



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui atawhai.

In June, 2016, Pope Francis visited Villa Nazareth in the Pineta Sacchetti area of Rome.

Villa Nazareth was founded in 1946 for orphans and poor children in order to provide the underprivileged with educational opportunities.

Today, Villa Nazareth helps young people who are experiencing economic hardship but who also show great intellectual potential. It provides them with a programme of Christian formation and inspiration. The institution's charism, its mission, is to promote a "diaconate of culture" and to form people who can be role models in society as moral witnesses.

Pope Francis gave a catechesis on Luke's gospel passage of the Good Samaritan. There are many characters in this passage, he said, but who qualifies as a neighbour? The robber, the poor man who was left for dead on the road, the priest, the doctor of the law, the lawyer? Or the innkeeper? Perhaps none of these knew how to answer such a question. The priest was in a hurry, like all priests and no doubt he's looking at his watch and saying to

himself that he must celebrate the Mass, or that he's left the door of the church open and he must close it. The doctor of the law, a practical man, said "But if I meddle in this, tomorrow I must go to court, give my testimony, say what I've done, losing two, three days of work ... "

Instead, this other person, a sinner, a foreigner who was not, properly speaking, a member of the people of God, finds himself moved: "He had compassion." And he stopped. All three – the priest, the lawyer and the Samaritan – knew well what to do. And each made their own decision.

Pope Francis said, however, that it could be of benefit to think of the situation from the perspective of the innkeeper who remains anonymous. He's watched all of what has happened and does not understand anything, saying to himself, "But this is crazy! A Samaritan who helps a Jew? It's crazy! And then, with his own hands he tends wounds and brings him to the hotel and tells me, 'But you, take care of him, I will pay you if it's something more.' But I have never seen this! This is crazy!"

And that man, Pope Francis continued, has received the Word of God in testimony. Whose? Of the priest? No, because he didn't even see the man. The lawyer is the same. The sinner, however: he has compassion. He was not a

faithful member of the People of God but he had compassion. And he understood nothing.

This, Pope Francis said, is what qualifies as testimony. The testimony of this sinner has sowed restlessness in the heart of the innkeeper. What happened to this innkeeper the Gospel does not say – and doesn't even record his name. But surely this man's curiosity grew, his restlessness has been allowed to grow in his heart.

Pope Francis asked, "And why do I dwell today on this character, this person?" The testimony, he says, is to live in this way so that others "may see your works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven", that is, to meet the Father.

Pope Francis concluded by hoping that all who see the good work of Villa Nazareth may respond in this way and not as priests who may rush away quickly or doctors who wish to present the faith of Jesus Christ with mathematical rigidity. May we be taught the wisdom of the Gospel: "to get one's hands dirty." May the Lord give us this grace.

*There are things the poor prize more highly than gold though they cost the donor nothing: the kind word, the gentle, compassionate look, and the patient hearing of sorrows.*

## 2016 Scholarship Results

Carmel College students gained 25 scholarships in 2016 as follows;

Four of our students gained two scholarships and one gained three. Two students gained Outstanding scholarships.

Biology 4, Chemistry 1, Classical Studies 3, English 7, Music 1, PE 2, Physics 1, Technology 6, 2 of which were Outstanding.

We congratulate the following diligent students who gained Scholarships in 2016. Congratulations also to the teachers and parents who supported them in their studies.

Sydel Alvares	<i>Classical Studies</i>	Gabrielle Mackisack	<i>English</i>
Jorden Clifton	<i>Technology</i>	Annabel Marshall	<i>Technology (Outstanding) &amp; Biology</i>
Christine Fawzy	<i>Technology</i>	Gemma Morgan	<i>Biology &amp; Chemistry</i>
Caitlin Green	<i>English</i>	Valencia Ngadi	<i>Technology (Outstanding)</i>
Zoe Hannah	<i>Technology</i>	Sarah Shanahan	<i>English &amp; Classical Studies</i>
Sophyia Hilario	<i>English</i>	Kate Shoebridge	<i>English, Biology &amp; Music</i>
Francisca Knarston	<i>Classical Studies</i>	Rebecca Wadsworth	<i>English</i>
Claudia Lee	<i>Technology</i>	Zhaoqi Wang	<i>Physics</i>
Ella Lis	<i>Biology &amp; Physical Education</i>	Tayla Wong-Lithgow	<i>English</i>
Tyler Lynch	<i>Physical Education</i>		

### LOCKERS

All outstanding locker requests have now been completed and lockers allocated. The lockers were allocated in the order the request was received. As much as possible, the locker requested has been given but due to the number of lockers in certain places, we have not been able to accommodate everyone's requirements. Any issues please contact lforance@carmel.school.nz

Please note: **lockers must be purchased by Friday February 17.**

### CAMP PAYMENTS DUE

Year 12 due 24 February 2017 / Year 8 due 10 February 2017

Camp fees have been charged to your student account. Please put CAMP and student name as reference when making payment

### YEAR 9 & 10 MATHS HOMEWORK

Years 9 and 10 students will use Maths Buddy for homework activities this year. Your daughter will have access to this once she has shown her Workbooks receipt to her maths teacher. To see what your daughter will experience go to [www.mathsbuddy.co.nz](http://www.mathsbuddy.co.nz)

## Sports News

### NETBALL REGISTRATION

Netball Trials 2017 are underway!

All fees are to be paid when registering for netball.

We have a NO PAY, NO PLAY policy.

To go straight to our online shop to pay fees and register please click [HERE](#).

If you do not wish to pay online you can download a registration form, fill it in and hand it in along with the fee to the College office.

### 2017 SPORTS SIGNUPS

Please click the links below to sign up for sports. This can also be done on the Sports page of the college website - [www.carmel.school.nz](http://www.carmel.school.nz)

[Year 7-8 Netball Preseason skill sessions](#)

[Year 7-8 Sports Enhancement Programme](#)

[Year 9 - 13 Football Trials](#)

[Year 7 - 13 Basketball Trials](#)

[Year 7- 13 Hockey Trials](#)

[Year 7-13 Cheerleading](#)

### NETBALL UMPIRING COURSE

Any one in Year 7-13 who wants to learn how to be a Netball umpire this season, please sign up to the First Steps to Netball Umpiring Course to be held at Carmel. It is a 6 week course held in the gym classroom from 3.30-4.30pm. The cost is \$30. Dates are 16th, 23rd Feb, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

### CARMEL COLLEGE SPORTS FACEBOOK PAGE

Carmel Sports now has a facebook page, go on here to find out the most up to date information about events, trials and results - <https://www.facebook.com/Carmelcollegesport/>

## Year 7-13 2017 Athletics Day

Date: Thursday 16th February

Where: Takapuna Athletics Club, Akoranga Drive, Northcote

Transport: Students are to make their own way there. They must be there by 9.15am.

Uniform: House colour mufti

Food: Bring packed lunch and lots to drink. No students are to walk offsite to the shops

Cost: \$5 for the day. This amount will be invoiced to your account.

Spectators: All parents are welcome to come and support the event

Pre-registrations are required for all events. Please click [HERE](#) to register.

### WATERPOLO

Congratulations to the Year 7 Carmel white team who were awarded a bronze medal at the end of the Term 4 Glenfield Waterpolo League season.



Special congratulations to Darcy Spark who was awarded the Year 7 Most Promising Player award and Esther Mihaljevich who was awarded Most Improved Player.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Maria Carbonell-Ganet, Year 10, who represented Auckland in the recent Athletics national Interprovincial competition. She won her 100m heat (straight final), and Auckland as a team placed second overall.



Ciara O'Neill, Year 9, who competed at the Northern Region Surf Lifesaving Championship over the weekend for Orewa club and came second in the beach sprints and fourth in the beach flags.



## DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for WOMEN, NORTH SHORE

Warmly invites all women to the celebration of the Holy Mass to welcome in the 2017 year.

The celebrant will be Fr Alfredo Garcia.

Fellowship and refreshments follow afterwards.

When: Wednesday 15 February, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Where: Parish hall, St. Thomas More Church,  
336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629

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