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I mentioned Cullinane Day preparations in the last newsletter. Our day of celebrations has now come and gone and what a wonderful celebration of our students it was. The leadership from the Prefect team and the response from the students towards the student leaders was really impressive. Not one adult spoke all day as the Prefects led the whole day from start to finish and the student body was very supportive of each other. I was extremely proud of what I observed.

Fr. Des Levins from the Holy Family parish celebrated his 80th birthday on the weekend of the 21st June and will now go into semi-retirement. He has been a great servant of the Catholic Church in Wanganui in the time he has been in our community and a strong supporter of Cullinane College.

We will miss his smile and humour and the strong support he has given to many of our students and their families.

Family Day is upon us. We have trialled a new web based booking system for parents in the hope this will be easier for families. Due to getting this off the ground we were not able to give as much warning to parents as we would expect and I apologise for this. I would expect parents to have at least a three week window in the future to arrange these bookings. I look forward to meeting many of you on the Family Days and once again, hospitality will be provided in the Performing Arts area.

As you have been aware the College has focused very strongly on improving attendance rates to school of students at all levels. I am very pleased to see that the current attendance rate is almost 90% and appreciate the efforts that students, parents and staff have made to realise such a significant improvement. If the students are regularly attending school then there is every chance that they can be successful in their education.

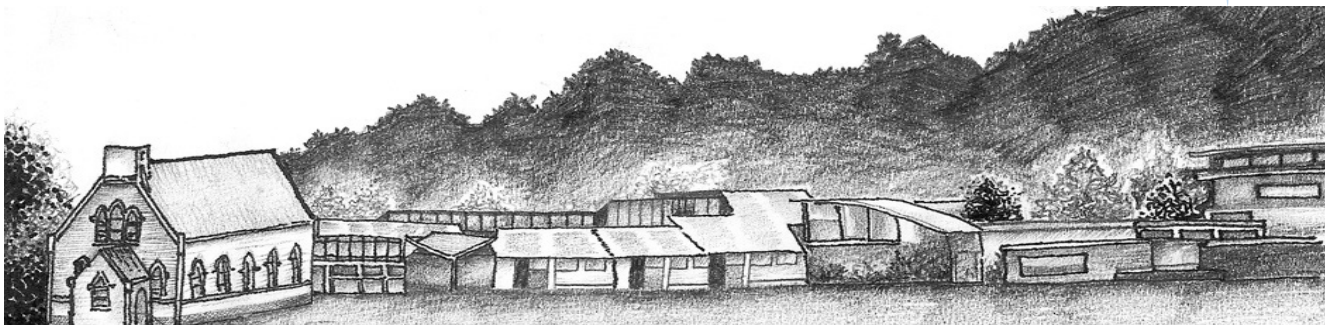
The Catch-Up Programme for our senior students started on Wednesday 11th June and will run for three weeks this term. This is a very important part of our academic monitoring and support processes and the students who attend will gain much from the opportunity. If you have received a letter in regard to the Catch-Up Programme please support us in helping your son/daughter to achieve.

Best wishes

Kevin Shore
Principal

FEATURED THIS ISSUE:

- Cullinane Day
- Gourds
- NCEA Fees
- Hurricanes Development Camp



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

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

Triathlon
 National
 Championships-
 Gisborne - 6th
 Briley Zimmerman

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

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

CULLINANE DAY

On the 6th of June, Cullinane College celebrated Cullinane Day, the annual recognition of the formation of Cullinane College. Cullinane Day celebrates our past, our present and our future. It gives us students a chance to come together and celebrate everything that makes Cullinane a unique community. In 2003, Cullinane was established after the decision was made to amalgamate St Augustine's and Sacred Heart Colleges. This year was the 12th edition of the celebration since the College has been opened. What made this year's event even more interesting was the fact that it was all organised by the Prefects with some assistance from staff.

2014 saw a jam-packed day that was kick-started by a Mass celebrated by Fr Brian Carmine in the school gymnasium. The rest of the day saw the students participating in events that were all worth House points. Activities included a House quiz, House chants, "Cullinane's Got Talent", sports, computer games challenge, dance and drama. The most notable event was "Cullinane's Got Talent". There were nine acts at this year's competition and they showcased everything from singing and dancing to comedy. One of our Prefects, Ruben Mars, threw on his suit and hosted the talent show. His comedy in between acts gave us all a laugh. Following the talent quest the House chants began. After the four Houses did their chants individually for the judges, the House captains began a challenge between Houses. This turned into a four-way battle as each House tried to be louder than the next, Woods House being the loudest of them all, and all of our students were fully involved. It was great to see the pride shown for each House from both students and staff.

At the end of the day the honours went to Columba House. The way the students and staff got involved made the whole day a true success. The participation level and enthusiasm of everyone involved really gave the day a true, "Cullinane" spirit about it.

Daniel O'Sullivan – Head Boy
 Abby Dillon – Deputy Head Girl



NOTES N' QUOTES

UP N' COMING EVENTS

FR DES LEVINS BIRTHDAY

The weekend of June 20-22nd was a weekend of celebration for Holy Family Parish. It was the weekend that Father Des Levins celebrated his 80th birthday. Lots of plans were put in place; a dinner and dance on Friday and Mass on Sunday with a birthday cake afterwards. According to all who attended the events, it was a fantastic weekend and Father Des would like to thank everyone who was involved in the planning and organising.

Some of the organisers would like to specifically thank the Cullinane Crew led by Mr Bullock who came and laid the flooring that transformed the main church into a dance hall and party venue. The students who made up the crew worked well and their efforts were greatly appreciated by the crowd that attended the party that night.

They would also like to thank the students who were helpful in being caterers at the afternoon tea that was held after the Mass on Sunday. Their help made the event even more enjoyable and it was great to see the Cullinane banner displayed proudly and with smiling faces at such a grand community event.



IMMUNISATION REMINDER

This is to let you know about this year's reminder campaign for 16 and 17 year olds to check that they're up to date with their childhood immunisations. The campaign runs until 27 June and aims to raise awareness of why it's important to get immunised. Encouraging 16 and 17 year olds to get immunised is important as most immunisations are free until they turn 18.

As an incentive for 16 and 17 year olds to find out more about immunisations, we are running a competition where they can win an iPhone 5c by visiting the "getimmunised.org.nz" website.

Some key messages about why immunisation is important are:

1. Immunisation is the best protection against many serious but preventable diseases, eg, measles, influenza, tetanus, whooping cough, HPV, mumps, etc.
2. Immunisation protects our whole community – if enough people are immune, they can't pass infectious diseases on to those who are too sick or young to be immunised.
3. It's best to be immunised on time, every time, but it's never too late to catch up if you've missed any immunisations.
4. Immunisation is free until you turn 18.
5. It's not too late for girls to be protected against cervical cancer with HPV immunisation if you missed out in Year 8.
6. Get ready and be prepared to head out into the world, check you're up to date with your immunisations before your next move – working, study or travel.
7. Don't assume you're immune! Serious diseases don't discriminate - make sure you are protected.
8. Talk to your school nurse or family doctor to check you're up to date with immunisations to make sure you're protected. Visit getimmunised.org.nz for more information.

If you have any questions or comments about the "Don't Assume You're Immune" campaign, please call 04 917 0243 or email info@getimmunised.org.nz.

JULY

Monday 21st
1st Day Term 3

Monday-Friday
21st - 25th
Maori Language
Week

Friday 25th
Team Photo Catch
ups

Monday 28th -
Friday 1st Aug
Kapa Haka
Nationals

Tuesday 29th
ICAS English
exam

AUGUST

Tuesday 12th
ICAS Maths exam

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

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, 3rd 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.

YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY TRIP



YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY TRIP



NOTES N' QUOTES

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Congratulations to Harriet Heron who recently completed her Silver Award in the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award! Harriet has persevered after other students have stopped, and worked with High School to complete her adventurous training. She has also cooked weekly, participated in rowing and worked in the library for her service component.

Harriet is planning on starting her Gold Award next, which means we will have three students working at the Gold level, one at Silver and twenty one at Bronze.

BLINDING US WITH SCENCE

Last year the Year 9 students grew gourd seeds as part of a study on plant reproduction. Once the plants were large enough they were transferred to the old horticulture area and left to grow over the summer. By the second term this year we had a great harvest of gourds – these are now drying in the art room and will be used in a carving/painting project.

This activity was in part inspired by the Whanganui Regional Museum which had a gourd growing project last year, and now has a display of gourds grown in various schools (not ours) and some old gourds from pre-European days.



JOHN PRESTAGE DEBATING TOURNAMENT

This year we have been fortunate enough to be able to field four teams in the John Prestage Junior Debating tournament for the Manawatu/Whanganui region. The students have taken part in two debates each over the past two terms and have been very impressive with their speaking ability and the quality of their debating skills. Many of them have improved upon what they learned last year in Year 9 and have been recognised by taking out top speaker in their individual debates.

Our teams this year are made up of the following students: from Year 10 - Macy Duxfield, Piper Zimmerman, Isabella Gibney, Leata Connor, Caleb Jackson, Carline Hope, Eden Kyle, Terence Wright and from Year 9 - Sam Fraser, Stephenie Weston and Sophia Brown. We have also been privileged to have two senior students, Emma O'Connor and Briley Zimmerman, adjudicating our debates and giving the juniors some positive feedback in order to help them improve. All of these students will have one more debate to speak at next term and then it will be waiting to see who has made the semi-finals and the finals.



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

HURRICANES' CAMP

The top under 18 rugby players from the Hurricanes' region will gather in Feilding next month for what will be a more intense development camp than ever before. A total of 60 players have been selected from 242 nominations, to participate in the camp from July 7 to 11 at Feilding High School. Camp facilitator Darren Larsen said this year's camp was a step above those run in the past, with a huge emphasis on running a programme that would allow the attendees to absorb, retain, and apply their learnings more successfully.

"We've really stepped things up this year in terms of our focuses and what we want these boys to get out of this programme – not just during the week, but for later on down the track as well," he said. "We take a lot of pride in what we do with these young players, and want to let them know how they can continue to progress in the Hurricanes system. After all, the future of our top team lies with them."

Larsen said the camp wasn't just a chance for players to develop their technical and tactical rugby, but take in presentations around physical preparation, mental skills and nutrition requirements. The week-long event will also provide courses for first XV coaches, franchise selectors and technical analysts to up-skill in their specialist areas.

On day one, the players will be critiqued using advanced video assessment, which will enable the coaches to come up with work-ons for each individual. The young men will then receive coaching from both first XV and ITM Cup coaches, before a day trip to Wellington where they will be immersed in the Hurricanes training base environment. "They'll have a full day with the Hurricanes coaching team, and all of the Hurricanes players will take position specific activities. That will be a pretty valuable day for them," Larsen said.

Injured Hurricane, John Schwalger, is also set to spend the week with the contingent in a players' player-type role. "He'll talk them through what it takes and what it means to be a Hurricane. John's story in itself is enough to inspire anyone, so we think he'll be a really special part of this week."

Hurricanes Youth Council chairman, Gordon Noble-Campbell, said the calibre of players attending the camp was outstanding. The 60 boys selected have a unique opportunity to apply their talent while developing new skills as aspiring rugby professionals. "We're looking forward to having them all in one group, and seeing what they can bring during the five days together."

Cullinane players selected to attend the Hurricanes U18 camp are:
Ollie Brosnahan (Fielding High School; ex-Cullinane); Brett Cameron (Cullinane)

TRAMP CHAMPS

On the 14th of June this year I competed in the North Island Trampoline Championships. The competition was held in Auckland and I competed in the 17+ age division for the Big Trampoline and the Double Mini Trampoline (DMT).

On the Big trampoline I performed two routines which were made up of ten consecutive moves in each one. These moves were required and were what the judges were looking for in terms of performance for each athlete. Out of all of the athletes that opened the competition in this event only eight would move on to perform their second routine again for the finals. My first two routines were performed relatively flawlessly and the judges scored them in the top eight, moving me into the finals. There I performed the second routine again and was judged the best athlete, winning the gold medal. I was the top Big Trampoline athlete for the North Island! For the DMT I performed two passes which are made up of two moves. Like the Big Tramp, the top eight athletes after the first round perform two more passes in the finals. Again my passes moved me into the top eight and in the finals I managed to win a bronze medal.

This event was a spectacular finish for me and I'm very proud of the results – especially the fact that I was able to achieve a gold medal. From here I'm looking forward to my next event which is the Mid-Island championships next month.

Briar Limpus
Year 12
Cullinane College



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