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From the Principal

Growing and celebrating Marist achievers

Greetings to Marist Brothers, Parents and Students,
Old Boys and Friends of Sacred Heart College.

The 2008 school year is now well underway. A myriad of activities and organisation has been achieved since mid January, with the official start of the College year on 29 January. Securing an early commencement to the academic year means we have created an extra week of teaching and learning, especially for our Year 11-13 students who will be sitting their high-stakes NCEA examinations Levels 1-4, in November this year.

2007 academic performance

I am delighted to report that our scholars have excelled themselves. The 2007 results are well above the national average of similar decile 8 schools by 15%, and 30% better than the performance of all boys nationally. Single-sex boys' education certainly delivers the results. Our pass rates compare very favourably against all other state, private or integrated schools, Catholic and Non Catholic. My sincere thanks and congratulations to all students and my staff for this continued improvement. Now the quest is to achieve as well and even better in 2008. There is no place for complacency or mediocrity at Sacred Heart College.

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Special congratulations are extended to Liam Fisk, our Dux of 2007, who gained six scholarships, and to Sam Shaw, who scored four scholarships. Congratulations also to Liam Devoy and Joon Lee (two scholarships), and Herman Cheung, Byron Hui, and Ben Corbett (one scholarship).

The total of 17 scholarships places us as the top-performing, single-sex boys' Catholic school in New Zealand for scholarship. 2008 will see further review, refinement and development of the scholarship examinations at the College.

Pillars in focus

The 2008 pillars of Family Spirit and Loyalty and Pride are in evidence at the College on a daily basis and at formal Masses, liturgies and school events. These same pillars have a critical bearing on the leadership development of all our students, particularly our seniors. In an era when we cannot in any way rely on the values espoused by central or local government, it is more vital than ever that we develop young Catholic, Marist and Champagnat men who are strong in their faith and who have an inherent instinct for what is good and right in their lives and in the lives of those for whom they care.

Together let us make 2008 a special and memorable year for all the right reasons.

May the Blessing of Our Lady and St Marcellin Champagnat be with you.

Confortare Esto Vir
Jim Dale, Principal



The Sacred Heart Tongan Group once again outshone all other schools in the Tongan section at the ASB Polyfest held recently at Manukau Veladrome. It won the trophy for the best Taufakanuia for the third year in a row and also won the Mako for the second consecutive year in a row. Pictured here is Wayne Ngata holding the trophy for best Taufakanuia.

Liam Fisk



Liam Fisk, pictured with Principal Jim Dale, achieved six scholarships in 2007 and has gained further academic honour in being awarded an NZEST scholarship. He is one of nine students nationally to win the scholarship, which is valued at \$5000. His selection involved a 20-minute interview by a panel of eight that included the Auckland University Chancellor. Liam is studying Engineering at Canterbury University.

International students' outstanding results

Although there were only six international students in Year 13 in 2007, they certainly made their mark at the end-of-year Prize Giving.

Joon Lee was the outstanding performer, attaining first in Senior Painting and Excellences in Religious Education, Statistics, Physics and English. He was also awarded Proxima Accessit and the Coolahan Medal for Outstanding Conduct, and gained two national scholarships in English and Maths with Statistics. This is an amazing achievement for someone who could not speak any English until the age of 12. Along with his commitment to study, Joon gave dedicated service to the College as a prefect and the student representative on the Board of Trustees. It was with great pleasure that we heard that Joon had been awarded an \$80,000 scholarship to study Robotics at Korea's most prestigious university.

Other notable performers in Year 13 were Kenny Chun, who achieved first in History, Excellence in Religious Education and a School Service Award for mentoring international students; and Jae Yoon, who was awarded the Brother Urban Cup for Mathematics. Kenny has gained a place at Auckland University to study Architecture and Jae will be studying Engineering at Sydney University this year.

Year 12 student Shimon Endo received a Class Service award and, together with fellow international student, Mikaele Railoa, has been selected as a Prefect for 2008.

In Year 11, Josh Sung achieved first in Accounting and Maths 201, David Lee first in ESOL and Excellence in Level 1 Maths, Maths 101 and Science, and David Kim Excellence in Science.

The challenges to achieve these results are far greater than for local students. Firstly they must learn English, and for some of these students it has been only two years since their first English lesson. Secondly, they must learn to live in a new country and a new culture, far from family support. It is with great pride and pleasure that we congratulate them and encourage them to continue to achieve and succeed.

Miriam Dunningham Director International Students

Grease is the word

This year's annual school production will see a presentation of the rock musical 'Grease'. The Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey score has been chosen by the production team of Chris Hayward (Director) and Delysse Glynn (Musical Director) as the show that will highlight the musical and acting talent at Sacred Heart in 2008.

The show will commence on 11 August at the Selwyn Theatre in Kohimarama Road, and is expected to be a sell out. The College's more recent productions of 'Jesus Christ Superstar' (2002), the New Zealand premiere of the schools' version of 'Les Miserables' (2003), and 'Godspell' (2006) – all produced sell-out crowds.

Performing with students from Baradene College of the Sacred Heart, it features a cast of around 50, and 20 students involved in a variety of other ways.

The show – popularised by the John Travolta/Olivia Newton John film of the same name - will see the youngsters of 2008 rolling back into the 1950s to recreate the energy and vibrance of the times, with hit numbers such as 'Greased Lightning', 'Summer Nights', 'Hopelessly Devoted To You', and 'We Go Together'.

Choreography will be directed by Leigh Cane, who worked with Mr Hayward and Mrs Glynn on Godspell. Help from the Technology and Art Departments will see the stage come alive, while Sacred Heart's own 'Pink Ladies', in the form of Mrs McMillan, Mrs Gannaway and others will ensure the costumes are authentic.

Chris Hayward, Director

Musical numbers booming

More than 250 students have taken up the opportunity to learn an instrument or to sing through the SHC Music Department this year. It is fair to say we are booming, not only with these numbers of participants, but also with the extra-curricular music groups the boys can join.

At junior level, there is the Junior Choir, Marimba Group, Ukulele Group and Junior Band. For the seniors, there is the Senior Band, Senior Choir, Jazz Combo and the recently formed String Ensemble. There are, as usual, several rock groups at school as well, and no doubt they will be strutting their stuff during Rockquest heats and finals next term.

The annual Walter Kirby Music Competition will be held in the second term this year (8 June). Term 2 also includes the 'inhouse' celebrations of SHC Legends and May NZ Music Month.

Senior Band will be working with the Baradene Senior Orchestra to present a 'Silver Screen Evening' on 20 June. This will be held at the Baradene Auditorium and is an excellent opportunity for the two communities to join together and make beautiful music.

The main focus for the Senior Choir will be the 'Big Sing' competition. It has been many years since a choir from Sacred Heart has entered this prestigious competition and this talented group of vocalists is looking forward to learning a great deal from the experience.

Finally, our resident Jazz Combo, 'Area 51 Jazz Club', is available for hire (at a very reasonable rate) to play at corporate functions, birthdays etc. Email dglynn@sacredheart.school.nz to get in contact with them.

Delysse Glynn, Director of Music

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Playing host to England

Up-and-coming cricketers were among the lucky ones to be part of Vodafone's 'Family Day' with the English cricket team, held at the College in February.

Members of the SHC Cricket Sports Institute had the opportunity of some batting practice against the English bowlers in the nets, and to play in a game involving the touring cricketers.

Some of the senior boarders also played a part in the day, acting as carpark attendants, running the amusements provided by Vodafone, and helping with the free giveaways.

The England players were great with our boys, passing on their advice and never hesitating to sign whatever the boys wanted autographed.

Cricket focus on delivery

The Cricket Committee is meeting regularly and planning for the 2009 season is underway, reports Garry Wood, the teacher in charge.

In an arrangement with Auckland Cricket, Sacred Heart will work closely with the ACA and Auckland University Cricket Club to improve all aspects of delivery of cricket at the school. This will include coaching, administration and practical assistance where needed. As part of the ACA agreement, the Cricket Committee will carry out a 'health check' on all aspects of cricket in the school. This will enable benchmarks to be established, and improvements to be measured. This audit will be done in April/May and the results, ideas and suggestions will be included in the committee's planning.

If you have any suggestions, contact: gwood@sacredheart.school.nz or ph 0-9-529 3660 ext 822.

The season

The College has 11 teams competing in the secondary school grades and a Year 8 side in the local ACA competition.

Following on from a successful season last year, the 1st XI has done exceptionally well to make the grade for the 1A championship section after the first round. Two early wins over Mt Albert and Rosmini, a close loss to Rangitoto, and two rain outs saw the team qualify to play in this division for the first time since 2000.

The 2nd XI is playing in the 1B section. This side is competing well under the guidance of Allen McLaughlin in what is a tough section. Another top performer is the 6A team under the direction of John Mahony.

It can be difficult finding coaches. Staff who have volunteered their time this season include Phil Berrill (1st XI), Peter Hale and Rhys Taucher (2A), Rob

Kidd (3B1), Stephen Albertson (3B2), Erin McWilliams (3B3), Br Gerard (Colts), John Mahony (6A) and Chris Hill (6B).

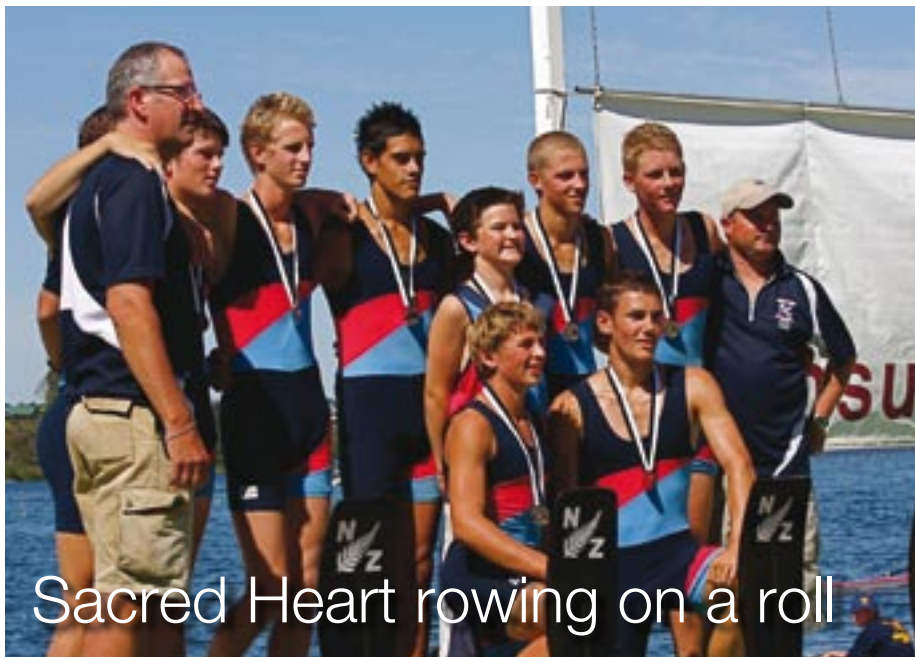
Marist Carnival

Before Christmas, the 1st XI travelled to Australia to participate in the 35th Marist Cricket Carnival. This year's host was Notre Dame College, Shepparton, and the school did an excellent job.

The competition was as fierce as ever, with some excellent cricket on display from the seven Australian Marist schools.

The Sacred Heart players were a credit to their school. They played some very good cricket, but some inconsistency with their batting resulted in four losses and three wins, finishing fifth overall. Ben Kingham made the Carnival representative team.

The tradition of Sacred Heart's participation in the carnival has been alive since 1994, and long may it continue.



Sacred Heart rowing on a roll

Pictured here is the U16 crew receiving its silver medal at Lake Karapiro.

Sacred Heart Rowing wound up a stellar season with two silver medals at the North Island Secondary Schools Championships in March, and high hopes for success at the Maadi Cup national event in Twizel in April.

Three crews - U18 four, U16 eight and U15 eight – qualified for Maadi at the North Island championships, held at Lake Karapiro in late March. Sacred Heart made

eight A finals - the best performance in many years.

A highlight was the U16 eight final, which saw Sacred Heart edge out the Hamilton Boys crew to finish just behind Westlake in what was a record time for the race. Westlake won in a time of 6.05, with Sacred Heart at 6.10.

Confortare - a big boost to rowing



Pictured at the naming ceremony are (from left): Fr Allardyce, Br Terence, Head Prefect and school rowing captain Anthony Hos, and Br Marcel.

'Confortare', Sacred Heart's brand new Hudson eight, was named and blessed in front of a large gathering of parents, rowers, special friends, sponsors and supporters at the Auckland Rowing Club on Sunday, 10 February.

Speeches by the Head Boy and school rowing captain, Anthony Hos, coaches Mike Whittaker and Chris Klaassen, club captain Wayne Bradley and Director of Sport Neil Penfold, all acknowledged the enormous generosity of the many sponsors and Old Boys who have supported the club, making the purchase of the new boat and oars possible.

The boat was officially blessed by Fr Allardyce, before the name was revealed.

Confortare is a state-of-the-art boat and already the boys who have rowed in it say they notice the difference in performance, notching up some good results to boot.

"With this boat, and with the quality and talent of the rowers coming through, Sacred Heart has a real chance of bringing home the Maadi Cup in the next few years," says Mike Whittaker.

Special thanks to Chris Klaassen, SHC Old Boy and rowing coach, who has driven the sponsorship effort in recent years, culminating in the purchase of the Hudson late last year.



Dominance at Auckland athletics meet

Gold medal athletes Tim Payne and Joshua Hawkins.

A large squad of 17 athletes competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships held at Mt Smart Stadium, and were dominant across a range of events. The boys collected 13 medals, including seven gold, in comparison to a total of six medals in 2007.

Some of the standout performances were:

U14

Tim Payne - gold in 300m and triple jump.
Joshua Hawkins – gold in 80m hurdles and 200m.

Hezron Alban – gold in long jump, bronze in triple jump.

In addition, Dallas Wells won bronze in the 80m hurdles, and Jonathan Goosman won bronze in the high jump.

U16

Henare Wells - gold in 100m, silver in 200m.
Jonathan Curry - gold in 100m hurdles and silver in U16 4 x 100m relay.

In the senior section, Scott Allison won bronze in the 400m.

Hayden Lingard, Teacher in charge

Water polo shows its depths

A still relatively young Sacred Heart side has surged into the semi-final of the Auckland Premier Boys Championship with some solid performances. Led by Year 13 student Nielsen Varoy, the team is hopeful of improving on the 2007 team's performance of sixth placing at the national championships in April.

With more than half of the team still having a further two years at the College, the future looks bright for this group. Two players with solid performances this year have included Callum O'Brien (Year 11) in goals, and promising young centre forward Tim Dreadon (Year 10). Matthew Lewis, Tim Dreadon and Darcy Ferigo were recently selected for the New Zealand U15 squad. Nielsen played in the New Zealand schoolboys side in Sydney last December against Australia. He also teamed with fellow Sacred Heart player, Aiden Thornhill, in the New Zealand youth team which trained and played in the United States and Serbia in January.

Year 7 & 8 – best in NZ

The Year 7 & 8 water polo team of 2007 cemented its claim to fame by being the first-ever Sacred Heart team to win the Year 7 & 8 North Island Water Polo Championship with a resounding victory over five-times defending champion Murrays Bay Intermediate, from the North Shore. The team, coached by Year 13 student Kieran Hattie, went through the year losing only one game (to Murrays Bay in the final of the Auckland-wide Tim Sonderer Memorial trophy).

In the interim, it won the Auckland Winter Championships (beating Murrays Bay), the Eastern Zone Championship for the second consecutive year and the Institute Cup. The North Island Championships MVP award went to Year 8 student Matthew Lewis, who had the rare distinction of scoring all the team's goals in the final.

The success of the Year 7 & 8 squad rises partly from the introduction in 2007 of the Sports Institute, which provides expert coaching twice a week in addition to normal practices. All the boys going into Year 9 will continue with water polo as they work hard toward winning the national schoolboys' titles in the future years.

25 years young – come celebrate

2008 sees the silver jubilee of water polo at Sacred Heart and the College is seeking to find the stars of the past. All members of Senior A teams from 1983 to 2007 are asked to email Chris Hayward at the College (see below) so that a silver jubilee event can be planned for later in the year.

Over the past 25 years, Sacred Heart has won five national schoolboys championships (1986, 1987, 1988, 1990 and 2004), finished runner-up in 1989, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998 and in 2003, and taken the bronze medal in 1991 and 1993. Water polo has come a long way at the College and in New Zealand. There are so many schools now playing that you need to qualify for the national championships.

Over the years, Sacred Heart has seen some great players. Clarke Tamariki, Quentin Smith, Kevin Schluter, Chris Bodle, Darren Malone, Raphael Hilbron, Matthew Filipo, Logan Jacka, Bevan Webster, Frank and Ben Afeaki, Aaron Stockdale are a few of the many New Zealand representatives that the College has produced.

We look forward to welcoming them and all the Senior A representatives back to the College this year for the silver jubilee celebrations.

Enquiries and registrations, please email: chayward@sacredheart.school.nz.



Nielsen Varoy, second left, slashed school records in freestyle, backstroke and butterfly at the College's annual swimming sports.

Swimming records tumble

The College's annual swimming sports in February saw records tumble as Nielsen Varoy slashed the senior record books in the one-, two-, and three-length freestyle events, as well as the backstroke and butterfly. He broke the legendary Clarke Tamariki's freestyle sprint records, which had stood for 19 years.

In the juniors, the depth of swimmers was strikingly evident. Shaquille Vaotu'ua and David Screen cleaned up all the events between them – each lowering several of the records in the process. Darcy Ferigo finished a close third behind them in the championship, and all three earned places at the National Age Group Championships to be held in Christchurch.

In the qualification meet for the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships, Sacred Heart swimmers earned the fastest qualifying times in six of the eight junior events. They now progress to the Auckland Secondary Schools Champion of Champions finals on 15 April.



Konrad Herewini, pictured at the Sports Awards Dinner in 2007, has moved to Perth, where he continues his recording-breaking feats in the pool.

Last year's U15 champion and the 2006 Sports Performer of the Year, Konrad Herewini, has moved to Perth with his family and is already starting to create waves in Western Australia.

Now at John XX111 College in Perth, Konrad slashed butterfly and backstroke records at his new school that had been held by Eamon Sullivan. Eamon is the swimmer who in recent weeks set a new world record in the 50m freestyle, lowering the time set by the Russian great Alexander Popov eight years previously.

Cyclists anticipate a strong year



provide expert guidance to the boys and support to our parent coaches. This has been achieved with the ongoing financial support of our sponsor, Watershed Environment Solutions, parent contributions and fundraising.

Although the Auckland Secondary School Time Trial series commences at the beginning of the second term, a

Following on from the successes of 2007, when our Senior A team finished in the top 10 of the Auckland and national competitions, 2008 is expected to be a year of ongoing success and growth for cycling within the College.

Although we lost seven Year 13 leavers at the end of last year, we had nine new riders (including eight new juniors) attend the annual pre-season muster/parent meeting recently. The increased number of juniors will provide a stronger base for cycling at the College and allow the sport to develop.

During the off-season, the cycling committee was fortunate to secure the services of a professional coach, Aaron Strong, for the 2008 season. Aaron will

number of our riders have continued their base training during the off-season. In addition, two of our riders (Ethan Mitchell and Jonathan Laycock) have been involved in track racing at the Manukau Velodrome during the summer. Both boys gained medals at the recent Auckland championships and were selected to represent Auckland at the national championships in Invercargill at the end of February. In addition, Ethan was a member of the three-man U19 track team that beat Australia to win the gold medal at the Oceania championships at the end of last year. Ethan's next international outing for his country is to South Africa.

Bryan Jackson, SHC Cycling Manager

1st XI fitter than ever

Pre-season training is well underway for 2008. The team is working hard ahead of its promotion play-off against Liston College for the right to play in the A2 competition this year.

Danny Hay, our football specialist in the Sports Institute, has been doing the conditioning work with the squad, and as a result, this will be the fittest a 1st XI at Sacred Heart has been for a long time. Graham Duffield, a parent, has also had an input with pre-season work, and the boys are benefiting from his considerable footballing experience.

The team is scheduled to have its first pre-season friendly against Kelston on 26 March. Other fixtures are in the pipeline against high-quality opposition, to help the boys prepare for the Liston play-offs (12 and 16 April).

Thanks to generous sponsorship from Fuji Xerox, the boys will be playing in brand new uniforms this season.

Neil Penfold 1st XI Coach

A comprehensive pre-season programme

1st XV trials and training began early in the first term in what represents a comprehensive build-up to the start of the 1A competition in May, reports team manager Mr John Sullivan.

This year the 1st XV has a number of players from last year's squad returning. Sean Polwart, Ronald Raaymakers, Molimea Fonua, Marcus Cheval, Aaron Somerset, Mikaele Railoa, Grayson Schiphorst, Tim Blundell, and Chase Schiphorst are all fired up and keen to do things 'right' in their final year. Their commitment and leadership at pre-season trainings is already evident.

Along with Mikaele Railoa (recipient of the Br Michael Taylor Scholarship in 2007 and 2008), the squad will be boosted by Loniketi Uhila, who has been awarded the Sean Fitzpatrick Scholarship for 2008. Loniketi comes from Tonga and is an accomplished prop.

The competition for all places and positions has been fierce, with many talented players wanting the honour and pride of pulling on the 'jersey'.

Participation in Sevens events has also been

a part of the programme. At a one-day event in late March, we were thrilled to beat the top seed, Mt Albert Grammar, in the final. Sean Polwart, Tim Blundell and Rhema Sagota were chosen for the tournament team based on their performance at this event.

Our build up has also included a game against Gisborne Boys High School, which we won, and the Marist Quadrangular, being played in Wellington in the second week of April.

The school holidays will see us in training camp and then the Auckland 1A Competition starts on Saturday, 10 May, when we host St Paul's.

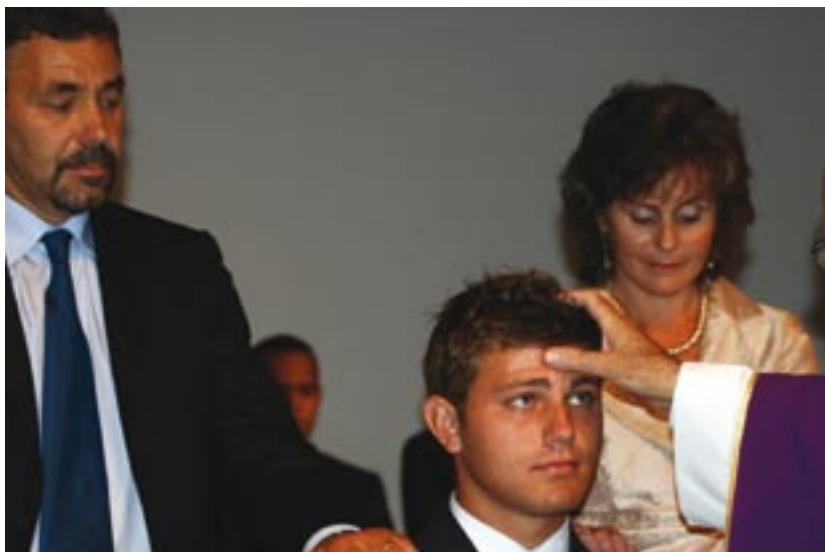
Coaches Paul Melloy and Pele Fisi'iahi have put many hours of time and effort into planning and mapping out our season, and along with the boys we are all eagerly looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

We welcome the Sacred community's support this year - rest assured the group of young men who will wear the 1st XV strip in 2008 do so with immense pride, desire, and commitment for our College.

SHC 1st XV Fixtures 2008

1 April	v Gisborne BHS	home
5 April	SuperSevens	Waikato Stadium
8 April	v St Patrick's Silverstream	Silverstream
10 April	v St Patrick's Town	Kilbirnie
12 April	v St Bernard's Lower Hutt	Kilbirnie
10 May	v St Paul's	home
17 May	v Auckland Grammar	away
24 May	v Otahuhu	away
29 May	v King's	away
7 June	v De La Salle	home
14 June	v Mt Albert	home
28 June	v Kelston BHS	home
26 July	v Tangarua	away
2 August	v St. Kentigern	home
9 August	v St Peter's	away
16 August	Semifinals	
23 August	Finals	

An inspiring, prayerful celebration



Blessing: Head Prefect Anthony Hos and Parents Janette and Alex at the Family Mass.

As has become customary over the years, Sacred Heart College families and particularly those new to the school, were invited to Family Mass on 24 February, at which the prefects for 2008 were inducted. It was led by our Chaplain, Fr John Allardyce.

After the homily, Mr Paul Melloy called up each of the

prefects who were accompanied by parents or family members and who placed their hands on the shoulders of their sons as they were individually blessed.

Anthony Hos delivered his first public speech, accepting the challenge of taking the school into another year and with the students, staff and families, making it even more Catholic, Marist and Champagnat in its way.

Before communion, special ministers of the Eucharist were blessed, including five prefects and Sam Laird, who asked to be considered for this privilege.

Following communion, Br Marcel Hall asked the congregation to give generously to the collection for Ulimasao, a Marist Brothers' school in Samoa. All responded to the request with more than \$2000 being raised.

The new banner depicting 'Loyalty and Pride', which was designed and painted by Year 11 student Joshua Smith with assistance from his brother Daniel, was then blessed. It is a creative, colourful and practical reminder of one of the two centennial pillars that are a key Champagnat focus for our 2008 year.

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Gift a symbol of Catholic unity and love

It is traditional for the Sacred Heart College leavers to present a gift at the end of the year. In 2007, the leavers determined that a replica of the World Youth Day Cross was a gift that would not only stand the test of time but would also be a tangible reminder of their contribution to the school.

The World Youth Day Cross and Marian Icon had been hosted at the College earlier in the year, as a lead-up to the World Youth Day, which takes place in Sydney this year. Pope John Paul first presented the World Youth Day Cross to the world's youth in 1984, and the accompanying Marian Icon in 2003. Together they have become worldwide symbols of Catholic unity and love.

The replica cross has been placed among the trees along the Gate 1 driveway.





Four memorable days at Finlay

The first Year 9 camping expedition to Finlay Park - on the shores of Lake Karapiro - departed from Sacred Heart 34 years ago. A small group of students and staff, led by Chris Faisandier and Tom O'Sullivan, made the journey in a single truck. Much has changed.

From just a truck-load to today's camp of more than 300 people - staff, students, parents and volunteers - who arrive with military-like precision in cars and vans, laden with provisions and many towing boats. Tom O'Sullivan still goes, as does John Cann, a past parent who likes to lend a hand each year as chief cook. Another stalwart is Stephen Berecz, who has just notched up his 10th year as organiser.

It is a massive logistical event that could not take place without the hands-on support of parents, says Mr Berecz. More than 600 meals are served. There are a wide-range of water sports and other activities to coordinate with the help of parents and Year 12 students. Over four days, campers will waterski, raft, canoe, tramp, master a confidence course and 'base raid', and get to sleep outdoors.

It is a chance for boys to get to know each other, and their teachers, in a way they never could within the school environment. Conditions can be tough, especially if the weather is unkind, but invariably they look back on camp as one of the most memorable of their experiences at Sacred Heart.

Preparing for the future

The Development Foundation Trust is in good heart and looking forward to 2008. The Property Masterplan Committee is carefully considering the next stage of development at the College, and as soon as plans are finalised the Development Foundation will step up its fundraising activities. With that in mind two new trustees have been included on the Trust:

Chris ARBUCKLE, Old Boy (1974), is a current parent, was formerly on the Board of Trustees, and has a wealth of experience and financial expertise, as well as knowledge of the College, its goals and values.

Paul Greaney, current parent at SHC and Board of Trustee member at Baradene College. He has had a close association with the Aquatic Centre for the past few years. His professional career began at PriceWaterhouseCoopers and he rose to the level of CEO for a large American multinational company. His entrepreneurial approach and business acumen will be a great asset to the Development Foundation Trust and the College.

Other trustees are: Steve Ulenberg (Chairman), Peter Coakley, Br Sean Hanaray, John Molloy, and the CEO is the College Principal, Jim Dale.

Annual Giving 2008

The brochure for this year's Annual Giving initiative is included in this issue of Confortare. Please consider giving to this popular programme.

Funds from the 2007 campaign went toward a mini grandstand for seating at large outdoor events including Twilight Athletics, swimming, and cricket. We were also able to fund a digital camera for the Art Department which had been keenly looked forward to, and three new computer stations for the library.

SHConnect

The next issue of SHConnect, the Old Boys' email newsletter, is due to hit cyberspace in May/June. If you have an email address and would like to receive this informal and friendly newsletter, please forward email details to Lyn Luxton (see below).

Previous issues of SHConnect are archived on the College website: www.sacredheart.school.nz



At the Year 7 parents' function: the Friends' Margaret Twomey, Maggy Hamilton and Les Marshall.

More than 100 people packed the Old Boys' Lounge on 6 March to enjoy each others' company, and find out more about the College and its community. The occasion was a welcome for Year 7 parents, hosted by the Friends of Sacred Heart and the College Development Foundation.

Janne Pender introduced the Friends and their goals, and made special mention of Margaret Long, whose seven sons have been to the College. Her long association

with the Friends was applauded loudly.

Lyn Luxton spoke of the work the Development Foundation has completed in the past, and the challenges for the future.

Jim Dale welcomed everyone on behalf of the College and then the socialising was underway.

Many parents put their names forward to be part of a sub-committee that will organise further similar functions in the future so parents can keep in touch.

Rekindling Sacred spirit



Pictured: Pat McFadden, Jim Parker, Br Michael.

Jim PARKER was a son of the American Consul to New Zealand in the 1960s. Jim attended SHC and was best mates with Pat MCFADDEN. When Jim left school he returned to America with his family. Some 45

years later he looked up his best mate and discovered him through the SHCOBA. Jim travelled from Maryland to meet his friend, and together they came back to the College where they met up with Br Michael.

It is a tale of friendship and lifelong coincidences. They were both born in February of the same year, and after 45 years they discovered when they met up that they had been married in the same year and both had three children around the same ages. Although Pat's children live in Australia and London, by coincidence they were all in New Zealand at the same time Jim and his wife arrived, so they were able to be part of a McFadden family reunion. The strength of their friendship across the years, and pride in being Old Boys, was obvious.

We're open, you're welcome!

The Development Foundation Office is open to all Old Boys and their families, who are very welcome to visit the College any time. In addition to recent visits from Jim Parker and Pat McFadden, we have welcomed Ian JURY (1985) and Mike HAYES (1961).

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Friends of Sacred Heart

The transformation was unbelievable: the Old Boys' Lounge was indeed hard to recognise: Christmas trees, fairy lights, colours of every hue catching the eye, something new at every turn. The occasion? The Michaelmas Christmas Fair, originally held in St Michael's Remuera for almost 17 years, had moved to Sacred Heart College.

There were about 30 stalls of wonderful goods of every kind, Christmas cakes and puddings, handcrafted glass, jams and pickles, decoupage table mats, paintings, jewellery and much more. The Michaelmas Fair has a great following, loyal supporters came from far and wide. The Friends of Sacred Heart College was delighted with the support from the SHC community - those who came to help with the café, the stall and raffle, and those who came to buy.

Memorabilia

We have a range of memorabilia which can be obtained either from the College reception or by downloading an order form from the website, www.sacredheart.school.nz. With winter on the way, of interest will be our very sturdy navy umbrellas emblazoned with the College crest - perfect for the sidelines. There are also pens, framed College crests, wine bags, wine glasses, towels, note cards and coasters.

Mid-Winter Dinner

The Friends welcomes new members and the mid-winter dinner is a great place to start your friendship. This dinner will be held on Friday, 27 June. To join the Friends, download a printable membership form from the College website, or telephone Janne Pender 0-9-524 5450.



Hundreds help achieve a record result

The beginning of every year is always a busy time for the PTA Committee with the Twilight Athletics BBQ, AGM and the Annual Fair to organise.

The AGM was held on Monday, 25 February with the following elected:

President Kelvin Mephan

Vice Presidents Neil O'Connor, Greg Devine

Treasurer Kevin Welch

Secretary Louise Putt

Committee Br Marcel Hall, Paula Alexander, Karen Banks, Luanne Collins, Gail Duggan, Wim Duncker, Gary Dunn, Lynn Eising, Karen Goosman, Amanda Griffin, Jilly Greene, Janette Hos, Catherine Larsen, Anne McFadyen, Katia MacKenzie, Janie Murray, Christine Parkinson, Betty Phillips, Donna Prince, Dianne Roy, Catherine Te Reo and Alison Welch.

The Twilight Athletics BBQ was a great success with 900 sausages, 250 burgers and 1000 cans of drink being consumed.

Similarly, the 2008 Fair was also a huge success, with equally large numbers involved. There were 32 stalls and activities which required 350 helpers, and a mountain of goods, food and drink to sustain the eager buyers.

We were again fortunate with the weather and the predicted rain stayed well away. The crowd was festive all day, and we still had the Quick Fire, Chips, Obstacle Course, Dunker and music in full swing at 2.30pm.

It was a grand day and a tribute to the efforts of the Fair Committee:

Kelvin Mephan, Barbara Jaques, Charles Gurr, Gary Dunn, Janie Murray, John Mahoney, Karen Banks, Louise Putt, Lynn Eising, Kevin Welch, Neil O'Connor, Paul Keestra, Rob Van Tiel, Simon Crang and Vanessa Giles, as well as the hundreds of parents, friends, staff members and boys who provided the

manpower to ensure the stalls were stocked, staffed and operated in a most professional manner.

We are also most grateful to the following sponsors for your support and generosity:

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The most successful stall on the day was the Quick Fire, selling 145 raffles with a day's takings of close to \$15,000 - a new Quick Fire record.

It is estimated the Fair 2008 will make a profit of around \$78,000 - another record, and \$13,000 ahead of the 2005 Fair which held the record.

2009 sees the return of the Walkathon Fair and I look forward to working with you all again.

Kelvin Mephan President SHC PTA

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News of Old Boys

Brian James DONNELLY (1965), MP and former Cabinet Minister, has been appointed New Zealand High



Commissioner to the Cook Islands, where he was a teacher in the 1970s. A member of the champion 1965 1st XV and captain of the 1st XI, Brian was Principal at Whangarei Intermediate before he became NZ First MP for Whangarei in 1996.

Brian called on the Governor-General, the Hon Anand SATYANAND, at

Government House in Wellington, on 14 February 2008 prior to his departure for Rarotonga. For the occasion they were photographed wearing school ties.

Mark KENNEDY (2002) has been competing in the World Yachting Tornado Class Championships in Auckland recently and has a good chance of being chosen to represent New Zealand in this year's Olympics.

Little kids barely feature on the radar of most men in their early 20s, but not so for **Nick BLUNDELL** (2002). He has established Mini Titans, teaching three- and four-year olds everything from rugby to soccer, basketball and push-ups,

based at the College Rifles Club in Remuera. The business grew out of his work as a swimming teacher. Parents noticing the rapport he established with their children started offering him childcare work, specifically to get their kids out in the park, getting dirty and kicking balls around.



Snapped on the first day of school this year were **Kelsen BUTLER** (1983) and his son Mitchell, entering in Year 7.

Kevin O'NEILL (1999) has left the Crusaders after two years and is now playing for the Chiefs. **Kurtis HAIU**

(2000) is in his third season with the Auckland Blues.

More than 120 golfers took part in the Holy Rollers golf tournament at Akarana golf course, representing Auckland Catholic secondary schools. A team of SHC Old Boys consisting of **Bill TAPPER, Brian OSMAND, Charlie STONE, Brian DONNELLY, Grant STEMBRIDGE, Kevin CULPAN, and Kevin GILLESPIE**, won the Confortare Esto Vir trophy.

Correction

In the centenary history, Confortare, on page 311, **Angus MACDONALD** should be **Alexander MACDONALD**. Alexander represented Samoa and was CEO of Samoan Rugby until his death in 1976. Angus, his brother, did not play for Samoa. He lived in Wellington and played for Wellington.

Old Boy Priests



Fr Vincent Kenneth SMITH (1946) was ordained to the priesthood in St Joseph's Cathedral in Dunedin by Bishop Campbell on 1 February 2008. He is serving the parish of Waikiwi, in Invercargill. Fr Vincent commenced his studies for the priesthood after his wife

died in 1998. He completed his studies in Paramatta, New South Wales recently and will work in the Dunedin diocese. Originally he was a boarder from the Hauraki Plains.

Fr Robert O'BRIEN (1989) was ordained by Bishop Dunn in St Patrick's Cathedral on 22 September 2007. He is now working in the Takapuna parish. Raised in Glendowie, he

qualified as an accountant, and worked in several offices before entering the seminary in Vermont Street.

Fr Bernard DENNEHY (1957) is now in Pangaru and celebrated mass at Totara Point, Hokianga on 10 January. This is where Bishop Pompallier celebrated the first known Mass on New Zealand soil some 170 years earlier.

Former Brother Mark Field, who was on the staff of SHC from 1993-97 and has been teaching at St Johns Hamilton and Aquinas College Tauranga, was to be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Browne in Hamilton on 7 March and take up priestly duties in Rotorua.

Deacons

Bishop Dunn has announced that we will have deacons in the Auckland diocese, probably this year. Deacons can perform church functions like teaching, preaching, funerals, weddings and baptisms, and act as the Holy Eucharist ministers. They can be single or married men.

Deaths of Old Boys

Since the last issue of Confortare in September 2007, we have received advice of the following deaths of Old Boys.

Philip Leslie ALCOCK (1944) d 18 November 2007 at his farm in Te Kuiti, where he had lived all his life. He was fullback for the 1944 1st XV.

Maurice John BELGRAVE (1956) d 3 December 2007 at Mary Potter Hospice, Wellington, aged 67. He attended Victoria University and obtained a BCom in Economics, and went on to serve in many government positions, in New Zealand and overseas, from 1960s to 2007. In the 2007 New Years Honour List, John was pronounced a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for public services, lately as Chief Ombudsman. He was buried from Old St Pauls in Wellington.

Desmond Christopher ARMSTRONG (1940) d 31 December 2007 at Mercy Parklands Hospital, Auckland, aged 85. Second New Zealand expeditionary force, WWII. Des had worked in social security all his life and was on the committee of the Otahuhu RSA. Buried from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ellerslie.

Nicholas Jonathan BROWNE (1972) d 11 December 2007, aged 47. Son of the late Judge Pat BROWNE (also a Marist Old Boy); brother of Christopher and Peter. Nicholas was a well known barrister. His Requiem Mass at St Michaels was very well attended.

Geoffrey James Crichton CLARK (1953) d 5 January 2008, aged 72. Buried after a Requiem Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Christchurch.

Dr John William CORBOY (1987) d 20 December 2007 at his home in Auckland, aged 38. A top scholar at Sacred Heart, he was a hard-working young doctor and died of cancer. Son of Kevin (1956) from Te Awamutu, brother of Mark, Matthew and Gregory, and grandson of Donald (1926). Buried from St Benedicts, Newton.

Christopher John EVERITT (1956) 1st XV, d 17 November 2007 at his home in St Heliers, surrounded by his supportive family. Chris had worked

importing fine china, glass and crystal. He was a regular donor of goods for College fundraising. Son of Frank (1928) and father of Tony, Stephen, Robert and Richard. Buried from St Benedicts.

Bryan Joseph FAIRE (1939) d 22 September 2007 at Tamahere Eventide Home, Hamilton. Prefect and captain of 1939 champion 1st XV. Originally from Herne Bay. Brother of John and the late James. The Faire brothers sailed in the world 18ft championship in their yacht 'Jeanette' in 1939. Brian served in the New Zealand Navy during the war, and represented Auckland at rugby. He trained as a teacher, but worked as a land agent in Hamilton most of his life. Father of John, former New Zealand yachtsman, and America's Cup judge.

Dr Neville William HOGG (1945) QSO d peacefully on 24 November 2007 at Tweed St, Ponsonby after 15 years of devoted care by the Little Sisters of the Poor. A boarder from Dargaville, Neville spent most of his life as a GP in Dargaville. He was extremely generous, selling his art collection some years ago and giving the proceeds to charity. His sister Mary, married to the late Dr Leo DUNN (1936) was widowed in 1949 when Dr Dunn died in a road accident. She then raised her son John in Dargaville with Neville. John became Dux of SHC in 1965 and is now parish priest of St Heliers. Neville was buried after a Requiem Mass at Dargaville.

Brian Desmond KING (1949) d 16 February 2008 in Hawkes Bay. Originally from Taranaki Brian had worked as a journalist in New Plymouth, Auckland and Hawkes Bay. Brother of Andrew and John. Buried after a Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Havelock North.

David Keith MACDONALD (1953) d 16 October 2007 at Auckland Hospital, aged 72. He had worked in the bank and was a New Zealand Catholic tennis champion. Uncle of Chris KLAASSEN.

Gary Robert MANGHAM (1954) d 14 February 2008 at Auckland Hospital. Gary had an electronics and stereo shop in Dominion Road and was living in Kohimarama. Father of David and Mark. Buried from Sacred Heart College Chapel on 19 February.

Edwin NADEN (1938) d 27 August 2007 at Auckland Hospital. Father of Dr Ray Naden and brother of the late John. Buried from St Ignatius, St Heliers.

John PHIPPS (1955) 1st XV, d in Samoa. A keen sportsman and company secretary of Polynesian Airlines. Son of Alexander. Samoan representative on Olympic Association. Buried in Samoa.

Robert William "Bill" PUNCH (1959) d 6 January 2008 at Waikato Hospital. He had farmed at Te Kuiti where he bred champion racehorse 'Bonecrusher'. Brother of Tom. Buried from St George's Church, Te Kuiti.

Claude Walter "Wally" SIMPSON (1946) d 2 October 2007 in Auckland. Originally from Ponsonby, Wally lived at Kelston and worked in the printing trade, but retired to Orakei a few years ago. An Auckland rugby referee and life member for 58 years and a generous supporter of SHC. Brother of John and Pat. Brother-in-law of Tom BROWNE (1945). Buried from St Ignatius, St Heliers.

Samuel John Morrin "Jack" THORNTON (1942) d 29 January 2008, aged 84 at his home in Orewa where he had retired. A boarder from Dargaville and captain of the 1942 1st XV. He was a teacher and headmaster most of his life. He had a requiem mass at St Johns, Orewa.

Ron Herbert Francis TURNER (1948) d 10 December 2007, aged 75, at Bribie Island, Queensland, where he had retired. Father of Philip, Michael and the late Gregory.

Patrick Timothy WALSH (1953) d 23 November 2007 at his home in Auckland after a long battle with cancer. Head Prefect, captain of the 1953 champion 1st XV and senior athletics champion. A former All Black who played as second five eight, centre, wing and fullback, from 1955-65 and All Black selector from 1967-72. He was the second youngest All Black in history, selected in 1955. A generous benefactor to SHC, his funeral at SHC was attended by more than 800 people.



Reunion dates

Date	Location	Organiser
11 April	Taupo	Brian Bartram
18 April	Papakura	Chris Lynch
2 May	Hamilton/Waikato	Tony McKenna
23 May	Dargaville	Jon Matich
13 June	Paeroa	Willie Lynch
6 July	New Plymouth	Malcolm Cotter
27 July	Napier	David Pryor
5 September	Auckland	(to be confirmed)
22 October	Wellington	John Irwin
23 October	Christchurch	Mark McHardy
28 October	Dunedin	Max Vermunt
13 November	Whangarei	Vince Stead
14 November	Kaitia	Perry Erceg
21 November	Whakatane	John Spring
28 November	Tauranga	Bruce Beckett
5 December	Rotorua	Graeme Dennett

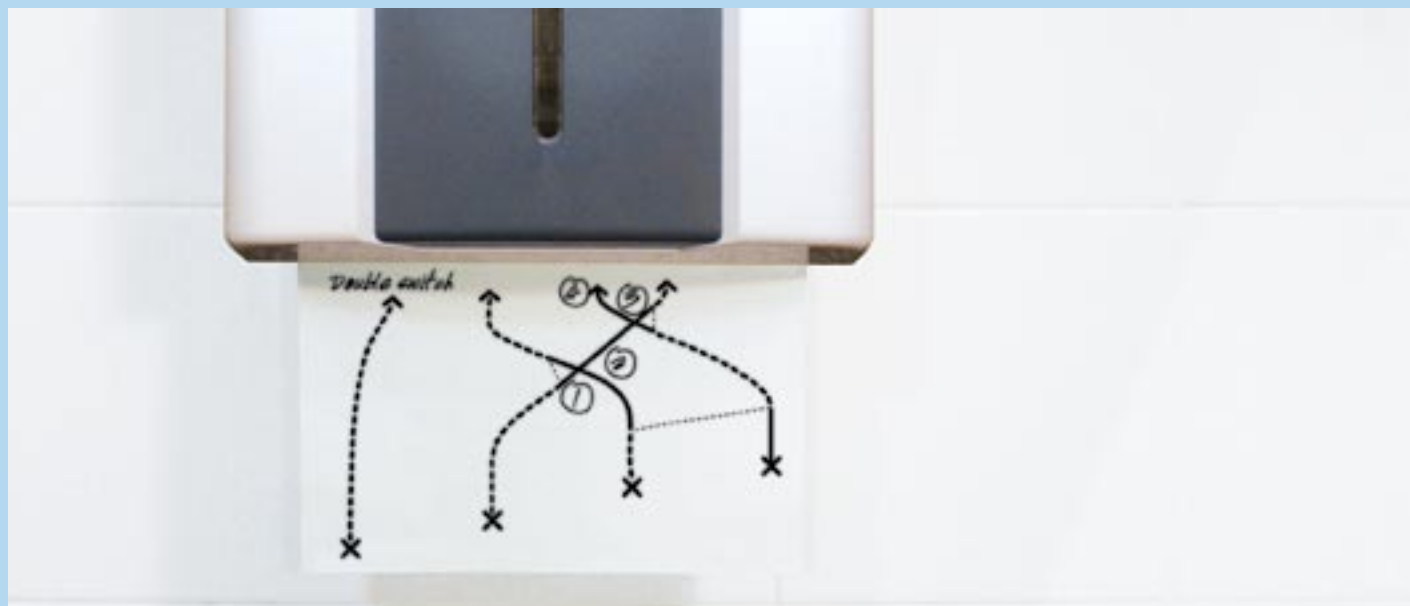
NB: Reunion dates in Fiji, London and Sydney to be advised. Please register for email updates from Kerry Plamus, kerryp@clear.net.nz

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