On their return the boys gave an informative, entertaining account of the conference to a school assembly.

Their written report follows:

During the July holidays, Ryan Hawken and Tanaka Utete travelled to Washington D.C. for the Global Young Leaders Conference. We were nominated by Robyn Wackrow after achieving an Excellence Endorsement in NCEA Level One and for presenting leadership abilities within the school.

We were made Honorary Ambassadors of Taranaki at the New Plymouth District Council prior to our journey. This was a short but formal ceremony in which we had to deliver speeches on what we hoped to learn from this once in a lifetime opportunity. We were then given a small badge to wear with pride on our College blazers.

The excitement and joy filling our veins on the day of
our departure quickly diminished after our domestic flight to Auckland Airport was cancelled. With only 6 hours before our international flight to the US would depart Auckland International Airport, our only option was to frantically drive to Auckland, hoping that we would arrive there on time. Fortunately enough, Ryan’s dad managed to get us there just before our plane left.

After approximately a 12 hour flight, we arrived in San Francisco and stayed in a hotel there for a day before our flight to Washington D.C. the following morning. We stayed there with a student from Inglewood High School and a student from Bethlehem College in Tauranga. We decided to have a wander through the central city area of San Francisco to pass the time. This was a true test of our leadership abilities and responsibility as we were still on our own at this point. However, we managed to negotiate ourselves through the busy streets and return to our hotel for a good night’s rest before our flight to the capital the following day.

When we arrived in Washington D.C after a four hour flight, we were greeted by one of the Coordinators of GYLC. With him were a few other young people from different countries who had arrived during the same two-hour time frame as us. There were people from Monaco, England, Canada, Columbia, Abu Dhabi and a variety of other countries. It was truly amazing seeing youth from various backgrounds and cultures. Being able to talk with them and learn more about where they came from was very fascinating.

Our time in Washington D.C. was absolutely unforgettable. We were placed into different groups and given a country to represent at a United Nations Global Summit simulation. We spent a lot of time gathering information on different countries’ political structures and opinions on various topics such as human rights and nuclear weapons. Our time in Washington D.C. also consisted of visiting famous sites such as the White House, spending time in shopping complexes, and learning about the history of the United States through visiting monuments such as the Abraham Lincoln Memorial.

After our time in Washington D.C., we spent time in New York for the optional cultural add-on programme. The Global Young Leaders Conference was officially over at this point, but this was an opportunity for us to explore New York City and marvel at the gigantic buildings and the bright lights that illuminated the streets at night. We visited the spacious Central Park, walked through the vibrant Times Square and also made our way up the Empire State Building. Of course, we also purchased our share of merchandise for ourselves and our families back at home.

The Global Young Leaders was undeniably one of the most incredible experiences of our lives and we are more than grateful to have been given the opportunity to attend such an amazing event. The most memorable
part of the trip was all the different people whom we had met and built strong relationships with. We still keep in touch through Facebook and it would be an absolute pleasure to be able to meet them again some time in the future. We encourage any other students who are academically strong and possess leadership potential to consider partaking in this event in future years. It is a worthwhile experience and an unforgettable adventure to be treasured forever.

Tanaka Utete and Ryan Hawken

Vex Robotics
Our technology-focused group of boys has continued to enjoy spending Wednesday lunch times fine-tuning our robots in Mr Hucker’s room. Senior students Joel Schuler and Logan Clarke have kept the group going. Thanks to the generosity of the PTA this year, I have purchased several smaller robot kits for the junior students to use. It is my intention to continue to add resources as funds allow. New members with an interest in robots are always welcome to join this group.

Law Mooting
This challenging competition run by the Law Faculty of Waikato University demands dedication and quick thinking from those who dare participate. The students are expected to act as lawyers on a real case that has been through the High Court. Not only do they need to know this case and up to four relevant supporting cases, they also require a strict adherence to courtroom protocols even whilst under fire from the judges.

We are fortunate that at FDMC we have again had the services of Russell Wilson who tutors, cajoles, challenges and sharpens the minds of boys for weeks preceding the competition. Russell gives his time generously and his expertise is invaluable.

The Taranaki Competition was held at the New Plymouth District Court in May. The three FDMC teams were:

Australasian Maths Challenge
Again this year we entered students in two Australasian Competitions. Mr Mustchin gave generously of his time and tutored both groups. The top four students
Gifted & Talented from Years 8 and 9 were entered in the Junior Division and the top six from Year 10 entered the Intermediate Division. The results were mixed and went from Excellence to Achieved rankings. Most outstanding were Daniel Chow, Year 9, who scored 98% and Dominic Jacquemard, Year 10, with 90%.

The Business NZ Challenge 2013
Fifteen students from Year 10 were given the opportunity to develop their skills, understanding and attitudes about how a successful business operates when they attended this three-day course held at New Plymouth Girls’ High School. Students from participating schools were mixed into teams to form a virtual company and devise a product that solved a problem or filled a need. Our boys certainly enjoyed working and making friends with new faces.

Each team produced a slide show that outlined the basis and marketing strategy of their product, culminating in the final presentation to a panel of local business people. The overall winning team included Iziah Willetts from Francis Douglas Memorial College. Their idea was to have wireless earphones designed for sleep and comfort. The in-ear headphones are connected via Bluetooth to a media device such as an iPod. The units are fully rechargeable and remove the need for cables and bulky headphones. We should watch this boy for the next innovative technological gadget.

New Zealand Association for Gifted Children Poetry Competition
The Year 10 students who have Future Problem Solving classes twice weekly recently had a short lull between finishing one scenario and starting another. Rather than rest on their laurels we decided to do a poetry unit and enter the above competition. The topic was “The Face of...”

It was satisfying to see these top academic students totally immersed in creating poetry and having the time to re-write their piece until they were happy with it. Success followed. In the Years 9 and 10 category there were seven placements given nationally and more than one hundred schools entered. Haden Copeman received a fourth equal placing with a highly commended grade and Polaiu’amea Kirifi won the competition. The judges’ comments included ‘when students combined a higher level of thinking and exceptional writing skills, the effects were impressive’. Polaiu’amea’s poem is below for you to enjoy:

“The face of the earth, O what could it be? Different people’s perceptions do not always agree. Is it what shapes us, our human defiance? Is it when we join together, to form an alliance. Wars ravage the lands, deep scars course through. Wicked things on our conscience, that we will one day rue. Is it our achievements, explorers greatest feats? Or the drama of the stage, music’s rhythmic beats. Maybe one ethnicity, black, white, green or yellow, No, no, that’s racism, that’s far too shallow. Tall buildings, mirrored glass, the latest i-phone? Fresh gadgets coming out, at the pace of a metronome. One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind. Do those words define us, run that through your mind. Or maybe it’s just that, each new person’s ideas, will all form a plan, bouncing thoughts off our peers. Have you considered one ruler, dictator, king or queen? No that would upset balance, put the social ladder on a lean. The face of the earth, is it just one belief? Christians, Muslims please, no more grief. But let’s really think, one achievement, one place? One belief, one ruler, one definition, one face.

New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge 2013
Logan Walsh, Andrew Xiao, Vanshay Bindra, Conor O’Neill, Patrick Fisher-Evans, John Frengley and Ryan Sadler participated in the first round of the New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge this year. The students studied facts from the booklet, “Neuroscience - Science of the Brain” by the British Neuroscience Society and the Dana Alliance. The first round was an online quiz held at Francis Douglas Memorial College. The quiz consisted of 35 multiple-choice questions and took place on 22 March 2013.

Logan Walsh, Andrew Xiao, Vanshay Bindra and Conor O’Neill were invited to take part in the second round of the New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge. They were each eligible for the ‘Individual’ and ‘Four Person Team’ Competition.

The second round took place on Wednesday 3 July 2013, at the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences of the University of Auckland in Grafton, Auckland. The students studied the booklet “Brain Facts: A primer of the brain and nervous system” to prepare for the challenge. The students flew to and from Auckland on 3 July with Jeanne Marshall. The travel fee was subsidised by the sponsorship of the CatWalk Trust, the Science Department and the Gifted and Talented
The students and Mrs Marshall visited a laboratory where the ‘Western blotting’ technique was explained to them and the students loaded protein samples onto a gel with micropipettes. After this they went to Psychiatry where they heard a lecture on ‘Attention’, which is the ability to focus and maintain an interest in a task or idea and to manage distractions. By doing the ‘Stroop Test’ the students saw how one can be distracted from a task and they learnt how advertisers use both internal and external factors to hook the public interest to promote products. In the afternoon the students met neuroscientists and watched the finals of the team and individual competitions.

Although no team or student from Francis Douglas Memorial College got through to the grand final, the students came away as winners in terms of all that they saw and learnt on the day. We look forward to participating in the New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge again in 2014.

2013 has been an exciting and fruitful year for the Gifted and Talented Programme. We have punched above our weight in every activity in which we participated. New, innovative learning experiences have been made available to 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.

Obviously from our results the top students at Francis Douglas Memorial College are as academic, creative and dedicated as any student from other schools in New Zealand. My role is to keep this statement true and extend the boys so that next year I can say “We are simply the best!”

Robyn Wackrow
Gifted & Talented Coordinator

THE ARTS

It has been another busy and varied year. The calendar was punctuated by many of the Arts opportunities we annually invest time on and a few others.

Visual Art

At the beginning of the year the weather was great so it was a good time for our Visual artists to take advantage of drawing in the field. The work generated from a field trip to the Port was used for three NCEA Level One Achievement Standards. It followed on from an initial drawing unit where the students had to experiment with a range of wet and dry media and was based on our coastal Taranaki theme. A big thank you to Egmont Fisheries for once again supplying us with a range of fish frames to draw, and to our Chef Steve for accommodating these for a week in the chiller! At the same time as this was happening with the seniors, the younger students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 were generating drawings for printmaking tasks in a Pasifika, Taranaki whakairo or self-portrait themed work, whilst the weather was good for drying inks. With the Years 7 and 8 modules lasting 13 weeks the time soon passes but it does enable them all to get a taste of things to come in the Art Dept. Thanks to Lana Phipps for her invaluable teaching and support with this.

This year we were fortunate to be involved in a major undertaking for the Arts’ Festival. All of our Years 7 and 8 students made a wind chime based on artist Tiffany Singh’s concept for a cooperative art work based on the colours of the spectrum, and each students wishes for their family, community and world. The final work comprised of 1001 wind chimes in the colours of the rainbow: magenta, red, orange, yellow, green, blue and violet, and were strung in colourbands in a vacant lot on Devon Street West. The work was entitled ‘What is the colour of the Breeze?’. It was great for our students to be involved in a collaboration with an artist, and to undertake work from a conceptual stage, develop it and then see it hung as a finished work. It was one of the highlights of the Taranaki International Arts’ Festival with over 10,000 people visiting it. Unfortunately it has been impossible to return these works to students as the ‘Breeze’ became galeforce at the end of the Arts’ Festival and many of the chimes were returned in pieces. Tiffany commented that, “this is part of the process of the artwork and in eastern cultures symbolises the release of the good wishes the students represented on their chimes.”

Thank you to Tiffany Singh, Chris and Rebecca from the Govett- Brewster Art Gallery and to the Years 7 and 8 Homeroom Teachers: Bryce Koch, Jenny Sheriff, Richard Doherty, Marc Gallagher and Ronie Asi who adapted their timetables to ensure this opportunity went ahead. If you were not able to see the final installation, the Govett- Brewster Art Gallery has a video on their Facebook page, or you can see images on the Gallery’s website with a link to Tiffany Singh’s webpage.
‘TopArt’ was hosted at WITT this year and the Year 12 and 13 Painting class visited this to look at some of the highest scoring folios in New Zealand from last year’s NCEA Level 3 and Scholarship submissions. This is an invaluable asset for our students and an outstanding initiative established by Art Advisory personnel and NZQA several years ago.

It was a great opportunity for our art students to attend the Victoria University Campus Open Day this year. It was a good familiarisation chance for students, and I thoroughly enjoyed the chance to look at the ‘Fine Arts’ programme at Massey and the design work that was on display too. I also had time to visit the Music School and enjoyed the ‘Jazz’ performed by talented students on the day.

As the year progressed our senior student numbers began to dwindle in Levels 2 and 3. Several students gained apprenticeships and whilst I felt pleased for them, I hope that they may still find the time to continue with their art in the future.

The NCEA art programme is always pressured at the end. Realistically work needs to be completed in the Term 3 holiday period and only touched up in Term 4. Once students return to College after the holiday break they are straight into Senior Preliminary exams and NCEA art and graphics folios go to Wellington for moderation the following week.

I wish the NCEA Visual Art candidates well for their results in January, and feel confident that they will be rewarded accordingly for the effort they attributed to the subject.

First in Subject Awards:
Year 9 Option  Thomas Hadley
Year 10 Option  Finn Zeylemaker
Year 11/ NCEA 1  James Ansley
Year 12/ NCEA 2  Andrew Hockey
Year 13/ NCEA 3  Miguel Montalla

Drama
Drama opportunities abounded for our students in the first half of the year. As reported elsewhere in the magazine the annual Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition was held at Stratford High School on the evening of 5th April. It was great to be represented by such a group of hardworking and conscientious boys. Well done to Joseph Robinson for his work on the student directed piece and to his cast Kurtis Grainger, Alistair MacNicol, Lachlan Fisher, Zeb Schimanski-Hunt and Michael Wells who performed well at the Competition and again at College in a full school assembly.

Congratulations go to Tanaka Utete for his selection from this event and his team of supporting stars: Patrick Fisher-Evans, Josh Flynn and Logan Clarke, which ultimately has led to him going to the Globe Shakespearean Theatre in the U.K. next year.

Many of these boys were also involved in learning lines for ‘Fiddler on the Roof’, the SHGC Production in which Tanaka, Dermot Frengley, Thomas Hadley, Andrew Hockey as the Fiddler, Marc Bridgeman, Cormac Griffin, and Shyon Noble shone in, in major production roles in August.

As well as this, the drama was being perfected for the annual O’Shea Competition in Wellington on 18 May, so it was a busy beginning to the year, and kept Mrs Joines busy in her role as mentor and producer.

On 9th May we welcomed the Ugly Shakespeare Company as one of our Arts’ funded opportunities, and also some NPBHS Drama students to the audience. The cast performed King Lear to our Years 9-13 students, putting their own brand of humour and flamboyance in to the production. With a cast of three they literally changed ‘hats’ throughout the production and with skilful voice modulation made the viewers believe there were many more performers on stage.

On Founder’s Day 30 May the best of our Speech and drama performances were presented to the school and to the visiting Brothers, staff and students from the other Lasallian schools here for our celebration.

EXCEL School of Performing Arts presented their annual roadshow of music, drama and dance to us in a dynamic high energy performance on 13 June in the College Gym. This year’s show had as its theme the concept of “Image”. These students travel the country and present their performances as part of the
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The music month of May is always a busy month and

A dinner-break followed and then we found our allocated seats for the evening performance of ‘Hairspray’. A huge thank you must go to New Plymouth Operatic for this FREE initiative. It enabled the boys to get a good insight into the pre and post production aspects of a show and has motivated many of them to get onto the NPOS Facebook page and to think about auditioning in the future. Students who had not been accepted for parts previously also came to understand that they may not have fitted the Producer’s vision for a particular part, and that being turned down wasn’t necessarily due to a lack of talent.

The College hosted Mike King on September 9. He was travelling the country and visiting schools speaking of his personal battles with drugs, alcoholism and mental health issues. Packaged in his brand of comedy, he spoke honestly concerning his inner demons and how being a comedian for many years had been a front for other issues. After suffering a stroke he changed his lifestyle and now spends more time with the people he loves (friends and family). He spoke about his late talkback show that he calls the “Nutters Club." After being an insomniac for years, he reaches out to people on this late show though his honesty and understanding of what many of them are going through. Although amusing, his visit embraced poignant issues that men and boys often feel they cannot discuss.

Music
Always a busy department, this year got off to an early start with new registrations for Music lessons being sorted and students placed with our 12 Itinerant Teaching staff to begin by Week Three. We were saddened to realise that Sonya Newton’s return was going to be short lived as she and her family were moving to Hawkes Bay for a new farming venture in Term 2. Until then it was business as usual with accompaniment for Investiture Mass, Academic Colours Assembly, Easter Liturgy and other school special occasions needing attention.

After school practices were underway with Robin Wells teaching our Jazz Group, Susan Case organising the string players as well as groups for the upcoming Chamber Music Competitions in June, Stewart Mauder and Sonya coaching our ‘Fusion’ SHGC and FDMC Concert Band on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons, Krissy Jackson coaching our singers, and boys using the rooms after school daily for practices for ‘Rockquest’ which was on the horizon for July.

The first half year is often quite congested with arts opportunities being calendared closely. WOMAD came to New Plymouth on March 16. Through an ongoing relationship with TAFT, 10 boys were given the opportunity to work for tickets and managed to attend the Sunday performances. We are grateful for this chance as it helps expose them to a broad range of music.

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this year was no exception. On Friday 17th May (Term 2/ Week 2) the Taranaki Secondary Schools’ Orchestra Day was held at Spotswood College. Instrumentalists from all Taranaki Secondary Schools were invited for workshops, followed by sectional practices and finally a full rehearsal of over 70 students before the concert between 2.00 - 2.30 pm in the Spotswood College Hall that family, friends and the public attended. This is a great initiative and brings together young musicians from all over Taranaki. The Music is distributed early in the year to enable schools to practice the pieces before joining together on the day.

At the end of the month the Chamber Music competitors were lucky to have practice sessions with David Hamilton on 27 and 28 May in readiness for their competition the following week.

On Friday 7 June, our Jazz Combo taught by Robin Wells, played at a Jazz evening put together by David Lilley at NPBHS. In addition to this some of our students also played at the SHGC Ball on the following Saturday night.

On Thursday 13 June several of the boys competed in the regional Chamber Music Competition held at SHGC. The boys had participated in master classes and were again fortunate enough to have composer David Hamilton (whose piece they performed) come and work with them. Aptly named ‘Dave’s Dudes’ they were awarded the prize for performance of a New Zealand composition. Competition was high with 16 groups entered.

On June 30 we were treated to a performance by the TYO (Taranaki Youth Orchestra) directed and conducted by Mrs Jocelyn Beath. The concert at the Theatre Royal was a real crowd pleaser with some old favourites mixed in with ‘Band of Brothers’ and ‘Dark Knight’. The fine musical performances were supported with a powerpoint of supporting images. It was great to see Ben Hall on violin, Andrew Hockey on first violin and Dominic Jacquemard (a man of many talents musically) being dynamic on a range of percussion. Hopefully more of our students will become involved in this wonderful group. As with many Taranaki performances and performers, Sunday was a busy day. Some of our students had been musicians at the Taranaki Mass at the TSB Stadium before the TYO concert, and others were practising with the City Band as they got ready for their national competition.

Rockquest was held at the TSB Showplace on 6 July. This year for some reason the number of entrants was greatly reduced as was the crowd support. Joseph Robinson, Cormac Griffin, Lachlan Fisher, Alistair MacNicol and Phillip Jager performed to a receptive crowd, parents and teachers.

Many of the College music stalwarts were in the band for Fiddler on the Roof. Dominic Jacquemard played alongside his father, Daniel Chow played alongside his sister, and Caleb Brbich, David Codd, Ben Hall and Eric Yang all were members of the Orchestra. Andrew Hockey was the ‘Fiddler’. After a week of practices and performances a tired bunch of musicians boarded the bus after the final curtain call the night before, to travel to Waikato University for the Itinerant Music Competitions. The Concert Band- ‘Fusion’, performed four pieces: The Hunger Games, Game of Thrones, Fire Dance and Poltergeist. The adjudicator gave us no indication of his response to our playing during the performance so we gratefully accepted the ‘Silver’ Award as we had thought we might have earned less!

Tobias Wright joined us in Term 3 and it was great to have his input for the House singing competitions. All of the Houses spent time with him in the Music Room trying to hone their skills for the upcoming MAD Day Competition. It was a pleasure to see the students taking this competition seriously and using their talented singers to front their performances. Judge and ex-Francis Douglas Memorial TIC Music, Jo Suren, was impressed with the improvement from last year.

On September 15 at the Schools’ Jazz Club Day, it was great to see Tobias performing with the boys when unfortunately Dominic had a clash in his busy musical calendar. The Jazz group under Robin Wells tutelage performed well. Thank you to Robin for promoting our school at this event.

Music students from Year 8 - Year 11 enrolled for the international ABRSM Music exams that were held on 4 November. Well done to those mentioned below who passed, and thanks to Krissy and Tobias for their support of these students.

A distinction (D) result is a mark from 90-100
A merit result (M) is awarded for 80-89
A pass result (P) is awarded for 66-79
A fail (F) is given to any student that scores less than 66

Congratulations to the following students:

**Grade One**
- Thomas Morgan: Distinction
- Jacques McCallum-Lind: Distinction
- Caylem Cook: Merit
- Campbell Grayling: Merit
- Ethan Dombroski: Pass
- Finlay Morris: Pass
- Shyon Noble: Pass
- Mitchell Walker: Pass
- Tom Reumers: Pass

**Grade Two**
- Vince Ropitini: Distinction
- Andrew Stevens: Merit
- Chris Headey: Pass
- William Hitchcock: Pass
- Kai Warburton: Pass

**Grade Three**
- Taine Win: Merit
- Liam McBreen: Pass
- Joseph Taylor: Pass

**Grade Five**
- Dominic Jacquemard: Merit

The final performances for the year were at the Senior and Junior Prizegivings and the Advent Liturgy. Thanks to all of the students that made themselves available for these. Both of the Junior Prizegiving performances had come from Krissy Jackson’s Year 9 Option class, so many thanks Krissy for your help with these, and to Tobias for the extra practices beforehand.

Tobias Wright, Krissy Jackson and I look forward to all of you boys and hopefully many more taking an active role in the continued growth of music at the College in 2014.

Congratulations on another arts-filled year.

**Jane Aitken Connolly**
HOD Arts

**FUSION CONCERT BAND**
‘Fusion’ competed at the Waikato Band and Orchestra Festival on 23 August. The adjudicator commented that they were a “Good looking group, with an interesting repertoire.” He also commented that “the performance was well sustained throughout. A very solid performance from a well organised and well directed group.”

Many thanks to Stewart Maunder for his generosity of time, wealth of knowledge, experience and patience. We hope that he will continue to conduct this group again next year.

**FDMC band members:**
- Andrew Hockey: Percussion
- Daniel Chow: Euphonium
- Dominic Jacquemard: Percussion
- Kurtis Grainger: Trumpet
- Prathik Rajasingh: Trumpet
- Ben Hall: Violin
- Thomas Hadley: Flute
- Caleb Brbich: Trumpet
- Patrick Fisher- Evans: Bass Guitar
- Eric Yang: Viola
- Jane Aitken Connolly: Alto Saxophone

**NATIONAL YOUNG SHAKESPEARE COMPANY**
Earlier this year students were entered in the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival at a regional level. After a standout performance as a gravedigger in Hamlet, we were very fortunate to have Tanaka Utete selected to represent the region for the National Secondary Shakespeare Workshops held in Wellington during the
October holidays. 42 students were collected together for a week of workshops, acting and performance. We wish to congratulate Tanaka for his selection from this group into the National Young Shakespeare Company of 20 individuals who will be travelling to the Globe Theatre in Stratford Upon Avon, England next year.

Pascale Joines  
FDMC Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Coordinator

SHAKESPEARE GLOBE CENTRE NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS PRODUCTION 2013

Despite the vast number of words that exist in the English language, due to William Shakespeare’s contributions, I still fail to find the words capable of expressing my feelings towards my time at Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand National Shakespeare Schools Production. Words such as amazing, superb and fantastic, spring to mind when I think of the intensive yet educational week, but these adjectives are merely understatements and do not serve the purpose of truly describing why NSSP was one of the best weeks of my life. If I were to write about every aspect of NSSP and why every moment was special to me, I would create an essay longer than Hamlet, so I have to exercise my summarisation skills and restrict myself to the limitations of a few paragraphs.

Prior to the event, I had very little knowledge of Shakespeare and his works. I had only read Macbeth, Othello and Hamlet so I was concerned that I would be spending eight days with people who knew almost every detail about the famous plays. I was afraid that I would appear ignorant and possibly be rejected by my highly educated peers because of my lack of experience concerning Shakespeare. To make matters worse, when I received the news that I would be a part of the group performing Cymbeline, one of Shakespeare’s less popular plays, I was shocked to see that I had to perform a play that I had never even heard of before! But one component of my personality, greater than my doubts and fears, is my determination. I was determined to ensure that I could still utilise my potential and do the best that I could at NSSP. Though we were performing a 40 minute version of the play, comprising of only 2 acts, I decided to read the entire play, analysing it with ‘Studynotes’ as my partner and even viewing the 3 hour film version of it which I found on ‘Youtube’. To be completely honest, I did not find the story all that exciting compared to his other works (a rather unjust judgement to make, seeing as I have only read three other plays...), but I had faith that the director had very good reasons for picking this play.

When I arrived at Scots College, my mind open to new ideas, I was very glad to see that my fellow NSSP’ers were not as pompous and stuck-up as I thought they would have been. I was relieved to see that they were all friendly, approachable people who did not present over-inflated egos. Undoubtedly, there were some who knew more about Shakespeare than I did, but this still did not cause them to portray the impression that they thought they were superior. I was pleased to see that there were others in the same boat as I was and who also had a very limited knowledge of Shakespeare. From the first day, I could sense that a special bond was going to made within this group and this automatically removed all doubts I had about the week.

The various workshops we had during the week were all very helpful and the varying topics all gave me a wider understanding of the different aspects of acting. From Sir Jon Trimmer’s miming workshop to Allan Henry’s physical combat workshop, to Carmel McGlone’s practical and admittedly indescribable workshop, I learnt so much about what it means to be a performer and began to realise that there is more to acting than just being able to impersonate a character created by some overly imaginative human being. These workshops built my confidence in performing and I am keen to use everything I’ve learnt in my next acting opportunity.
Working on our play, Cymbeline, was a process that became more exciting as the days went by. As I mentioned earlier, I did not find the play very interesting when I first read it, but our wonderful director, Stuart Devenie, managed to make the play much more appealing to not only me, but to everyone in the Cymbeline group. We spent the first two days analysing the script, and discussing the tiniest details, discovering the implications of words and phrases that reflected the social setting of the era the play was written in. This all gave us an understanding of the play that made it incredibly easier for us to capture the meaning of the story when we got our parts. When I got the part of Iachimo, a devious Italian who crawls out of a box to watch a woman sleep, taking note of her bodily details so that he can trick the lady’s husband into thinking that he had slept with her, I was humbled to see that my fellow cast had trusted me to play the part. Initially, I did not feel as though I could portray the character with justice, but with the support of my group and the helpful advice of wise old Stuart, I believe I played the part the best that I could. But I could only do as well as the rest of the cast and the only reason I was able to put on a hopefully convincing performance was because everyone else in my group portrayed their characters incredibly well. Whenever I got the chance to watch the others perform their scenes, I was in awe of their passion and talent, and the ability they had to give life to a play that I initially thought to be dull and boring. Because of my fellow cast, and Stuart Devenie’s helpful direction, Cymbeline is now a play that I have a high appreciation for.

The two performances held at Scots College and the Legislative Chamber, Parliament were received positively by the audience (I confidently assume), and I still find it hard to believe that we only had a few days to prepare for them. The other plays, Richard III directed by Tim Spite, and Pericles directed by Rachel Henry, were both incredible and it was nice to see the different approaches to the plays from each cast’s performance perspective. They all worked effectively and this only increased my fascination with the vast amount of talent that was present at NSSP. Not many people can learn lines for a 40 minute performance in a few days, while attending various workshops and being deprived of sleep, and still put on a very convincing performance. I think everyone deserved to give themselves a big pat on the back!

Probably one of the most memorable aspects of NSSP were the people I met. The diverse group, filled with singers, rugby players, rappers, poets, violinists and fencers, had a special connection that cannot be described but only felt. Despite our differences, we all had one thing in common; a passion for performing. Never have I been surrounded by 48 students who share the same love for acting as I do, and the sense of belonging that I felt within the group was a feeling that I had not experienced for a long time. Being of African descent, and being one of few people who finds joy in the arts at my school, I have found it difficult to find a group of people I can relate to. But being at NSSP, where people were in similar situations, I felt as though I was with a family I had known for years and I have no
The Media Studies 2013 Film Night was held once again with a great line-up of productions from Year 11 and Year 13. The standard of skills displayed at Year 11 increases every year and this year was no exception with the production of some very effective music videos. Year 13 students completed a documentary with the theme of Challenges, and a wide variety of interpretations were produced with the quality of the productions again higher than last year.

A standout production and the winner of the Best Year 11 film was the Music Video produced by Kurt Biesiek and George Moller.

The best Year 13 documentary was a technically perfect and riveting account of Dicky Barrett, produced by Joseph Robinson and Kirk Lightbody. The judges commented that the standard overall this year was very high and it was a difficult decision to make. This year we also involved the audience in voting and this resulted in some strong votes for competing products.

In the end the Best Overall Production chosen by the judges was “Dicky Barrett - A life of challenges” and the People’s choice award was Kurt and George’s music video “I Gave It My All”.

Well done to all of the students on their great efforts and a big thank you to the judges, Sally O’Neill and Bruce Lester.

Pascale Joines
Media Studies Teacher
The Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) is a business studies programme for Year 13 students. Participants work through the process of setting up and running a business, investing money, producing real products and get to keep any profits made.

This year we have gone through a learning curve that can help us for the rest of our lives. Twenty-two students chose to try their hand in the unforgiving business world. Our profits may not have been high but the lessons we have learnt throughout the year were valuable and will guide us through our careers.

At the start of the year we attended Enterprise Day and received invaluable advice from local business owners about how to run a sustainable business.

In the course of the year we elected a CEO, Financial, Communications, Production, Marketing and Sales director for our companies. We wrote a business plan, developed and marketed a product. Part of this process was to present an ‘elevator pitch’ to a local Dragon’s Den.

We wrapped up the year by writing an Annual Review and attended the Awards Dinner. The 2013 Business Studies class strongly advises anyone thinking of doing the Young Enterprise Programme to take the leap and challenge themselves in the business world.

Alex Perry, Nick Greensill and Dermot Frengley
YES Participants
The Careers and Guidance Department embodies a number of initiatives for students at our College – Careers, Counselling, STAR, Gateway, Career Pathways Programme, Correspondence and Distance Learning.

The ultimate aim of careers education and guidance is to equip students to develop their careers throughout their lives. Our students continue to do this long after they leave the College but what they learn at Francis Douglas Memorial College is a crucial start.

It is becoming an increasingly complex area to work in with Career Benchmarks from Year 7 upwards - these are a self-review tool for effective practice and high quality career education. They include tools for identifying strengths and development areas, measuring performance, and discussing ways to improve. This is an area we need to continue to work on.

As a College we have developed an integrated approach to career education, i.e. all teachers being career teachers and taking the opportunity to integrate career information and make it relevant to their subject area. Again this is an area where we need to continue to promote ideas with staff and encourage them to seize opportunities in their day-to-day teaching. With our new pastoral structure at the senior levels it is important to upskill Deans and Form Teachers in careers and related opportunities.

The Government is driving some major changes that potentially impact on us as a College but also provide alternative options for our students. The initiative comes under the umbrella of ‘Youth Guarantee’. I refer you to www.youthguarantee.net.nz. Youth Guarantee is essentially about achievement, retention and transitions. Currently New Zealand has amongst the lowest rates of participation in educational training for those aged 15 – 19 years in the OECD.

The responsibilities of our Department are wide and varied. We have a very large number of student self-referrals and many meetings and enquiries from parents and caregivers.

In 2013 students have continued to participate in many and varied career opportunities. Senior Maori students have participated in ‘Incubator’, a programme run by the District Health Board that encourages students to work in the health sector. One of our students from 2012 was accepted into Medicine at Auckland University and received an internship as a result of this. We also held a taster, promoting the importance of Science for Maori students, as an extension of ‘Incubator’.

Our Year 10 Maori students enjoyed the opportunity to attend a BEAMS Course (Engineering, Architecture) at Auckland University in 2012 with Taare Ruakere and Mike Crow, and again at the end of this year when Taare Ruakere and Tobias Wright combined this with end of year activities. The students stayed at the University before heading north to visit Cape Reinga and Waitangi.

Whakapipi Ake provided our students who identify as Maori to hear about Medicine as a career at Auckland University.

Our students have continued to be involved in the usual range of career opportunities: visiting speakers, expo visits, University liaisons, Industry Training Organisation speakers, Agriculture and Engineering breakfasts, a visit from the Combined Forces bus, along with many other opportunities and a Year 10 Careers Module.

Other New Initiatives 2013
- Oil & Gas Day in June at TSB Stadium organized by Sheree Long from Petroleum Skills Association. Nine students (mix of Years 12 and 13) heard graduates from University and from WITT who are working in the local area, talk about their studies etc. They also visited a Drilling Rig and Production site.
- Scott McKenzie from Young Farmers talked with seven students re their ‘Into the Field’ mentoring programme and associated career paths in Agriculture, Rural Banking and Veterinary fields.
- One on one visits from ex students were undertaken. Jarrod Bakker discussed his Computer Engineering at Victoria with Brock Wills who is intending to do the same degree.
- Keith Preston from Juffermans Surveyors, spent a period with the four Year 13’s intending to do surveying next year.
- Nick Siffleet came and talked to prospective physiotherapy students.
- Shaun Murphy invited Andrew Hockey to visit his workplace.
- Futureintech Ambassadors spoke to Year 10 Career
module classes (2 visits - one per module) about their studies and their individual career pathways etc.

- Megan Taylor who grew up in Taranaki and is working as a Civil Engineer for Opus came and shared her role as a Traffic Management Engineer.

- Katherine Haliburton is an Engineer at Shell and she shared insights into her work. Christel Chapman organized a visit from one of the ambassadors (support for the curriculum) for John Neeson's Year 11 Maths class, to discuss the use of practical real life maths in daily life.

- We reinstated organized visits to the various Universities.

As you can see Careers is a growth area and transition is significantly a part of this. This is a developing area that requires monitoring and further consideration re staffing.

**STAR**
Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource is a roll based (on senior school) fund that enables us to provide non-conventional courses for students.

It is invaluable particularly in designing individual courses and putting students at the centre of decision making. We predominantly use it for the running of CPP (Career Pathways Programme) and it enables students to do a range of courses outside of school either by distance or with other educational providers.

This year we have also used STAR funding for Cooking at FEATS, Carpentry at G & H Training, and for students doing Tourism, Sports & Exercise Management, Agriculture and Veterinary Nursing.

We have also utilised STAR for Year 10 Taster Courses in Cooking and Automotive that had relevant credits attached, and also in conjunction with this we had 39 students undertake work experience, which has proven to be a valuable and popular option. This happens during TOPEC time.

We have also provided Short Introductory Courses in Hospitality and Automotives for Years 9 and 10 students to experience during the end of year Activity Days.

**Carol Land**
Teacher in Charge of Careers and STAR

**FEATS**
While at FEATS I learnt necessary skills and techniques for becoming a chef. Our teacher, Matt, taught us many interesting skills that he uses in his kitchen. We quickly learnt there was a lot more to cooking than just following a recipe.

We learnt many skills during the five days. Some skills included crumbing fish, the correct way to prepare vegetables and how to behave in a commercial kitchen. On the first day we started learning from our first workbook. It consisted of all the important mise-en-place, the French term for making sure everything is ready before cooking. The booklet also held information on our topic ‘Finger Foods’ and a NCEA Level One Test worth two credits. We learnt how to make many things including filo parcels, mini quiches, sausage rolls, pikelets, chicken satay and gunjons over the next two days.

On Wednesday we spent half the day in the kitchen learning how to present meals nicely; then spent the next half of the day revising and doing our test. We spent the entire Thursday on the second booklet which was on vegetables and fruit. We learnt many things like how to tell if a vegetable is at its full potential/ripeness. It was a tiring day but we all still had fun. On Friday we had the all important second test, worth three credits. This only took half an hour so we spent the rest of the day cooking our reward – a feast of roast chicken, mashed potato, glazed carrots, broccoli and apple crumble for desert. All in all, I thoroughly enjoyed it and would recommend it to pretty much everyone.

**George Monk**

**CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAMME (CPP)**
The Career Pathways Programme (CPP) is a full time programme designed for senior students outside of the conventional school curriculum. The programme targets students who may wish to go on to further training, or work, during or at the end of the school year. It is designed to give students a chance to gain knowledge, skills and experiences for transition to tertiary learning or the work place.

CPP 2013:
The visit to the newly built Police Station was interesting. We learnt what would happen if we were required to accompany a Police Officer back to the station for an evidential breath/blood test as well as checking out the holding cells and the street surveillance cameras.

CPP students took an active part in the College life, participating in the Swimming and Athletic Sports, Cross Country, Mission Action Day and representing the school in a variety of sporting codes.

It has been a pleasure to be involved with such a great group of students. We have had excellent outcomes this year and we wish everyone success as they begin their career pathway.

Lauren O’Reilly
CPP Coordinator

GATEWAY

Gateway opens a new pathway for students from school to the world of work. It is a great opportunity to blend school study with workplace learning and experience. Learning is assessed in the workplace, counting towards national qualifications.

This year 45 Gateway students undertook a variety of work experience in industries such as Agriculture, Automotive, Broadcasting, Building, Civil Construction, Electrical, Engineering, Hairdressing, Hospitality, Joinery, Plumbing, Painting & Decorating, Sports & Recreation.

2013 has been another successful year for our Gateway students. Here is a summary of our outcomes so far:

- Apprenticeships: 20
- Building: 5
- Engineering: 5
- Plumbing: 3
- Automotive: 3
- Joinery: 1
- Electrical: 1
- Painting/Decorating: 1
- Hairdressing: 1
- Fulltime Employment: 7
- Part-time Employment: 3
- Returning to School: 8
- WITT: 4
- Overseas: 2
- University: 1

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Custom Auto Services
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Tony Cook Builder
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Westown School

Lauren O’Reilly
Gateway Coordinator
Throughout 2013 there were up to 33, Year 11 - 13 students undertaking study either as a dual enrolment through Te Kura - The Correspondence School, or by distance learning where standards are sourced from an outside provider. Students have timetabled periods for their chosen subject, four/five times a week depending on their Year level. Being able to enrol in the Correspondence School allows our students to study or continue to study subjects not catered for in our school and is yet another way for the student to undertake meaningful/relevant study.

Year 13 - 9 students
Through Te Kura three students undertook Level 3 Agriculture and two, Level 3 Spanish. The Spanish students were Correspondence students in 2012 and both passed Level 2 Endorsed with Excellence. In the second half of this year a Year 13 student was enrolled in specific standards from Level 3 Physics to give him the opportunity to meet the criteria required by a prospective employer. This situation reflects a major benefit of being able to use Te Kura, the flexibility to enrol a student in specific standards that best meet his needs.

There was one Year 13 student studying Level 3 Tourism units provided by Travel Careers and Training. These covered Australia and the Pacific Islands. We also had two students studying Level 3 Sport Management units provided by WILSS (Waikato Institute of Leisure and Sport Studies). These covered The Role and Structures of Sport Organisations, the Role and Structures of Sport Clubs and Preparing Sports Information for the Media. Both students have been able to use their own sporting codes (Hockey and League) as examples in their assessments.

Year 12 - 14 students
Through Te Kura, three students undertook Level 2 Accounting, three studied Level 2 Spanish, four Level 2 Music and one took specific Level 2 Mathematiс’s standards. Year 12 is an important year level for a student to carry on with a subject they enjoy, they are good at and in some instances, require for their future academic path. Being able to be a dual student ensures this need is met.

Three Year 12 students worked on a five unit standard Level 2 Tourism package which also sourced from Travel Careers and Training. Four of these units are New Zealand based. They are a good way for the students to gain some general knowledge about their own country as well as learn about the different aspects of New Zealand’s tourism industry. The fifth unit is World Tourist Destinations where they study the five tourism regions of the world. Students who have studied Tourism, have gone on to attend Sir George Seymour/ Travel Careers and Training in Wellington and are now working as Travel Consultants, in the outdoor adventure industry and at our local airport.

Year 11 - 7 students
These seven students were all enrolled at Te Kura: one studied Level 1 Japanese, four Level 1 Spanish, one Level 1 Physics and one took an Introductory French course to enable him to undertake Level 1 French in 2014.

There were also two students who undertook a mathematics programme at Te Kura appropriate to their learning needs. They have both had great success in their studies. Another student was enrolled during the second half of the year in Te Kura’s Pathways Education programme. For this the student self-selects from a range of Unit Standards to help prepare for the transition from school to work.

Learning a subject by correspondence has its unique challenges. The student has to make it work; this requires their commitment and self-motivation and is an interesting learning curve for them. If they take heed of their teachers’ feedback whether it is on their written work, or during the sometimes lengthy conversations on the phone and/or via emails, they can, and do succeed.

I would like to note here that while the students can access their teachers as often as they need the students and I appreciate that there are teachers here at school (in particular Ms Sugiyama - Spanish, Mrs Newton, Ms Jackson and now Mr Wright - Music, Mrs Marris - Japanese, Mrs Connolly - recording the music performances) who are always willing to help. A big thank you to them.

Christel Chapman
Correspondence and Distance Learning Coordinator
In 2013 the Special Education Needs Department at Francis Douglas Memorial College provided assistance and adapted programmes/learning environments to support students with many different special educational needs. We have strived to include all students to enable them to access the curriculum in a range of settings, as required by the Ministry of Education.

- The ORS funded students received the highest level of support according to funding received specifically to address their individual student needs.

- A number of students received funding for Behaviour Teacher Aide Hours by the Ministry of Education, Special Needs or RTLB Cluster. They were minded during morning interval and lunch and/or given teacher aide support in class according to the funding received.

- Assistance was given to students with specific learning difficulties in the Benilde Pathway. In the Benilde Pathway, students received learning support in core subjects, completed STAR Courses, SPEC Courses and did work through the Correspondence School Te Kura Pounamu.

- Literacy Instruction was provided by Jo Morris-George to students mainly in years 7 and 9 in consultation with the English and Intermediate Departments who identified students with reading difficulties.

- The staff received professional development to support students with specific learning difficulties in class.

- Application was made for Special Assessment Conditions (SACs) for students who qualify for them and the students were provided with the SACs during assessment.

- Teacher aide assistance was provided for students struggling in English, Mathematics, History and Science across Years 9 - 13.

- Lynda West tutored ESOL students from migrant backgrounds. The students were provided English language instruction, regular assessment on ELLP (English Language Learning Progressions), in-class and subject support where necessary, and pastoral care. Several international students joined the programme two or three times a week from Term 3.

**Staff**

The Special Education Needs Department supported the learning of the students with a team of competent teacher aides and two specialist 0.1 teachers. Mark Bolger from Van Asch advised on the support of a hearing impaired student and Ruth Morrison MacNicol assisted with adapting the class and school curriculum content as well as resources for ORS students. She also taught students within the class or in small group settings.

Lynda West resigned as teacher aide of Special Educational Needs students at the end of Term 2. She continues to tutor the ESOL students.

Thomas Walsh, Catrin Scott and Julia Butler joined the team of Teacher Aides through the year to support specific students.

Gary Simmonds, although retired at the end of 2012, came in to do woodwork with a student in year 13 for 2 periods a week.

**Students**

Alexander Clarricoats completed his final year at FDMC. Alexander successfully completed the SPEC (South Pacific Educational Courses) Certificate in Supported Learning Level 1. He is the third student in New Zealand to achieve the NZQA recognised certificate with a suggested timeframe for completion of 4 - 5 years. Alexander also completed Level 1 NCEA. Alexander Clarricoats was enrolled in the Vocational Course at WITT to study Communication and Banking on Mondays and Cooking on Thursdays. He did work experience in the school libraries of St Joseph Primary,
Merrilands School and St John Bosco School. We are very proud of Alexander and have enjoyed his contributions to college life the last seven years. We wish Alexander well for 2014 when he will be a full time student at WITT in the Vocational Course.

Three mainstream students spent a period per day in the Benilde Pathway. They received learning support in their core subjects, completed Unit Standards (STAR & Correspondence School) and SPEC courses (South Pacific Educational Courses).

Liam McFarlane completed Level 1 NCEA this year and is well on his way to completing Level 2. Liam was enrolled in the Trades Academy programme through WITT and did a course in Hospitality on Mondays. We wish Liam well for 2014 when he will follow the CCP programme at FDMC.

Special Olympics
Alexander Clarricoats and Callum Butler took part in the Taranaki 5-a-side Football World Cup on 3 July in a team with three girls from Sacred Heart Girls College. Alexander played goalie and few balls passed him. On 24 September Alexander and Callum attended the Special Olympics Basketball. This time the boys made up a team with pupils from Stratford High and Alexander starred at basketball. Liam McFarlane helped as volunteer on both occasions and this was greatly appreciated. Monica Fenney transported the boys to and from the stadium and looked after them during the competitions.

Resources
The Parent Teacher Association generously donated funds for the purchase of iPads to be used in the Literacy Instruction and Special Educational Needs students. We plan to use them in a variety of ways to help the students to engage and complete tasks.

Conclusion
A highlight this year was when Alexander Clarricoats and his father Garth, thanked the school during assembly on 27 September for everything the college has done for Alexander at the college. It touched hearts when Alexander, a young man of few words, addressed the entire school. We wish him well as he leaves us at the end of this year and strives to fulfill his dream of working in a library.

As Christians in a Lasallian school we wish to include all students with Special Education Needs in our community and ‘walk the second mile’ with them. Saint John Baptiste De La Salle started a school for poor boys in Rheims and founded the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The primary purpose of the institution was to serve the educational needs of society, particularly among the poor. In the same spirit, we want to reach out to these students and meet their needs.
We started the year with four International students and finished with eight. The students are from Japan, Thailand and China with some in boarding while others are full-time homestay.

During the year I visited Japan and met with current student families, plus I had the opportunity to meet with two more students who will begin in 2014. I visited Ikubunkun Global High School and along with two others from schools in New Zealand, presented a seminar on Francis Douglas Memorial College to potential students.

I then attended a New Zealand Education Fair in Seoul, Korea and met with education agents and potential families. A highlight for me was meeting the Hon. Steven Joyce, who is an Old Boy of FDMC. He was very pleased to see our school at the fair. In Hong Kong I stayed with Brother Steve Hogan at La Salle College and met with education agents, and presented our school in small seminars.

The International students have settled in well this year and as well as attending classes, they have participated in a variety of sports such as rugby, soccer, badminton, waka ama, kendo, tennis, swimming and athletics.

As a group we have been on a variety of outings seeing the local area such as a Mokau river trip and Chaddy’s Charters, plus going further afield during the holidays to the Waitomo Caves and Rainbow’s End.

Our International Year 10’s attended TOPEC in Week 7, Term 4. So during Week 6, when most Year 10’s were either at TOPEC or work experience, the International Year 10 group spent a very enjoyable but productive week on outings based around research, history, Maori culture and Social Studies. This included climbing Paritutu; visiting Puke Ariki to learn about pre-European tools and traps with the Year 9 Social Studies group; visiting a farm and visiting the school farm; Orienteering in Pukekura Park and finally a trip to Tawhiti Museum. The boys completed the week with presenting a speech based on what they learned and what they saw. It was a very enjoyable week for all of us.

The International Department is looking strong for 2014 with some returning students and some new students.

Margie Smith
Director of International Students
This annual College fixture was held on Friday 15 February. Always a colourful occasion it was well supported by students and parents alike.

The rivalry got off to a good start with a close points tally but by the end of the day last year’s victorious house, Solomon, had come to the fore again beating its nearest contender by 250 points.
SWIMMING SPORTS

Year 7 Championship:
1st  Ethan Seed
2nd  Jonty Hughes
3rd= Joshua Hopkins
3rd= Jamie Kestle

Year 8 Championship:
1st  Matthew Meuli
2nd  Ollie O’Connor
3rd  Jack Spicer

Junior Championship:
1st  Oisin Quinn
2nd  Zac Reid
3rd  Riley Barrett

Intermediate B:
1st  Eliot Lundon-Moore
2nd  Cameron Tofts
3rd= Andrew Stevens
3rd= Reuben King

Intermediate A:
1st  Michael McKillop
2nd  Lachlan Stevens
3rd  Jack Earp

Senior Championship:
1st  Dylan Finnigan
2nd  Troy Adamson
3rd  Nick Tipler

Overall House Points:
1st  Solomon  1679
2nd  Loreto  1259
3rd  La Salle  1142
4th  Benildus  1135
Closely following on from the Swimming Championships came the Athletics’ Championships on Friday 8 March. The competitors and staff all handled the hot weather well and as always there were some great races and top-class field event competitions throughout the day. The highlight was the Senior High Jump after lunch, which caused a halt in the track programme while Matthew Codd and Karl Wright both broke the record, jumping 1.81m.

Other records set on the day:
Chris Bryan (LS) Year 8 Shot Put 10.45m, Kyle van der Merwe (LS) Senior Shot Put 17.91m and Senior Javelin 50.19m.
Solomon again proved too strong, holding off a strong finish from La Salle, with Loreto again forcing Benildus to remain holding the wooden spoon until the next competition.
ATHLETIC SPORTS

AGE GRADE CHAMPIONS

Year 7
1st Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens (B)
2nd Jonty Hughes (L)
3rd Oscar van Hattum (B)

Year 8
1st Chris Bryan (LS)
2nd Liam Moore (L)
3rd Javaahn Taumoepeau (S)

Junior
1st Caylem Cook (L)
2nd Polaiu’amea Kirifi (LS)
3rd Isaac Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens (B)

Intermediate B
1st Steven Snoxell (S)
2nd Jordie Barrett (L)
3rd Scott Chadwick (S)

Intermediate A
1st Thomas Wright (S)
2nd George Monk (B)
3rd Ben Moore (L)

Senior
1st Simon French (S)
2nd Brent Harrison (L)
3rd Kyle van der Merwe (LS)

HOUSE POINTS
1st Solomon 1657
2nd La Salle 1597
3rd Loreto 1543
4th Benildus 1275
SPORTS EVENTS

Feb 17 - TSS Golf Croquet
Felix Webby and Mason Porteous represented us at this inaugural event. A lot of fun was had along with a lot of learning.

Feb 26 - TSS Tennis vs NPBHS
Flying past Inglewood senior tennis team with an easy win in the semi final, nobody dropped a set in the singles and both pairs won without losing a set either. Next up we had NPBHS on the other side of town. The boys played really well and won some great points. Unfortunately NPBHS were too strong on the day and won with relative ease. Hard luck Beauden Fleming, Josh Murdoch, Thomas Kalin, Alex Gawler, Tyler Paterson and Cole Hareb. An improving sport at FDMC and is definitely one to watch.

March 6 - TSS Rogaine
Once again the TSS Rogaine competition was one of the biggest in the world and one that is good to be involved in. We had a number of teams entered with all of them doing very well in the huge field. The boys navigated their way around in the dark at Lake Mangamahoe extremely well. Our best team result on the day was a very good second place in the Intermediate boys category.

March 13 - TSS Lawn Bowls
TSS Lawn Bowls is another great event where there are always plenty of boys willing to get involved. Mr Dravitzki however had winning on his mind. With a few trainings he hand picked the top boys who will eventually go on to represent FDMC at the TSSSA Lawn Bowls event. Well done to Andrew Huesser and Cain Robinson who earned a very respectable 2nd place and were chosen to represent us at the regional events in Wanganui. Well done boys.

March 14 - TSS Athletics
One again FDMC sent a big contingent to the TSS Athletics at Inglewood’s TET Stadium. With the sun beaming down the boys did extremely well, once again representing our school athletics programme well. We managed to grab a lot of podium finishes, so well done to those boys.

Congratulations also to Caylem Cook, Polau’amea Kirifi, Patrick Hay, Du’Plessis Kirifi, Scott Murfitt, Brent Harrison, Matthew Codd, Ryan Hawken and Kyle van der Merwe for making the Taranaki Team which went on to represent us at the North Island Athletics meet.

March 17 - TSS Triathlon
One again we had a good showing of boys at this event. Congratulations to Dylan Finnigan for gaining a second place in the Senior Boys category.

May 17 - TSS Golf
Golf is always a very competitive event and 2013 was no different. The boys headed down to Manaia Golf Club ready for a long day of 18 holes. Unfortunately a mix of bad weather and lack of game time meant we came third, narrowly losing to NPBHS. Joe Conley however picked up best overall gross score in the boys’ section. A sign of good things to come.

May 23 - TSS Cross Country
Once again we travelled down to Hawera for another wet and cold Taranaki Cross-country. Our boys ran well and showed Taranaki what we are made of. Well done to these boys who ran some very good races.

Senior:
Nick Tipler 4th
Ryan Hawken 8th
Jeremy Radich 13th

Intermediate:
Ben Moore 5th
Thomas Wright 7th
Ethan Adams 10
Shaun Palmer 11th

Junior:
Sam Cleland 3rd
Matthew O’Connell 7th
Felix Webby 12th

We also picked up three 2nds in the 3 and 6 man teams events. Well done, boys.

June 30 - TSS Squash
This year we did not send the usual big contingent but those we did send played very well. A huge well done to Blake Habib who gained a 1st place in the E Grade competition.

August 11 - TSS Small Bore Rifle Shooting
This is an event the College excels in, having won this event four times in the last five years. The team went out there ready for another big shooting event. The boys shot well and blew the competition apart. We walked away from the competition with a first place in the teams’ competition again and a big well done to Mitchell Moratti who, for the second year in a row was awarded the top graded shooter award. Well done boys.
On behalf of the College I would like to thank all the rugby players this year and the wider college community for your continued support of Rugby at Francis Douglas Memorial College. 2013 has been another very good year with the College 1st XV leading the way.

The College 1st XV re-entered the U21 TRFU local competition. It was decided early on that they would only play the first round then pull out to focus on the Central North Island Competition and the Hibernian Cup. This proved to be a successful formula, with the 1st XV winning the first round of the TRFU U21 comp as well as winning both the Hibernian and Central North Island competitions. The 1st XV must also be congratulated for winning the traditional fixtures against NPBHS as well as beating Palmerston North Boys High School for the first time. They had a 19 game winning streak which resulted in them meeting Wellington College in the Hurricanes semi final. Alan Crowley completed his third year as 1st XV manager and I would like to truly thank him on behalf of the 1st XV and College rugby. His knowledge, professional approach and commitment to the College 1st XV has been certainly valued and appreciated over the past three years. A big thank you must also go to Steve Simpson for his dedication to the 1st XV team and his many years of service and involvement in college rugby. We wish Steve well in his new role in England coaching and teaching.

The College 2nd XV competed in Premier Secondary Schools’ competition, qualifying for the semi-final against Stratford. This team had a lot of young players in 2013 and it was pleasing to see their development during the season. The experience these players gained from playing in this competition against some quality high schools around Taranaki bodes well for the future. I would like to thank and acknowledge Charl van der Heever and James Rowland for their commitment and enthusiasm with the 2nd XV.

The 3rd XV played in a frustrating four-team competition this year. Full credit to them fronting up each week and developing a good style of rugby. This team went from strength to strength under the guidance of two wise rugby stalwarts Martin Dravitzki and Mark Walsh. There will be a number of players in this group that could certainly push for higher honors next season if they decide to put the necessary work in.

The 4th XV team had a very good year under the guidance of student coach Joel Scott. Their ruck and run philosophy seemed to work most weekends and it was probably just as well they had a large bench at times to get them through the games! Many of the 4th XV players were Year 13 students and will be welcomed by any rugby club throughout this province or beyond. However a number of players were Year 11 and 12 students, who will be coming back next year. I would challenge these students to put their names down for the second and first fifteen trials in 2014. Thanks to Renee Woollaston and Tina Dalliston for assisting the coaches and turning up to support them.

Chris Moller returned from a stint at Clifton Rugby to take over the Under 15 ‘A’ team in 2013. This team again played in a higher division to continue to extend the rugby abilities of younger players at College. It was a learning experience for many of the players in this team but something that will benefit college rugby in the future. The U15 team competed at the Hurricanes U15 Competition during tournament week winning the plate final.

Cameron Keech, Ethan Perrett, Logan Crowley, Michael Blanks and Blake Barrett teamed up to coach the under 15 ‘B’ team. They couldn’t quite manage to follow the success of the 2012 U15 ‘B’ team, but they did assist in developing the players skills and created an environment that players wanted to be a part of. A big thanks to all the coaches and players who fronted every week.

Thomas Walsh’s Under 15 Gold team narrowly missed out on making the final for the fourth year in a row. This team certainly grew during the course of the season and many players within will be pushing hard to make the U15 ‘A’ team next year. They certainly were not a big side but they played intelligent rugby and were successful because of this.

The Under 15 Red team, coached by students Brent Harrison and Chaz Jones, experienced another hard year in the U63kg division. Nevertheless the majority of players turned up each week displaying commitment and pride in the college jersey.

In 2013 the Under 12 and Under 13 rugby teams both played in the TRFU competitions. Both teams are to be commended for their efforts and resilience. I would like to express my thanks to Layne Greensill (U12 Coach) and Shane McDonald (U13 Coach). The efforts and commitment of both coaches and their helpers was very much appreciated by the College and players in the teams. There is some real talent coming through at both levels and it was great to see quality training sessions help develop the rugby skills of these younger players.

A special thank you must go to the following coaches who so generously gave of their time throughout the season and made a real difference to College Rugby:

1st XV - Steve Simpson, Tim Stuck, Alan Crowley
2nd XV - James Rowland, Charl van der Heever
3rd XV - Mark Walsh, Martin Dravitzki
4th XV - Joel Scott, Renee Woollaston, Tina Dalliston
Under 15 ‘A’ - Chris Moller
Under 15 ‘B’ - Cameron Keech, Ethan Perrett, Logan Crowley, Michael Blanks, Blake Barrett
Under 15 Gold - Thomas Walsh, Thomas Kalin, Paddy Ford
Under 15 Red - Brent Harrison, Chaz Jones
Under 13 - Shane McDonald
Under 12 - Layne Greensill

I would like to single the following students out for the contribution they have shown to rugby. Brent Harrison, Chaz Jones, Thomas Kalin, Paddy Ford, Logan Crowley, Michael Blanks, Cameron Keech, Blake Barrett, Ethan Perrett and Joel Scott. The commitment they have shown coaching a junior side as well as representing the 1st or 2nd XV has been appreciated.

Congratulations to the many College students who have been selected in the Taranaki age grade teams. Special mention to Logan Crowley for making the Hurricanes U18 Secondary Schools team; Blake Barrett, Liam Doherty and Cameron Keech for making the Hurricanes Schools Training Camp; Jordie Barrett and Du’Plessis Kirifi for making the Hurricanes U17 Tournament team. The significant representation of College boys playing at a higher level will benefit College rugby in the future.

Taranaki Under 18
Cameron Keech, Liam Doherty, Blake Barrett, Logan Crowley, Michael Blanks, Taani Uhlia, Daniel Bernet, Liam Bernet, Ethan Perrett, Paddy Ford, Logan Stevenson

Taranaki Under 16
Bryn Chard, Du’Plessis Kirifi, Steven Snoxell, Steven Dent, Mason Taylor, Ollie Polson, Jordie Barrett

Taranaki Under 16 2012
Eli Kneepkens (name was omitted from the 2012 school magazine report)

Taranaki Under 14
Taegan Harvey, Polaiu’amea Kirifi, Joel Chard, Isaac Kneepkens

Taranaki Under 13
Shamus Hurley-Langton, Mairenga Laapo

Taranaki Under13 2012
Liam Thomson (name was omitted from the 2012 school magazine report)

Northern Region Marist U13
Jacob Kneepkens. Congratulations to Jacob who has been selected in the Northern Region Marist U13 rugby team to play the Southern Region Marist team in Timaru on 9th November.

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 NPC, Super 15 and international rugby teams. Congratulations to old boys Scott Barrett and Teihorangi Walden for making the NZ U20 rugby team.

It was pleasing to see Teihorangi debut for Otago this year as well. Both these players were from the 2011 1st XV team. I must also commend Kane Barrett for his first season as captain of the Taranaki NPC team - it certainly was a difficult year and I am sure Kane will have learnt a lot from this. He led from the front as was displayed by his quality performances week-in-week-out. Deacon Manu continued to captain Fiji and Beauden Barrett and Conrad Smith continue to impress at the highest level in world rugby.

Finally, I would like to thank all our supporters and sponsors, especially Taranaki Civil Construction Limited. Simon Mulligan has continued to support college rugby over the past three years and we appreciate his generosity. Thank you also to John and Jacinta Hurley for the huge support you have provided to the 1st XV and College rugby.

Tim Stuck
Rugby Coordinator

Ex-FDMC Students Beauden Barrett, Liam Coltman and Conrad Smith all got the call up for All Black Rugby this year.

1ST XV RUGBY
2013 proved to be a very good year for the College 1st XV.

After not entering the local U21 TRFU competition in 2012, 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. Playing in this competition allowed the coaches to view new players, and gave the boys valuable game time as well as pushing them to perform for selection before the traditional college fixtures.

Pre-season training started in 2012 with the assistance of College ‘old boy’ Bailey Walsh. A big thank you must go to him for his efforts in organising fitness testing prior to the end of the school year and then giving up his time to assist the boys with their strength and conditioning programmes during the summer.
holidays. The benefits were certainly evident in the strength and size of some of the players at the start of the 2013 season. Steve Simpson would not have been happy unless a few 400m runs were completed before the season started and he managed to bring out a couple of classic ‘Simmo’ sessions.

After playing a couple of U21 games, the 1st XV travelled to Auckland to play De La Salle Mangere in the annual fixture. This was a difficult encounter and illustrated to all players the standards that would be required to be a successful rugby team within NZ. The College lost this one 18-6.

Our first Hibernian Cup game was against Bishop Viard who were new to the competition in 2013. We managed to beat them 34-10 before playing Hato Paora two weeks later and beating them 107-0. This wasn’t the ideal build-up to the Palmerston North Boys’ High School game but with a committed display by every member of the team, it resulted in a 20-3 victory. This was the first time the College had beaten PNBHS and it was a testament to the character of all 22 players. Blake Barrett scored a great try after putting together a series of phases; whilst the accuracy of Eli Kneepken’s boot allowed us to win quite comfortably in the end.

Two weeks later we had another test match against our cross-town rivals NPBHS. The winner of this game would go through to the next round of the Hurricanes and national knockout competition. Michael Blanks led the way with a brace of tries and Eli then kicked the game beyond reach. It was the biggest winning margin by the College to date, and it was even more satisfying to win at the Gully Ground. This win meant we would play PNBHS later on in the season.

The 1st XV finished the first round of the U21 TRFU Competition having beaten all of the local club teams and NPBHS. In the third year of the Hibernian Cup, we had finally managed to win it.

Results:
Bishop Viard 34-10 W
Hato Paora 107-0 W
St. Pats Town 28-13 W
St Bernards 49-3 W
St. John’s Hastings 111-7 W

The Central North Island Competition proved again to be a very good test between schools with similar rugby philosophies. This year it was decided that the top two teams would play off in a final at the end of the competition. In its second year running we managed to win every game including the final against St Paul’s Hamilton to claim the CNI Trophy.

Results:
Wanganui Collegiate 26-10 W
Lindisfarne 14-13 W
Rathkeale 49-7 W
Feilding High School 14-11 W
St. Paul’s 15-12 W
St. John’s 111-7 W
St. Peters 32-8 W
Final against St Paul’s 25-21W
As a result of beating NPBHS earlier in the year, we then had to play PNBHS to progress through to the next round of the national knockout. PNBHS travelled to New Plymouth and were greeted by a large contingency of faithful college supporters. This was an extremely physical encounter with both teams going from one end of the field to the other. PNBHS had grabbed a handy advantage just before the half time whistle and then scored again after the start of the second half. One of the reasons why it was such a successful season can be attributed to the belief and passion shown by all of our 1st XV players. College looked down and out but the Coaches injected the reserves onto the field, and they turned the game. For the first time we had not only beaten PNBHS once, but twice, in the same season. This was a great result and again it displayed the character and resilience of the 1st XV this year.

A massive thanks also goes to Alan and Susan Crowley. Alan, for his three years service to the 1st XV, and Susan, for having to do all the farm work when Alan was away on 1st XV trips! Steve, the players and myself, have appreciated the time and dedication you have given to all of us. Leaving the jerseys behind once in three years isn’t too bad!

The final game of the season was against Wellington College. The winner of this game would progress through to the final of the Hurricanes’ area. The commitment, attitude, self-belief and determination each player brought to the occasion was outstanding. Unfortunately a couple of errors and missed opportunities meant that we lost the game narrowly 11-6.

This game unfortunately ended a 19 game winning streak, which was the second best winning streak recorded in the country. The season was an exceptional one with many trophies and competitions being won. Each and every player helped contribute to this outstanding season both on and off the field. It was a special season, and even more so, due to the fact that long time coach Steve Simpson was departing for the UK. I would like to thank him for his dedication, enthusiasm and willingness to help drive the 1st XV programme in 2013 and during many previous years. ‘Simmo’ will forever be remembered by past players for his passion for the game and coaching. I am sure they will certainly remember some of his classic speeches! He is a great guy who has given so much, and I personally thank him for the five years we coached together.

I would like to wish all the boys departing from 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 just the start. My only wish is that you all remain in the game and compete well at whatever level that may be. Train and play like you have for us over the past season and I am sure there will be more College boys dotted throughout provincial, Super 15 and hopefully the international team. 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 2014.

Tim Stuck
1st XV Coach
2ND XV RUGBY
The selection of the 2nd XV team early in the year was very competitive with many of the boys having participated in the pre-season training camps run either by Mr Stuck and Mr Simpson or by Mr Rowland and Mr van der Heever. The squad of 22 was full of young and exciting talent with a few returning heads of experience to balance the mix.

The potential of the squad was unveiled when they travelled to Manukau with the 1st XV, to take on the brute force of De La Salle College. For a side with minimal size, the 2nd XV matched the physicality of the De La Salle boys valiantly. The match was lost in the last five minutes but this was not through lack of effort, passion or pride. Despite the result not going our way, there was a lot of good to be taken from this match and a promising season loomed ahead.

To the frustration of the players, coaches and supporters, the 2nd XV failed to fire in the first round of the regular season of the Taranaki Schools A Grade competition, going down to the Coastal 1st XV, Central 1st XV and NPBHS 2nd XV. The disappointing start to the season was due to a combination of lack of focus at training, changing combinations and tough opposition. The very real possibility of missing out on a semi-final berth saw us build momentum going into the second round. We had notable wins over the Central 1st XV (who were previously unbeaten and clear ahead of the rest of the teams on the competition table), and NPBHS 2nd XV. Both of these games were played in tough conditions. Both matches were ‘must-wins’, and booked us a tough semi-final against the top-of-the-table Central team.

An untimely holiday break right before the semi-final was possibly at fault for our semi-final loss, although beating Central at home is always a big ask. There was an eerie sense of déjà vu after the game for many of the senior players, as our semi-final loss on the same field also marked the end of our season in 2012.

Big thanks must go to our coaches, Mr Rowland and Mr V, who instilled a sense of self-belief into our team. It is their influence and mentoring which can be credited for our mid-season turnaround. Miss Phipps’ baking post-game was always something to look forward to; win or lose. Thank you to Tracy Polson and LIC who kindly sponsored our warm-up shirts. All the boys really enjoy having team memorabilia and I think we really looked the part pre-game in them.

Mostly, I’d like to thank the team for making my last season of College rugby as enjoyable as it was. I couldn’t imagine having shared it with a better bunch of guys. Thanks to Marty for stepping up to the Skipper’s role when employment struck Jamie Noakes, and good luck to the 2nd XV for 2014!

With the amount of young, exciting talent this year, I’m sure our 1st and 2nd XV’s will be formidable teams in 2014.

Matt Poole
Rugby - 3rd XV
Back Row: Aaron Tosland, Sean Bellamy, Finn Bourke, Ryan Merson, Brandon Martin.
Second Row: Mr M. Walsh (coach), Cameron Meads, Aaron Gao, Aaron Doherty, Patrick Costelloe, Federika Fidow, Joshua Mellow, Mr M. Dravitzki (trainer).
Front Row: Aiden Beer, Caleb Wheatley, Scott Anderson, Jackson Wright, Dermott Frenley (captain), Bryan Mascalag, Enele Fidow, Matt Cathie.

Rugby - 4th XV
Back Row: Charles Matthews, Blake Cameron, Trent Kleirisman, Slade Whalen, Jack Conway.
Second Row: Tom Aim, Nick Zeylemaker, Jack George, Louis Poole, Tyler Feakins, Seimi O’Mahony, Joel Scott (coach).
Front Row: Kirk Paterson, Ethan Muir, Joe Hau, Henry Miles (captain), Chris Appert, Jayden McLean, Caleb Smith.

Rugby - Under 15 A
Back Row: Cody Bunn, Bayley Betts, Liam Penn, Ziah Taumoepa, Jack Davies.
Second Row: Sean Dent, Joel Perrett, William Peters, Chris Bryan, Palau’aamea Kirifi, Joel Chard (vice-captain), Joshua Perrett, Mr C. Müller (coach).
Front Row: Chris Balsom, Connor Wilson, Luke Dravitzki, Shaun Phillips (captain), Cameron Barnes, Calum Cookson, Jamie Keegan.
Absent: Tobias Stark.

Rugby - Under 15 B
Back Row: Michael Blanks (coach), Bayley Cardie, Patrick Back, Joshua Trott, Connor McIay, Braedyn Emi, Joseph Landigan.
Third Row: Sam Cleland, Thomas Sutton, Olvin Quinn, Hunter Pult, Logan Crowley (coach).
Second Row: Cameron Kech (coach), James Asi, Kaylin Aylward, Hakatea Garikai, Trent Brophy, Zachary Smith, Liam Eliason, Matthew Kalin, Ethan Perrett (coach).
Front Row: Ethan Diamond, Kane Perrett, Iziah Willetts, Beni Kalin, Zaelynd Klaassen, Jacob Richards, Jackson Simclair.

Rugby - Under 13
Back Row: Sani Tuala, Jordan Roylance, Corban Jones, Rikki Sofeni, Gobi McCook.
Front Row: Harry Newman, Bailey Kuklinik, Jack Aim, Jesse Vertongen, Ben Aim, Camden Lacey, Ferguson Conley.

Rugby - Under 12
Second Row: James Lowgrove, Matt Allen, Reuben Brown, Blane McCook, Cristostio O’Mahony, Blake Carr, Calum Nickson.
Front Row: Alex Cousins, Finlay McGrath, Max Crighton, Cam Adamson, McGregor Smith, Leachie Greensill.
Rugby - Under 63kg Red

Second Row: Brent Harrison (coach), Nathan Hammersley, Mitchell Tregoweth, Bodie Butler, Kerigan Lindsay, Alex Lightbody, Caleb Schuler, Max Keig.
Front Row: Davy Rowe, Colby Wall, Joshua Hamer, Brad Saxton, Finbar Moriarty, Hayden Luckin, Jospeh Bemet.

Rugby - Under 63kg Gold

Back Row: Thomas Kalin (coach), Shamus Hurley-Langton, Owen Griffiths, Isaac Kneepkens, Oliver Bestall, Jarrod Walsh, Dylan Wheatley.
Second Row: Mr T. Walsh (coach), Liam McBreen, Andrew Adams, Elijah Bradford, Campbell Grayling, Jensen Taumoepeau, Dylan Calder, Jawaah Taumoepeau, Paddy Ford (coach).
Front Row: Liam Thomson, Josh Cathie, Blake Kalin, Cody Rothwell, Mason Porteous, Caleb Thomas, Mitchell Fleming.

Rugby - Year 7 & 8 Rugby League

Back Row: Jawaah Taumoepeau, Taiawera Ruakere, Jensen Taumoepeau.
Second Row: Jonathan Fidow (coach), Jordan Roylance, Jack Spicer, Jacob Ratamaitavuki-Kneepkens, Sari Tuala, Rikki Sofeni, Ziah Taumoepeau (coach).
Front Row: Aidyn Kettle, Lorenzo Taylor, Jesse Vertongen, Christopher Bryan, Tabare Rabangaki, Cam Adamson, Fergus Conley, Mrs R. Wackrow (coach).
Absent: Nathaniel Peters, Jason Burd, Tavita Capper, Ostyn Kahu, Maienga Laapo, Jacob Mander.

Boarders Cup 2013

Back Row: Matthew Poole (coach), Logan Crowley (coach), Mitchell Tregoweth, Patrick Titter, Caleb Thomas, Shamus Hurley-Langton, Matthew D’Connell, Yutaka Kunizaki, Josh Cathie, Sam Johnson, Liam Parker (coach), Sam Patten (coach), Brent Harrison (coach).
Middle Row: Dylan Calder, Tobias Stark, Corban Garner, Jonathan Dwayne, Patrick Back, Cameron Keeth (coach), Ethan Perrett (coach), Brad Saxton, Sam Cleland, Campbell Grayling, Zoejnd Klaassen, Rhys Taplin.
Front Row: Davy Rowe, Finbar Moriarty, Joel Ward, Josh Hamer, Jackson Sinclair (vice-captain), Tegran Harvey (captain), Kane Perrett (vice-captain), Ethan Diamond, Nathan Hammersley, Kaylim Zimmerman, Flyn Wise.
RUGBY LEAGUE

A coach should always listen to his/her players... especially the captain. Goodness knows Satch told me many, many times, “It’ll be all right Miss”, when I was overly nervous! And it was more than all right...the entire team played an outstanding game of league to retain the championship and thrill the supporters who had loyally attended each game. We were unbeaten again this year but it is really the boys’ positive, fun attitude that makes League such a highlight. The following excerpt is from the Taranaki Daily News:

Francis Douglas retain Rugby League Cup
Francis Douglas Memorial College made it back-to-back titles in the Willie Talau Cup after beating Waitara High School 36-6 in the season final in New Plymouth. On the back of dominant performances from Eli Kneepkens and Satch Pryor, Francis Douglas had the game won by halftime when leading 30-0.

Enele Fidow scored the first try for the home side before Kneepkens and Pryor scored a brace of tries each. Kneepkens converted all five tries to leave Waitara High School struggling to work out a way to combat the onslaught. Somehow they did find a way, through their forwards, to be more competitive and scored the first try of the second half when Elijah Toetoe crossed. Francis Douglas had the last say, however, when wing Stephen Snoxell scored an outstanding try after a 65m run down the touchline. Kneepkens’ conversion completed the scoring.

Another resounding win for the FDMC League legends!!!

Proud FDMC Rugby League Captain Satch Pryor being presented with the Willie Talau Cup by Grant Coward after a resounding win over Waitara in the final.

Junior Rugby League
Carrying on from a successful season last year, the College Rugby League Teams have continued their winning ways under the guidance of passionate coach Robyn Wackrow.

We practised. We tackled. We conquered! The FDMC team of Years 7 and 8 students was a delight to coach and spend a day creating Francis Douglas history. For the first time we succeeded in winning the tournament after a tough semifinal against Hawera and an even tougher final against Devon Intermediate. The final score was 14 to 12 and our boys were jubilant if exhausted!

Taihawea Ruakere, Christopher Bryan, Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Jacob Mander and Jensen Taumoepeau were chosen in the Tournament team. Jacob Mander was named best overall forward for his ‘get out of my way, I’m dangerous’ runs and tremendous tackles. Special mention must also be made of Tabare Rabangaki who tackled anything that moved and was fearless in running the ball up. In reality all the boys played outstandingly as a united team.

My thanks to Richie Blundell, Ziah Taumoepeau and Jonathan Fidow for their invaluable expertise and enthusiasm at practice and during the tournament. The challenge is now laid down to the Years 9 and 10 boys to continue the winning way and fun environment we are cultivating in Rugby League at FDMC.

Our winning FDMC team pictured is:

Robyn Wackrow
Rugby League Coordinator
Football was well under way at Francis Douglas in Term Two as Ricky Green’s departure became imminent and Ashley Reader-Nokes was appointed as Football Coordinator. This year we have had 12 teams ranging from U13 to Men’s Premier League. The 1st XI kicked off their season with a 3-3 draw against Moturoa. The boys played extremely well and were unlucky to not take all 3 points.

The first home game was against Eltham on the 20th April. This year we aimed to beat our 13th placing at the Premier National Tournament in Taupo. Qualification for this tournament began on 29th May against NPBHS.

The College would like to thank Pak’n Save for their continued support of the 1st XI this year.

All Youth and Junior graded competitions began on May 11th. This year the College fielded:
- 4 U13 teams
- 4 U15 teams
- 1 U17 team
- 2 U19 teams

The College would like to thank all the coaches, students and parents for their commitment and wish them good luck for the seasons ahead. Lastly we congratulate Liam Moore for making the National Talent Centre in the Easter Holidays and wish him all the best for the future.

Football Coaching

Congratulations to Liam Moore who was chosen to attend the National Training Centre coaching clinic held in Feilding.

Liam reports as follows:
“ I loved every bit of the camp and didn’t want to come home. It was a new experience for me and I learnt heaps. There were lots of NZ and overseas qualified coaches there including the U20’s NZ Men’s Assistant Coach, the NZ U17 Football Ferns coach and previous assistant coach of Fulham with a professional football license. Hopefully making this camp will help me with my dream of being a professional footballer, playing for Liverpool and being an All White.”

Liam Moore

Congratulations to FDMC Under 15B Football team who won the Plate final against the Woodleigh Youth team.

Ricky Green
Football Coordinator
**Winter Sports**

**1st XI FOOTBALL**
It was another full calendar for the 1st XI. Ash Reader-Nokes had to pick up the baton halfway through the season when he was appointed as Teacher-in-Charge of Football after Ricky Green’s departure to Indonesia. Here is a breakdown of some major matches played and results. Below those are the awards made to each team at the College Football Assembly in Term 4.

**FDMC vs NPBHS**
The 1st XI Football Team played NPBHS on July 14 and unfortunately lost 1-0 in the dying seconds of the game. FDMC dominated throughout the game but just couldn’t finish off their chances.

**Tournament Week**
On September 2 the 1st XI Football Team traveled to Taupo for Tournament Week. FDMC finished 12th in the Lotto Premier Tournament out of 32 teams. Top performances were given by Damien Mosquera, Patrick Hay, Jayden Taylor, Tim Heady and Karl Wright. Patrick Hay picked up the teams Most Valued Player Award for the tournament.

**Football Assembly**
Each team was awarded a Most Valued Player, a Players’ Player Award and a Most Improved Certificate in the Football Assembly in Term Four. Results for this are listed below.

**FDMC 7A**
- Coached by Manuel Luque
- MVP: Alfie Luque
- Players’ Player: William Hadley
- Most Improved: Colin Campbell

**FDMC U13A**
- Coached by Gavin Webber
- MVP: Ben Bradley
- Players’ Player: Ben Limmer
- Most Improved: Jacob Crawford

**FDMC Gunners**
- Coached by Monty Ammundsen
- 12th - 13th grade Division 3 winners
- MVP: Rory Maxwell
- Players’ Player: Ethan Turner
- Most Improved: Ben Fitzgibbon

**FDMC Athletic**
- Coached by Nick Tipler
- MVP: Ben West
- Players’ Player: Jarod Brophy
- Most Improved: Isaac Howell

**FDMC United**
- Coached by John Monk and Liam Brosnan
- Player of the year: Ben Collier
- Players’ player: Tim Hughson
- Most improved: Danyon Roguski

**FDMC Albion**
- Coached by Jack Earp and Patrick Hay
- Player of the year: Daniel Wells
- Player’s player: Joel Ward
- Most improved: Ben Zeylemaker

**FDMC Rangers**
- Coached by Kevin Clarke
- MVP: Joe Conley
- Players’ player: Michael Wells
- Most Improved: Quin Sorensen

**FDMC U15B**
- Coached by Steve Boschat
- U15 knock-out plate winners
- MVP: Isaac Brown
- Players’ Player: Jack Matthews
- Most Improved: Jay Chanpheng

**U15A**
- Coached by Kevin Best
- U15 knock-out cup winners and U17 league winners
- MVP: Shaun Limmer
- Players’ player: George Monk
- Most improved: Tyler Buckland

**U17 Junior Development**
- Coached by Andrew Moore and Les Effie
- Runners up in the Youth grade knock-out cup
- MVP: Tyler Paterson
- Players’ Player: Ben Moore
- Most Improved: Cole Hareb

**U17 Senior Development**
- Coached by Karl Wright
- MVP: Andrew Huesser
- Players’ Player: Max Hall
- Most improved: Jakcob Schrader

**1st XI**
- Coached by Ross Wright
- MVP: Damien Mosquera
- Players’ Player: Jayden Taylor
- Most Improved: Patrick Hay

At the Lotto Premier National Tournament where the 1st XI placed 12th in the country, a MVP was awarded to one player per team, nominated in each game by the opposition coach. At the end we tallied up who got MVP for the most games and that player won the award.

This year the MVP for the Lotto Premier National Tournament was Patrick Hay.

This year we had three boys represent Team Taranaki-Damien Mosquera, Patrick Hay, and Jayden Taylor. Team Taranaki is the top Football Team in the region which plays in the Federation League and faces teams from Wanganui, Palmerston North and Hawkes Bay. Although their playing time was limited because of school commitments one player was still awarded a major award at the end of year prizegiving.

This player was given the Most Promising Player’s Award, and that player is Damien Mosquera

**Ash Reader-Nokes**
Teacher in Charge of Football
Winter Sports

Football - U15 United
Back Row: John Monk (coach), Ben Collier, Taylor McDonald, Danyon Roguski, Karu Skipper, Ben Hall, Jack Koch, Miss C. Sugiyama (manager)
Absent: Liam Brosnahan (coach), Zaki Din, Kevin King, Asher Scott.

Football - Junior Development Team
Back Row: Mr A. Moore (coach), Ben Moore, John Monk, Jeremy Radich, Aaron Ritchie, Thomas Wright, Mathew Howcroft, Jack Earp.
Absent: Athol Keegan.

Football - Under 15 Interschool Team
Back Row: Leeroy Gonouya, Taine Julian, George Monk, Thomas Wright, Shaun Limmer, Joseph Crowe, Mr K. Best (coach)
Front Row: Daniel Heerdegen, Dawson Webber, Liam Moore, Ben Moore, Cole Hareb, Sean Mosquera, Alex Best.

Football - Under 15 B Team
Back Row: Miss C. Sugiyama (manager), Jay Changpheng, Jacob Mills, Ben Beer, Cooper Bradley, Jonathan Dwyer, Matt Jane, Michael McKillop (coach).
Absent: Sam Boschat, Mr S. Boschat (coach), Ryan Hawken (coach).

Football - Under 15 Albion
Back Row: Patrick Hay (coach), Joshua Howe, Rhys Taplin, Daniel Wells, Xander Campbell, Bailey Wenso, Dominic Smilie, Miss C. Sugiyama (manager).
Front Row: George Miles, Callum West, Kai Warburton, Joel Ward, Bryn Lawrence Pacheco, Benjamin Zeylemaker, Matthew Hooper.
Absent: Jack Earp (coach), Joseph Taylor.
Winter Sports

BasKetBall

Welcome to the FDMC Cardinals Basketball 2013 season. The College was well represented at all levels of local age group competitions with a total of ten teams competing in the six NPBA (local) competitions. Of these ten teams, eight qualified for playoffs with three placing as ‘Runners Up’ and two being crowned as ‘Champions’.

FDMC Cardinals Basketball proudly highlights each team, from Year 7 to our mighty Senior ‘A’.

Year 7  FDMC Yetties
Coach:  Ms Patty Ratumaitavuki

This was a team full of raw talent, height and speed: truly a coach’s dream. This great group of boys represented the College very well playing some really exciting basketball and doing what was asked of them off the court. They only lost two games in the regular season and won their semifinal convincingly. This took them to the ‘Final’ against their main adversary, Highlands Intermediate ‘A’. Although their team consisted of representative players, this proved to be no barrier as the boys played to their potential, winning by 20 points. They are the Champions of the NPBA Intermediate Schools’ Year 7 competition for 2013.

Team Awards 2013
Best Team Player  George Kerr
Most Improved Player  Logan Brophy
Best Defence Player  Mairenga Laapo
Most Valuable Player  Jacob Kneepkens

Year 8  FDMC Kingz
Coach:  Chaz Jones

This team coached by Chaz Jones, commenced the season precariously. As the competition progressed so did the players’ skills and confidence with each other. This resulted in the team progressing undefeated to the playoffs. Winning their semifinal comfortably, they took on the mighty Mangorei team and yes, gained victory in the ‘Final’ of the NPBA Intermediate Schools’ Year 8 competition.

Team Awards 2013
Best Team Player  Mason Porteous
Most Improved Player  William Hitchcock
Best Defence Player  Jarrod Walsh
Most Valuable Player  Mitchell Pelham

Year 9  FDMC Boarders
Coaches:  Troy Adamson
Steven Adams
Ryan Merson

A large squad of sixteen players turned up to represent La Salle House in the NPBA Secondary Schools Junior Boys’ Recreation competition played on Fridays after school and evenings. The boys responded well to the coaches and the team qualified for the playoffs. After successfully seeing off their opponents in the semifinal, they advanced to the Championship. This was a truly exciting game where the lead changed many times and a last gasp basket by the opposition had the team being awarded the placing of ‘Runners Up’.

Team Awards 2013
Best Team Player  Flyn Wise
Most Improved Player  Caleb Thomas
Best Defense Player  Sam Cleland
Most Valuable Player  Shamus Hurley-Langton

Year 9  FDMC Havago
Coaches:  Mr D. Manu
Mrs P. Cardie

Coached during school lunch times by Senior ‘A’ players and at games by Mr Manu for the first part of the season, and then by Mrs Cardie in the second half of the season, the team represented the College well all season to finish fifth in the NPBA Secondary Schools’ Junior Boys’ Recreation Competition.

Team Awards 2013
Best Team Player  Joshua Morris
Most Improved Player  Jacob Mills
Best Defense Player  Hunter Putt
Most Valuable Player  Thomas Wright

Year 10  FDMC Kings
Coaches:  Hamish Andrews
Henry Miles

This team had an outstanding season. They were undefeated in the regular season and finished in first place on the points’ table of the NPBA Secondary Schools’ Junior Boys’ Recreation Competition. The semifinal should have been a mere formality but due to unfortunate circumstances not all of the players attended their game and their opportunity for consecutive titles, was not to be. This team was comprised of an excellent group of boys who were coachable, competitive and compassionate.

Team Awards 2013
Best Team Rebounder  Sani Tuala
Best Team Player  Aidyn Kettle
Most Improved Player  Rory Maxwell
Best Defense Player  Tabare Rabangaki
Most Valuable Player  Taihawea Ruakere

Year 9/10  FDMC Junior ‘A’
Coach:  Ms Bridget Burke

Co-curricular Activities

Winter Sports
The Junior ‘A’ boys worked hard throughout the season to develop as players and gain success as a team. The team earned a very credible third placing in the NPBA Secondary Schools’ Junior Boys’ Premier Competition, and only narrowly lost to the ‘Runners Up’ by a single point in the semifinal. At the Taranaki Secondary Schools’ Sports’ Association Tournament for Junior Teams, the team again had success and placed as ‘Runners Up’.

This year’s Regional Tournament run by Basketball New Zealand for the Years 9 and 10 basketballers throughout the Central and Lower North Island, was held in New Plymouth. The boys again fought gallantly in all five games and won one in double overtime, to place 12th overall from the thirteen teams involved.

All players gave excellent commitment to learning the skills of basketball and also social networking by mixing with many other basketballers throughout the season. Their manners on and off the court were well received and they represented the College with ultimate pride.

**Team Awards 2013**

Best Team Player Nathan Cousins-Lapworth
Most Improved Player Ziah Taumoepeau
Best Defense Player Shaun Limmer
Most Valuable Player Samuel Wright

**Years 11 - 13 Senior Recreational Teams**

We had three teams: FDMC Da-Ref (Year11), FDMC Hospitaliers (Year 13) and FDMC Snr-Aidz (Year 13) competing in the NPBA Secondary Schools’ Senior Recreation Competition on Friday afternoon/evenings during Terms 2 and 3. These teams were all self coached and of the three teams the FDMC Snr - Aidz and FDMC Hospitaliers qualified for the playoffs with the FDMC Hospitaliers completing their season as ‘Runners Up’.

**Team Awards 2013 FDMC Hospitaliers**

Best Team Player Kurt Hagenson
Most Improved Player Cormac McCarthy
Best Defense Player Brent Harrison
Most Valuable Player Miguel Montalla

**Special Awards 2013 - Junior**

Most Improved Year 7 Player Logan Brophy
Most Valuable Year 7 Player Jacob Kneepkens
Most Improved Year 8 Player Rory Maxwell
Most Valuable Year 8 Player Taihawea Ruakere
Most Improved Year 9/10 Player Ziah Taumoepeau
Most Valuable Year 9/10 Player Samuel Wright
Most Outstanding Junior College Player 2013 Ethan Adams

**COLEGE 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 2013 journey commenced in mid-February when interested seniors were invited to attend preseason musters. At that stage the focus was on a combination of fitness and skill development.
A squad was pieced together full of fresh faces and two returning old hands. The 2013 Senior ‘A’ Basketball Team was filled with short-lived losses and a very promising future.

Entering 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 against St. Bernard’s from Lower Hutt. Playing away from familiar surroundings is always exciting as one is never too sure of expectations. Extreme hustle and great team confidence produced an excellent 31 point victory. The next competitive game involved cross-town rivalry with NPBHS. This was not such a good result when considering points on the scoreboard but a good result with regards to intensity and commitment.

Our next inter-school game was against St. John’s, Hastings. Using home-court advantage, ‘hustle’ and team confidence, we outlasted a very determined opponent, and won by eight points.

Continuing with the Medlab League Competition we registered good, bad and ugly results leading up to the BBNZ Region 3 Premiership Tournament, but qualified for the National Championships later in October.

The Premiership tournament arrived along with quiet confidence as we had a good pool and knew that if we played well we could place second and head towards qualifying. Alas this was not to be, as the different style of bustle took a while to get used to and although results were very close they were not to our advantage. The boys’ remained in good heart and gave us a satisfactory 15th placing from twenty-two teams.

Our final game in the Medlab League saw us competing in the semifinals against our old foe, NPBHS 1st V. Again the boys put in a solid effort against them but had no luck reversing the final outcome.

This was a commendable season but one which could not have unfolded without the expert managerial skills of Mrs Ria Coetzee and Mrs Collette Whalen. They were also given excellent support from ALL parents and friends. Special thanks must go to Carl Whalen who filled the gaps mentoring the team while Coach Cowie was away.

Thank you all so very much!

We eagerly await 2014 and the chance to welcome those who want to represent the College at the highest level of basketball.

**Team Awards 2013**

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**Special Mention of Representative Honours**

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To ALL Players, Coaches, Team Managers and Supporters, a HUGE THANK-YOU again for the many, many hours of voluntary time you have given to FDMC Cardinals’ Basketball season. You truly epitomize what TEAM represents. I invite you to join with me again in 2014 to create even more success.

Bouncing with Basketball,

**Andy Cowie**

FDMC Basketball Coordinator

Congratulations to our Year 7 Basketball team who won their league in a final against Highlands 39-20. Pictured above are: Finlay McGrath, Joshua Orr, Jacob Campbell, Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkins, Mairenga Laapo, Logan Brophy, Finn Morris (obscured), George Kerr, Jamie Kestle, Patty Ratumaitavuki (Coach) and Liam Copestake.
Basketball - FDMC Junior A

Back Row: Nathan Cousins-Lapworth, Polaiu’amea Kirifi, Ziah Taumoepeau, Isaac Ratumatavukivu Kneepkens, Mrs B. Burke (coach).
Front Row: Felix Webby, Matthew O’Connor, Lachie Landreth, Samuel Wright (captain), Ethan Adams, Owen Griffiths, Shaun Limmer.

Basketball - FDMC Havago

Back Row: Louis Coetzee (coach), Jarrod Walsh, Bodie Butler, Joe Hau (coach).

Basketball - FDMC Hospitaliers

Front Row: Eric Yang, Miguel Montalla, Andrew Putt, Chaz Jones, Cavan Wild, Brent Harrison, William Aye.

Basketball - FDMC Senior Aidz

Back Row: Ethan Perrett, Blake Cameron, Cameron Keech.
Front Row: Liam Parker, Matthew Poole, Charles Matthews, Luke Taplin.

Basketball - FDMC Yetties

Back Row: Louis Coetzee (Assistant Coach), Logan Brophy, Joshua On, Joe Hau (Assistant Coach).
Front Row: Finlay McGrath, Jamie Kestle, Luke Parkinson, Jacob Ratumatavukivu Kneepkens, Jacob Campbell, Liam Copestake, Finn Morris.
Absent: Ms P. Ratumatavukivu (coach).

Basketball - FDMC Kings

Back Row: Chaz Jones (coach), Javaahn Taumoepeau, Corban Jones, Chris Bryan, Jensen Taumoepeau, Rory Maxwell.
Front Row: Camden Lacey, Fabian Rangakai, Sam Tuala, Taihawera Ruakere, Jordan Rowlence, Cam Adamson, Aidyn Kettle.
Basketball - FDMC Kingz
Back Row: Hamish Andrews (coach), Hunter Putt, George Monk, Henry Miles (coach), Tyler Feakins (coach).
Front Row: Joshua Morris, Jacob Mills, Liam Pelham, Thomas Wright, Jahdal Jordan, Tyrone Brown.

Basketball - FDMC Da-Ref
Back Row: Callum Cookson, Oliver Polson, Jeremy Wise, Chris Appert, Steven Snoxell.
Front Row: Alan Mansell, Joshua Perrett, Aaron Gao, David Gardner, Joshua Mellow, Matt Cathie.
Absent: Maxim Stena, Kale New.

Basketball - Year 9 FDMC Boarders
Back Row: Troy Adamson (coach), Shamus Hurley-Langton, Patrick Back, Sam Cleland, Brad Saxton, Zaelynd Klaasen, Caleb Thomas, Ryan Menon (coach), Steven Adams (coach).

NZSS Multi Sport
Left - Right: Shaun Palmer, Connor Lindsay.
1st XI Hockey

The 2013 Hockey season saw some good results for the First XI. With a growing squad and some young members we showed promise from the start of the season. With the Taranaki Secondary Schools’ Competition being tight between Boys’ High, Stratford and the College, some close games were played. The College side struggled early in the season with the lack of pre-season trainings proving to be fatal. The highlight of the school grade season came with the win over a strong Stratford side 1-0. With the team playing well and passing the ball around, we showed our real potential. Unfortunately this came a bit too late in the season with the boys firing against Boys’ High in their last game. The College was up by one until the final whistle when an umpiring decision saw a late goal leveling the scores for a draw. This left the boys devastated and hungry for wins during tournament week. Narrowly missing out on the finals, the College side finished in a respectable 3rd place.

The National 4th Tier Tournament was held in Carterton this year. The College side was put into what was dubbed the “pool of death”, only notching up one win in pool play. However the College beat the team who eventually went on to win the tournament. College put on 4 goals over the Kapiti College side in just 25 minutes and once again showed their real potential in a game that mattered. This fired up the side to ensure they sent off their senior players with a good result. The boys had some good games to finish in 11th place.

I’d like to give special thanks to everyone who made the team possible this year including the coaches and managers who helped us to field a team must be thanked. The successes of the team would not have been possible without them. I’d also like to say a farewell to Chad Knowles, Joseph McLay, and Liam Bernet. Good luck to the boys for next year and always wear the college jersey with pride.

Thomas Schaare
1st XI Captain

Hockey - 2nd XI

Second Row: Joseph Bernet, Thomas Morgan, Jack Hutchins, Bailey Wisnewski, Callum Milner, Samuel Johnson, Jacob Taplin.
Absent: Corben Le Breton, Lewis Retai, Maiaore Wanoa-Sundgren.

Hockey - Yr 7 & 8 team

Back Row: Method Te Huia, Liam Turner, Jack Spicer, Jacob Campbell, Christian Fletcher.
This year badminton at FDMC has been through a rebuilding season with a number of experienced and highly ranked players leaving school in 2012.

Despite this, the Badminton Club has had a major boom in numbers joining, with a record 47 interested students. Unfortunately the limited court space and time available allowed only 30 boys to continue. As the season progressed the boys worked enthusiastically building skills in the basics of badminton.

An appreciative thank you to our senior students and Club Captains, William Aye and Aaron Ritchie, for leading the club this year. They worked hard setting up and assisting with coaching the junior boys.

A big welcome also to a number of our International Students who participated with enthusiasm every Tuesday. They definitely added some flair and fun to each session.

This year’s TSSSA Badminton Tournament was contested by Hayden Moral, Taine Win, William Aye and Aaron Ritchie. They represented the school admirably but did not manage to make any semi-finals.

Finally a huge thank you and farewell to our long serving Badminton Coordinator, teacher, coach, mentor and badminton guru, Mike Crow. He has been the life and backbone of the badminton programme over the last 14 years and his experience and expertise will be sorely missed. Thank you Mr Crow. We look forward to developing the future stars for badminton in 2014.

Ronie Asi
Newly appointed Badminton Coordinator

TSSSA Golf
Golf is an event we are always very competitive in and 2013 was no different. The boys headed down to Manaia Golf Club on 17 May, ready for a long day of 18 holes. Unfortunately a mix of bad weather and lack of game time meant we came home in third position, narrowly losing to NPBHS. Joe Conley did, however, pick up the best overall gross in the boys section. Hopefully this is a sign of good things to come.

James Rowland
Sports Coordinator

Golf
Back Row: Jordie Barrett, Alex Kalin, Scott Anderson.
Front Row: Matthew O’Sullivan, Sam Hitchcock, Joe Conley, Jack Ternouth.

BMX
Left - Right: Ben Bradley, Shaun Bradley, Steven Snoeell, Caleb Davis, Shamus Hurley-Langton.
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Winter Sports

TSSSA Cross Country
On May 23 we once again travelled down to Hawera for another wet and cold Taranaki Cross Country. Our boys ran well and showed Taranaki what we are made of. Well done to these boys who ran some very good races.

Senior:
Nick Tipler 4th
Ryan Hawken 8th
Jeremy Radich 13th

Intermediate:
Ben Moore 5th
Thomas Wright 7th
Ethan Adams 10th
Shaun Palmer 11th

Junior
Sam Cleland 3rd
Matthew O’Connell 7th
Felix Webby 12th

We also picked up three 2nds in the 3 and 6 man teams events. Well done boys.

James Rowland
Sports Coordinator

FDMC Cross-Country Team
This was the first year the FDMC Cross-Country Team had been up and running in the College. The major push was to get students into cross-country and road running. The Cross-Country team started training twice a week during the summer months of Term 1, where the students were rewarded with a swim in the school pool after training. As the year wore on, trainings were reduced to once a week due to the week being dominated by winter sports code practices. This however did not effect the results of what the team achieved.

The Brenda Ballinger Memorial Run was an intermediate race where runners in Years 7 and 8 were put head to head at Highlands Intermediate school. FDMC won the team’s race after getting the best placings.

The second major event was the Wanganui Round, the Lake Relay. This was a great opportunity for FDMC to show what they were made of in a Central North Island competition. The Intermediate team of Liam Moore, Ben Leary, David Barnard, and Jordan Roylance placed third overall. The Year 9 team did even better with a second place finish, with a team comprised of Zac Reid, Felix Webby, Thomas Morgan, and Sam Cleland. This was a fantastic achievement by all the boys, as a lot of them had never competed in events like this before.

The ‘icing was put on the cake’ when some of the Cross-Country Team competed in the Taranaki Primary Schools’ Cross-Country Championship held in Hawera. FDMC’s Liam Moore was crowned winner of the 13 year old boys race after a nail biting finish, where he just managed to beat a Mangorei School’s runner. Well done to Liam and all those who competed on the day.

2014 is also looking to be a good year with personalised sport shirts, more events, and more locations to train in. This will hopefully give running at the College a boost and encourage more students to become fit.

Nick Tipler
Year 12 Student

FDMC Intermediate Years 7 and 8 Cross Country
Congratulations to all the Years 7 and 8 students who participated in this cross country. Liam Moore closely won the race with a sprint finish across the line.

Results are:
Year 7
1. Jacob Kneepkens
2. Jamie Kestle
3. Jacob Campbell

Year 8
1. Liam Moore
2. Ben Leary
3. David Barnard

Tim Stuck
HOD Sport

Taranaki Junior Cross Country
Congratulations to Liam Moore on his first placing in the 13 year old age group and to the winning FDMC team of Liam Moore, Ben Leary, Jordan Roylance and Mason Habib, who also won in that age group. Congratulations also to the 12 year old age group winning FDMC team of David Barnard, Brayden Herbert, Jacob Kneepkens and Jacob Campbell.

Cross Country Team
Back Row: Shaun Palmer, Timothy Headey, Ryan Hawken, Thomas Wright, Jeremy Radich, Steven Adams
Front Row: Thomas Morgan, Isaac Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Polaisi’amea Kirifi, Nicholas Tipler, Connor Lindsay, Sam Cleland, Felix Webby
TEN PIN BOWLING

The TSSA Ten Pin Bowling tournament was held at the refurbished Bowlarama venue on Sunday the 9th of June 2013. Forty Francis Douglas boys fronted up at 8.15am on this cold and rainy Sunday morning. This year Francis Douglas entered ten teams into the tournament. Twenty-seven boys only teams were entered overall.

The early start did not hamper our ability and Francis Douglas won the trifecta gaining first, second and third placings. We also won the overall trophy which hasn't graced our trophy cabinet for a few years now. Congratulations to the following teams:

1ST PLACE  
Jack Earp  
Corbin Porteous  
Liam Bernet  
Hamish Andrews

2ND PLACE  
Isaac Brown  
Taine Julian  
Jack Newell  
Cooper Bradley

3RD PLACE  
Joe Conley  
John Cardy  
Kurtis Grainger  
Bailey Wisnewski

4TH PLACE  
Adam Baldwin  
Thomas Reumers  
Andrew Stevens  
Luke Dravitski

5TH PLACE  
Shaun Limmer  
Thomas Hadley  
Daniel Wells  
Daniel Chow

Ten Pin Bowling

Second Row: Josh Morris, Robson Chapman, Bodie Butler, Tom Reumers, Andrew Stevens, Mason Porteous, Daniel Gallo, Felix Webby.
Front Row: Isaac Brown, Thomas Hadley, Jack Earp, Liam Bernet, Hamish Andrews,Corbin Porteous, Daniel Chow, George Miles.


sjaane simpson  
Bowling Coordinator

Thanks for your commitment and participation boys. It was a lot of fun watching you enjoy the game so much. I look forward to your continuing success in 2014. Get some practice in beforehand.
On the 17th August twelve Francis Douglas boys and Four girls from Sacred Heart Girls College travelled to TOPEC to compete in the ‘Get2Go Challenge’. The Get2Go Challenge is an entry-level adventure race for Years 9 and 10 students all over New Zealand. It includes a range of disciplines including orienteering, kayaking, mountain biking and a little bit of problem solving.

There were two teams from FDMC: One was an all boys team and the other a mixed team. The teams were lucky to have the expert advice and coaching from two Year 11 adventure racers. These boys proved valuable assets to the teams. Weekly training sessions were held and our team built up navigational and mountain biking skills as well as general fitness.

The day started with a mountain biking relay around the TOPEC bush tracks; the teams had to do as many circuits as they could in the given time, with added points for hitting the jumps and balance boards dotted along the circuit. The planned water activity was cancelled however, as the river was too dangerous because of recent rain. Instead, a team building activity was introduced. Finally the orienteering leg around Lake Mangamahoe took place. The teams ran through the small backtracks of Mangamahoe and returned torn with gorse, muddy but still smiling.

The final results for the teams saw the mixed team finishing with a third and the all boys team finishing in 7th place.

The conditions were perfect for racing with blue skies and firm snow all day. Each racer had two electronically timed runs down a Giant Slalom course. The best time was chosen to select the placings and school points.

Results Skiing:
Junior boys 1st Truman Edwards
4th Noah Edwards
Senior Boys 2nd Lao Vickers
4th Riley Looker

Results Snow Boarding:
Junior Boys 1st Charlie George
3rd Cameron Sharrock
4th Jack Williams
Senior Boys 4th Wade Sutton

Francis Douglas won the event followed by NPBHS then SHGC. This was an excellent result from our boys.

It was a pity it clashed with the Sports Tournament Week because FDMC could have used the perfect conditions to hold our own school competition if all the students were not on other sports exchanges.

John Neeson
Snowsports Coordinator

North Island Secondary Schools’ Skiing Competition
This was held over the three days of 16th, 17th and 18th September at Turua Ski field. We entered two teams as we have done in other years but our numbers were down due to the clash with internal NCEA assessments in the senior school.

This event is still one of the largest Snowsport competitions in the Southern Hemisphere, with approximately 500 entries.

The first day was fine and the snow was icy which is great for racing. The timed Giant Slalom race was held giving individual times to all athletes. Our best results were Truman Edwards coming 12th and Cole Hareb-18th out of 150 in the Junior Boys. The Tuesday events were postponed because of high winds.
The wind had dropped. Our two Year 11 boys had to sit their MCAT Maths exam at Ruapehu College at 7.30am. Following this we drove up the mountain to compete in the dual slalom. In this event two athletes race head to head down a slalom course to decide on a winner. Each athlete gains points for their school on their performance. It is an exciting and entertaining event to watch. Winners for this event for our school were Zachary Smith and Riley Looker.

It is unfortunate that even though we have many skiers in the school that want to compete, we can only enter limited numbers. It would be good to hold a school competition if the snow and the weather fitted into the school calendar. It was a great three days of competition and our boys skied well.

John Neeson
Snowsports Coordinator

The first day, Monday, was a ‘learning the ropes’ sort of day where everyone got the feel of what they were doing. Tuesday was an average second day as some students were still learning to ride while others were carving it up! Wednesday was an unlucky day with lots of rain and vicious winds from 70-90km, which resulted in movies in the lodge, and also some time building snow caves. However, hope was not lost as winds and rain stopped for Thursday, leaving everyone to enjoy a small amount of snow. By then everyone was on their feet and enjoying themselves. This lasted through until 6:00pm in the evening when everyone headed back to the lodge with big smiles on their faces, eager to get back out the next day. And of course on Friday we were all up as early as 6.00am and ready to get out by 8:30am to have a last blast in the snow until it was time to leave at 12.00 midday.

It is safe to say, all students and adults enjoyed the trip (except for cleaning duties of course!) being in a communal environment and learning alongside their friends and sleeping in rooms with groups picked by the students. We all took turns to read the recipes and cook the night’s meal.

I, and surely all those who participated, will highly recommend this awesome trip to future students. Those who enjoy camping will love it and most definitely have an unforgettable experience. The staff working at the Tukino lodges are also very friendly and great to chat with.

Thanks to the teachers and parents for a trip to always remember.

Iziah Willetts
Year 10 Student
2013 was a breakthrough year for cricket at the College. The school had record numbers of boys playing our summer game and also achieving great results at all levels, from Year 7/8 Senior Primary to the 1st XI in the Premier Men’s grade. I would personally like to thank Lauren O’Reilly who organised the Junior Cricket this year, and has continued to dedicate a large amount of time to these boys.

TIMBERCO have 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, Debuj Banik and harness his specialist cricket coaching skills. New nets have been installed in the cricket turf and the 1st XI look sharp in their playing strips and warm up uniforms.

Roger Stachurski of Stachurski Motors has also been a huge supporter of College cricket and has supplied Debuj Banik with a car once again. Warren Richardson of Western Auto Services provides any mechanical help that is needed with the vehicle. Thanks for your amazing support.

This season Taranaki Civil donated a heavy roller for the grass pitch. This made a noticeable difference with our grass wicket being declared once again one of the best club pitches in Taranaki. Thanks to the fantastic groundsmen we have at the College. Rodney, Neville and Miles put in massive hours preparing the grounds for Saturday cricket with immaculate results.

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 and trained coaches. The 2nd XI have been well looked after by Bernard O’Neill and Thomas Walsh who did an outstanding job. Our junior teams have had excellent support from Jamie Watkins, Mr Nick Taylor, Sam Barrett, Brent Bishop, Luke Tuckett and Ryan Watson, all highly regarded coaches from the various cricket clubs in Taranaki. Our Year 7 and 8 boys receive coaching from our 1st XI cricketers and this opportunity provides great role modeling and leadership for our senior students.

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 appreciated.

Last season the following teams were entered in competitions:

Term 1 and Term 4 2013:
1st and 2nd XI (Taranaki Men’s grade) - 2 teams

Term 1 and Term 4 2013:
Cricket teams involved in Saturday Morning Cricket

Year 7 - 8 Senior Primary - 7 teams (4 in term 1, 3 in term 4), Year 9 - 13 5th Grade Saturday Morning - 10 teams (6 in term 1, 4 in Term 4)

I was especially proud of our 1st XI in the 2012/13 season. This team had a hallmark season, making the semi finals of the One Day and Two competitions and the final of the Twenty 20 competition. The Year 7/8 Primary Cup team also had an exceptional season making the top 6 in NZ and coming First equal at the national tournament. A huge congratulations to the boys involved in these teams.

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, it is great to see so much young cricketing talent coming through the College. Good luck with your summer tournaments and progressing onto representing Central Districts.

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 and Higher Honours 2011/2012 Season

Taranaki U13:
Matthew Allen, Matthew Meuli, Jack Krutz,
Taranaki U15:
Sean Mosquera, Robson Chapman, Finbar Moriarty,
George Monk, Jesse Vertongen, Thomas Wright
Taranaki U17:
Quin Sorensen, Bailey Wisnewski, Joseph Brophy,
Taranaki U19:
Cameron Meads, Daniel Bernet, Matthew O’Sullivan,
Martin Keegan,
Taranaki Mens: Jordie Barrett

Mark Wales
Director of FDMC Cricket

Congratulations to our Senior Primary Div 1 Team the ‘Ryders’ who won a closely fought semi-final against our other Div 1 team the ‘Taylors’ to qualify for the final played at Pukekura Park on Sunday 7th April. Unfortunately on the day the Ryders lost to a very strong Highlands 1st XI. The team represented the college with pride and good sportsmanship. Thanks to Cameron Meads (student coach) and Craig Vertongen (parent coach) for their hard work during the season.

Lauren O’Reilly
Junior Cricket Coordinator
The team consisted of experienced Year 12/13 students Sam Fastier, Gerald-John Pike, Shaun Sullivan and Ricky Riccitelli all of whom have played at least four seasons of premier cricket in the 1st XI. Added to this was the exciting talent of the younger Year 12 players coming through in Daniel Bernet, Cameron Meads and Michael Blanks. Following these boys were the young chargers such as Matthew O’Sullivan, Quin Sorensen, Bailey Wisnewski and Joseph Brophy. Coaching the team were Debu Banik and former Black Cap / Central Districts opening batsman Peter Ingram.

The season started in early October 2012 with the One Day competition held on concrete artificial pitches. The team did enough to make the semi finals with two wins and a rain-out. However, a massive highlight in this competition was the sparkling win over cross-town rivals NPBHS in a closely contested match. The ‘Challenge Trophy’ gifted by Dave and Cheryl Leuthart of TIMBERCO was up for grabs and FDMC got its name engraved on it again.

The two-day season started in early December and proved to be a successful format for the boys. We again made the semi finals in the Two Day competition - backing up from last season where we did the same. Our overall statistics for the Two Day competition were that we played eight games, winning four, and losing four.

Some highlights from the Premier Grade Competition were the star performances by individual players. With the bat Sam Fastier scored 108*, Peter Ingram scored 111 and 137* and Shaun Sullivan scored 137*. With the ball Jordie Barrett took 8 / 16 and 7 / 48, Cameron Meads took 7 / 49, Matthew O’Sullivan took 7 / 31.

The annual Twenty 20 season again proved a hit with the boys and much fun was had in the shortened version of the game. We did extremely well this year making the final of this competition. After a thrilling victory against Marist United the boys played on the prestigious Pukekura Park in the final versus Woodleigh. In a closely fought match the College side came away second best.

We played a number of traditional College games throughout the season. All of our College games were home matches this year and played at the College. The first match was played against St Patrick’s College, Silverstream (Wellington). The College managed an easy win with Quin Sorensen being the standout with the bat, scoring 64 and Cameron Meads taking three wickets. The next game was against St Peter’s
The College took away another great victory with Quin Sorensen batting well again, scoring 54 runs. The final College game was a two day game v.s. St Patrick’s College (Wellington). After being bundled out for 29 in the first innings the College managed to get themselves back into the game with some brilliant bowling by Michael Blanks who took ten wickets for the match. The match went right down to the wire and in the end St Patrick’s came out on top.

The Gillette Cup knockout matches were held in late February and started off with an easy win against Inglewood High School. We then met a hungry NPBHS side eager to take the Challenge Trophy off our hands. The College side proved victors in a one sided match. Quin Sorensen, Luke Dravitzki and Daniel Bernet all put in solid performances with the bat. We then travelled to Whanganui to play Wanganui Collegiate. We played well, scoring a respectable total but not enough to defend unfortunately, as the Collegiate batsmen chased down our score.

In the 2013/14 season the team has put in some solid performances in the One Day Competition, retaining the Challenge Trophy against NPBHS in their first One Day clash of the season. We hope this winning form continues for the summer!

I would personally like to thank Debu Banik who coached the team last season and will continue to do so in 2013/14. I also thank Peter Ingram for his input into FDMC cricket as a coach and groundsman. His dedication to the preparation of the grass pitch as school was amazing and will be sorely missed. Finally, my thanks must go to our amazing scorer Sally O’Neill who mastered the complexities of the iPad to score every game throughout the long season. This was greatly appreciated by the boys who were given detailed feedback about each match they played. 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.

Awards

Kirk Family Trophy for Most Valuable Batsmen: Quin Sorensen (530 runs in the season)
D’ath Family Trophy for Most Valuable Bowler: Jordie Barrett (43 wickets in the season)
Fleming Trophy for Most Improved Player: Cameron Meads (235 runs in the season and 35 wickets)
Bolstad Trophy for Most Valuable Player: Daniel Bernet (over 500 runs and over 20 catches)
Peter Stachurski Trophy for Most Promising Player in 1st XI: Quin Sorensen
Br. Peter Smyth Trophy for Contribution to Cricket: Cameron Meads

Mark Wales
FDMC Cricket Coordinator
YEAR 7/8 ACTIVE POST PRIMARY CUP CRICKET NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

FDMC Primary Cup Cricket Team - 1st Equal in NZ!
Our Years 7/8 Primary Cup team had an exceptional season this year. On Tuesday 29th October the Year 7/8 Primary Cup team travelled to Wanganui to play in the Central Districts playoffs to find the team to represent CD (Central Districts) in the finals tournament later this term.

In this competition the boys played two matches of Twenty 20 cricket. In the first game the boys competed against Wanganui Intermediate and won convincingly, scoring 107 runs and bowling Wanganui out for 28. In the second game the boys came up against Havelock North Intermediate and bowled extremely well - dismissing the side for 46. This target was chased down easily in 6 overs.

This meant that the team would travel to compete at the New Zealand finals held on the 27th - 30th of November this year with 5 other teams from around the country. At the national tournament the team put in an outstanding performance, coming first equal in New Zealand (third on run rate).

The first day of the tournament was held in windy cold conditions and the team was beaten by Raroa Intermediate. However, in the second game the boys lifted their game and took out Belmont Intermediate from Auckland. The second day brought rain in the morning so our game versus Heaton Intermediate was called off. The weather cleared in the afternoon and we managed to get a great win over John McGlashan College from Dunedin. The final day of the tournament was played in much better weather and we managed a solid victory over Tauranga Intermediate. The calculators came out to calculate the net run rate of the three teams tied on points. Unfortunately we were 0.0575 away from First and Second placings - a very small margin indeed!

All the boys played amazing cricket at the tournament, but I would like to single out three boys who contributed exceptional performances. Jesse Vertongen scored 159 runs in four games. He was the highest scorer for the tournament. Matthew Allen scored 130 runs and took 5 wickets and was second on the overall MVP leader board. Matthew Meuli took 6 wickets and was 5th on the MVP leader board. Congratulations to these boys - an exceptional effort!

The latest scoop on the FDMC Primary Cup Cricket team - 1st equal in NZ! What a fantastic result!

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Cricket - FDMC Septic Tanks  Semi Finalists in Secondary Schools Division 1
Front Row: Joe Conley, Joshua Gibbon, Max Hall, Nick Zeylemaker, Liam Bronsahan, Jason Bowe, Kirk Paterson.

Cricket - FDMC Gold  Secondary Schools Division 1
Absent: Ben Moore.

Cricket - FDMC Taylors  Senior Primary Division 1
Back Row: Bailey Wisnewski (student coach), Tom Conway, Jack Spicer, Jensen Taumoepeau, Jawaah Taumoepeau, Corbin Richardson, Quin Sorensen (student coach).
Front Row: Finn Morris, George Kerr, Ben Limmer, Matthew Meuli, Jack Krutz, Jonty Hughes, Finlay McGrath.

Cricket - FDMC Ryders  Senior Primary Division 1
Back Row: Blaque Macleod, Declan Barrett, Joel Heyen, Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Campbell Lusk, Bailey Kulikinski.
Front Row: Corban Dravitzki, Ethan Webber, Cam Adamson, Jessie Verlongen, Matt Allen, Tyler Webber.

Cricket - FDMC Ingrams  Senior Primary Division 2

Cricket - FDMC Vettories  Senior Primary Division 2
Back Row: Shaun Limmer (student coach), Jacob Crawford, Jacob Campbell, Riley Davison, Joshua Orr, Method Te Huia, Patrick Butler, Jakob Schneider (student coach).
**Cricket - FDMC Yellow**  Secondary Schools Division 3

**Back Row:** Bryn Lawrence Pacheco, Daniel Wells, Dominic Jacquemard, Ben Hall, Jacob Mills, Lachie Landreth.

**Front Row:** Hayden Luckin, Thomas Morgan, Jacob Richards, Sean Mosquera, Liam Thomson, Jonathan Brusnahan.

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**Cricket - FDMC Red**  Finalists Secondary Schools Division 3

**Back Row:** Prathik Rajasingh, Bodie Butler, Kavin Vanhoff, Zeb Brophy, Matthew Jane.

**Front Row:** Joseph Bernet, Cobi McCook, Robson Chapman, Jordan Barnett, Felix Webbly, Ethan Clarke, James Hall.

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**Cricket - FDMC Black**  Secondary Schools Division 3

**Back Row:** Danial Gallo, Samuel Garcia, Jarrod Walsh, Lewis Ritai, Samuel Riordan.

**Front Row:** George Miles, Joel Ward, Cooper Bradley, Isaac Brown, Jack Newell.

**Absent:** Mitchell Pelham, Sam Poles Smith.

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**Cricket - Primary Cup Team**

**Back Row:** Jack Krutz, Rory Maxwell, Matthew Meuli, Jensen Taumoepeau, Javaahn Taumoepeau, Jacob Ratumaraitavuki-Knoopkens.

**Front Row:** Lachlan Greensill, Ethan Seed, George Kerr, Matt Allen, Jessie Vertongen, Jonty Hughes, Finni Morris

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**Cricket - NZCT**

**Back Row:** Nathan Cousins-Lapworth, Thomas Wright, William Peters, Mitchell Hurley.

**Front Row:** Robson Chapman, Michael Kerr, Shaun Phillips, Shaun Limmer, Sean Mosquera.

**Absent:** Josh Morris, Jahdai Jordan, George Monk, Finbar Moriarty.

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**Cricket - Boarders’ Team**

**Back Row:** Euan Jones, Oliver Bestall, Taegan Harvey.

**Second Row:** Mr T. Walsh (coach), Joseph Brophy (coach), Joseph Landrigan, Trent Brophy, Campbell Grayling, Jordie Barrett (coach), Scott Anderson (coach).

**Front Row:** Nathan Hammersley, Jackson Sinclair, Kane Perrett, Hunter Puff (captain), Dylan Calder, Josh Cathie, Blake Kalin, Finbar Moriarty.
The annual Napier Boys High School Year 9/10 cricket tournament was held on the 26th - 29th November this year in the sunny Hawkes Bay.

The College sent a talented group of cricketers to the tournament this year and were keen to do well against the other major schools in the Central Districts and Wellington region.

The first game was against hosts Napier Boys’ High School. We bowled first and kept Napier Boys’ to a respectable total of 192. In the run chase we fell short unfortunately being bundled out for 102.

The next game was played against Havelock North High School. The boys bowled first and bowled Havelock North for 64 all out. Shaun Phillips did the damage with the ball taking 5 - 14. We chased down the runs easily in the chase. The boys played a Twenty 20 in the afternoon and had a lot of fun. Luke Dravitzki scored a hard hit 52 and Finbar Moriaty scored a well compiled 30.

Unfortunately the weather closed in on the Thursday and no more games were played outside. However, the boys played a great indoor tournament against the other schools and had an enjoyable time.

The weather on the Friday also meant the annual grudge match versus St John’s could not take place. 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:**

TIMBERCO was up for grabs and FDMC got its name engraved on it again.
Summer Sports

The FDMC rowing crews competed in the North Island Secondary Schools Championships, held at Lake Karapiro, Cambridge at the beginning of the year. There were some fantastic races and even better results, which encouraged the boys for the up coming MAADI cup. Highlight of the weekend was Joshua Fitzsimons who received a silver medal up on the podium in front of many other schools, for coming second in the Boys’ Under 16 single sculls. This was a huge achievement for Josh, who like all the crews this year, has been putting in a great deal of training. Corbin Porteous pushed his fellow competitors by racing in a higher age group and winning the Boys Under 18 single sculls B Final. Corbin has stepped up greatly in the last couple of months and has learnt to not only row a single but also get results.

The novice crew of Slade Whalen, Louis Coetzee, Henry Miles and Joe Hau had a good race in the Boys Under 17 Coxed four, gaining 7th place in the final. All the crews have put in a lot of training.

Lana Phipps
Rowing Coordinator

This season the College looked to build on the foundation we had established the previous year and build on it we did!!

Two crews of four were entered this year with Crew One made of Henry Miles, Slade Whalen, Joe Hau and Louis Coetzee taking the oars and a combination of Polai’amea Kirifi and Mason Porteous sitting in the driver’s seat as coxswains for the season. Crew Two of Corbin Porteous, Jake Limmer, Josh Fitzsimons and Du’ Plessis Kirifi formed the other crew, coming back for their second season.

Success throughout the season came in many forms and the long hours sacrificed by all involved paid dividends in regattas over the summer.

Crew One found success early when we traveled to the Wanganui Champs. They cruised through the heats and booked a spot in the final, eventually placing second. As the summer months rolled on the North Island Champs arrived and the College crew experienced success across the board with Crew One placing 8th in their Under 17 Four, Corbin Porteous placing a well deserved 7th in the men’s club single and a seventh in the Under 17 single and Josh Fitzsimons produced the
Rowing - Maadi Cup Under 16 Single Sculls
Left - Right: Du Plessis Kirifi, Miss L. Phipps (coach).
Absent: Mr. J. Quilter (coach).

Rowing - Maadi Cup Under 16 Double Sculls
Left – Right: Joshua Fitzsimons, Du Plessis Kirifi, Miss L. Phipps (coach).
Absent: Mr. J. Quilter (coach).

Rowing - Maadi Cup Under 16 Single Sculls
Left - Right: Joshua Fitzsimons, Miss L. Phipps (coach).
Absent: Mr. J. Quilter (coach).

Rowing - Under 17 Novice Double Sculls
Left - Right: Mr. C. Whalen, Jake Limmer, Slade Whalen, Miss L. Phipps.

Rowing - Maadi Cup Under 17 Single Sculls
Left - Right: Corbin Porteous, Miss L. Phipps (coach).
Absent: Mr. J. Quilter (coach).

Rowing - Maadi Cup Under 17 Coxed Quadruple Sculls
Back Row: Corbin Porteous, Jake Limmer, Miss L. Phipps (coach).
Front Row: Joshua Fitzsimons, Du Plessis Kirifi, Mason Porteous (coxswain).
Once again the College proved its dominance in the Taranaki region at the local TSSSA Indoor Rowing competition.

Corbin Porteous won the Senior 1000m race, Josh Fitzsimons won the Senior 500m race, Slade Whalen and Du’ Plessis Kirifi won the Senior Double 1000m race. The competitors ultimately blitzed the field to take out the title for the second year running. Polaiu’amea Kirifi won the Junior 1000m race to add to Francis Douglas Memorial College’s overall tally. There were commanding performances from Ziah Taumoepeau, Cody Rothwell and Cameron Tofts which saw the college win both the Junior and Senior titles.

Thank you Miss Phipps and Lyn Fitzsimons for helping out on the day.

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Year 12 Competitor
TSSSA SURFING
Held at Fitzroy Beach on Friday 1 March, Francis Douglas Memorial College was well represented in the U16, U18, Open Bodyboarding and Longboarding divisions.

Zac Distin, Charlie George, Mark Bryan and Israel Finnigan represented us in the U16 division, whilst Jack Davies, Lachlan Stevens, Cavaan Wild and Callum Parsons competed for the College in the U18 division. Well done to Lachlan Stevens for finishing in 4th place.

In the Open Bodyboard, Cain Robinson and Cooper Bradley paddled crazily in lumpy swell and cracked some good manoeuvres to make it through to the finals and gained a 3rd and 4th placing for FDMC, which also helped us on the points table.

Dylan Finnigan competed in the Open Longboard division and went on to take out overall honours in this section. Congratulations to Dylan for this win and for gaining the points associated with it, which helped our overall 4th placing in the TSSSA Surfing Competition for 2013.

Many thanks to all the people and organisations that made the day possible: Craig Williamson and his team from Surfing Taranaki, Sport Taranaki, the club members of the New Plymouth Boardriders and the supportive staff from all the competing schools.

The numbers were well down for all schools in the U14 ranks this year so it would be great to see some of our younger surfers giving it a go in this competition next year. Well done to BHS, GHS and SHGC for their placings this year. It was great to head off Waitara High School for our 4th place on the podium. With several of our team being in the U16 division and having to surf up an age group in the U18 division, we should be in with a chance again in 2014.

At the Sports’ Awards Dinner the Simon Deken Trophy for Most Outstanding Performance in Surfing was awarded to Dylan Finnigan.

Jane Aitken Connolly
Surfing Coordinator

Surfing Team
Back Row: Mrs J. Aitken Connolly, Jack Davies, Dylan Finnigan, Callum Parsons, Cavaan Wild, Cain Robinson.
Front Row: Zac Distin, Israel Finnigan, Charlie George, Lachlan Stevens, Cooper Bradley, Mark Bryan.
Summer Sports

Swimming Team
Back Row: Lachie Stevens, Oisin Quinn, Dylan Finnigan.
Front Row: Michael McKillop, Riley Barrett, Eliot Lundon-Moore, Zac Reid.

SWIMMING

Swimming Taranaki Open Champs
These were held 2 - 4 August 2013. FDMC swimmers’ results are below:

Matthew Mueli
50 fly (11/12 years) 3rd
Zac Reid
100 free (13/14 years) 3rd
400 free (13 yrs & under) 1st
50 back (13/14 years) 2nd
100 back (13/14 years) 2nd
200 back (13/14 years) 2nd
Oisin Quinn
50 breast (13/14 years) 3rd
100 breast (13/14 years) 2nd
50 fly (13/14 years) 3rd
Eliot Lundon-Moore
50 breast (15 yrs & over) 2nd
100 breast (15 yrs & over) 1st
200 breast (15 yrs & over) 1st
Taranaki Record
200 IM (15 yrs & over) 3rd
Michael McKillop
50 free (15 yrs & over) 3rd
200 back (15 yrs & over) 3rd

Congratulations to Matthew, Zac, Oisin, Eliot and Michael on their great results.

State NZ Secondary Schools’ Swimming Championships
Eliot Lundon-Moore and Zac Reid represented FDMC at the State NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Championships 6 - 8 September 2013 in Hamilton. Both of these young men achieved podium finishes in their respective age groups at this long course meet.

Eliot (15 years)
200m Breast 2nd
100m Breast 2nd
(bboth Taranaki LC records)
Eliot also finished fifth in the 50m breast
Zac (13 years)
200m Free 2nd
400m Free 3rd
100m Free 3rd
Zac also finished sixth in the 200m back and fourth in the 100m back.

The FDMC team finished 17th out of the 57 male teams at this meet. The boys were presented their medals at the meet.

NZ SC (Short Course) Swimming Championships
These were held in Wellington, 29 September - 3 October. FDMC students Eliot Lundon-Moore, Zac Reid and Michael McKillop all qualified for and attended this event.

Eliot Lundon-Moore placed second in the 100 breast men’s 15 years and second in the 200 breast men’s 15 years. He achieved top ten placings in the 50 breast men’s 15 years (6th) and 200 breast men’s, 15 - 16 years (5th). Eliot also bettered his Taranaki Records in the 100 breast (1:07:38) and 200 breast (2:23:78) He also was part of the Taranaki 200 medley relay men’s (open) team that broke the Taranaki Record (1.46:72)

Zac Reid achieved top ten placings in 100 free men’s 13 years (8th), 200 free men’s 13 years (5th), 400 free mens 13 years (4th) Taranaki Record (4.27:89) and 1500 free men’s (4th) Taranaki Record (17.35:30).

Central North Island Swimming Championships
The Central North Island Swimming Championships were held in Rotorua on the 25 - 27 October. FDMC students Michael McKillop, Eliot Lundon-Moore, Oisin Quinn, Zac Reid and Matthew Meuli qualified for and competed at this event.

Eliot Lundon-Moore was placed:
200 metre mens 14 -15 years breaststroke 1st
100 metre mens 14 - 15 years breaststroke 2nd
50 metre mens 14 - 15 years breaststroke 1st

Eliot was also part of the winning 200 metre medley relay team in the mens open division.

Zac Reid was placed:
1500 freestyle mens 12 -13 years freestyle 1st
200 metre mens freestyle 12 - 13 years 1st
400 mens 13 - 14 years Individual Medley 1st
50 metre mens 12 - 13 years freestyle 2nd
200 metre mens 12 - 13 years freestyle 2nd
400 metre mens 12 - 13 years freestyle 2nd
100 metre mens 12 - 13 years backstroke 2nd
200 metre mens 12 - 13 years backstroke 2nd
50 metre mens 12 - 13 years backstroke 3rd

Wendy & Byron Reid

Swimming Team
Back Row: Lachie Stevens, Oisin Quinn, Dylan Finnigan.
Front Row: Michael McKillop, Riley Barrett, Eliot Lundon-Moore, Zac Reid.
**TSSSA Small Bore Rifle Shooting**

FDMC sent a big team of boys across to the TSSSA Small Bore Rifle Shooting in Inglewood Rifle Club on Sunday the 11th of August. This is an event the College excels in. Having won this event multiple times, (four times in the last five years) the boys were keen to retain the honours and went out there ready for another big shooting event. The shooters ranged in ability from boys who had not shot a gun before, to the likes of Tom Schaare who has won the event twice before.

The boys shot well and blew the competition apart. Mitchell Moratti, Tom Schaare, Matthew Hooper and Eliah Bradford won the best overall team event and Mitchell Moratti placed 1st in the target shooting NZ graded shooter section, for the second year in a row. 2nd place went to Thomas Schaare, and Bayley Cardie gained 2nd place in the Ungraded Shooter section.

Well done to all the boys who participated and represented the College.

*James Rowland*  
Sports Coordinator

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**Taranaki 12 & Under Swim Meet**

This was held on November 29th and 30th. Jamie Kestle, Josh Lehman, Matthew Meuli and Vince Ropitini competed at this event.

**The results were as follows:**

- **Jamie Kestle - 11 years**
  - Silver: 50m fly, 100m fly
  - Bronze: 50m back, 100m free, 12 & Under 200m free relay

- **Matthew Meuli - 12 years**
  - Gold: 50m fly, 12 & Under 200 free relay, 12 & Under 200m medley relay
  - Silver: 100m individual medley, Bronze: 100m fly, 50m back, 100m back, 200m back

- **Josh Lehman - 12 years**
  - Gold: 12 & Under 200 free relay
  - Bronze: 12 & Under 200m medley relay

**SLSNZ National Championships**

(Surf Life Saving) were held in Hamilton, 11 - 13 October. FDMC students Eliot Lundon-Moore, Zac Reid, Corben Le Breton, Jack Spicer, Ethan Seed, Matthew Meuli and Jonty Hughes represented their respective Surf Lifesaving clubs at this event.

**Results:**

- **Zac Reid (Fitzroy)**
  - Gold: U14 mens 50m swim with fins
  - Gold: U14 mens 100m swim with obstacles
  - Bronze: U14 mens 4 x 25m brick carry

- **Corben Le Breton (Fitzroy)**
  - Bronze: U14 mens 4 x 25m brick carry

- **Jonty Hughes (NPOB)**
  - Gold: U12 mens 100m tube rescue with patient & fins
  - Bronze: U12 mens 4 x 25m brick carry
  - Bronze: U12 mens 4 x 50m medley relay
  - Bronze: U12 mens 4 x 50m obstacle relay

- **Matthew Meuli (NPOB)**
  - Bronze: U13 mens 50m swim with fins

**Mountain Biking**

**Mountain Biking**

*Left - Right: Wade Sutton, Connor Lindsay, Shaun Palmer, Bradley Stanford.*
WAKA AMA

2013 Waka Ama Secondary School Sprints
We travelled to Rotorua in late March and competed in the National Secondary Schools’ Waka Ama sprints at Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lakes). This year we took three J16 teams to the four day event in which over 100 schools attended with over 1500 participants. The future of Waka ama is looking bright within our school with a number of paddlers showing they have what it takes to be competitive.

The teams trained very well leading up to the regatta, committing to early morning trainings and fundraising events. The commitment to training and teamwork paid off for them as they all progressed into either bowl or plate finals. Our youngest, and least experienced team got thrown into the J19 division along with St Joseph’s Maori Girls’ College and ended up winning the bowl final.

We were very fortunate again this year to stay at Te Pakira Marae within the Whakarewarewa Village along with our sister school Sacred Heart Girls’ College. We were able to soak in the hot pools after a long day up at the lake. Everyone really enjoyed their time together at this year’s regatta and the boys gained valuable life experience from staying and working together both on the water and at the marae. Our students did our school and province proud in the way they cooperated and stepped up to the challenges. I’m really looking forward to what will be another exciting Waka Ama season next year. Special mention must be made of the great parental support we had in Lisa and Valai Taumoepeau, Hemi Sundgren, and all the other parents that supported us both on the trip and in the fundraising event leading up to the regatta; a big thank you to you all.

Taare Ruakere
TIC Waka Ama

Waka Ama - Tamatea Crew
Back Row: Mr M. Crow, Taiawhio Waipoua-Bryers, Chris Bryan, Mr T. Ruakere.
Second Row: Isaac Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Taihawea Ruakere, Chase Adamson, Jensen Taumoepeau.
Front Row: Tabare Rabangaki, Chase Adamson, Javaahn Taumoepeau, Hakatea Gaskell, Maihoaere Wanoa-Sundgren, Tom Hopkins, Quinn McKenzie.
**TRIATHLON**

**Dylan Finnigan**
Dylan was selected in the New Zealand Triathlon team to compete at the world championships in London this year. In the Aquathon event Dylan placed a creditable 11th and was the first Kiwi home. In the Triathlon event Dylan placed 53rd and was the 6th Kiwi home. Dylan has also been one of only ten people selected nationally for the NZ Development Camp Triathlon. Well done again Dylan. We will all be following your progress.

**M Wales**
Director of Sport

**TSSSA Triathlon**
One again we had a good showing of boys at this event on 17 March. Dylan Finnigan did outstandingly, gaining a second place in the Senior Boys category.

**James Rowland**
Sports Coordinator
TSSSA Yachting
The annual TSSSA Yachting Competition was held in conjunction with the Primary and Intermediate Schools’ Competition at the New Plymouth Yacht Club on Wednesday 13 February. Francis Douglas Memorial College competed in the Intermediate and Secondary Schools Optimist division, and also in the Secondary Schools’ Starling division.

Sam Street (who placed well in last year’s competition) was unfortunate to be sailed into and hit by a larger yacht before the first race and bore the brunt of the impact on his hip. This resulted in a late start for him in the first race and he sailed well to gain fourth overall in the Intermediate Optimist division. Dominic Coleman also sailed in this division and gained fifth place overall.

Riley Looker had to withdraw from the secondary Starling division when he incurred damage to his traveller, and Seimi O’Mahony sailed consistently to gain fifth place in the three races sailed.

With winds of 20 knots gusting to 25 knots, the decision was made by Racing Officer, Wayne Holdt, to restrict the Optimist sailors to those who were more experienced and not in their first year of sailing and/or using a New Plymouth Yacht Club boat. This ultimately was the right decision as many of the senior sailors spent time in the water righting capsized vessels.

With a bunch of enthusiastic young sailors coming through the school, we can look forward to participating in this competition over the next few years.

Thanks to New Plymouth Yacht Club for hosting this regatta, supplying the facilities and for organising the support vessels and staff required to ensure fun and safety.

At the Sports’ Awards Dinner the Fitzroy Yachts Trophy for Senior Sailor this year went to Seimi O’Mahony. The Port Taranaki Trophy for Junior Sailor of the Year was awarded to Sam Street.

Jane Aitken Connolly
Sailing Coordinator

IN-LINE HOCKEY
This is a popular and well represented sport at the College. Some of our students have gained recognition for their play and have been selected for national competition sides.

Congratulations to Joseph McLay and Callum Hurley who have been selected in the New Zealand U16 side and to Mitchell Hurley who was selected in the New Zealand U14 In Line Hockey team and participated in a World Cup event in Los Angeles this year.

2013 NZ Youth Games - Francis Douglas Memorial College 2013 Champions!
This tournament was from the 7th to 8th December in Hamilton.

Team
Joel Scott            Captain
Callum Hurley        Assistant Captain
Joseph McLay         Goal tender
Michael Blanks       Assistant Captain
Daniel Bernet
Liam Bernet
Hayden Luckin
Mitchell Hurley
Andrew Langslow

Saturday
FDMC v HBHS   Loss 2-1
FDMC v Hillcrest HS  Won 19-0
FDMC v Fraser HS  Loss 3-2
FDMC v Nelson HS  Loss 5-3

Sunday
FDMC v Hillcrest HS  Won 14-1
playoff for semifinal spot

FDMC v Nelson HS  Won 3-1 semifinal,
A Langslow  1
C Hurley  2

Francis Douglas Memorial College 2013 Champions!
The FDMC Inline Hockey Team travelled to Hamilton to participate in the New Zealand Youth Games which also doubled as the New Zealand Secondary Schools’ Championships because of timetable clashes with the Junior Olympics in June which many age group players were committed to whilst playing for Team New Zealand.

The school team struggled to find form on the first day with a 3-1 loss record which booked them a playoff for the fourth spot on count-back with Hillcrest HS. After beating Hillcrest, the semi-final was a torrid game against Nelson College which saw both teams employing strong defensive lines that resulted in plenty of action and had the Umpires extremely busy. Hayden Luckin was firing on all cylinders as he constantly probed Nelson’s tough defensive setup.

Outstanding FDMC players in this game were Captain Joel Scott and Goalie Joseph McLay, who organised and led the boys as they struggled against one of the tournament favourites. 2 goals from Assistant Captain Callum Hurley sealed the game late in the 3rd period after Andrew Langslow shot the Taranaki boys into a strong position before halftime with a stunning long range effort.

The entire FDMC squad contributed to this upset win and showed the value of hard work and a bench that fronted when fatigue became an issue. The Bernet brothers, Liam and Daniel, were simply inspirational.

The final was against Hamilton Boys’ High School; again a very talented team which was thought to be too strong and drilled for the ‘naki boys to run with. But self belief, desire and an absolute determination to win the schools first ever national title saw the team dig deep and battle in an entertaining and absorbing hit-out, which had everything you could want from a championship game.

1 nil down after the first quarter saw Mitchell Hurley draw level before half time with a long range goal off the back of a Callum Hurley assist. This flicked a switch which saw some of the toughest defense played all weekend as they repelled wave after wave of Hamilton attack. Langslow and the Bernet brothers stepped up under huge pressure as they were sent out to shore up the flagging and under siege defensive line.

The 3rd quarter saw a rare mistake at the back by HBHS defense which again saw Hurley on hand to take the simplest of goals and this again plunged the team back
into brutal defense and surging play up and down the court. It also saw the loss of Mitchell Hurley to injury, forcing the bench to work even harder as shorter shifts were imposed to try and offset the fatigue and heat.

Deep in the final period, with three minutes remaining, a controversial penalty for high-sticking saw FDMC in crisis and with HBHS scoring a penalty advantage, it sent the game into five minute ‘sudden death’ overtime. Captain Joel Scott pleaded with the team to lift for one more effort to try and break the Hamilton attack. Exhausted, Scott brought his men to the line for the last time with Michael Blanks stepping into the vacant spot on the powerline. Again HBHS flailed goalie McLay with shot after shot, with players out on their skates, the hometown stadium in full voice, the benches filled with gasping players and the prospect of a looming penalty shootout. A late rally led by forward Michael Blanks saw Hayden Luckin, the college ‘rookie’ in his first year, snipe the winner close in through heavy traffic with 8 seconds on the clock.

It was absolute devastation for the gallant Hamilton boys as FDMC celebrated as champions! With the players bursting onto the rink despite their exhaustion the benches cleared as the smallest player in stature only, was mobbed by his team-mates. Well done Hayden!

It was sport at its absolute best, with Francis Douglas crowned 2013 Champions in the College’s first ever National Inline Championship.

**Gil Hurley**

**Inline Hockey**

**VOLLEYBALL**

**Senior Volleyball**

Back Row: Henry Miles, Cameron Keech, Michael Blanks, Jack George.
Front Row: Joe Hau, Tyler Feskins, Liam Doherty, Lachie Stevens, Aaron Gao.

**Beach Volleyball**

Left - Right: Tyler Paterson, Jackson Mitchell, Shaun Palmer, Cole Hareb.

**Beach Volleyball**

Left - Right: Josh Gibbon, Liam Brosnahan, Jeremy Radich, Michael McKillop.

**Beach Volleyball**

Left - Right: Joel Ward, George Miles.
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Summer Sports

TENNIS

FDMC Tennis is experiencing a wave of interest here at the College. There are strong teams in all age groups and first time players are starting to really enjoy the challenges that tennis has to offer. Tennis is played all year round at the College; however, the tennis season takes place during Terms 1 and 4. During Term 1, the focus is on our senior schoolboys (Years 10-13) and then in Term 4, the focus shifts to the Juniors (Years 7-9). Players are offered the opportunity to attend three training sessions per week and training goes ahead regardless of wet weather. There have been some great video and gym sessions already and students are working really hard at their games on and off the court.

Tennis is not only a physical battle between one opponent and another. There is also a huge mental component that can only be experienced by the tennis players themselves. The lessons learned on the tennis court are as tough and rewarding as they get. During the course of a game, a player will experience many highs and lows in very a short period of time. Tennis teaches us to become calm, focussed and measured through these moments and prepares us for the many challenges that life throws our way. Resilience, sportsmanship and a positive mindset are just a few of the many values both implicitly and explicitly taught on the tennis court when involved in FDMC Tennis.

Although the tennis season feels as though it has only just begun, there have already been many highlights to report on. Our Intermediate School Teams have done us proud. We had six players representing the College at the Taranaki Primary Schools’ Competition and of these six players, four of them made it to the semi-finals, meaning FDMC Tennis would have both places secured for qualification to the Central Districts Competition. Well done to Ben Fitzgibbon, Nick Fruhstorfer, David Barnard and Caleb Fleming, who all made it through and then had to play each other in the semi-finals. David and Caleb got through in tough matches, and then Caleb took out the final 6-2, 6-0 while playing a great brand of tennis, outplaying David on the day.

It was not long before Caleb and David had to play each other again. Two days later they faced off against one another in the FDMC Junior School Championship qualifiers, and then in the final again. The final was played during the lunch hour in front of over 100 spectators. The crowd were then treated to a fantastic game of tennis. Both Caleb and David put on a show of attacking and classical stroke making. Caleb started slowly, but then took a 4-1 lead, before David came back to 4-5 and had a point to tie it up at 5-5, before Caleb came out with some devastating forehands to take out the win. Both players handled the pressure of a big crowd exceptionally well and it will be a great experience for them to draw on in years to come.

Other highlights include, the talented Sacred Heart Girls’ Tennis Team turning up to mix it with the boys and our big hitting senior boys turning up during exam leave and training with our younger players. It has also been great to see both players and parents getting onto our tennis website. There is plenty of information and resources for our players to keep an eye on and keep up to date with our dynamic programme.

Tennis Squad

Left - Right: Alex Gawler, Beauden Fleming, Thomas Kalin, Cole Hareb.
Absent: Joshua Murdoch.
ADVENTURE RACING

On the 1st November two College teams travelled to compete in “The Big Bash” in Otaki. This was a six hour adventure race comprising mountain biking, hiking, navigation, team building and a water activity. The boys involved were split into a senior team called “Elfums Crew”: Connor Lindsay, Shaun Palmer and Josh Morris and a junior team called “Smokey and the Bush Bashing Bandits”: Keegan Lindsay, Thomas Hadley, Felix Webby and Isaac Brown.

The boys had a very impressive debut in their first introduction to Adventure Racing. “Smokey and the Bandits” crossed the line in just over seven hours earning them 2nd place in the College category and 8th place overall out of 50 teams. “Elfums Crew” missed a checkpoint early in the day and then raced hard all day to make up for lost time. They crossed the line in 6hrs 49 but then had an hour’s time penalty applied for missing the checkpoint.

These boys will now train over the summer and compete again in the ARC 12 hour race in Coromandel in December. Thanks to Rick Palmer and Todd Lindsay for taking these boys down to Otaki for the weekend and for all the hard training leading into the event.

Mark Wales
Director of Sport

GOLF CROQUET

TSSSA Golf Croquet
Felix Webby and Mason Porteous represented us at this inaugural event on February 17th. A lot of fun was had, along with a lot of learning.

Golf Croquet
Left - Right: Felix Webby, Mason Porteous.
**ROGAINE**

**TSSSA Rogaine**
Once again the TSSSA Rogaine Competition was one of the biggest in the province and one that is good to be involved in. We had a number teams entered for it on 6 March, with all of them doing very well in the huge field. The boys navigated their way around in the dark at Lake Mangamahoe extremely well. Our best team result on the day was a very good second placing in the Intermediate Boys category.

James Rowland  
Sports’ Coordinator

**SQUASH**

**TSSSA Squash**
This competition was on June 30 this year. We did not send the usual big contingent that the college usually fields for this event but those that attended played very well.

A huge well done to Blake Habib who gained a 1st place in the E Grade competition.

James Rowland  
Sports Coordinator

**SEVENS RUGBY**

The FDMC Senior and Under 15 Sevens sides competed in the Taranaki/ Wanganui regional tournament which decides who goes on to represent the region at the BNZ Condor Nationals in December. The Under 15 team won all the pool and semi games, but unfortunately they went down to a well drilled NPBHS side in the final. The Senior team defeated Hawera, Stratford and Waitara in pool play before defeating arch rivals NPBHS 17-5 in the semi-final. In the final FDMC beat a very well drilled Wanganui High School 25-10 to secure back to back titles! On to the Nationals now...

The Condor Sevens were held over two days this year at Kelston Boys’ High School. FDMC were in Pool C meeting Rotorua Boys’ High School, Nelson College and Wesley College. FDMC narrowly lost to the first two teams, having played some excellent sevens scoring 12-5 in both games. A couple of costly errors in these games proved to be the difference. College then played a big Wesley College team, drawing with them 12-12 after some exciting field to field play. On day two of the tournament, College played Kaitaia College and won 26-12. The level of skill and ability to throw the ball around was excellent. The next match was against Westlake Boys’ who we lost to last year. Unfortunately we couldn’t pull it back and after a spirited comeback College was denied a try on the final whistle.

Every team member contributed and played extremely well showing plenty of College spirit. Logan Crowley and Jordie Barrett were certainly two standouts for FDMC. It was extremely pleasing to watch the confidence amongst the players increase with every game.

The tournament was another learning experience and FDMC will benefit from this in the future.

2012 - 16th Place; 2013 - 11th Place; 2014-?

Tim Stuck  
Sevens Coach

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**ORIENTEERING**

**Orienteering Team**

Left - Right: Felix Webby, Connor Lindsay, Shaun Palmer, Keegan Lindsay.
Taranaki Athletic Sports Person of the Year Awards

On the 19 May the Taranaki Athletic Sports Person of the Year awards were held and after being nominated, Caylem Cook won the Boys 7 - 14 year old age group taking out the trophy for Boys’ High Performance of the Year. Caylem has won many of the local Taranaki Club competitions this year and came either first or second in the 100m, 200m, 400m, long jump, high jump and hurdles at Taranaki champs. He was second at the North Island Colgate games in January in the hurdles and represented Taranaki as the Captain of the 12/13 year old inter-provincial team that went to Timaru at Easter, and was a member of the North Island Taranaki Secondary Schools’ team that went to Masterton.

Congratulations Caylem, keep up the good work.

TSSSA Athletics

Once again FDMC sent a big contingent to the TSSSA Athletics on 14 March at Inglewood’s TET Stadium. With the sun beaming down, the boys did extremely well once again representing our school athletics’ programme well. We managed to grab a lot of podium finishes, so well done to those boys.

North Island Athletics Team

Left - Right: Polai'uamea Kirifi, Karl Wright, Brent Harrison, Matthew Codd, Caylem Cook.
YEAR REPORTS

YEAR 7 REPORT
Talofa lava, kia ora and greetings. As the Dean for Year 7 this year, I am confident in reporting the safe and happy transitioning of another group of capable young men.

In my third year here, it has been another huge learning experience as the Dean. This was thankfully made easy with the much appreciated support and expertise of the intermediate staff- in particular Department Head, Richard Doherty and Deputy Principal, Chris Moller. The new Year 7 group of boys started with the usual nervousness and anxiety associated with entering a new environment. From day one the challenges of new faces and finding new places became easier as time passed and the familiarity of the robust routines started to fall into place.

Some of the early highlights included the Year 7 ‘Camp Out’ under the stars on the College field. Fortunately Mother Nature played her part this year and it was a fine, fun filled ‘Camp Out’. The highlight was the wonderful support from the newly appointed College Leaders who showed their leadership skills. They welcomed the new boys with a rapturous rendition of the school song and Haka that demonstrated what the new boys could look forward to learning.

The boys assimilated well to the bonds of House Competition and have demonstrated a healthy pride in competing alongside their older house ‘brothers’. They have learnt the key virtues and messages of what being Lasallian means and how to be a ‘brother’ to one another.

Overall it has been a challenging but rewarding year for all involved in teaching and learning in Year 7. I look forward to continuing the learning journey with this year group as the Dean of Year 8 in 2014.

Ronie Asi
Dean Year 7

YEAR 8 REPORT
We thought Year 8 was going to be even more of a challenge than Year 7, but everybody pulled through and are now looking forward to becoming Year 9’s. After having the pleasure of being in Mr. Koch’s Maths class in Year 7, one of us knew that we were in for a fantastic year. We both took a while to settle back into school formalities but by the power invested in ‘Pineapple Lumps’, we felt a little less like mindless slaves by the end of the first week.

First up in the wide world of school competitions was the Swimming Sports, an event where children thrash about in the school pool expecting to obtain an award. This competition is very similar to the Athletics day, only on that occasion participants must wildly throw themselves across a race track, or join in other sports such as shot-put, high jump, long jump, etc.

A major change for Years 7 - 10 was the substitution of Vertical Form for Horizontal Form. Horizontal Form is very similar to Vertical Form in the aspect that students still meet up with other students and a form teacher. The major adjustment was that students were no longer arranged from Years 7 - 13, but instead we meet in our homeroom classes with students from our own year. This brought frowns to many people’s faces knowing that no longer would they be able to mix with students of other years. However, it also did give the opportunity for us to get to know our own classmates instead of getting alienated from our class.

One of the first field trips Year 8 embarked upon was the TOPEC trip. When we arrived a safety briefing was given of course, and then we learned to do things like water rafting and how to navigate with compasses. At night we played games like Spotlight and tag, and then we fell asleep in cramped wooden cabins.

Gala Day is also a major event in the school year. People from all around New Plymouth come to our school to do Go-Karting, Fencing, or sometimes they’re just here for the food. Whatever they come for, everybody has a great time and gets involved in form class activities.

In June, the whole school celebrates Founder’s Day. On this day we gather food donations and take them down to St. Joseph’s Parish where the food is collected by Foodbank, and we all have a Mass to celebrate the life of St John Baptist de La Salle. Then we head back to school for a Haka competition. Everybody does the Haka to the best of their abilities and then indulges in a juicy pie before they leave for the weekend.

Year 8 students are privileged to take part in several modules over the course of the year. Our homeroom first had M-Tech and Music, and I think we were all devastated when we discovered that our Music Teacher, Mrs. Newton was leaving. In the second term we began Spanish and Maori. I am sure that everyone enjoyed the Fiesta at the end of the Spanish module. The last modules we took part in were Art and I-Tech, and we’ve both had a lot of fun creating masterpieces in Art! All modules were very exciting and I am sure the whole of Year 8 found them really interesting.

FDMC is well known for its ‘Special Character’. MAD Day is one of the most notable ‘Special Character’ activities during the year. The whole schools puts together wads of cash and it all goes to Lasallian charities around the world. Students perform songs in their houses and then we walk 10km to show our support, and to get a sausage! Phew!

As Term 4 begins, students go haywire and excitement fills the air as the end of the year draws closer. As Year 8’s, we were blessed with the privilege of going
to spend time at the pools and having an activity day in the last week of school, where we participated in sports such as Archery, Softball and a variety of other things. During the last week we also had the enjoyment of going to see ‘The Hunger Games: Catching Fire’, which was a very exciting experience.

So another year ends and the climax is reached. I think that we can all agree we will never forget the things we did in Year 8 and we all look forward to the next year too.

Edward Hawrot and Ryan Dombroski
Year 8 Students

YEAR 8 CAMP
The Year 8 boys attended camps at TOPEC in the week prior to Easter. During their stay they experienced activities involving bushcraft, compass reading and river safety.

A huge thank you to all our parent helpers and Year 12 volunteers for making this a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Richard Doherty
Head of the Intermediate Department

YEAR 9 REPORT
2013 has been a big year for Year 9 students at Francis Douglas Memorial College, with many boys joining the year level in their first year at the college, some boys moving up from the intermediate department into the high school part of the College and also with a handful of boys starting their first year in the boarding hostel. Throughout the year the boys have begun to get to know and understand their new environment. They have not only learnt more about the school’s culture but also more about who they are and what they aspire to do with their lives.

In their form rooms, boys have got to know many other students rather well. The individual form classes participated in various activities as a class including an overnight stay up on Mt. Taranaki at Konini Lodge. This stay included a 4 - 5 hour tramp in a loop around a portion of the mountain. As a class the boys who were comfortable with the tramp had to come together and help out those boys who struggled with the long walk. For many students in Year 9 this year has been the first year of contributing to the various charities and organisations such as Caritas and the Food Bank Appeal. We had many different fundraisers for different reasons. Our annual MAD Day was yet another success, raising over $29,000. Many of the new students were shocked to see just how much money a small school of only 750 students can raise for just one cause.

The FDMC Gala day is one of the biggest school events of the year, and it is open for the wider community to get involved in and have fun with. The Year 9’s, in their form classes, all had their own stalls for the Gala. Each member of the form class would work a small shift and were then free to wander around and check out their peers’ stalls. All the money raised by the PTA was used to purchase goods for the school that the students would benefit from.

In 2013 there were various sporting successes involving Year 9 boys. The Year 9 Boarders’ Cup rugby team won their prestigious annual game against NPBHS boarders; this was a great reward for the team after some intense training for the game. We had multiple teams win their leagues and knockout competitions in Football and Rugby this year. We also had many teams and individuals enter TSSSA events. We had some good success in a range of sports. FDMC won the McKean Shield in the TSSSA Futsal (Five-A-Side Football). We also had a group of boys that made Taranaki Representative squads in various sports.

All of the students made a lot of new friends with not only their year group but also the junior students, and also the majority of the year group made strong friendships with the senior students of the college. So for many boys, 2013 was a year of firsts, changes and surprises. We are all looking forward to progressing through the school together and getting to know each other even more!

Dawson Webber
Year 9 Student
**Year 10 Report**

2013 was a year mixed with opportunity, excitement and maturity for Year 10 students. At the beginning of the year we were all ushered into the Chapel and put into our five form classes. It was a change this year from the traditional vertical form but the interaction you could have with your own peers during form class was just as beneficial as a vertical form.

The first big sporting event for the College was swimming sports and it was a great day to remember. All classes got straight into the pool with chants, races and house rivalries making it a spectacular event. Athletics day followed soon after and once again these three factors made the hot day memorable to all. Congratulations to Solomon for taking out both events.

Francis Douglas Memorial College is a great place for students because it offers such a wide range of extra curricular activities. Many students participated in sport this year, social and competitive. Congratulations to all those teams who won their divisions or came a very close second. Also TSS sports were very popular at the college, the activities ranging from Rogaine to volleyball.

The College once again had a great Gala raising over $20,000.

Cross-country was a day that some dreaded and others embraced as a day to shine. All the training that very few did, paid off when they reached their goal of a top ten finish. Also it was an incentive for some boys, as it was a test of fitness for the U15A rugby team. Congratulations to the top Year 10 runner Ben Moore for taking out the Intermediate B grade.

2013 was a great year for college sport. The annual sports fixture between NPBHS saw FDMC 1st XV come out on top, however FDMC failed to produce the results we wanted in other codes. The U15A rugby team played a strong game against touring Australian team, The NOOSA Dolphins. The boys played a hearty game to win 24-23.

FDMC is a strong sporting school, but culture, too, ranks very highly on our list of achievements. Congratulations to Dominic Jacquemard who represented us in the Taranaki Brass Band. Also Polaiu’amea Kirifi, Ziah Taumoepeau and Cameron Barnes represented FDMC in the O’Shea Shield, where he was awarded a 4 out of 6.

In Term 3, the Year 10 boys were all given an opportunity to venture around Taranaki and do various activities such as the popular TOPEC camp, automotive or cooking courses and work experience. This week was a new experience for most and many embraced what the week had to give, ranging from abseiling to cooking a meal. The same would apply to both the week 6 and other end of year activities such as an Auckland trip for Maori and Pasifika pupils and a Year 9 and 10 Napier cricket tournament.

Another talking point in the year was exams. Many of the boys were anxious and many were prepared. All of our year’s work led up to these moments. As we are writing this, we are preparing ourselves for exams. Wish us luck.

Junior Prize-giving will be a surprise for some, a wake up call for others and a well-deserved award for most. 2013 was a year that defined many of us and prepared us for the challenges to come. A big thanks to Mrs Meyer for all the hard work getting all the Year 10’s in line this year. Bring on NCEA!

**Polaiu’amea Kirifi, Ziah Taumoepeau and Cameron Barnes**

**Year 10 TOPEC 2013**

It was with trepidation and excitement that we arrived at TOPEC, unsure of what would unfold in the week to come. Events didn’t get off to the best start, with an individual injuring himself before the week officially began. All 27 eager Year 10 boys were ushered into the TOPEC hall to be briefed on the upcoming week. TOPEC has a motto of “challenge by choice” and once divided into our groups we discussed our strengths and weaknesses. We soon concluded that the main purpose of the week was to take us out of our comfort zones. We jotted down what we wanted to gain from the week.

All the food was prepared and the dishes cleaned by none other than the students with, shall we say, varying degrees of success. Our entertaining and energetic guide Mark, made it his duty to not only keep us out of harm’s way, and to teach us, but to make our week optimally enjoyable.

Navigation with compasses in the bush was our first TOPEC excursion and taught us teamwork, communication, and patience. The next day a highly strenuous exercise regime pushed every member physically but it was highly enjoyable. Effort and patience was required to keep the group intact.

The next morning we set off to the majestic Waitara River for river safety and some two-person kayaking. While our partners may have frustrated us at times, we all enjoyed a refreshing paddle and swim under the relentless sun. Then back to TOPEC for the adrenaline pumping bridge swing. Hurling ourselves backwards off an eight metre-high bridge required a colossal leap of faith. While some took longer than others, all members of our group took the plunge with a pleasing amount of encouragement from their peers.

The highlight for many of the group was the legendary TOPEC high ropes. Teetering precariously on a slim wire high in the trees, although utterly safe, was harrowing enough to turn our legs to jelly. Many of us
At the end of the year the students took part in many activities in Taranaki and further afield. Some of these included paddling the Whanganui River, a surfing trip to Raglan, a Maori trip to Auckland, Waitangi, Cape Reinga and then down through the Waipoua Forest, ‘Paintball’, Skatepark, Aquatic Centre and Top Town movies where students got to watch the latest ‘Hunger Games’.

Golf

ACTIVITY DAYS
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Riley Barrett and Dominic Jacquemard
Year 10 Students

Next was the grand finale: the overnight camp up on our beautiful mountain. A short, meandering bushwalk brought us to our virgin campsite consumed by dense native bush. Fringed by the mighty Waiwakaiho River, our campsite was free of any modern influences. The mundane, yet vital task of cooking our meals was issued to members of the group and proved quite a challenge for some. We were divided into groups of five, and the instructors dumped a pile of tarpaulins and strings into our arms. To many of the boy’s horror, the instructors explained to us that this would be our home away from home. Once the shelters were erected and the sleeping mats were rolled out, the hours flew by as we sat around the fire enlightening each other with stories and jokes.

We are positive that everyone had a highly enjoyable and challenging time. Though mentally and physically drained by Friday, we had all learnt a significant amount of valuable information and had an immensely enjoyable time. For any future Year 10 considering TOPEC as an option for activity week, we would strongly encourage you to go. Special thanks to the teachers and staff at TOPEC for making this incredible experience possible for us.

2013
Year 9 and 10 Raglan Trip

This camp was a three day trip up the coast to Raglan. The Years 9 and 10 boys had a mix of different surfing abilities. Raglan is a perfect venue to accommodate this. On Monday 4 December we drove to Raglan and surfed the point at Manu Bay, which had a perfect 3 to 4 ft. wave. Although it was a bit crowded, the able boys managed to pick up a few waves and enjoy the swell before it dropped.

In the evening we surfed the beach break. This gave the boys who were new to surfing a chance to catch some waves more suited to their ability. We stayed at the camp ground in town and each year group had their own cabin to themselves for the three days.

On the Tuesday we woke early and surfed the Manu Bay point again and then returned to the beaches. When we were not surfing we visited the surf shops and spent time skate boarding in the park at the campground. The boys enjoyed skating in a new park and meeting local people from Raglan. Because we were active all day, we went to bed early and rose early in the mornings.

Wednesday was our last day and the rain had set in. The swell had dropped but we knew Ruapuke Beach would be worth a visit with the right tide and an easterly wind blowing. We drove round the headlands through the native bush and farmland to the exposed beach. The waves were a perfect 2 to 3 ft and accessible for all the boys. The rain had stopped and we ended up having the beach to ourselves. This was one of the highlights of the trip, but it was our last surf before the long drive back to New Plymouth.

This camp is always a fun, educational trip for the boys. They get to visit and explore a new place and enjoy learning a new sport or improving their skills on new waves. Living together in a flating situation and meeting new people is one of the many life skills learned.

The group was;
Mark Bryan, Israel Finnigan, Charlie George, Cooper Bradley, James Hall, Sam Lock, Shamus Hurley-Langton, Aleksandar Timarac and teachers Mr Neeson and Mr Sewter.
YEAR 11 REPORT
As school restarted for 2013, immense challenges awaited the boys as they began their senior lives at the College. Although the 2013 calendar was packed full of exciting events, the prospect of undertaking NCEA for the first time weighed on the minds of many. Despite this, many students were able to balance their schooling commitments with representing the college in numerous events, ensuring 2013 was a year to remember.

Sport plays a major role in the lives of many at the College. Whether it be for top school teams or taking part in exciting sports excursions, the Year 11 presence was felt. Not only were Year 11’s involved in playing sports, some were also involved in passing their knowledge on to the younger levels. Patrick Hay should be commended for his excellent coaching of football during the year. Year 11’s also had a significant presence in snowboarding and skiing with Cole Hareb and Truman Edwards placing highly in their events. Overall, Year 11’s had an impressive representation in college sports throughout the year and their efforts and achievements must be applauded.

Year 11’s also had a commanding presence in the cultural aspect of college life. Whether it be for the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition or for the O’Shea Shield, the Year 11 presence in culture was widely felt. Of note was the combined Francis Douglas and Sacred Heart theatrical production ‘Fiddler on the Roof’. Our very own Cormac Griffin played an amazing part in this and contributed to its overwhelming success. 2013 also saw the college’s Law Mooting team, of which Year 11 student Kurt Biesiek was a member, progress through to the national finals on the back of impressive victories. Also of note was Jack Ternouth’s stellar presentation of his speech on what we take for granted, earning him the title of Senior Speech Champion for 2013.

Transitioning from Year 10 to Year 11 began our journey into the world of NCEA. Having no prior experience, many of us had no idea what to expect. With the guiding hands of our teachers however, we were able to make it through the year no worse for wear. Extra-curricular academic activities were also packed full of eager Year 11 students. The Future Problem Solving programme had entered its third year at the college, and teams are already reaping the rewards. For the second year running, Francis Douglas has had some representation at the National Finals. The Year 11 team, comprising of Patrick Fisher-Evans, Ryan Sadler, Louis Poole and Kurt Biesiek, travelled to Auckland in November, along with two Year 10 teams, to participate in the finals.

2013 also saw a fresh batch of Year 11 students participate in the annual Brain Bee Neuroscience Competition. Under the guidance of Mrs Marshall, Logan Walsh, Vanshay Bindra, Andrew Xiao and Conor O’Neill made it through the first round and gained a spot in the National Finals, held at the Grafton Campus at Auckland University. During the day, the boys took part in quizzes and were given a tour around the medical campus. Of note was the anatomy library, where they were able to see preserved human organs that had suffered varying ailments. The boys were also able to have their questions answered by scientists and medical students.

Over the course of 2013, Year 11’s played a significant role in the aspects of College life. From sport to culture to academia, the memories gained from our experiences will stay with us for life. Year 11 has served to prepare us for our futures, shaping us into true College men.

Logan Walsh
Year 11 Student

YEAR 12 REPORT
Year 12 has been a year of change for many students. We have had to become much more responsible as our choices and decisions became exceedingly important, but these opportunities allow us to develop into the young men that Francis Douglas Memorial College is recognized for in the community.

This year the workload increased noticeably, but was still controllable with the time management skills we attempted to learn during Year 11. Year 12 was interesting, which we believe is due to the enlarged choice in subject specialisation. Science was divided
into Chemistry, Physics and Biology, allowing us to concentrate on the subjects that we enjoy the most, and although the teachers were the same (Mr Taylor), the subjects were a lot more precise and specialised, an aspect which we enjoyed thoroughly. Aside from the educational side of Year 12, it has also been a year full of exciting opportunities in sport, culture and leadership.

As Christmas approaches, the furore over the announcement of the College Leaders for 2014 escalates. Already there has been disappointment and elation over the selection of students for the shortlist. Leadership has become much more relevant to many boys, as trips to Wellington and the United States of America have developed skills for those lucky enough to go. National Young Leaders Day (NYLD) was an amazing experience, and involved a busload of students travelling down to Wellington, and taking part in the presentation that is NYLD. A selection of speakers talked to the youth of New Zealand, the focus of their motivating words being advice about leadership, the importance of perseverance and the necessity to take every opportunity you are given. The speakers that stood out most were Billy Graham, Sam Johnston and Cam Calkoen. Their stories were inspirational tales of dedication and integrity, and all of the students left Wellington Town Hall with favourite quotations and the unforgettable humour of The Laughing Samoans. The trip was a great success and anybody given the chance to go should definitely make the most of it. Tanaka Utete and Ryan Hawken, the two students fortunate to go should definitely make the most of it. Tanaka Utete and Ryan Hawken, the two students fortunate to go should definitely make the most of it.

Sport at the College has been a great success this year, with Year 12’s featuring in many of the teams. The 1st XV Rugby team was by far the greatest success of the year, becoming possibly the best 1st XV we have ever produced. The team still looks strong for next year, with many boys in Year 12 returning to represent the College. The 1st XI Cricket and Soccer teams also had very successful seasons, recording some of their best results to date, again with many Year 12 boys returning to these teams next year. With opportunities such as trips to Canada and England, sport at the College has never been stronger, showing we really are taking a step in the right direction.

Culture has also been strong this year at the College, with FDMC competing at various cultural events. Sheilah Winn, O’Shea Shield and our joint production of ‘Fiddler on the Roof’ with Sacred Heart being some of the highlights of the year. The standout however, was Tanaka Utete, who won best actor at the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition, which gained him entry into an acting workshop which he attended during the Term 3 holidays. The top 20 students from that workshop would then attend a trip to the Globe Theatre in London the following year. Tanaka was fortunate enough to be selected for this trip, and we can’t wait to hear all about his adventures from this exciting opportunity.

2013 was a huge year for all of us in Year 12, with 2014 sure to be even more exciting. Our final year of school will surely be an interesting one, although we will be sure not to forget Year 12 too hastily. Bring on summer!

Patric Klups & Max Hall
Year 12 Students

YEAR 13 REPORT
After attending Francis Douglas Memorial College for seven years, I have lost count of the number of times I’ve watched ‘Remember the Titans’, the school’s go-to movie. Like the film’s titular team of Titans, our year group has had its struggles but it has overcome them to form a tight-knit group of young men. In our final year within the secondary school system, physically on the sports grounds and as leaders and role models to the younger students (who have seemed to have shrunk with each consecutive year, or is it just that we have grown accordingly?) our Year 13 group have had a high profile.

Most of us in our year group have been taking classes and attending the school together for either five or seven years and over that time we have developed a strong sense of camaraderie. As we journeyed throughout our final year together the sense of brotherhood amongst the Year 13’s has reached new heights as our friendships solidified into bonds that will stand the test of time. The Year 13’s made an outstanding contribution to the new record total of $29,350 raised for MAD Day, and the additional $5000 raised for the leader’s charity of choice, KidsCan. Year 13 is the end of our school life and this is hard to comprehend. We have been living in our own sheltered bubble of schooling and for this to end is both exciting and worrying.

Year 12 can be considered a year of planning and Year 13 as the year you get to put those plans into play and begin to make the choices that will define the future as we know it. As we all leave for university, the workforce or travel, we can say with certainty that the bonds we’ve formed at Francis Douglas and the lessons we’ve learnt will not fall by the wayside. We have all become that model of excellence oft quoted but less understood, ‘College men’, and are heading into the big bad world past the gates of the College. I doubt that we will forget the values of faith, service and community that our school has left enshrined within our consciences.

Alex Furr & Cavaan Wild
Year 13 Students
7 RDO
Back Row: Corey Skvor, Michael Theron, Logan Brophy, Riley Davison, Corban Dravitzki.

Third Row: Blake Carr, Tomas Borsje, Jaiden Lord, Josefa Tuala, Nicholas Codd, Jack Krutz, Blaque Macleod, Mr R. Doherty.

Second Row: Riley Habib, Allie Lueque, Blane McCook, Isaac Howell, Alex Kozenof, Toby Din, Jerry Johnston, Kieran Cullen.


7 SNE

Third Row: Jamie Kestle, Campbell Lusk, Jayden Haslip, Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Andrew Paynter, Ethan Griffiths, Liam Walton, Mrs S. Newton.


7 NIM
Back Row: Oskar van Hattum, Joshua Orr, Mairenga Laapo, Hamish Newton, Tyler Godfrey.

Third Row: Jonty Hughes, Method Te Huia, Theo Johnsen, Declan Barrett, Jacob Campbell, Patrick Butler, Tahanga MacLeod, Ethan Seed, Oisin Ammundsen.


8 RGR

Back Row:
Jacob Mander, Jensen Taumoepeau, Matthew Meuli.

Third Row:
Ben Limmer, Jonah Sellwood, Bradley Van Beers, Sani Tuala, Ben Bradley, Matt Irvine, Jonathan Austin.

Second Row:
Tyler Te Huna-Mataku, Pacey Murray, Bailey Kuklinksi, Jacob Crawford, Corbin Richardson, Jacan McDonald, Tom Conway, Kyle Fleming, Zach Lamb, Mr R. Green.

Front Row:
Alexander Cousins, Fergus Conley, Callum Nickson, Michael McNamara, Jack Hofstee, Danyon Hodges, Ben West, George Fleming, Jaron Coombe.

Absent: Dylan Bines.

8 MCR

Back Row:
Jesse Vertongen, Corban Jones, Christopher Bryan, Nikolai Murray, Jarod Brophy.

Third Row:
Brayden Herbert, Rory Maxwell, Liam Turner, Taihawea Ruakere, Nick Fruhstorfer, Liam Moore.

Second Row:
Ben Leary, Christian Fletcher, Camden Lacey, Kasey Corbett, Lorenzo Taylor, Jordan Mills, Cam Adamson, Zian Popata, Sam Street.

Front Row:
Harry Newman, Travis Johnston, Conall Fisher, Ollie O’Connor, Ryan Dombroski, Finn Shaw, Matt Allen, Ethan Webber, Edward Hawrot.

8 JSH

Back Row:
Jack Spicer, Javaahn Taumoepeau, Joel Heyen, Jackson Hiestand, Nathaniel Peters.

Third Row:
Tim Evans, Liam James, Kai Proctor, Jordan Roylance, Jesse Gudopp, Tabare Rabangaki.

Second Row:
David Barnard, Timothy Horgan, Jaxon Burd, Criostoir O’Mahony, Theo Benefield, Cavaghn Prosser, Fletcher Burnsise, Sam Hastings, Tomi Karasawa, Ms J. Sheriff.

Front Row:
Quinn McKenzie, Dominic Coleman, Dion Biddick, Aidyn Kettle, Mason Habib, Jack Blackman, Tyler Webber, Ollie Lovell, Ben Fitzgibbon.
9 TRU
Back Row: Jacques McCallum-Lind, Oisin Quinn, Sam Lock.
Third Row: Patrick Titter, Aleksander Timarac, David Codd, Corban Garner, Lachie Landreth, Corben Le Breton, Jackson Sinclair.
Second Row: Ms L. Phipps, Prathik Rajasingh, Kai Warburton, William Hitchcock, Angelo Esguerra, Zaelynd Klaassen, Yukata Kunizaki, James Martin, Cobi McCook, Mr T. Ruakere.
Front row: James Avey, Finbar Moriarty, Patrick Greenaway, Davy Rowe, Joshua Hamer, Kaylim Zimmerman, Jack Newell, Aaron Win.

9 RWA
Back Row: Callum Milner, Wiremu O’Sullivan, Cooper Bradley, Campbell Grayling, Scott Rowlands, Alex Lightbody, Matthew O’Connell, Bailey Wensor.
Second Row: Benjamin Zeylemaker, Tristan Heldsinger, Kane Perrett, Daniel Chow, Joshua Howe, Taalym Manu, Thomas Morgan, Nathan Hammersley, Mrs R. Wackrow.
Front Row: Thomas Hadley, Jack Aim, James Hall, Kaleb Thompson, Lachlan Jones, Jonathan Brosnahan, Tristan Jones, Hayden Luckin.
Absent: Noah Edwards.

9 MIN
Back Row: Samuel Garcia, Taiawhio Waipoua-Bryers, Taegan Harvey, Callum Butler.
Third Row: Sam Poles Smith, James Asi, Eliah Bradford, Tobias Stark, Dylan Calder, Shamus Hurley-Langton, Mr M. Ingram.
Second Row: Ms L. Phipps, Joel Ward, Dominic Smillie, Robson Chapman, Jacob Richards, Samuel Johnson, Bryn Lawrence Pacheco, Keegan Lindsay, Philip Kunter.
Front Row: Matthew Hooper, Jordan Dunn, Liam Scott, Flyn Wise, Steven Townes, Caelan Church, Zeon Hansen, Gabriel Ramos.
9 JWI

Back Row:
Kaya Bouterey, Caylem Cook, Patrick Back.

Third Row:
Oliver Williamson, Te Maia Tamati-King, Isaac Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens, Sam Cleland, Bodie Butler, Josh Cathie.

Second Row:
Ms L. Phipps, Mitchel Walker, Ethan Clarke, Mason Porteous, Rhys Taplin, Lewis Ritai, Logan Olsson, Caleb Schuler, Zac Reid, Mr. J. Wilcox.

Front Row:
George Miles, Bailey Voschezang, Isaac Brown, Mitchell Tregoweth, Dainial Gallo, Max Keig, Ethan Dombroski, Alexander Best.

Absent: Samuel Riordan.

9 CSU

Back Row:
Brad Saxton, Jahmaey’s Manu, Jarrod Walsh.

Third Row:
Bailey Thompson, Mitchell Pelham, Xander Campbell, Dylan Wheatley, Jonathan Dwyer, Bayley Cardie, Caleb Thomas.

Second Row:
Ms L. Phipps, Liam Thomson, Joseph Crowe, Chris Headey, Liam Bridgeman, Troy Mills, Jack Hutchins, Ethan Diamond, Sean Mosquera, Ms C. Sugiyama.

Front Row:
Gerard Kuriger, Finlay Morris, Dylan Simpson, Dawson Webber, Felix Webbly, Brad Woolley, Ben Aim, Joseph Bernet.

10 WMI

Back Row:
Beni Kalin, Asher Scott, William Peters, Karu Skipper, Sean Dent.

Third Row:
Owen Griffiths, Connor Hay, Cameron Tofts, Ben Moore, Kavin Vanhoff.

Second Row:
Mr W. Mills, Ethan O’Connor, Daniel Wells, Carson Luckin, Ben Collier, Connor Wilson, Kalin Aylward, Erin Horgan, Matt Browne, Mrs E. Meyer.

Front Row:
Isaac Boon, Chris Balsom, Kyle Hancock, Izaak Karasawa, Scott Cole, Matt Jane, Tyler Buckland, Mitchell Fleming.
10 MWA

Back Row:
Cameron Stewart, Thomas Wright, Ziah Taumoepeau.

Third Row:

Second Row:
Mr M. Wales, Hareth Greenaway, Taylor McDonald, Zachary Smith, Adam Baldwin, Nathan Cousins-Lapworth, Hamish Sandford, Andrew Adams, Samuel Hutterd, Mrs E. Meyer.

Front Row:
Konnor Hay, Maiaorere Wanoa-Sundgren, Damon Judd-Oliver, Sam Boschat, Ethan Muggeridge, Tyler Murray, Andrew Stevens, Finn Smither-May.

10 MDR

Back Row:
Liam Penn, Jonathan Fidow, Hunter Putt, Bayley Betts, George Monk.

Second Row:
Joseph Landrigan, Dominic Jacquemard, Sam Wright, Taine Julian, Riley Barrett, Hakatea Gaskell.

Third Row:
Mr M. Dravitzki, Finn Zeylemaker, Thomas Fleming, Cole Hortor, Cody Bunn, Ben Sarten, Haden Copeman, Daniel Weston.

Front Row:
Jacob Taplin, Lewis Hardy, Reuben King, Matthew Kalin, Cody Rothwell, Liam McBreen, Chase Adamson, Todd Western-Normanton.

Absent: Tyrone Brown.

10 KCU

Back Row:
Joel Chard, Euan Jones, Danyon Roguski, Thomas Sutton, Liam Pelham, Iziah Willetts, Jarrod Smillie.

Second Row:

Front Row:
Colby Wall, Daniel Heerdegen, Tom Hopkins, Josh Morris, Alistern Ang, Reuben Douds, Kellen Fisher, Callum West.

Absent: Mark Bryan.
10 CVA

Back Row: Oliver Bestall, Shaun Phillips, Ethan Adams.

Third Row: Charlie George, Jacob Mills, Trent Brophy, Jack Williams, Layne Wapp, Hendrik Hofstee.

Second Row: David Joffe, Liam Eliason, Calum Simpson, Shaun Limmer, Nicholas Walton, Ben Hall, Mitchell Hurley, Tom Reumers, Mrs E. Meyer.

Front Row: Logan Harvey, Michael Kerr, Henry Baylis, Andrew Mount, Zeb Brophy, Blake Kalin, Jordan Barnett, Zaki Din.

Benildus MSE

Back Row: Joel Scott, Corbin Fraser, Harrison Fraser.

Second Row: Mrs R Marris, Michael Wells, Quin Sorensen, Andrew Putt, Michael Blanks, Michael Chainey, Jackson Wright, Mr M. Sewter.

Front Row: Jacob Holdt, Connor Lindsay, Patrick Fisher-Evans, Harrison Smith, Matthew O’Sullivan, Richie Blundell, Andrew Langslow, Joshua Hulbert.

Benildus LHU

Back Row: Callum Holdt, Finn Bourke, Corbin Mills, Kurtis Grainger, Dylan Finnigan.

Second Row: Mr L. Hucker, Carl Weston, John Monk, Andrew Hockey, Steven Adams, Louis Poole, Marino Courtenay, Mrs R Marris.


Absent: Bradley Haakma.
Benildus JME

Back Row:

Second Row:
Mr J. Meyer, Nick Bliss, Jack Davies, Jack Earp, Josh Dempster, Alex Gawler, Mrs R. Marris.

Front Row:

Benildus GBL

Back Row:
Scott Turner, Logan Clarke, Ben Irvine, Trent Kleinsman, Jakob Schrader.

Second Row:
Mr G. Blanks, Joseph Taylor, Perry West, Alistair Gordon, Mitchell Thomson, Caleb McLean, Matthew Poole, Mrs R. Marris.

Front Row:
Caleb Smith, Nick Greensill, Kurt Biesick, Joshua Fitzsimons, Eric Yang, Andrew Huesser, Xavier Langton, Harley Reiha-Dombroski.

La Salle SSI

Back Row:
Jack Kiernan, Cameron Keech, Sean Bellamy.

Second Row:
Mr S. Simpson, Nicolaus Schumacher, Jack George, Alex Browne, Scott Murfitt, Patrick Costelloe, Du’Plessis Kirili.

Front Row:
Jack Richardson, Joe Hau, Jack Candy, Alex Gray, Chris Appert, Feterika Fidow, Callum Cookson, Cole Hareb.

Absent:
Geoffery Eason, Fred Koaaiyapunth, Ricardo Masuka, Kyle van der Merwe.
La Salle SON

Back Row:
Maxim Stena, Chad Knowles, Matthew Codd,
Jordan Futt, Jack Conway.

Second Row:
Mrs S. O’Neill, Henry Miles, Blake Habib,
Shaun Bradley, Mitchell Moratti, John Baylis,
Patric Klups, Alexander Jordan.

Front Row:
Shaun Gilmour, David Gardner, Adam Mullin,
Ryan Sadler, Miguel Montalla, Cormac Griffin,
James Heerdegen, Jack Ternouth.

LA SALLE PSM

Back Row:
Justin Ivey, Ethan Perrett, Hamish Andrews,
Isa Butler-Mather.

Second Row:
Mr P. Smith, Jordan Price, Joshua Flynn,
Joshua Andrews, Logan Walsh, Jayden Calder,
Brandon Martin.

Front Row:
Corey Floyd, Kevin King, Nathan Sole,
Enele Fidow, Joshua Perrett, Finbarr McCarthy,
Jordon Olsson, Alan Mansell.

Absent:
Thomas Donlon, Marcus Murray.

La Salle JMA

Back Row:
Aaron Ritchie, Nick Walker,
Cormac McCarthy, Bradley Stanford.

Second Row:
Kale Taipari, Stephen Gibson, Conor O’Neill,
Blake Cameron, Brendon Dent, Edan Searle,
Taya Ward.

Front Row:
Tom Leov, Joel Perrett, Nicholas Tipler,
Campbell Crawford, Wynn Russell,
Regan Merwood, Liam Parker, Vanshay Bindra.

Absent:
Alex Perry, Gregory Murray.
Loreto SAS

Back Row:
Phillip Jager, James Ansley, Jordie Barrett,
Slade Whalen, Brent Harrison.

Second Row:
Mrs S. Simpson, Corban Paterson,
Jayden McLean, Liam McFarlane, Jeremy Wise,
Caleb Davis, Cameron Zeylemaker,
Justin Jones, Mr N. Taylor.

Front Row:
Taine Win, Andrew Xiao, Jason Bowe,
Luke Taplin, Thomas Austin, Kobe Ratapu,

Loreto RMC

Back Row:
Liam Doherty, Joshua Woudt,
Daniel McDonald, Cameron Wooldrage,
Blair Morrison.

Second Row:
Dermot Frengley, Quincy O’Brien,
Aaron Doherty, Brodie Forbes, Carl Cerin,
Troy Adamson, Adam Brewer.

Front Row:
Zack Thomson, Joseph Brophy, Shaun Palmer,
Tom Aim, William Aye, Liam Brosnahan,
Tyler Paterson, Zack Distin.

Absent: Cain Robinson.

Loreto PIN

Back Row:
Phillip Vind, Connor McCabe, Corbin Porteous,
Ryan Hawken, Jayden Taylor, Sanjula Fernando.

Second Row:
Mr P Ingram, Braedyn Emi, Fulvio Ruckli,
Nicholas Zeylemaker, Timothy Pittwood,
Marc Bridgeman, Connor McLay, Butchie Sy,
Mr N. Taylor.

Front Row:
Ryuki Han, Michael Poppelwell,
Daniel Bernet, Blake Barrett, Dominic Esguerra,
Logan Crowley, Liam Vincent, Michael Davies.
Loreto CSE

Back Row:
Timothy Headey, Joshua Murdoch,
Jamie Noakes, Calum Parsons, Timothy Parr.

Second Row:
Blair Bublitz, Joseph Northam, Chaz Jones,
Brook Melody, Joshua Lock, Tanaka Utete,
Daniel Crowe, Satch Pryor, Mr N. Taylor.

Front Row:
Chester Nolasco, Alastair MacNicol,
Jonathan Annabell, Martin Sear,
Joshua Mellow, Jackson Mitchell,
John Frengley, Jono Kuriger.

Absent: Elijah Lamb.

Solomon RWO

Back Row:
Ryan Merson, Kale New, Joseph McLay,
Samuel Patten, Johnathon Carswell.

Second Row:
Mr T. Stuck, Jeremy Radich, Thomas Pryme,
Kirk Lightbody, Joshua Perham, Simon French,
Seimi O’Mahony, Ms R. Woollaston.

Front Row:
Joe Whyte, Lachlan Fisher, Michael McKillop,
Eliot Lundon Moore, George Moller,
Wade Sutton, Connor Pierce, Lleyton Taylor.

Solomon RCL

Back Row:
JG Coughtrey, Louis Coetzee, Karl Wright,
Damien Mosquera.

Second Row:
Mr T. Stuck, Joshua Trott, Tyler Feakins,
Cavaan Wild, Joseph Robinson,
Scott Chadwick, Jared Hall.

Front Row:
Joe Conley, Aiden Beer, Riley Looker,
James Freeman, Kaleb Hagensson,
Scott Anderson, Alton Gondipon,
Jamie Keegan.
Solomon PCO

Back Row:
Neha Skipper, Thomas Kalin, Joshua McKnight,
Alex Kalin, Aaron Gao

Second Row:
Mr T. Stuck, Oliver Polson, Beauden Fleming,
Alexander Claricoats, Taani Uhila,
Carlo Walsh, Zeb Schimanski-Hunt, Brock Wills,
Mr P. Costello.

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Mason Taylor, Matt Cathie, Bryn Chard,
Cameron Meads, Steven Snickell, Patrick Hay,

Solomon JNE

Back Row:
Lachlan Stevens, Kurt Hagenson,
Cody Brown, Nathan McKnight,
Charles Matthews, Alexander Furr.

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Mr T. Stuck, Sam Moon, Callum Hurley,
Athol Keegan, Aaron Stevens,
Mathew Howcroft, John Cardy,
Jordan Guinnell, Mr J. Neeson.

Front Row:
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Fred Kaoaiyapunth, Max Hall,
Jamie Rothwell, Bryan Macalalag,
Bailey Wisnewski, Bailey Hammersley.

COLLEGE LEADERS 2014

The following students will have the privilege
of being school leaders to their peers next year.

Prefects are:
Tyler Feakins, Max Hall, Ryan Hawken,
Tim Headley, Andrew Hockey, Nick Tipler.

House Captains are:
Benildus - Trent Kleinsman
La Salle - Du'Plessis Kiril
Loreto - Jordie Barrett
Solomon - Jake Limmer

Culture Captain: Tanaka Utete

Sport Captain: Karl Wright

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