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Cullinane College Dialogue

I would like to thank our school community for turning out in such large numbers to the Marist Mission School Benefit Concert on Friday 12th September. We managed to raise \$2,320.00 and I know this will be gratefully received by Fr. Frank Bird who considers himself a past student of the College having attended St Augustine's College from 1986 -1990. It was humbling to note how many of our students put themselves forward to perform, showing their commitment to social justice. It was a very timely event considering the following week was Social Justice Week.

Over the last two months the College has made a significant commitment to two international relationships. Last month the College signed off on a Sister School agreement with a Chinese College, Xuzhou No.2. This is an elite senior College that was founded in 1369 AD. The relationship may involve regular short stay visits from groups of students and opens the way for staff and students of Cullinane to reciprocate. The other relationship is with a Japanese school, Jin ai Girls High School, where two young women will attend our College each year to help improve their English and experience the culture and lifestyle of New Zealand. As a consequence, we will be looking for host families (who will receive payment) for both long term stays of twelve months and short stays of three to four weeks. If you would like to express your interest in being a host family then please contact Señora Lida Penn-Reina at the College.

I would like to congratulate two of our students who have been selected in New Zealand Representative squads. Tariana Turia will get to wear the silver fern in Australia representing the NZ U17 Mixed Touch Team against Australia over the school holidays. Brett Cameron (who had already made the NZ U17 cricket side this year) has been selected in the NZ Secondary Schools Rugby Training Squad. I wish both Tariana and Brett a happy and successful time. Our community is very proud of them both.

Given that the external examinations for our Year 11-13 students are only a matter of weeks away it is important that students commit to a study programme over the holidays. The students will be supported by staff many of whom are already running tutorials; however, not all students are taking advantage of this. We will continue to monitor the students' progress towards NCEA including those students who are aspiring towards an endorsed qualification. We have a range of strategies ready to implement over the last term and if parents have any concerns please contact the Dean at each year level.

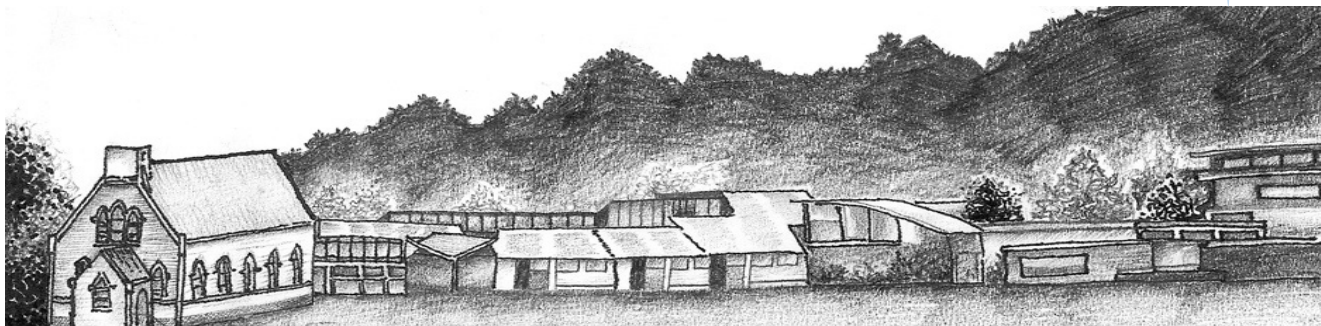
I recently attended the DanceNZ Secondary competition at the Opera House. I was very impressed by the large number of girls and boys from our College who competed and I enjoyed the quality of their performance. I would like to thank Ms Gaylene Edmonds for the time and effort she has put into supporting these students and the way she has developed dance and drama in her short time with us.

I wish our students and families a happy, safe holiday break.

Kevin Shore
Principal

FEATURED THIS ISSUE:

- Concert of Hope
- Xuzhou Sister School Agreement
- Lower North Island Netball
- Sports News



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

Triathlon
 National
 Championships-
 Gisborne - 6th
 Briley Zimmerman

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

CONCERT OF HOPE

On September 12th the College showcased some of our best Performing Arts students in a Concert of Hope to fundraise for the Marist Mission School in Ranong, Thailand. The Marist Mission school is run by Fr Frank Bird who is a former student of St Augustine's College and is attempting to educate the refugee children who are spilling over the Thai border from Myanmar. These children are escaping poverty, oppression and poor living conditions. They often end up leaving school at a young age in order to help support their families - less than 10% of the children Fr Frank deals with receive a secondary school education.

The concert was put on at St Mary's Church and was very well attended. The audience of about 300 people were witness to performances by the College Kapa Haka, Te Ngakau O Te Awa, a number of dance items that were originally showcased at the DanceNZ competition recently held in Whanganui and some of our best musicians and songsters. By the end of the evening the concert had raised well over \$2,320.00, enough to supply a teacher at the school for the majority of a year. Overall it was a very enjoyable evening and, as Mr Shore indicated to those present, this will hopefully be the first of many such concerts in support of the Ranong partner school.



OUR SISTER SCHOOL - XUZHOU #2 MIDDLE SCHOOL

Around the middle of this past term, Cullinane College entered into a Sister School agreement with Xuzhou (pronounced zoo-zo) #2 Middle School in Xuzhou, China. This is a huge honour for Cullinane as the Xuzhou school is one of the more prestigious schools in its district - the smaller the number, the older the school; the older the school the more prestige it has in the eyes of the surrounding community. The school itself is almost 800 years old and has links to the Ming Dynasty. It has been in its current location for 640 years. The school has received many national awards for its academic and sporting successes.

Cullinane College is very proud of the agreement and we are looking forward to the cultural opportunities that this kind of agreement opens up. As indicated by Mr Shore, there will eventually be opportunities for Cullinane staff and students to take part in exchanges with Xuzhou #2 Middle School. There will also be reciprocal opportunities for the staff and students to be hosted by our community, an occasion that many of us are greatly looking forward to in the near future.



Interested in hosting international students in 2015? Cullinane College is looking for two families to host two Japanese students that are coming for the year. The family will be paid \$215 per week to host the student. If you would like more information email lpenn@cullinane.school.nz

DEANS TEAM SAYS..

There is an old African proverb that says, 'It takes a village to raise a child.' School life plays an ever increasing part in the 'village life' of our children. A few years ago students went to class, ate their lunch and maybe played sport at afterschool practice. Contact with adult life was predominantly through the teacher.

Today, however, a wide range of people are involved in 'raising' our students. We have our School Chaplain Fr Brian, Deans, Guidance Counsellors, Careers Counsellors, Whanau Ora, Teacher Aides, Tutors, Para organisations, Police Youth Aid Liaison Officers, CYF liaison, Health Nurses, and volunteers to name just a few. The list is almost endless.

For the College it takes much time and resources to coordinate the various groups to ensure that the students receive the many benefits that come from the organisations involved in our 'Village'. We are grateful that we have access to these people with time and skills far beyond what teachers could possess. The more people involved in the pastoral care of our students the better. Working together will assist in raising healthy young men and women who hold values of respect, who treat others as they want to be treated, who have a strong sense of social justice and confidence in who they are in God.

We would like to thank all of the people who work alongside the College, who help our students and their whanau. Your work is invaluable.

The Deans Team

BRETT CAMERON, A RUGBY SUCCESS STORY

Brett Cameron is a very capable sportsman. In rugby Brett has been a Wanganui representative at Under 16, 18 and 19 levels. In 2013 he was selected for the New Zealand Marist Schools Team. In 2014 Brett attended the Hurricanes Under-18 camp and was recently named in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' training squad. Brett says he attacks the line with more authority than he ever has and he is inspired by Daniel Carter and many of his contemporaries. "I watch a lot of Land Rover First XV rugby. I really admire guys like Damien McKenzie and TJ Va'a. They are pretty complete players and give you something to aspire to."

Quality of competition has been an issue for Cullinane. In 2013 Cullinane won the Wanganui Under-19 competition that combined schools' and clubs. Cameron scored 28 of his side's 38 points in the final. In 2014 Cullinane competed in the Manawatu First XV competition. Manawatu now accommodates a total of 82 Wanganui teams between the premier First XV and under-14 grades. Cullinane finished third in the First XV grade. Brett says, "The Manawatu competition was a big step up. We played the seconds of Feilding High School and thirds of Palmerston North Boys' which is the toughest rugby that the College has played. I really enjoyed testing myself against better players."

Cullinane has two rugby teams (First XV and Under-15) and a total of 46 players. Mr. Hepburn, their coach, says that Brett's feat in reaching the New Zealand Schools' training squad is a real triumph for his work ethic, intelligence and skill, "Even if Brett doesn't make the final cut, there is a real sense at the school that Brett has made it. Brett has been offered chances to go elsewhere, but he has stayed loyal. He is a real inspiration to the entire school community."

Brett, currently in Y13, has applied for a scholarship at Lincoln University in Christchurch next year.



OCTOBER

Monday 13th -
First Day of
Term 4

Wednesday 22nd
- Friday 24th
Senior Retreat

Monday 27th
Labour Day

Friday 31st
Junior Model
United Nations

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 5th
- Leavers Mass
- Sports
Prizegiving
- Senior
Academic
Prizegiving

REMINDER

Term 4 marks
the return
of Summer
Uniform.
Please ensure
your student
has the correct
uniform for
the first day of
term.

SPORTS SHORTS

HOUSE POINTS

Columba	52
Mannix	45
Marist	40
Woods	43

BOP RUGBY TOUR

On Tuesday September 2nd the Cullinane 1st XV Rugby team played the Aquinas College 1st XV. The conditions were not ideal - wet and windy. The team was able to overcome the conditions and were able to put together some awesome team tries from the boys, namely Wairua-Pohe x2, Marshall Jane, Tyrone Albert x2, Cajun Teki-Botica, Brett Cameron. The final score was 40 - 14 to Cullinane. A great effort all round considering Cullinane had a couple of injuries. From there they went on to defeat Rotorua Boys' High in a closely fought game, but the win made for a successful road trip. Well done boys!!!



LOWER NORTH ISLAND NETBALL CHAMPS

On Sunday the 31st of August, 10 girls, a coach, manager and a teacher all travelled to Hastings for the Lower North Islands Netball competition. This is a five day tournament, with 9 games to play. The girls set out with a great start winning the first 6 games! But on the 7th game they were unlucky and were beaten by Tawa College 19-24, this then meant that the girls had been dropped from the top 4 and had to play for 7th and 8th. The girls successfully won the last game and were placed 7th in the competition. Throughout the week the girls played hard and fair, never losing their Cullinane spirit, representing the school with pride.



COLLEGE SPONSORS



Proud supporters of Cullinane Netball in 2014



Proud Supporters of Cullinane Rugby in 2014



Proud Supporters of Cullinane Sport in 2014

NATIONAL DUATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the 31st August I participated in the National Duathlon Championships in Taupo at the Taupo Motorsport Club.

My U19 secondary schools race was timed for 11.30am and was a sprint distance duathlon which was a 5km run, 20km cycle and a 2.5km run. It was a hard race because the men's and women's age groups, U23 elites, all elite age groups, boys and girls, ran at the same time including the team races. This was hard because it meant that I had no idea who I was racing against. This meant I had to "go hard" for the entire hour and 20 minutes, or however long it took.

The first six finishers in each age group from the U19 race upwards received a place in the World Duathlon Champs in Adelaide around the same time next year. I finished fourth in my category so I just missed out on the podium, but I hope to receive a phone call on the 15th September letting me know that I qualified for the World Champs in 2015.

Briley Zimmerman