



3 August 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for your support with the Learning Conferences last week. The staff finished the week feeling very buoyed up from these discussions.

Because they are a somewhat imperfect structure, I am keen to gain some feedback from you regarding various options around these interviews. If you have a few minutes, then I would welcome your input by [clicking here](#) to complete the survey.

We have had a chapter of email issues, particularly with Hotmail accounts, but not limited. Apparently the issue has been resolved so that our bulk emails are now going through. We have added links to the base of this letter for core communications sent in the past month and are intending to re-send specific student information where we can see there is a risk it might not have been received. However, I would urge you to look closely at information on the OLE as a form of "cross-checking". I apologise for this issue, and if you have any concerns around missed information then please contact us.

There have been some wonderful achievements already this term. To touch on just a few, in particular the success of our Chamber Orchestra has made it through to the Chamber Music National Finals taking place in Wellington this week. I also want to acknowledge the students and staff with the boys' and girls' hockey 1st XI. Our girls' achieved our first ever win over St Cuthbert's College last week. They are reaching the highest level of achievement with any of the top four teams capable of winning on a given day. The boys' hockey is also at an exceptional level and are in the final on Wednesday at Lloyd Elsmore. The girls' final will also be played on Thursday.

Donations over Covid-19

We recently received letters from the Perioperative Service Directorate at Auckland District Health Board expressing their gratitude and heartfelt thanks for the generous donation that the Saint Kentigern Community made during the Covid-19 crisis. This money was equitably distributed to support their most vulnerable staff, who not only had to work through the uncertainty and anxiety of a largely unknown new pathogen and were potentially exposed to the virus in the workplace but also ensured added financial stress through supporting other family members.

Cross Country

A reminder that our annual College Cross Country takes place tomorrow, **Tuesday 4 August**. Details are on the OLE. May the best House prevail! Parents are most welcome to come support, please park in Manor Park entrance or offsite.

Dance Showcase – Thursday 6 & Friday 7 August, 7pm in Elliot Hall

The Saint Kentigern College Dance Showcase is our annual celebration of the student's achievements within both Curriculum and Co-Curricular Dance. Year 11, 12 and 13 Dance students have choreographed dance works for NCEA assessment and led Co-Curricular Dance Troupes. With more than 100 dancers performing, the 2020 Dance Showcase promises to be an exceptional evening celebrating the talents of our students. Come along to see work choreographed by student leaders, industry professionals and our talented teaching staff. A broad range of dance styles will be showcased.

Tickets are selling fast – [book here now](#).

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Parent Forum – Update on the 2019 College Sports Review

A forum will be held on **Wednesday 12 August** at **7pm** in the **Chapel**. While this is later in the year than anticipated, the impact of the Covid-19 Lockdown and subsequent refocusing of sport and other key College activities have resulted in many events being delayed or indeed cancelled. At this forum members of the Sports Review Panel will speak to the key points of their report and Senior Leaders at the College will provide an overview of progress on the implementation of the Trust Board's and the College's plans as a result of the review.

Food from the Heart

This term we are commencing a new service to our community. The College Parents and Friends together with the College plan to offer support to families in times of difficulty. The Food from the Heart programme has run successfully at the Boys' and Girls' School for a number of years. [Please click here](#) to find information on how you can be involved in supporting others in our College community.

Links to recent emails:

[Letter from Russell Brooke, College Principal, 7 July 2020](#)

[Senior School NCEA Practice Exams Timetable \(Derived Grades Exam\)](#)

[Parents and Friends Newsletter Term 3 2020](#)

[Term Card Term 3 2020](#)

Look forward to seeing you at the various upcoming events over the next few weeks.

Best,

Russell Brooke
College Principal

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