



## International Newsletter - End of Year 2011

Dear Parents, Guardians and Agents,

Seasons greeting from Sacred Heart College! How fast time flies and it is now the end of another busy year for the International Department. Over the past 11 months we have welcomed sixty three International Students (short and long term) to the Sacred Heart College community. It has been so pleasing to see how well our International Students have become involved in the wider school life of the College, in academic, sporting, and cultural activities. We will continue to encourage and facilitate this involvement in 2012.

### End of Year Prize Giving

This year our International Students had a strong presence in our end of year Prize Giving Ceremony. Many International Students received recognition for their diligence and achievement over the 2011 school year. One of the major awards at prize giving is **THE DUNNINGHAM CUP**, for the most outstanding International Student, which was won by **Markus Kwan** this year. Markus is a student from Hong Kong, who started at the College just this year, and although not a foreign fee paying student he is in every other way an International Student and is the essence of what we would hope that International Students would aspire to be when they come to our College. This cup was awarded to him in recognition of the leadership he has shown as being such a positive role model for all students, not just International Students.



Markus Kwan with the Principal, Mr. Jim Dale

The other major award at any year level at Senior Prize Giving is the College Confortare Award. This is an award given to a student who has been nominated by at least three of his subject teachers for consistent diligence and achievement over the course of the year. This year a Confortare Award was presented to THREE Year 11 International Students: Francisco Kang (from South Korea), Onehunga Kaufusi (from Tonga), and Kento Koso (from Japan).



Francisco Kang

Other awards that were won by our outstanding International Students:

#### **Year 10 Academic Awards**

Nuttapat Lertchanapisit (Thailand)                      Excellence in E.L.L.

#### **Year 11 Academic Awards - First place or Excellence**

Francisco Kang (South Korea)                      Excellence in French and Advanced Science

Narute Veerachuen (Thailand)                      Excellence in EAP

#### **Year 12 Academic Awards - First place or Excellence**

Markus Kwan (Hong Kong, China)                      First Place in Chemistry and

Excellence in Mathematics 201 and Biology

Albert SaeJu (Thailand)                      First Place in Thematic Studies in English and Japanese  
and Excellence in Economics

Yoshiki Saga (Japan)                      First Place in Sports Science

#### **Year 13 Academic Awards**

Robert Cole (Fiji)                      Excellence in Travel and Tourism

Kritsanaphon Thananusak (Thailand)                      First Place in EAP

#### **Special Service Awards**

Francisco Kang (South Korea)                      Services to the Library

Congratulations and well done to all the international boys who won the awards, you are well deserved of the recognition.

#### **End of Term 4 Programme for Year 11 Students**

As mentioned in my previous newsletter, in early November the ELL Department arranged a special

programme for our new International Students who started at Term 3. This programme gave students an extra opportunity to further improve their English skills, cover basic skills in NCEA subjects that they missed out on earlier in the year as well as attempt selected standards for NCEA. The programme was well received by the 7-8 students who participated in the programme as they took full advantage of gaining Level 1 credits that are needed for their Level 2 studies. Zijian Zhang, one of the students who participated at the programme thoroughly enjoyed doing it and benefited greatly from this tailor made programme. He described the programme as a “fantastic opportunity.” My sincere thanks go to Mrs. Lynne Gardiner, Ms. Rebecca Teague, Mrs. Kelly Martel and Mrs. Moya Terris who have put in the extra effort to make this programme happen.



Andy Chan and Mrs. Moya Terris

### **Frequently Asked Questions for Sacred Heart College Hostel**

This year the Sacred Heart College Hostel has hosted twenty international boarders and the option of boarding continues to gain popularity in the international market. With the assistance of Mr. O'Donnell, the Dean of Boarding, we have produced a document with many frequently asked questions and answers in regard to how to apply for becoming a boarding student at Sacred Heart College Hostel, and what life is like being a boarding student. This document is now [live](#) on our website under the International Student Section. Please feel free to contact me for a copy if you would like to have one.



Father Champagnat House and Br. Clement House

**International Orientation Day on 26 January 2012**

The new International Student Orientation Day has been set for the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2012, for all new International Students starting in Term 1. This one day programme is compulsory for all new International Students. On this day, new students will be introduced to life at the College, meet with staff members of the College, have a guided tour of the campus, and purchase uniform if they haven't already done so. They will also have a chance to choose their subjects options with the International Dean, along with having an English assessment and Maths test (if applicable) that will help assist us with class placement and subject selection. Students will also be given information regarding stationery requirements.

**Calendar 2012**

Please find information below regarding term dates for future planning. Please arrange travel within these term dates, as permission will not be given for students to leave school early or arrive late except in exceptional circumstances.

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Orientation Day for New International Students (9.00am-3.00pm)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Teacher Only Day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Auckland Anniversary Holiday Year 9 boarding students enter hostel at 3:30pm Years 12 and 13 boarding students enter hostel at 7pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January and Class Photos	First Day for Years 7, 9, 12, 13 students, Formal Uniform Day, ID Years 10 and 11 boarding students enter hostel at 4:30pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	All year levels starts, Formal Uniform Day, ID and Class Photos
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Timetable Commences

**Term Dates 2012**

Term 1	Tuesday 31 <sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> April (1.00pm)
Term2	Monday 23 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June (1.00 pm)
Term3	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September (1.00 pm)
Term 4	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December (1.00pm)

*Monday 5 November: Final day for Year 13 prior to NCEA exams*

*Monday 6 November: Final day for Year 11 and 12 prior to NCEA exams*

*Tuesday 11 December: All other classes finish*



International Students at Rugby World Cup Mufti Day

We wish you all a relaxing, enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year holiday break. Thank you for your great support throughout this year, and we are looking forward to welcoming your students back at the start of 2012.

Best regards,

**Ting Xu**  
**Director of International Students**

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