

## ISSUE 3, MAY/JUNE 2014

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Cullinane Day is fast approaching on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The Prefects have organised a lovely community day of Christian celebration, cultural competition and games. I would encourage parents and supporters of the College to come along and spend some time with our community as we celebrate our foundation in 2003. Cullinane Day is nicely situated around the Feast of Pentecost. At Pentecost the Church celebrates the Holy Spirit coming down upon Jesus' followers, empowering them for their Christian mission and gathering them together as a Church. The Cullinane College community also gathers as a community at this time to celebrate our commitment to our church and each other.

It was with great sadness that our College attended the tangi for Morvin Simon in Week 4. Morvin was an active and highly respected member of our Catholic Community, former student and staff member of Hato Paora College and an acknowledged kaumatua of both St Augustine's College, Sacred Heart College and Cullinane College. Mr Hepburn (Head of Sport) remembers Morvin as a man of great faith and someone who was very giving of his time and skills in support of those he served. Our condolences go out to his wife, Kura, whanau and extended whanau.

I travelled to St John's College recently to support our O'Shea Shield team in this traditional competition between 17 schools in the Palmerston North Diocese and Wellington Arch Diocese. While we were not as competitive as we would have liked to have been, I was very impressed by the number of our students who performed despite having major problems with performance anxiety. It took great courage for many of them to speak and perform in such a public arena and many of them will have grown enormously from the experience. As always, I was very proud of them all.

It has been a real pleasure seeing so many of our young people engaging in sport over the first winter term. There has been a huge step-up in the participation rate of our students with five netball teams, four basketball teams, a number of rugby and hockey and badminton teams as well as a number of students playing football for local clubs. The standard of uniform and the strong values of the team cultures is also impressive and I hope our students enjoy these opportunities and strive to improve their skill set. A big thank you to those parents, staff and volunteers who are supporting sport in our College.

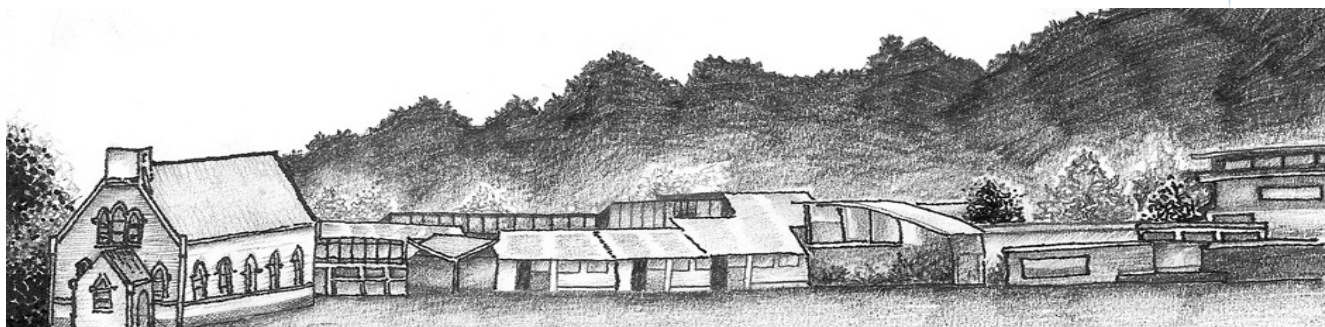
Finally, the College is about to start a significant period of rebuilding and modernisation of buildings. As a result of the Christchurch earthquake, a significant part of our school is going to be seismically strengthened and a modernisation process will take place at the same time. Obviously, there will be disturbance but our community will benefit enormously from this building programme which will take at least two years to complete.

God Bless you all

Kevin Shore  
Principal

### **FEATURED THIS ISSUE:**

- O'Shea Shield
- Fr Brian's Musings
- NCEA Fees
- Gateway/Careers News



**Macy Duxfield**  
**Carline Hope**  
WDC Youth Committee

## SPORT

**Judo**  
**Under 60kg Cadet**  
**Men's Grade - 1st**  
**& Gold Medal**  
Andrew Kinchella

**Triathlon**  
**National**  
**Championships-**  
**Gisborne - 6th**  
Briley Zimmerman

**Track & Field**  
**Wanganui**  
**Secondary Schools**  
**Team**  
Briley Zimmerman  
1500m SG  
Jordan Reardon  
3000m IB  
Quinn Tauroa  
100m JB

**Touch**  
**U17 NZ**  
**Tournament Team**  
Tariana Turia

**NZ Champions -**  
**Wanganui U17**  
**Mixed Team**  
Hoani Whanarere  
Chaeli Manuel  
Tariana Turia  
Michelle Mischewski

**Crossfit**  
**NZ Crossfit**  
**Championships -**  
**16-18 Division-**  
**3rd**  
Hoani Hopkins

## OSHEA SHIELD

On the weekend of May 17-18, a group of students from Cullinane College journeyed to Hastings to participate in a speech and drama competition called O'Shea Shield. The O'Shea Shield consists of 17 Catholic secondary schools from the Wellington and Palmerston North Diocese which covers the whole of the Lower North Island and Nelson. Students from these schools compete in seven speech related events over the course of the weekend in a bid to score the highest amount of points and win the much coveted O'Shea Shield. The O'Shea Shield is a highly anticipated event among the Cullinane students ever since we recently hosted the event in 2012.

Although fiercely competitive, O'Shea Shield is so much more than just a speech competition. It is an important event in our school calendar: a place to strengthen our ties with other Catholic schools, build personal confidence, form friendships and feel proud to be representing our school. It was the friendships I made and the experiences I had that sent me back to O'Shea year after year. I enjoyed the competitions and the unique competitiveness that did not at all affect our relationships with other schools. Yes, we care about how we perform in our events and how we achieve as a school on the final table, but in the end, if anything, it made us closer. In between events and during break times, us students would mix between schools, forming larger groups, playing group games, chanting, singing, dancing or just chatting to one another – no competition in mind.

The O'Shea Shield is an integral part of our Cullinane tradition, dating back to well before the College was formed, when St Augustine's and Sacred Heart students used to compete. I believe O'Shea Shield is important to us because it develops inter-school relationships, boosts the confidence of students and creates a spirit unique to our school and the other 16 schools. Despite the fact that we did not come back with the shield, I thoroughly enjoyed what was, sadly, my fifth and final O'Shea Shield and now look forward to catching up with some of my new friends next year at university.

Rowan Benefield  
Head Girl 2014



## 2014 NCEA Fees

NZ Qualifications Authority charge Year 11 – 13 students NCEA fees to have their results recorded on their Record of Achievement, and to receive certificates.

NCEA Fees for 2014 are \$76.70 per student.

You are more than welcome to make part-payments towards this fee but all NCEA fees must be paid in full by Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014.

Financial Assistance is available if parents or caregivers meet one of the following conditions:

- Two or more students are entered for NCEA with fees more than \$200.
- Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit.
- Have a Community Services Card.
- Have joint family income that qualifies for a Community Services Card.

In order to qualify for financial assistance, you are required to complete an application form which is available from the Bursar or College office.

Please contact the Bursar, Joanne O'Hara if you have any queries related to NCEA fees or financial assistance.

# NOTES N QUOTES

Up n Coming Events

## GODS ZONE

O'Shea Shield is over for another year. This year St John's College in Hastings was the host and our team enjoyed their wonderful hospitality and the great weather. The best performance was from our debate team who successfully opposed the moot that the Pope should be on Facebook. Daniel O'Sullivan was judged the best speaker. Our students enjoyed the wonderful camaraderie from the students from the other participating Colleges. Next year we will gather at St Patrick's College in Wellington.

Over the first weekend of this term three more staff members completed the Understanding Sexuality Course run by the Diocese. This looks at Catholic teachings around sexuality and all staff found it worthwhile and enlightening. Toni Jenkins attended a two day seminar for tagged teachers run by the Marists and she is keen to bring the ideas she learned to Cullinane. Six tagged teachers also attended an afternoon seminar run by Bishop Charles to gain a greater understanding of the role of a tagged teacher.

There are some people in the Cullinane Community who have been affected by breast cancer, so our Prefects decided to run a Pink Breakfast to help raise funds to find a cure for breast cancer. It was wonderful to see the prefects getting involved and cooking a wonderful feast for the breakfast. Thanks to all those who supported this initiative.

Megan Hoskin and Reihana Fisher will be part of the next Young Marist Neighbours programme which will be held at Ruatahuna from June 8-15. They are looking forward to the challenge this offers.

Eleven students and a staff member are currently involved in the Confirmation programme. We wish them well in their continuing journey of faith.

Earlier this month I was privileged to attend a Josephite Colloquium in Sydney. This was a gathering of people involved in Josephite ministry. There were many others there who work in Josephite schools in Australia and it was uplifting to share ideas and learn what others are doing around the Josephite charism. A key reminder for us all was to remember to be a 'good neighbour' and that in our very busy lives it is sometimes more important to 'be' rather than 'do'.

Cullinane Day is happening on Pentecost Friday (June 6<sup>th</sup>). This is a day where we can truly celebrate who we are as a community. The prefects have spent a considerable time preparing for the various activities. We will commence with a full school Mass at 9:00am then go into Inter-House Quizzes in Year levels. Later we will view some of the amazing talent of our students. During the afternoon students will choose to participate in sport, art, theatre sports or computer games. Parents and friends of the College are most welcome to attend any of the day's events.

Religious Studies classes are busy with the following topics:

9R: The Life & Times of Jesus

9S & 9T: The Eucharist and the Church Year

10R: The Teachings of Jesus

10S: The Middle Ages

10T: Inspiring Men and Women

Year 11: Trinity

Year 12: Commitment & Ministry

Year 13: Sects & Cults

God Bless

Helen Dougherty (DRS)



## JUNE

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Open Evening

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Cullinane Day

**Thursday-  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**  
Manukorero &  
Paerangatahi

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
School Ball

**Monday-  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup>**  
**July**  
Family Day  
Interviews

## JULY

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
1<sup>st</sup> XV versus City  
College

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
End of Term  
Liturgy in the Gym

**Monday-Friday  
21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**(Term 3)**  
Maori Language  
Week



St Mary's College,  
Auckland  
150 Year Celebrations

The Auckland St Mary's College PTFA is making preparations for the 150 Year Celebrations to be held on the weekend of the 20-21st September of this year.

Proposed activities include a cocktail evening, a celebratory family Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral and a family afternoon tea and tours to be held at the school.

We are requesting registrations in order to assess numbers to help us prepare for these events.

Please register at the following address:  
[https://qtrial2014.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_3jY2vCi4zftii3j](https://qtrial2014.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3jY2vCi4zftii3j)

The Lotto Empire has many games of chance that offer the opportunity of riches or happiness, but in reality most people end up disappointed; as pawns in a game of chance, sometimes addicted to a false hope where disappointment and sadness are the true realities.

Other people search for happiness in other ways - legal highs, gambling, alcohol, or illegal substances, but again the truth is that these addictions are harmful and instead of finding peace and satisfaction, some of these people end up addicted and confused. Another group of people who are also searching for happiness and belonging are those entering the high life. Their emphasis is on designer clothing, beautiful accessories, glamour and fashion; but again, deep down, their world is bottomless. They are also confused, often disappointed and continue to be slaves to consumerism.

Yet there is a more beautiful, a more sustaining, more vibrant way, a way that can provide security, happiness, peacefulness and eternal love. That way is a journey with God, through Baptism and our Catholic community. I frequently rack my brain and ask the question - why are parents not seeking baptism for their children? Why are they depriving their children of being members of the greatest family in the world, God's immediate family? Why are they allowing their children to be orphans? Or why are they starving them of a spirituality that gives life, happiness and peace and love?

There are many reasons, and I think I have heard them all, but parents' personal life situations are never an impediment to a child's Baptism. So yes, if you are divorced and remarried, your child can be baptised. If you have had a child out of marriage, the child can be baptised. If you are of another religion and your teenage child seeks Catholic Baptism, that Baptism can take place. If you are a teenager and want Baptism, we can arrange this. Yes you can be baptised at school amongst the school community, or in the parish, or on the Marae. Yes Fr Brian will come around and speak to parents and children so that all are comfortable with our procedure. Yes you can ask any question, I may not know all the answers, but I will certainly try to find the answer.

So I encourage you all to seek happiness and a journey in the family of God and have your children baptised, or seek Baptism as a teenager. I encourage you to take enquiring as your first Lotto number, commitment as your second, participation within the Catholic community as your third, Baptism as your fourth, Eucharist and Reconciliation as your fifth and Confirmation as your sixth, and the bonus number will be Faith, happiness, delight and a relationship with God that can provide all the stimulants, the spiritual energy and the love that any human would need.

Please call me to enquire on how we as a Catholic Church can give you a jackpot that will last forever, to affect your life, your family's life, your community's life.

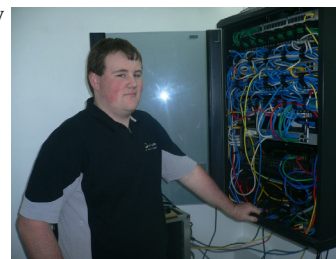
God Bless  
Fr Brian Carmine, School Chaplain  
Email [bejcardmine@gmail.com](mailto:bejcardmine@gmail.com)

## GATEWAY UPDATES

This term began with all students in work placements or on courses, which was wonderful. Thank you to those of you who rang through with potential placements for students in their chosen fields. New placements involve KiwiSpan, The Imlay Butcher Shop, Riding for the Disabled and The Warehouse which has accepted two students into the RedShirts training programme. We appreciate your support of our students and encourage our community to support these businesses in return.

Our big news is that SafeMode Computer Solutions has employed Bradley Mottram (Year 13) permanently and full-time, subject to a three month trial. Bradley worked there all of last year on a Gateway placement and continued this year one day a week. Naturally we are delighted with Bradley's success and wish him and SafeMode a successful and happy working relationship into the future.

Other successes include the registering of Matthew Thompson-Moon as a casual worker at Bunnings Warehouse, where he has proven himself useful. He continues at school, planning to gain his L2 NCEA. I have had wonderful feedback from various employers who are pleased with our students. There are hints of full-time employment in some of these areas, and whilst I am delighted with this, I am more delighted that the students are choosing to remain at school to get their L2 NCEA first.



Bradley Mottram at Safe Mode

# NOTES N' QUOTES

## MATHS DEPT NEWS

### Homework Books

Year 9 and 10 students and some Year 11 students have a Mathematics Homework Book as part of their stationery requirements. You should expect that 2-3 pages will be set as homework each week. The books contain answers and students should do their own marking rather than relying on the teacher to do it. This way they can get immediate feedback on the success of their work, and the books can be used for revision purposes. This is what successful Mathematics students do.

### Calculators

Students and their parents are reminded that a calculator is part of your essential equipment for Mathematics, but also necessary, at times, in other subjects. While we encourage students to do as much calculation work as possible mentally, many problems do require the use of a calculator.

Students at Years 10-13 need to have their own, named calculator, kept in their bag when not in use. Ideally this should be a scientific one with sin, cos, tan and a fraction button. However, a basic calculator with  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\times$ ,  $\div$  is better than nothing. These can be obtained very cheaply.

Students who do not have a calculator will be disadvantaged in their progress in Mathematics. Parents, please check that your son or daughter has a working calculator.

### Graphic calculators

The school is offering graphic calculators for sale to senior students for \$99.00. Normal retail price is about \$129. Please see Mrs Davis for a letter if interested. These are particularly useful for NCEA students and are really essential for Maths students at Years 12 and 13.

### Tutorials

Tutorials are being offered every Thursday, second break and after school in Room 30. All students are welcome. These tutorials are suitable for students who need a bit of extra help, but also for students trying to obtain Merit and Excellence in Mathematics.

Beryl Davis  
HOD Mathematics



## CAREERS NEWS



Ashleigh Kauika talks Midwifery

The big event this term was the Careers Expo last week. All Year 12 and 13 students visited the War Memorial Hall to consider a variety of careers and training institutes, including universities. There was a lot of talking done and many students claim to have come away with new ideas or pathways to follow.

We also had a visit from St Sgt. Gatsby from the Armed Forces who spoke to interested students about all the forces and the entry requirements. Debbie Smith and Katarina Hina from the UCOL also visited to explain the various courses available to students whilst they are at school and after school. As a result we have two new enrolments in their USKILLS hospitality course. This coming week, the Otago University are sending their recruitment team to introduce their university to interested students.

Increasingly I am being approached by students wanting information about prospective careers. I can only encourage students to continue to think about their futures and to speak to as many people as possible about them.

Gaylene Kendrick  
Careers and Gateway Advisor

## ST MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday  
9:00am &  
6:00pm

Reconciliation:  
Thursday &  
Friday  
11:30am to  
12pm

## ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Sunday  
10:30am

Reconciliation:  
Saturday  
9am

## HOLY FAMILY

Saturday Vigil  
5:30pm

Sunday  
8:30am

Reconciliation:  
Saturday  
11:30am to  
12pm

## Results Premier 1/2 Grading & U15C - May 24

Cullinane 1st XV 43 Manawatu College 1st XV 12  
Cullinane u15 25 Manawatu College u15 5

### Judo

Year 12 student Andrew Kinchella entered the North Wellington Regional Judo tournament at the weekend (May 10-11). Andrew won all of his fights in the Under 60kg Cadet Mens grade. He came first and earned himself a gold medal.

This was an amazing comeback as he has not been on the mat in three years.

### Representative Basketball

Congratulations to the following Cullinane students who have made the Wanganui District Rep Basketball teams for 2014. For the U15 Boys team, Cullinane is represented by Raemon Teki, Liam Wilson and Donovan Thompson. For the U15 Girls team, the College is being represented by Shannah Andrews and Pikiteora Takiari-Toro.

Well done to all of you and we look forward to seeing you play competitively and represent the College with pride and courage.

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## PINK BREAKFAST



## CULLINANE RUGBY FUNDRAISER

RICH COMPOST BAGS FOR SALE \$5 per bag. All proceeds go to Cullinane College Rugby.  
Contact Mr Hepburn to order: [hhepburn@cullinane.school.nz](mailto:hhepburn@cullinane.school.nz) or phone 3490105.