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As the year rapidly comes to a close I would like to thank the wider Catholic Parish Community for their support over 2015. One of the highlights for the school year for me was the Benefit Concert for the Marist Missions. The support of the Parish community was superb and I hope the performances of our students highlighted their genuine efforts to give of themselves for such a great cause. I am constantly amazed by the range of talent in our College and the performing arts are an area of growth that we have been slowly targeting. Thank you to Mr Manuel, Mr Perry and Ms Edmonds for their passion and dedication in supporting our students here.

Connected to this, is the beginnings of a school choir which Ms Foster, Mrs Jenkins and Ms Dougherty have facilitated in recent months. They have given quite a bit of their own time in recent months to coach an enthusiastic group of students to the point where they performed very credibly at our Senior Prizegiving. Apparently there is one more performance to go so I am looking forward to this.

The Summer School programme for our Year 11 to Year 13 students has just been completed. Once again, upwards of 40 students have benefitted from a focused academic support programme to ensure they have every chance to gain their NCEA qualification. It is one of the highlights of the year seeing students who have struggled in the classroom being successful and gaining the credits necessary to move to the next level in 2015. The planning that goes into the programme is significant and complex yet every year it is responsible for turning many students around. Seeing students growing in confidence and self-belief is immensely satisfying and I am grateful to Mrs Ansley and Mr Bullock for their work in supporting and facilitating this programme. A big thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to support the students once again.

Finally, I would like to wish our school community a holy, happy and relaxing Christmas holiday break. While the staff, including myself, will not get everything right we do try hard to do the best we can for our students and families. You can expect nothing less once again in 2015.

Kevin Shore
Principal

FEATURED THIS ISSUE:

- Student Leaders for 2015
- Gateway Gossip
- Invitation to Opening Powhiri 2015
- Christmas Mass Times



ACADEMIC

Macy Duxfield
Carline Hope
 WDC Youth Committee

Connor Jenkins
 NZ School of Dance
 Winter School

Mona Wareka
 1st in Senior English
 Regional
 Manukorero

Macy Duxfield
 2nd in Junior
 English
 Regional
 Manukorero

SPORT

NZ Aquathon
National
Championships-
Tauranga - 2nd
 Briley Zimmerman
 Qualifies for Worlds
 in Chicago 2015

National
Trampoline
Championships
 17+ Division
Big Tramp
Gold Medal
DMT
Bronze Medal
 Briar Limpus

Swimming
Wanganui Swim
Club Spring Meet -
Boys 14-15-
1st 50m Fly & Free
1st 100m IM, Free,
Back
 Judah Malcolm

Wanganui Swim
Club Spring Meet -
Boys 12-13-
1st 50m Breast,
Free & Back
1st 100m Free
1st 200m Free
 Jesse Malcolm



A lot of the success of Cullinane in 2014 has come from the students. The leadership team this year has been very instrumental in leading by example and inspiring many of the younger students to achieve to a higher level. This was seen in the increased number of academic blues, an award related to NCEA success, and the increased number of representative players in regional and national teams. The Spirit of the College has become a living entity that makes it hard not to be proud of any accomplishments by the students, no matter how large or small. As such, the College would like to acknowledge the contribution to the success of Cullinane for 2014

played by this year's Senior Student Leadership Team led by Head Girl, Rowan Benefield and Head Boy, Daniel O'Sullivan. There is also the example set for achievement by the Proxime Accessit, Yvette Balanski and DUX Daniel O'Sullivan. The contribution of these seniors and the rest of the Year 13 cohort for 2014 will be hard to match in the future.

The challenge has now been given to the next crop of student leaders. Congratulations to Head Girl 2015, Mona Wareka; Head Boy 2015, Reihana Fisher; Deputy Head Girls 2015, Ella Duxfield, Miiraa Te Awhe and Briley Zimmerman; Deputy Head Boys 2015, Tama Manning and Te Hiiri Ponga; as well as the rest of the Senior Prefect team. They have a huge standard to meet and long legacy upon which to improve and build.



IN THE LEARNING CENTRE



It has been a very busy year. Our Year 9 students settled in very well and are enjoying their Cullinane experience. Cate Johnston, the new teacher, has also settled in well and will be with us again next year. The lovely Mayana Mahoney-Hall has left Cullinane and Wanganui and starts at Onslow College in Wellington next year. Jorgia Matthews begins her transition to Arahunga transition school. Our RDA Cullinane A team students have had a very successful year at horse riding, getting plenty of ribbons and a few cups. Our Year 11 and 12's have all gained NCEA credits, well done guys.

The successful partnership between Arahunga School and Cullinane continues to grow stronger. Arahunga School has a new principal, we welcome Daniel Price. Kay Bannister-Rye will be the Deputy Principal. Deborah Foster will remain at Cullinane. We look forward to our new students next year and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GOD'S ZONE

Once again we are at the end of another year. Students have worked extremely well and our NCEA results are looking very positive. I would like to thank the staff who have worked in the department this year for their wonderful contributions- Mr Daignault, Ms Bullock, Senora Penn-Reina and Mr Shore.

Prefects have been selected for 2015 and they, along with other senior students will be attending leadership courses during the holidays in preparation for their duties.

Currently we are in Advent, a time of waiting expectantly and preparing for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Try not to get too caught up in the busyness of the commercial side of the season, but instead make time for those who truly matter; friends and family.



God Bless
Helen Dougherty (DRS)

All parents, caregivers and whanau are invited

to join the staff in welcoming our New Entrant Students
to the Cullinane Family

at the **Opening Day Powhiri**
on **Monday February 2nd, 2015 at 9:30am.**

Please assemble at St Joseph's Chapel by 9:15am

GATEWAY GOSSIP

All of our Gateway students gained NCEA Level 2, which was a major achievement. Others aimed for employment at the end of 2014. Many students have found work, if only part-time. Still others have moved on to full time tertiary training in Agriculture. Our stars, however, have secured apprenticeships in a very difficult market. Congratulations are extended to Scott Syme who has invested time and sweat for the past year at Paragon Motorcycles, in the hope that they would employ him. They have, and Scott will begin his apprenticeship in the new year. If any in our community are considering a new motorbike or accessories etc for the summer, please support Paragon Motors by shopping there.

Our other star is Jeremiah Johns who has been offered an apprenticeship at Kiwispan. Jeremiah wanted to build but was keen on metal rather than wood. Kiwi Span offered to take him on Work Experience, if he could meet the transport at 7.45am and stay all day like all the men do. He did, and he will be starting his apprenticeship with them in the New Year. Congratulations to Jeremiah and to Kiwi Span. If you want a new metal shed erected...you know what to do.

Gateway is a Year 12 Programme, but many of our students are staying on into Year 13. So once again we are on the look out for employers who can take on a student for one or two days a week for work experience. Next year we are looking for construction, early childhood and primary schooling, computer web design also retail and hospitality. Contact Gaylene Kendrick on gkendrick@cullinane.school.nz

Merry Christmas and a safe, happy summer.

Gaylene Kendrick
Gateway/Careers Coordinator

DECEMBER

Tuesday 2nd
- NZQA Exams end

Monday 8th
- Activity Day

Tuesday 9th
- Final Jnr Mass
- Jnr Prizegiving

**Saturday 13th -
Wednesday 17th**
- Young Catholic
Leaders Conference

2015 JANUARY

**Sunday 18th -
Saturday 24th**
- Marist Young
Leaders

Friday 30th
- Year 13s Only

FEBRUARY

Monday 2nd
- Welcoming Powhiri
Y9 & 13 and all
other new students

Tuesday 3rd
- Full Timetable - all
students expected

Monday 9th
- Missioning Mass

**Term 1
2015**

**Tuesday 24th
February -
Inter-House
Athletics**

**Thursday 5th -
Sunday 8th
March -
NISS Rowing @
Lake Karapiro**

**Friday 6th
March -
WSS Swimming**

**Wednesday 11th
March -
WSS Athletics**

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Proud supporters of
Cullinane Netball in
2014



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Timetable for Start of Term 2015

Friday 30th January:
Year 13 Students required

Monday 2nd February:
Year 13 and Year 9 & new Year 10-12 students: Powhiri 9.30am. Please assemble at the Chapel at 9.15am.

New Year 10-12 students leave after morning tea.

Year 13 Peer Support.

Year 9 Testing and Orientation.

Finish 3pm.

Tuesday 3rd February:
Full school. Normal Timetable from Period 2.

Friday 6th February:
Waitangi Day.

Monday 9th February:
Missioning Mass at 9.30am in the College Gymnasium.

Wednesday 11th— Friday 13th: Year 9 Journey Programme
We will be holding a three day programme for the Year 9 students which will involve senior mentoring, team building and establishing our Cullinane family. Details and costs will be confirmed next year.

**Christmas
Mass Times**

24th December Vigil	
St. Mary's	7.00pm Carols 7.30pm Mass
Holy Family	9.30pm Carols 10.00pm Mass
25th December	
St. Mary's	9.00am Carols 9.30am Mass
Holy Family	8.00am Carols 8.30am Mass

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

SPORTS SHORTS



On behalf of the Cullinane College Mixed Touch Team we would like to thank the community for their very generous sponsorship of our Quiz Night fund-raising event. It was a fun event and the laughter and enjoyment was shared through the entire team and school community.

Thank you again for your generous sponsorship. We hope that we will live up to our achievements of last year - 2013 Mixed Grade 11th place in New Zealand.