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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

There has been so much happening since I last wrote to you. I do hope you follow us on Facebook as it is there you will see all the wonderful photos of our events and activities, however, below are the links to the photo galleries. The year ended in a highlight which was our College Academic Prizegiving.

College Academic Prizegiving Photos

All the Prizegiving backdrop photos are now available to the parents on the following links: <u>www.tinyurl.com/st-kents-prizegiving-2020</u> or <u>https://whitedoor.photoshelter.com/gallery/Saint-Kentigern-College-Prize-Giving-2020/G0000Zycqc3N_gqA/C0000rJvJyN6Toss</u>

For ease of download the Dropbox link is: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/qh8jjqb03zzdrcg/AADF820iG--InLtKMq9M7lbna?dl=0

The Year 13 Graduation Evening Photos

Saint Kentigern Graduation photos are now live on the website www.saintkentsgrad.co.nz

What has impressed me over this Term is the positive spirit of all our students. Despite the year, our young people have adapted, remained positive, and have proven their resilience and ability to go with the flow. The reason I mention this as all too often I hear criticism of the youth of today. I don't subscribe to that, and in fact I believe the opposite...that we are in good hands. Perhaps that's because I see their journey through school, their maturity develop, and the emergence of fine young citizens. In various speeches from students that I have heard this Term they have talked of this being a good year and I have interpreted this as being a year in which the focus has had to be on family, friends and school. They have enjoyed this.

Thank you all for your support this year. I have no doubt that we are all tired and ready to pick up a book or catch a fish. For me I look forward to my first evening row around the bay and the peace and solitude that comes with the first sail...the noise of hoisting flapping sails subsides as she heels to the summer breeze and I hear the glistening sound of the wake.

I hope you find peace and happy togetherness in this Christmas Holiday... and I look forward to seeing our returning students in the new school year. I also wish our leavers well in the next stage of their lives, and hope they stay in touch with Saint Kentigern – we'll remain interested in your future.

Fides servanda est.

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Principal's Speech Academic Prizegiving 2020

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