



Dear Parents, Caregivers, students and supporters of the College,

A warm welcome back to the final term of the year. I trust that the students have had a restful and relaxing break (amongst all of the spring rain we have been blessed with!) and return refreshed and ready for Term 4. This is a short Term 4 (only 9 weeks long), but it will be a very busy time.

At the first assembly this term we reminded the students of the importance of the next few weeks and how we do have a focus on our Touchstone of Scholarship. For us this means enabling each student to do the very best that they can in whatever academic challenges they may face.

When we welcomed the students back into class at the start of the term it was important to re-establish routines and expectations for all students. Senior students obviously have their programmes and preparation for external NCEA exams to complete in the first four weeks of the term. Years 9 & 10 students have their internal school exams and assessments to prepare for. These occur immediately before the NCEA exams get underway. Our Year 7 and 8 students continue with their programmes and the assignments/assessments that are part of this. The completion of their portfolios will continue through the term. Reports for senior school are currently being completed and will be distributed in Week 4 of the term. Junior reports will be completed and distributed at the end of the term.

Staff Changes

Several changes in staff have occurred recently or will occur at the end of the year.

Colin Foord resigned from his role as Property Manager late last term. Our thanks go to Colin for the 13 years of service that he gave to the school (and community) in his role. We wish him and his family well in the future.

Over the recent break we have interviewed applicants and appointed **Paul Mahon** to step into the role. Paul (and his wife Jackie) have an association with the school through their daughters – Zoe is an ex-student of the college and Hannah is currently in Year 11. Paul started in his role this week. In the meantime Gary, our Caretaker, worked fulltime to cover the work needing done during the break. He has done an excellent job and we thank Gary for his great work in this important area of college life.

Michelle Smith has handed in her resignation from her role as part time Sports Co-ordinator and Funding Applications Co-ordinator. We will be very sad to see Michelle leave – she has done an excellent job in the Sports Department and in the funding applications area. However, we do congratulate and wish Michelle all the very best in her new role as the General Manager of Omanu Surf LifeSaving Club. Michelle finished in the first week of the term. In the interim Bill Kite and Hikitia Gallagher will cover the work needing to be done during the term until we decide on how the position(s) will be structured.

Joanne Macown finished in her teaching role at the end of the term (although she is officially on leave for the next year). We have rearranged timetables to allow Jacq Burrell to cover the senior Science and Biology classes. Louise Mabbett and Jan Nicholson will step in to cover other classes of Joanne and Jacq until the senior students leave for exams in Week 4 of the term. After that Jacq will return to her earlier programme.

Louise Mabbett has tendered her resignation from her teaching role at the end of this year. Louise who has done wonderful work in the French language area over the past 6 years at Aquinas College. However, we do wish her and her husband, Rob, all the very best in their retirement. Emma Aldred, our Teacher in Charge of French will increase her hours to cover the French classes for next year.

“The two Terrys” (**Terry Consedine and Terry Eggleton**) are both in their final term before retiring at the end of the year! We are planning a **Thanksgiving Mass at St Mary Immaculate on Wednesday 23 November, 7pm**. This will be an opportunity for the school and wider community to formally thank “the two Terrys” for their huge contributions to Aquinas College and to New Zealand Catholic Education in general. You are all invited to this celebration. We will also, of course, be taking our own opportunity to farewell these two in a school setting as a staff at the end of the year.

Late last term **Simon Fimmimore** and **Shelley McKay** were both appointed to permanent roles in the Year 7 & 8 area. Part of Shelley’s role is as the Lead Maths teacher Across the Schools in our Community of Learning (COL). Simon is also our In School Lead teacher of Maths in the COL. We congratulate them both and thank them for the great work they have done this year.

Aquinas College Prize Giving Sponsorship

When Aquinas College first opened in 2003, there were a number of generous businesses and families who supported our graduating students by providing scholarships and grants. A number of these companies are still contributing and we are also fortunate to receive monies from the Lions, RSA and Legacy Trust. However, over time, as students have moved on and the immediate connection with these families has ended, those individuals and companies are unable to continue their donations. We are therefore asking if families or businesses in our current community would like to donate funds. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our Year 13 students who are moving on by donating \$100 to accompany a Top in Subject cup, or providing a \$1000 scholarship, in particular to those students looking to enter a trade or nursing career. Email Ray Scott on admin@aquinas.school.nz to register your interest.

Appointment of our new Deputy Principal

During the break we interviewed for the role of Deputy Principal. As a result the position of DP has been offered to and accepted by Kurt Kennedy, currently the Head of PE and Health at Kavanagh College in Dunedin. Kurt comes with wide experience in the leadership and management of different areas of a Catholic college. This includes work as acting Assistant Principal, Head of Faculty, Deaning, ICT development & PD, Acting Careers Advisor, the Principal’s nominee for NCEA and work with NZQA, as well as his teaching and co-curricular involvement. He is very highly regarded at Kavanagh College, and we look forward to Kurt joining us as Deputy Principal at the beginning of the 2017 school year.

Ray Scott
PRINCIPAL

MISSION STATEMENT

To educate students in the Catholic tradition of faith and love, recognising the uniqueness of the individual, and challenging them to realise their potential in a multicultural environment that constantly strives for excellence.

Special Character

Mass of Thanksgiving

Next month a special mass will be offered to recognise the many years of dedicated service two of our teachers have given to Catholic education. Terry Eggleton and Terry Consedine are both retiring at the end of this year. You are invited to join with us in recognising the "Two Terrys" at 7pm on Wednesday 23rd November at St Mary Immaculate church.

Christmas Boxes

We are currently collecting items for the Christmas Boxes "Operation Christmas Child" Each tutor class has been asked to fill two boxes. Please encourage your child to bring in appropriate new items (a small teddy, pencils, notepad, t-shirt, a small toy, no food please), so that we can make someone's Christmas that little bit more special.

Year 13 Retreat

At the end of Term Three our Year 13 students spent two days on retreat at a new venue this year - Tui Ridge Park, Rotorua. The theme was to explore and reflect on how our time at Aquinas College has equipped us to face the challenges of adult life. Our speakers included Joe Burke, past Head Boy, Anna-Marie, our school chaplain, and Kevin Schuler, parent of one of our students. They each reflected on the part that their faith has played in their lives. With many varied activities, the response from our students was that this was a worthwhile and enjoyable way to mark the end of their time at Aquinas and provide a focus for looking forward to a challenging future.

Year 8 Regeneration

On 11th October a group of Year 8 students took part in a day in Hamilton run by the Diocesan Youth Team. One of the presenters was a past Head Boy of our college, Sam Brebner. They also had talks from Anna-Marie, our chaplain, and we were also treated to the acting talents of Talia Burton, another past student of the college. Bishop Steve led the students, from Years 7 and 8 throughout the diocese, first in a celebration of mass and then later in the day with a time of quiet adoration. We were treated to music, to various skits and games as well as the talks.

Mass at Aquinas

On 2nd November we have a whole-school mass in the Aquinas Action Centre. It will be at the normal time of 10.15am. We will celebrate the Feast of All Souls, when we commemorate all of the faithful departed. During this month students are invited to write the names of their loved ones who have passed away in our Book of Remembrance.

Fr Gerard Aynsley

On 19th September the staff at Aquinas joined with teachers at St Mary's and St Thomas More at The Javouhey Centre to listen to an inspiring talk by Fr Gerard Aynsley, from Dunedin South pastoral area. He had also given talks on that weekend at each of the parishes. We are grateful to Margie Cooper for organising this visit.

Chanel Shield Competition

On August 19th an intrepid band of 14 students left Aquinas College early in the morning for the trip to Gisborne, Campion College, which was the venue for this year's annual Diocesan Chanel Shield competition. We competed well, just being pipped for second place.

The winners this year were John Paul College Rotorua, but we had some noteworthy performances. Marcus Dudley and Isabella Berney gained second places in Bible reading; Millie Burton and Elise Oxenham also gained two "seconds" in the speech competition; Millie Elliot won the Senior Poetry event, and we also gained first place in Debating, with the "A" team of Zoe

Kirtley, Ellen Lellman and Kimberly D'Mello. We had a great time mixing and mingling with the students from the other Catholic colleges in the Hamilton diocese, and thank Campion College for their marvellous hospitality. Aquinas College will host the event in 2017.

Social Justice Week

Our Special Character Committee led us at assembly in a liturgy to focus on Social Justice. Here is one of the prayers we used during prayer time in Tutor classes:

We have been given eyes to see and ears to listen
and voices to speak up for those in need.
We have been given hands to reach out and
strengthen the fearful,
to share burdens and wipe away tears.
We have been given minds to judge...
ourselves, not others,
to seek solutions, not excuses.
We have been given hearts to feel,
to understand the struggles of others,
and make them our own.
We have been given all these things
so that all our gifts might be used
for all those around us
and that we might be the face of Christ to others.
Amen.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2016-17



Enrolments for the Sacramental Programme (Reconciliation, Confirmation, Eucharist) will take place soon, on **Sunday 30th October**, after 9am Mass, St Joseph's Te Puna; and after the 10.30am Mass at St Mary Immaculate.

You will also be able to enrol your child (or grandchild) on-line, through the Parish website:

<http://taurangamoanacatholic.nz/sacramental-life/sacramental-programme-2016-17/>

You must register by **MONDAY 31st October** – no late registrations will be accepted.

There will be some changes this year:

1) There will be one programme for the whole parish. Those students attending St Mary's School will complete much of the learning in school time; students from other kura and schools will gather at **St Mary Immaculate Church** on a Monday afternoon after school.

2) There will be a separate **Liturgy of Confirmation** on Sunday 21st May at 2pm, possibly at Holy Trinity Church. Following this, there will be social time with Bishop Steve.

3) The Celebration of **First Communion** will be more flexible, and can take place at a number of Masses in St Joseph's, St Therese Chapel and at St Mary Immaculate during July and August.

Any inquiries please contact the PARISH OFFICE: (07) 578 6209, or alternatively email: office@taurangamoanacatholic.nz

Community of Learning (CoL)

A Little Background

Aquinas College is part of The Catholic Faith-based Community of Learning (COL) in the Tauranga/Rotorua area, the first one established in the Hamilton Diocese. The philosophy behind the initiative is for schools to work collaboratively to identify challenges in this community and improve student achievement. The COL includes nine schools: St Mary's, St Thomas More and Aquinas College in Tauranga; St Mary's, St Michael's and John Paul College, Rotorua; Bishop Edward Gaines in Tokoroa; St Mary's Putaruru; St Joseph's Opatiki.

Our COL has six achievement challenges identified through the use of school data from the schools, MOE and ERO. They are:

- 1) Transition to school and between schools with a particular focus on oral Literacy at the Year 1 age group and with Maori boys in particular
- 2) Student literacy with a focus on writing in Years 1 – 8
- 3) Supporting students with additional learning challenges (special needs)
- 4) Mathematics at Year 5-8
- 5) Science at Years 5-9
- 6) Students achievement in NCEA Level 2.

The COL Principals have appointed four Across Schools Co-ordinators (ASCO) who are responsible for developing action plans, developing networks across schools, analysing data, preparing reports on action/effectiveness for our Principals' group and for sharing their expertise with schools who need extra support.

Each of the schools has appointed In-School Specialist Teachers (ISST) who are working on the achievement challenges alongside the ASCO. Every school has at least one ISST. At Aquinas College we have appointed five ISST, who are all part of our existing staff. Below is an update from Katie Graham, COL Literacy; Simon Finimore, COL Mathematics; Ange McManaway COL Science; and Shelley McKay ASCO Mathematics.

Katie Graham

In the Literacy area we have identified two areas for growth: support for priority learners (students achieving below the National Standards in Literacy) & teacher pedagogy/professional development in the effective teaching of literacy, especially with students achieving below curriculum expectations.

Working with the CoL leader for Additional Learning Needs, we have initially focused on extra learning support for Year 7 and 8 priority learners. Identified students have been enrolled in the Reading Eggs programme and some are also receiving teacher aide support in the classroom where possible.

We have also initiated an entrance exam for Year 6 students prior to starting at Aquinas College with a view to teachers having cohesive information before the start of the school year.

We have established a collaborative network with the AC English Faculty to share best practice and to build more robust procedures around writing assessment/teacher moderation and making overall teacher judgements against the National Standards.

Further afield, we have begun building relationships and having conversations around writing moderation and best practice with other schools in our CoL: St Mary's, St Thomas More and John Paul College. We look forward to developing our community of teaching and learning into the future.

Shelley McKay

My Communities of Learning Role is the Lead Teacher Across the nine schools in our faith based CoL in Mathematics. The schools in our Community of Learning cover a large geographical area – Opatiki, Tauranga, Rotorua, Tokoroa and Putaruru. The schools range in size from 41 through to over 800 students. Their decile ratings range from 2 – 8. I feel very privileged to work alongside principals, in-school leaders, and teachers in mathematics. Most of the work I am involved in is looking at the Achievement Challenges set by Principals when the CoL was first set up. I then work with each school individually to see how we can best meet the needs of the students who are struggling.



Some of the common themes that are emerging from two terms of working closely in our CoL Schools are the need to use the data to identify well below and below students. To use this data to create rich and rigorous teaching and learning that is differentiated and tailored specifically for the needs of these students. Over half of our schools are using Dr Roberta Hunter – Developing Mathematical Learning Communities approach which concentrates on mixed ability problem solving questions that are posed in real life context to improve learning. There are many proven benefits to this style of teaching and learning that spread beyond mathematical capabilities such as clear communication and oral skills, logical thinking, presenting information to a group, being able to ask questions and so on.

The other noticeable theme is the focus on improving teacher practice, which in turn improves student achievement. For example, reducing the amount of teacher talk time. – how can we as educators get our message across effectively without having to stand at the front of the class "talking to" students for long periods of time.

I have been welcomed into classrooms, provided feedback and feedforward with a focus on a variety of things such as reducing teacher talk time, use of equipment, differentiated planning, assessment tools, student engagement and planning.

Our CoL schools have been incredibly welcoming and it has been essential to form trusting, professional relationships with all partners in our CoL in order to make the greatest gains for our young people.

Simon Finimore

There have been huge benefits in strengthening ties across our schools – especially those schools which contribute to each other. Making the transitions to the next level of education as seamless as possible with regard to student's welfare and data collection has also been a focus in schools.

I look forward to seeing the continued success of our CoL and watching the benefits it has for our learners.

We are keen to embrace Athletics further. Athletics is an online programme that provides courses from the New Zealand

curriculum at the students' individual levels. It is very interactive and competitive, as the students gain points for each question answered. Mathematics reinforces what has been covered in the classroom and extends students through additional practice.

A further initiative instigated is an Assessment Day for students transitioning into Aquinas at Year 7. The 2017 student intake completed a maths paper that consisted of basic facts, general maths and problem solving. This has enabled staff to get a snapshot of where students are at before they arrive into the classroom at the beginning of the new year. This is very useful and valuable data for us as teachers of your children.

Ange McManaway

It has been exciting to see the positive way that staff at Aquinas College have adopted initiatives to engage our students in learning about Science by reframing lessons with Nature of Science focus. Experienced teachers have worked alongside emerging teachers in this area, being timetabled into classes to assist, support and team teach classes using the 5 Capabilities as a framework. Professional Learning Community groups have been meeting to share ideas and resource boxes have been developed, resulting in improvements in teacher confidence and student engagement in Science.

Members of our COL Science teachers met for two days for Professional Development around the 5 Capabilities of the Nature of Science and connections between schools have been formed and strengthened in this way. The result of this positive movement has seen students at Aquinas College rush to class, keen to add to their library of experiences in Science.



Year 7 microscope work.



Year 8 Egg Splatt.

Term 4 Calendar Key Dates

October

17-19 Scholarship Practice Exams
18 Student Volunteers' Assembly, 10:15am
24 Labour Day Holiday
26 Sports Prize Giving, 7pm. Open to all Aquinas families not just those of recipients.

November

01 Senior Prize Giving Attitude & Effort, 9:45am
02 All Saints/Souls Mass, 10:15am
04-08 Junior Exams
9-2 Dec NCEA exams
18 STAFF ONLY DAY
22 Orientation Evening for new students 2017
22-25 Year 10 Peer Support
23 Mass of Thanksgiving for retiring staff, 7pm, St Mary's Church, Tauranga. **NO** regular 10:15am School Mass
23/24 Year 10 Retreat
28-2 Dec Year 8 Activity Week
28-2 Dec Year 9 Activity Week
28-2 Dec Year 10 Camp

December

01 Year 7 Beach Education Day
06 Leavers' Mass & Dinner, St Mary's, 5:15pm
07 Junior Prize Giving Attitude & Effort, 11:45am
08 End-of-Year Prize Giving, 10am, Aquinas Gym
09 Staff Only Day

2017

January 31 COL Staff training day
February 1 Staff Only Day, Y13 Leadership Training
2 All new Students, Y10 Peer Support
3 Full school.



AQUINAS COLLEGE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE

A reminder that the Second Hand Uniform Shop is open from 1:00-3:00pm every Tuesday during term time. All items of the school uniform are available for purchase. However, we invite you to present to bring in these items of uniform in particular for sale:

- Girls Blouses
- Ties
- Cardigans
- Jerseys
- Senior boys trousers
- Senior & Junior skirts

Please be aware that there is a Second-hand Uniform Form (available from the school office) that needs to be filled in when you hand in the uniforms for sale. We request that you ensure the uniforms handed in for sale, are in a good condition. For the girls' white blouses, please ensure there are no stains. For boys' shirts, please avoid handing in faded shirts or shirts with ripped pockets. Please do not hand in mended items unless they look as new. We look forward to continuously being of service to our Aquinas families.

The recent holidays were a very productive time to get a lot of work done without the interruption of telephones, students, teachers etc. Finishing off the 2017 enrolment process was a key task however with all the rain, came a new family



Aquinas Students shine in New Zealand Economics Quiz

The New Zealand economics quiz is a NZ wide competition with 2700 candidates participating. Hosted by Auckland University, students were required to answer 40 multiple choice questions about the New Zealand economy using macro and micro economic theory.

The following students received Distinction Awards (top 15% of NZ).

Patrick Preston Y13
Harry Spillane Y13
Jennifer Hume Y13
James Scott Y12
Zeb Barry Y13
Charles Johnson Y13
Alexander Hawkes Y12
Torben Stovold Y12
Sam Wylie Y12

Debating Success

Every year Aquinas College competes against Sacred Heart College in Auckland for the Jane Schollum trophy for debating. For the last two years, our Auckland foe have managed to pip us at the post and hold onto the prestigious silverware. This year, however, was a different story. Zoe Kirtley, Kimberly D'Mello and Jake Hynds (pictured below front row) managed to wrestle back the trophy and return it to pride of place in the Aquinas cabinet. Well done team!



ASA CLASSES 2017

Applications for the 2017 Sports Academy classes close on Friday 28 October, 2016 (Week 3 of Term 4). These classes are offered at Year 8, 9 and 10.

Students who are talented in sport, are keen to learn and develop their athletic abilities and enjoy physical challenge are encouraged to apply.

Please contact Mr Bill Kite (Director of Sport) if you require further information about the Academy programme.
Email: bkite@aquinas.school.nz

AC 1st XV Rugby Dinner

Gordon Tietjens was the guest speaker at this year's **Aquinas Rugby 1st XV Dinner** on Friday 9th September. As expected, his wisdom was inspiring and fundamental:

1. Team Culture

Select the right players. Two most important characteristics are humility and work ethic. With character comes team ability. Empowering players. Whoever plays does the job. Sometimes your top players will get injured at the start of the tournament-Sonny Bill Williams.

2. Unity working together

The 7's players are the fittest athletes in NZ. They need to have a mental toughness. Morning will consist of getting up doing light 20 minutes' cardio maybe a dip in the ocean. Then 9-11 train. Players do the beep test, aim for around 15. Then 10 x 40m sprints with a 20 second recovery in between. No yoyo tests. Cardio in the gym. Rowing machines are good. Guys like the rowing golf game. 10 minute rows. 1 minute on and 1 minute off. Get to know the players very well. Most talented guys are often the laziest. Could go into the gym with my eyes closed and know which players will be taking it easy on the bike and which players will be pushing themselves on the treadmill and rower.

3. Work Ethic

Develop work ethic- empty the tank each time. Use the military as an example for the 7s. Boys train until they can't go any more and ring the bell when it gets too tough. Visual given:

Red Light - never does enough

Yellow - Sometimes rings the bell

Green - Always does extra-never rings the bell

Players were sat down in a room, starting with DJ Forbes the captain. Players rated each other a light. Very effective as a motivational tool.

4. Nutrition

You are what you eat. No fried food. Cardio stimulates appetite. Fined for not carrying around a water bottle. It's not sacrifice but a choice. If you feel lethargic during the day, just think back to what food you consumed the day before. Nutrition is everything.

5. Attitude

Boots on switch on. Attitude is everything. Be ruthless in taking opportunities. Live by your values. Have total belief in ourselves, team and management. Take each game 1 at a time. Teams never give victories away. Go on to the field thinking everyone is complacent except us. Always start well. It takes total involvement for success.

6. Values

Quotes Gordon lives by and selects players on:

Humility - I admit I made a mistake"

Empathy - "You did a great job"

Coaching - "What is your opinion"

Courtesy - "Could you please"

Manners - "Thank you"

Most important - "We"

Least important - "I"

BOT Policies for Review ~ October 2016

3.6 Protected Disclosures

These policies can be viewed in full on the school website <http://www.aquinas.school.nz/policies>. Policies up for review are highlighted - simply click on the policy name to view it. Any amendments/comments should be made on the Review Response Form (download from the same website page) and returned to the school by Tuesday 18th October.

Peter Nicholson - Culture & Ethos Committee

2016 History Trip to Europe

As promised here's the report from an EPIC European History Trip that occurred in the Term Three Holidays! Eighteen students embarked on an adventure overseas, visiting countries including England, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, and Italy. We walked through the homes of past Kings and Queens, retraced the footsteps of our Western Front Soldiers, found the graves of our fallen loved ones from WWI and WWII, saw the buildings of the Nazi Regime, visited the rally grounds at which Hitler overtook the minds of hundreds and thousands of German youth, witnessed the divide of the Berlin Wall, were confronted by the horrors of the Dachau Concentration camp, sailed the canals of Venice, walked amidst the Ancient ruins of Rome, and even saw Pope Francis at the Vatican.

Our trip motto "History is for the brave" was not only evident in the historical people we studied on the trip, but also by some of the more stressful trip "hiccups" as we took on the chaos of huge European cities! Language barriers, broken trains, a temporarily lost student, some strange cuisine, delayed flights and lost luggage did not hamper our spirits and each day was jammed packed of fun and learning!

This trip brought History to life for us, but also provided important historical and social awareness for issues of today. It was in many ways a once in a lifetime experience - we were truly blessed by this opportunity!

Many thanks to all those who contributed to fundraising! We raised over \$30,000 for this trip and could not have done so without the support of our community behind us! For full photos of the whole trip see the Aquinas History Trip 2016 Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=aquinas%20history%20trip%202016>



Roman Ruins



Amsterdam



Tower of London



Colosseum



From the Careers Desk

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Students

Term 3 has finished and we are now heading into the final term of 2016. It continues to be a busy time for the Careers Department as we work with Year 13's on post-school career pathways and plan ahead for 2017.

Applications are now being accepted for study commencing in 2017. Check out the website of your prospective tertiary provider for further details or pick up a prospectus from the Careers Department. Careers office has prospectus from all the major Universities and Tertiary providers, please come and ask Mrs Boniface for any you are interested in.

Year13's should be on track with this now, as the Universities have all been in for Course Planning Sessions. How about a scholarship to fund your study? Search online and speak to Mr Smith.

Listen out for upcoming events via the school notices, and keep an eye on our Careers Noticeboard in H Block and via the Careers Department Window.



Also keep up with Aquinas Careers Facebook page.

Key Competencies Employers Are Looking For...

- Good communicators
- Team players
- Ability to speak clearly & listen attentively
- School results
- Reading, writing and maths
- A can-do attitude
- Self-motivated, showing initiative
- Enthusiasm and energy
- Problem solving skills

- Source: Careers NZ

Are you Sussed for study?

**Planning to continue study after you leave school?
You're going to have a lot of choices to make.**

Sussed Online is an online reality check tool to get thinking about what it will cost to live and study. Will it be broadband and baked beans?

How about a part-time job or parents helping?

Hear from students about their experiences and the choices that need to be made. You'll also find out more about StudyLink and what they do along the way. We encourage students and parents to check it out at studylink.govt.nz

StudyLink's Apply Online tool enables you to apply for a wide range of support from StudyLink to help fund your study – start your application soon, well before your course starts.



AIMS GAMES RESULTS

In September, 115 of our Intermediate students took part in the biggest sporting event outside of the Olympics. It was an incredible week full of fun, competition and brilliant success. Our medal tally was:

- India Jarden**, Gymsports, Silver Medal
- Jasmine Watene**, Gymsports, Bronze Medal
- Lachlan Dillon**, Yachting, Bronze Medal
- Girls' Water Polo Team**, Silver Medal

Tournament Teams:

Sacha Brandon and **Isabella Broadmore** made the Girls' Water Polo Tournament Team.

Isabella Broadmore was joint-MVP for the tournament

Bradren Dew named in Boys' Water Polo Tournament Team

Dawson Straffon named in the Football Tournament Team

Reece McCarthy made the Hockey Tournament Team

Congratulations to all medallists, tournament team members and all participants who did AC proud.



CRICKET

Macy Adams has been selected for the Cricket Northern Spirit Emerging Players Group. Women's cricket is entering a new phase with the new NPL Leagues which is great ... <https://www.nplcricket.co.nz/>

SQUASH

Our very own PE Teacher Charlie Harrison joined up with student Macy Adams to compete for Mount Maunganui Squash Club at the Squash Nationals in Invercargill in the holidays. She came an admirable 5th for their grade. Well done girls!

WRESTLING

Blair Bromwich competed at the Wrestling Nationals in Hamilton last term. He placed 2nd in the 47kg weight group for 10-13 years, so won silver. Great job again Blair.

ROWING

Our very own teacher Ronel Cloete competed in the Masters National Rowing Championships at Karapiro. She won **2 Gold medals** in the Group C mixed doubles and another **Gold medal** in the mixed quad event. Ronel gained a **Bronze** medal in another mixed quad race AND she was 4th in the ladies doubles and her singles race so Ronel **is 4th in New Zealand** in her age group. Fantastic effort Ronel.

SKIING

Liam Madams carved up the mountain and got 3rd at the North Island Secondary School Ski Champs at the end of last term. This placing earned Liam entry into the New Zealand Secondary School Champs.

GYM SPORTS

Results from the recent NZ Gymsports National Championships held in Invercargill on September 28th to October 2nd. Congratulations to Hunter Mortleman who received Bronze for Men's Artistic Gymnastics Level 5 Vault apparatus and also received Bronze medal for the Men's Artistic Gymnastics Team Level 5 Event. Congratulations to Jazmine Trusler who received Bronze for "Age Group Tumbling" 11- 12 years Division

SWIMMING

Our Fit-Fish Lochlainn O'Connor was kept very busy in the pool

during the holidays and swam himself to success over and over again and came home with a swag of medals.

In week one of the holidays Lochy competed in Canberra at the Australian State Champs, coming an unlucky 4th in the 100m fly and 200m fly.

In week two of the holidays Lochy represented Greerton at the NZ Short course Champs in Auckland coming home with 3x golds and 3x silver medals ... WOW!!

In the final days of the holidays Lochy competed at the NZ Surf Life Saving Pool Champs in Auckland and brought home 9 golds. Lochy competed up an age group or in the Open Age Group for a number of events and broke 4x individual NZ records.

Lochy holds the NZ U16 NZ record for all 6 individual events.

WELL DONE LOCHY!!! Have a rest :-)

BASKETBALL

The Intermediate Boys' Green team finished their season on a high with a great final match and come home 3rd in their grade. Nice job team!



NORTH ISLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL SKI CHAMPS

Last term, four Aquinas College students competed in the North Island Primary School Ski Champs (NIPS).

Our team did an amazing job and once again made Aquinas College proud. Results:

Giant Slalom:

Girls: (approx. 125 competitors)
37th out of 125 - Charlotte Madams

Boys: (approx. 155 competitors)

69th Dominic Piceno
85th Oliver Brown
95th Troy Schneebeil

Dual Slalom:

Charlotte Madams, Dominic Piceno and Troy Schneebeil all won dual slaloms.

Thanks very much to Kate Bary-Piceno who managed the team over the week.



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