



# Inside AQUINAS

A Newsletter from Aquinas College - September 2016

Hold Fast to Truth

Tene Veritatem

Kia mau ki te pono

Dear Parents, Caregivers, friends and students

This term is only nine weeks long and we are fitting several major events into this time including Chanel Shield, Winter Tournament week, AIMS Games, Derived Grade Exams and Year 13 Retreat.

Tournament Week for many of our senior teams was held 28<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Our teams involved included Netball, Hockey, Football and Basketball which were played in different centres – Auckland, Pukekohe and Tauranga. This is a great way to bring winter sport season to a conclusion. Our thanks to the coaches, managers and parents for the work put in with the teams during the year.

AIMS tournament occurs in the week of September 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks to the families who offered to billet the students from Heaton Intermediate in Christchurch. This is a long standing tradition we have which allows Heaton students to take part in the AIMS Games. The students and their community are very grateful to us for hosting them. The event is the largest Intermediate level sports tournament in New Zealand and will involve close to 100 of our Year 7 & 8 students in a variety of sports. We wish them all the very best.

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September there will be a combined PPTA & NZEI Paid Union Meeting (PUM) from 9.00am to 11.00am. This is to provide information to staff in schools relating to the proposed changes in education currently being considered by the Minister of Education. Aquinas will be open on this day. Exams will continue for students involved from Years 11, 12 & 13. Classes will continue for Years 7 – 10 as normal. We have enough staff available to cover these classes and supervise exams.

September 12, 13 & 14 bring our school Derived Grade Exams for our Year 11–13 students. Students are expected to attend only for their exams, but there will be places where they can study if they come early or have to wait for buses after an exam. These exams are important. They give a good indication as to where students are placed with respect to their coursework and, if they are ill or unable to sit an external for any reason, the results of these exams are used to give a derived grade. It is important that students prepare well and do the best that they can for these exams.

The Year 13 retreat will occur on Thursday & Friday 15 & 16 Sept at Tui Ridge in Rotorua. This is an important event for our senior students, providing an important time for them to reflect on their time at Aquinas and prepare for the future.

Amongst all of these activities of course, all classes will continue with their work. The senior classes are well aware of the rapidly approaching external exams and the junior school will also have end of year assessments and exams as they come into Term 4. A well organised approach at this time of the year is essential if students are to gain the maximum benefit they can from the school year.

## BOT Policies for Review

- 3.1 Complains
- 3.2 Equity
- 3.7 Appointments

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 Monday 12th September.

## AC ARMY

The AC ARMY is a group of Year 12 and 13 students who are working together to support those in need in our community. The first initiative these students have undertaken is delivering care packages to Merivale Primary school students.

With the fantastic response from our parent and student community the AC ARMY was able to provide care packages to every single student at the school. Donations from our Aquinas College Families included Toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, flannels and a handwritten personal message from our Year 7 students.

The Army has been overwhelmed by donations and the compassion that our school community have provided and they would love to take this opportunity to thank all the families and students who have helped along the way with this initiative.

Please see the link below to get the full story that was in the BOP Times last Saturday.

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/bay-of-plenty-times/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1503343&objectid=11700654](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/bay-of-plenty-times/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503343&objectid=11700654)

## SHAVE FOR A CURE

This year Ella Ackerman (Yr 12) was selected to be a participant in the Fuji Xerox Next Generation Leaders' Programme.

As part of this course each student is required to be involved in the 'Purposeful Act of Leadership' project. This project encourages students to show leadership by taking on a community or school event that they believe would make a positive change.

Ella chose to do the "Shave for a Cure" to raise money for the blood and leukaemia cancer foundation. Her aim was to fundraise over \$1500 for this foundation through different initiatives. She joined forces with the Health Committee and together they organised a mufti day, sausage sizzle and the head shave, "Shave for a Cure."

Our principal Mr Ray Scott and our Deputy Principal Mr Terry Consedine plus nine students volunteered to take part in this event. To date, as a school, we have raised over \$2000 for this foundation.

We would love to thank each and everyone who supported the initiatives, who generously gave money or helped with the organisation that went on behind the scenes.

Without all your support this would never have been



## 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.



## ICAS Science Competition Results

Congratulations to our students who have achieved highly in the ICAS Science Competition this year. Listed below are those who achieved either **Distinction** (top 10% in New Zealand) or **High Distinction** (top 1% in New Zealand). Well done.

**Distinction Certificates** Elizabeth Leith (Year 7), Torben Oxenham (Year 8), Adam Fowler (Year 9), Elise Oxenham (Year 9), Jordan Oxenham (Year 11).

**High Distinction Certificates** Nicholas Scott (Year 9)  
**Congratulations to these and all students who sat this competition. Well done.**



## Mathsmind 2016

The annual Bay of Plenty Maths Association Mathsmind Competition took place at Trident College on Wednesday 17 August.

The teams from our school involved: Xavier Barry, Finn Dempsey, Connor Farrell, Adam Fowler, Madoka Fujimoto, Michael Graham, Brandon Hammill, Tiziana Hawkes, Anna Low, Jamie Minnell, Elise Oxenham, Eve Preston, Angus Riordan, Nicholas Scott, Danielle Symes, Aimee Watene.

**The Touch of the Master's Hand is a well known poem that ends by comparing the battered old violin touched by the hand of a master musician, to the life of a sinner that is touched by the hand of God.**

'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer  
Thought it scarcely worth his while  
To waste much time on the old violin,  
But held it up with a smile.

"What am I bidden, good folks," he cried,  
"Who'll start the bidding for me?"  
"A dollar, a dollar. Then two! Only two?  
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?"

"Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice;  
Going for three..." But no,  
From the room, far back, a grey-haired man  
Came forward and picked up the bow;  
Then wiping the dust from the old violin,  
And tightening the loosened strings,  
He played a melody pure and sweet,  
As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,  
With a voice that was quiet and low,  
Said: "What am I bid for the old violin?"  
And he held it up with the bow.

"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?  
Two thousand! And who'll make it three?  
Three thousand, once; three thousand, twice,  
And going and gone," said he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried,  
"We do not quite understand.  
What changed its worth?" Swift came the reply:  
"The touch of the Master's hand."  
And many a man with life out of tune,  
And battered and scarred with sin,  
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd  
Much like the old violin.



## Trade Fair Day

The Tauranga region Young Enterprise Trade Fair Day was held at Bayfair recently. The Trade Fair showcases the work of Senior Business Studies students across the Bay, including six companies from Aquinas College. This years teams and products included:

### **Ador**

*Low sugar chocolate*

### **The Good Company**

*Promotes winter wellness with their eucalyptus infused car freshners*

### **Espresso Yourself**

*Natural Body Scrub that reduces cellulite*

### **Hayleys Bros**

*'Clothing those who cannot clothes themselves.' For every pair of socks sold, Hayley Bros with donate a pair of socks to Tauranga Moana Homeless Shelter.*

### **Solar Station**

*Solar powered phone charger, to be used by patrons in cafés.*

### **Ezy Surf Culture**

*Innovative surf wax in re-usable containers, made from natural bees wax.*

The students worked hard to bring their product to market and enjoyed their selling experience with the community.

Finally, Business Studies' students have recently visited various local businesses including Trimax (global mowers for stadiums) Skyline Rotorua (luge) and Flip Out (trampoline arena). Visiting local businesses allow students to apply business concepts in context. We thank these businesses for supporting our students.



Above: Ador



Left: Hayley Bros

# International Day

**Hello** *Bonjour* **Konnichi wa** Sawatdi ka **Hola** Buon giorno  
Annyong haseyo **Guten tag** Oi

Aquinas College celebrated International Languages week this month with a colourful, flavourful, international flare.

Our International costume day officially kicked off during assembly, when staff and students had the opportunity to show off their costumes and their moves by joining in a hula demonstration lead by Soi Pearson.

The courtyard came alive at lunch time with sushi for sale, a costume competition, chalk art on the pavement and a spicy noodle eating competition run by our Korean students. It was great to see so many students having fun and getting involved in our student lead activities: A group of Japanese students held an origami workshop and our French students coordinated the annual International Trivia Quiz.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out and took part in the fantastic celebration of the cultural diversity within our school.



## History at Aquinas

This year, for the first time in History (see what I did there?), there is an Aquinas College European History tour. Eighteen Year 12 and 13 History students are departing for Europe on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, for three weeks.

We will travel to England, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, and Italy. As part of the tour we will visit the Tower of London, the Imperial War Museum, see live theatre at Shakespeare's Globe, watch a West End show, visit Windsor Castle, Dachau concentration camp, Nuremberg Documentation Centre, the Berlin War, Menin Gate, Le Quesnoy memorial, the Venice Canals, the Pantheon, Anne Frank house and SO MUCH MORE!

Whilst the focus will be on the great historical moments that occurred in these places, the aim is to explore all that these countries have to offer. The importance of bringing History to life for our students, and in connecting them with the past will be well explored.

It is often noted that those who remain disconnected with the past or ignorant of History are the same people who are more readily prepared to make the same mistakes, rush into conflict, and be closed minded to difference.

It is hoped that this History tour will see our students interact with different cultures, challenge their own standpoints and see value in the study of history.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our fundraising initiatives. We have raised around \$25,000 and this is the result of much hard work for the last 14 months.

A huge thank you in particular to those that attended the Midwinter Christmas, and the Mills Reef Pressing Essentials evening.

Our gratitude goes to Mills Reef and Paul Dawick, Village Press, Brett McGregor, Brookfield New World, Food Solutions, Solo Wings, Colin Meads, Matt and Trudy at Tauranga Helicopter training, the MacIntyres and all those who donated goods and sponsored our events. I would also like to extend a personal thanks to Kate Piceno, Kathryn Lellman, and Fiona Boyle who have worked tirelessly on some of our more major fundraising events. Our students have had to work hard for this trip and their work ethic is a credit to them! We look forward to updating you on our trip upon our return.



# From the Careers Desk

Check out our **Facebook** we are at **Aquinas College Careers**. If your sons and daughters "Like" this page, they will be able to access very important information in all sorts of areas.



We are over halfway through Term 3 – a busy time for the Careers Department as we work with Year 13s.

**Halls of Residences Applications** will be closing soon, so we advise applying NOW to avoid missing out. Check out the website of your prospective tertiary provider for more details. **University Course Planning Sessions** and **Tertiary Visits** are continuing to take place during the rest of Term 3 – so Year 13 students, remember to listen out for upcoming events via the school notices, and keep an eye on our Careers Noticeboard in H Block and the Careers Department Window.

## Get a Trade

Some of the reasons to choose on the job training:

- No debts, get paid while you learn.
- Real world experience. New Zealanders have nearly 500,000 small businesses. That means learning a trade or service role can be a perfect base for having your own business further down the track.
- Skills you learn in one job can often be used in others

Check out [justthejob.co.nz](http://justthejob.co.nz), the **Just the Job** interactive website. Designed for career-seekers, this site showcases over 240 Career Profiles in a range of industries. You can watch clips on jobs and industries; start thinking about your own career path.

## Gateway

Currently we have 45 students on Gateway. Students can still join this program if unsure of their vocational pathways.

## Careers Expo

Year 12's and encouraged the year 13's to go to the Careers Expo held on 12<sup>th</sup> August. This was a worthwhile exercise, with all the trades, universities and educational providers represented in one show.

## Study Link

Thinking about further study? Students planning to continue study after they leave school have a lot of decisions to make.

[StudyLink's website](#) is a great place to visit to get you thinking about what it will cost to live and study. StudyLink can help you work out if study is right for you and how you'll support yourself. How much money you may need to support yourself could surprise you.

There are some really important decisions to make. A little effort, planning and commitment now can turn into exciting jobs, higher wages and only having to pay back what you really needed to borrow to get there.

Once you've made the decision to study it's a good idea to sign up to receive emails from StudyLink. This way you won't miss out on important information, like when to apply and documents you need to send.

Let's figure out what things you'll need for your tertiary education, and how you might pay for them.

[Sign up to receive emails now](#)

Wanting to know how much next year could cost you? Go to the following website

<http://www.studylink.govt.nz/tools-and-calculators/sussed/index.html>

## Former Aquinas College students graduate from Victoria University of Wellington

It is with pleasure that we congratulate former pupils who have graduated from Victoria University between June 2015 and May 2016. We join with you in acknowledging and celebrating the students' wonderful success.

NAME	Degree
Bullivant, Monique	BCOM
Carruthers, Kayla	BT/BA
Jaques, Lisa	BCOM
Kelly, Emma	BA
Kelly, Emma	LLB
Kinney, Luke	BCOM
Lee, Samuel	BA
Morse, Caitlin	BAS
Shum, Terence	BCOM
Singh, Priya	BCOM

Tena Koutou Katoa,

## RA WHAKANGAHAU 2016

November 24th-25th at St Mary's Catholic School,  
13th Avenue, Tauranga



Whanau, community, friends and family are invited to celebrate two days of full-on kapa haka from our local Tauranga Moana primary and intermediate schools.

This year Hato Maria (St Mary's) will be hosting the 2016 Tauranga Moana Kapa Haka Festival on the 24th and 25th of November. As a Kura they have participated in the festival in the last three years and now have the privilege to host it. This is an event that provides primary age school children with the opportunity to participate in Kapa Haka performance in a non-competitive atmosphere.

As the first Catholic School to host this event the organising committee at St Mary's are looking to work with St Thomas More and Aquinas College as well as the wider Whanau to impart 'ngā kaupapa Katorika' (aspects Catholic) throughout the festival. It is anticipated that over 40 schools will be participating, with up to 5000 spectators and performers visiting St Mary's School over the two days of the festival.

How can you help you might ask? The combined whanau community of St Mary's, St Thomas More and Aquinas College has a clear understanding and commitment to staging this event. Stand by for information from the Whanau groups regarding invitations to attend related meetings and to be a part of the working parties.

# Sport at Aquinas

## REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Congratulations to the following students who have progressed to the next level in the chosen sports:

**Brayden Dew** (Year 8) was named in the Roller Mills Rugby Team.

**Brendan Fletcher** (Year 12) was selected for the Tauranga City Basketball Under 23 Team.

**Alanna Campbell** (Year 13) and **Shaun Campbell** (Year 12) have been selected to represent the Senior Women's/Men's Bay of Plenty Golf teams this year. With 8 team members in their respective teams Alanna has been named as the Number 1 and Shaun number 2.

**Joshua Presley** (Year 12) has been selected to play for the Bay of Plenty Under 19 team.

Five students have been selected to represent Bay of Plenty Region at the upcoming New Zealand GymSports Championships being held in Invercargill from Sept 20th - Oct 2nd 2016. **India Jarden** (Year 7) BOP Women's Artistic Step 7; **Hunter Mortleman** (Year 10) BOP Men's Artistic Level 5; **Jasmine Trusler** (Year 7) & **Jasmine Watene** (Year 7) BOP Tumbling 11-12 yrs and **Amber Trusler** (Year 9) BOP Tumbling 13-14 yrs

**Maddison Black** (Year 13) has been invited to compete against Australia on November 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> at Sydney Olympic Village as part of a small New Zealand team of around 30 athletes going. She will be competing in 1st Black Belt Patterns, 1st Black Belt Power, Female Specialty and Female Sparring.

## BADMINTON

Our badminton championships were held earlier this term

Boys Singles Senior Champion – William Warnock

Girls Singles Senior Champion – Breeana Brooker.

Junior Champion - Kayla Prendergast

Boys Doubles – William Warnock and Ben Woodrow

Open Doubles – Breanna Brooker and Kayla Prendergast

## BASKETBALL

During the past school holidays, Briarley Rogers went away with the New Zealand U16 Women's team to Australia to play at the Australian State Champs. After competing in Australia Briarley returned to NZ, had two days rest and then competed in the BBNZ U17 National Tournament where the team placed 11th. As a bottom aged player Briarley was 5th in scoring at this tournament.



The process of selection for the NZ U17 Team, the Emerging Junior Tall Ferns will start later in the year, with all steps needing to be repeated to be selected. The Emerging Junior Tall Ferns go to Asia in 2017 to try and qualify for the World Championships. We wish Briarley every success on her Basketball journey.

Congratulations to our Junior Girls A and Boys A basketball teams that competed in the recent Baywide Junior Tournament (Div 2) held in Tauranga. The boys narrowly missed out in competing

in the final by one basket (lost to Rotorua). However, they regrouped and won their playoff for 3rd and 4th convincingly beating Waihi.

The girls had a very productive day out on the court beating Waihi and Whakatane in pool play which set them up for a final against BC. The girls took control from start to finish in the final convincingly emerging as champions. Well done girls, a great team effort. Next stop Basketball New Zealand Secondary School Premierships.

Our boys and girls teams once again took part in the Intermediate World Cup tournament. They were very keen to keep their record intact from the previous year's inaugural tournament where both teams were winners. The boys entered their AIMS tournament team. The boys fought valiantly throughout the day but their lack of game time together showed at times and they couldn't get the job done this year. It was the Intermediate Girls A team that plays on Monday nights plus a couple of B team players that took to the courts for this tournament. Team Australia (AC Girls) had a good day building from game to game and eventually made it through to the finals game against New Zealand (Waihi). The girls had been beaten by NZ earlier on in the day and were keen to reverse the score. Whilst the effort was there the scoreline was still in favour of NZ at the final whistle (25-17) and the girls had to settle for a very credible 2nd place. Lucy Turner was named in the World Cup Tournament Team. Congratulations girls, a fine effort.

Thanks to all the coaches, managers and parent support who helped out on the day. You guys are awesome.

## GYMSPORT

Our GymSports Club recently travelled to Auckland to compete in the New Zealand Secondary School's GymSports Championships held at Counties Manukau Gymnastics Club located in the Bruce Pulman Park Takarangi on July 30th and 31st. The 18 students in attendance had an amazing weekend with a number of accolades received.

1st Team Tumbling C grade	Odette Roberson, Lucy Turner, Waiti Atutahi
1st Team Tumbling Elite Grade	Jasmine Watene, Amber Trusler, Jasmine Trusler
1st Team WAG Level 1	Odette Roberson, Lucy Turner, Rose Catto
2nd Overall Individual WAG level 1	Lucy Turner (0.1 off 1st=)
2nd Overall Individual WAG Level 3	Jasmine Trusler (0.1 off 1st=)
3rd Overall Individual WAG Level 1	Odette Roberson
3rd Overall Individual WAG Level 4	Jasmine Watene



Special mention to:

"Halo" **Aquinas Hip Hop** finished 4th in Team Performance Division which was a very close competition between 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. **Rose Catto** came 1st on apparatus uneven bars, and 2nd on apparatus balance beam, placing 4th overall Individual WAG level 1. **Amber Trusler** came 3rd on apparatus balance beam, placing 4th overall Individual WAG level 4.

## HOCKEY

Our Intermediate Blue Hockey team won the Division 1 Plate final recently winning 4 – 1 against Otumoetai Boys A. Most of the team will be part of the AIMS Hockey Mixed team so we wish them well for this tournament.

## NETBALL

Congratulations to our Junior A Team (pictured below) who finished number 1 in their grade beating Mt College Junior B by 6 goals in the final.



Our Premier 1 team made it through to their semifinal but were just pipped by 1 goal against Te Wharekura o Mauao. We wish them well at Upper North Island Secondary School Tournament.

A number of the College and Intermediate teams also made finals so congratulations on getting that far in your season.

Notable mentions are:

Year 7B – runners-up in Intermediate E grade

Year 8A – runners-up in Intermediate C grade

Year 9 Yellow – runners-up in Junior D grade

## SWIMMING

Kate Kuka, William Armstrong, Connor Farrell and Lochlainn O'Connor represented the Greerton Swimming Club (GSC) at the Central Swimming Championships



held at Rotorua on 12-14th August. This meet was a target meet for the 13 and over age group swimmers and it was a good meet to gauge where swimmers are at in their lead up to NZ Short Course Championships that are in October.

Tai Daniela (head coach GSC) named Kate Kuka the GSC 'Swimmer of the Meet'. She won two silver medals and made finals for the 13 year old girls 50m and 100m breaststroke events. All four swimmers posted personal best times and made finals. With Farrell and O'Connor winning an assortment of medals as well. Here is Kate (pictured right) with one of her silver medals she won in the 13-year-old girls 50m breaststroke. Armstrong, Farrell and O'Connor were part of a boys 13-15 year old 4 x 50m Freestyle relay team that won silver as well.



Congratulations on an olympic scale to our very own superfish Lochlainn (Lochy) O'Connor who has been named in the NZ Swim Team for the Australian State Age Group Championships. Lochy travels to Canberra with the team in the next school holidays. A

grand testimony for a young man who is committed to his sport, working tirelessly for long hours in the pool. Well done Lochy - see you at the next Olympics!



## WRESTLING

Following his success at the North Island Wrestling Champs last month, Blair Bromwich (Year 8) came home from the Waikato Wrestling Champs winning gold after placing first in the Under 44kg category.

## JOHN PAUL COLLESE SPORTS EXCHANGE, YEAR 7/8

On 18th August a large number of our students travelled across to JPC for our annual warm up to the AIMS Games. Over the last few years this has been an invaluable hit out and a good test of combinations in many sports for the rigours of the long week pitted against the best teams that Intermediate schools from around the country can muster.

This year we challenged our Catholic neighbours in boys' and girls' basketball, netball, boys football, mixed hockey and boys and girls water polo.

Over the course of the day the competition was fierce but Aquinas managed to triumph in all contests bar the netball and girls' basketball.

After the sport, a wonderful lunch was put on by JPC and we had the chance to mix and mingle with our new friends before piling back onto the buses and heading back through the gorge to Aquinas.

A big thanks to all the coaches and managers who assisted and to our wonderful sports coordinators who made it all possible.



## CAMPION COLLEGE EXCHANGE SPORTS EXCHANGE FOR YEAR 9/10



94 students from Campion College made the 3 hour journey from Gisborne to Tauranga all in the name of sport.

Sunday saw the basketballers and volleyballers take the court with Campion coming out on top in both basketball games, with the AC volleyball girls putting us on the ledger with a win.

All billets headed off with their host families for a good night's sleep, ready for another day of sport. Monday saw Aquinas win both netball matches, rugby, hockey and boys football with a draw in the girls football all of which were played in great spirit.

After a delicious lunchtime spread, our Campion friends boarded their buses again for their trip back home.

A huge thanks to all our families who took a billet or two and to our many coaches/managers/staff and students for assisting with the running of our sports.



### SPORTS & CULTURAL PHOTO'S

Watch out for these being available for viewing during the last week of term. So check out the school website regularly for further information.

### WINTER TOURNAMENT AND AIMS GAMES

Well done to our hockey, netball, football and basketball athletes who competed at various Winter Tournaments. We will have more reports from their respective tournaments in the next newsletter.

And Good Luck to our 115 Year 7 & 8 students who are all competing in the Aims Games next week, 4-9 September. We can't wait to hear your results. Play hard and have a great time.

### TERM 4 SUMMER CODES - Upcoming Registrations

We are in the process of getting the registration forms ready for Cricket, Volleyball, Water Polo and Touch. We hope to have these out around Week 7/8. Please keep an eye out for these on the website/email, and keep an ear out in the daily notices.

### UNIFORM AND KIT BAG RETURNS

As your winter sport season comes to an end please remember to return all uniforms - washed with no rips or marks. Place inside a plastic bag with your name on or in the bag. Bring across to the gym foyer and leave in the big red bin placed outside the sports office.

Please ensure all kit bags are also returned as soon as possible.

Please let us know if there are any missing items or items that need replacing.

Thank you to all the amazing coaches and managers who helped out through the season.

### WINNING WAYS

**W,W,W,W,W,W,W,W,W,W,D,W,L,W,L,W,W,W.**

If Aquinas College Boys'1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey team was a racehorse with form like the above, coaches Nigel Gregory and Stu Rutherford would be the toast of the horse racing world. 15 wins in 18 starts over almost 12 months. But for a couple of goals it could have been 17 from 18.

The team has become notable for its 'come-from-behind' victories and they did it again last week in Hamilton. Unable to reply for almost 50 minutes to an early goal they piled on the pressure in the second half to score two goals in the dying minutes.

These guys make for great watching, you never want to bet against them fighting back. Indeed they're more likely to blow a 2-0 nil half time lead than not fight back from a multi goal deficit. Otumoetai's lead 4-0 early in the season comes to mind, after a great fight back Aquinas so nearly stealing it but ending with a 4-4 draw. Its hard to know why a team can be a slow starter but these guys don't want for heart.

The secret to a winning team is endlessly analysed but is an elusive thing. There is an obvious camaraderie amongst the team and all players seem valued. It's a team game but it always starts at the top and Head Boy, Liam Burn, provides real leadership in the form of wonderfully skilful play and tireless commitment. Alongside him is a blend of skilled and experienced senior and talented junior players. And two complimentary and visibly ageing coaches who may want to take up meditation and yoga at the end of the season - if not before.

There's never more than a goal or two in the final results. There's no telling what sort of toll this season will have on the sagacious coaching duo but as we head towards tournament week and the toughest challenge to date for this team I know there's no other horse they'd want to put their money on.



## Aquinas College Rowing

- A lively and evolving club/school sporting community.
- Support from Tauranga Rowing Club
- A team of dedicated and experienced coaches.
- Transport to regattas - mostly at Karapiro.
- A healthier, stronger and more confident mind and body.
- Time-management techniques.
- New friends.
- An excellent sense of achievement.
- Access to club facilities including gym equipment.
- Uniforms.
- Novice (1<sup>st</sup> year rowers) training is Tues/Wed/Thur 4pm and Sunday 7.30am

For more information, contact Elliot Janissen, James Scott (Y12 rowers) or the Sports Dept.

## FOODBANK WEEK 2016

Due to the generosity of so many of our families, the Foodbank Appeal week was again tremendously successful. The college re-stocked Foodbank's shelves by a staggering 30 boxes. The winning tutor group this year was CMW. Thank you, thank you, thank you.






### Invitation: Pre-Season Junior Tennis Open Day

**2015/16** Sundays 4th & 11th September 2016

**Are you between 5 and 16 years old and interested in playing Tennis?**




This is a special event for our new and existing junior club members. We are offering a friendly to receive first teaching and information on the club's junior professional coaches. Gate Pa Tennis Club caters for all players as young as 5 years old in the NZ Tennis Hot Shots programme as well as older, social and more competitive junior players. Tennis rackets are available for use on the open day so come along and have a go!

**Lesson start times:**  
**Hotshots RED** (5-7 years) 9.30am - 10.30am Hotshots  
**ORANGE** (8-10 years) 10.30am - 11.30am Hotshots  
**GREEN** (10-16 years) 11.30am - 12.30am

Either register with our club coach Peter Blow at [peterb@vodafone.com](mailto:peterb@vodafone.com) or just turn up and have a go!  
**Junior Conveners:** Paul & Robyn McCarroll **P:** 07 543 4534  
**Junior Coordinator:** Graeme Bigham **P:** 07 578 5178 For more info visit our website... [www.gatepatennisclub.nz](http://www.gatepatennisclub.nz)

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## The 'Joy' Mural is here!

The PTA is delighted that The Wings of 'Joy' Mural was installed and launched in August. This collaborative beautification project was led by Art Teacher Jenny Livingston supported by two local artists, 50 Aquinas students, Aquinas teachers, PTA members and friends. The project was supported by Resene Paints. The photos are from the creative process and launch of the mural.



*Jenny Livingston and Lee Ann Taylor*



*Head Girl Kimberly D'Mello and Deputy Head Boy Andrew Norman*



*Students working on the mural on Service Day*



*Service Day artists enjoying a break with Real Italian Donuts*

**Lunchtime Sushi** – We are again running a sushi day on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**. Students will have the opportunity in tutor groups to indicate their intention to purchase sushi ahead of the day which will give us a good idea of how much to order. The price will be \$6 and the sushi is provided by Matakite from Pyes Pa.