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As I write this item, the Year 13 and Year 12 students are up the Whanganui River at Ranana. This annual retreat where the Year 13 group hand over the mantle of leadership to the Year 12 cohort is always a special and important time. It gives the Year 13 Prefects a chance to articulate the pleasures and challenges of student leadership and to give advice to those aspiring for leadership positions. This also happens within an environment, the Marae at Ranana, which is quiet, peaceful and spiritually uplifting.

I would like to thank Daniel, Rowan and the student leadership team for their inspiring work in 2014. They can be well pleased with their contribution to school life in 2014 as they have lived out our Catholic and Christian values in a real and tangible way that has promoted the interest and well-being of the wider student body. I for one have been thoroughly impressed by their positive use of “student power” and the cohesiveness of their teamwork. They have been a happy, constructive and active bunch and I have enjoyed being part of their journey.

The students in Year 11-13 are now close to completing their school year. Many are now preparing for NZQA examinations; however, we will continue to work with those students who we feel may not gain their NCEA without extra support and help. Mr Bullock is facilitating what we call “Summer School” and will make contact with the parents of those students who may need this support. These students will be expected to come to school from 9am through to 12pm each day until they have been signed off as completing their NCEA. This will operate for three weeks from Monday 10th November. Students who have gained NCEA but want to complete assessments are also most welcome.

I am very grateful for the support of our parents, families and community throughout 2014. This support has been shown in many ways including coaching, travelling with staff on student events, Family Days, the Benefit Concert, Noho and Kapa Haka and even a bit of deer hunting to supply venison for a sports exchange. All of these acts of generosity have been highly valued and appreciated.

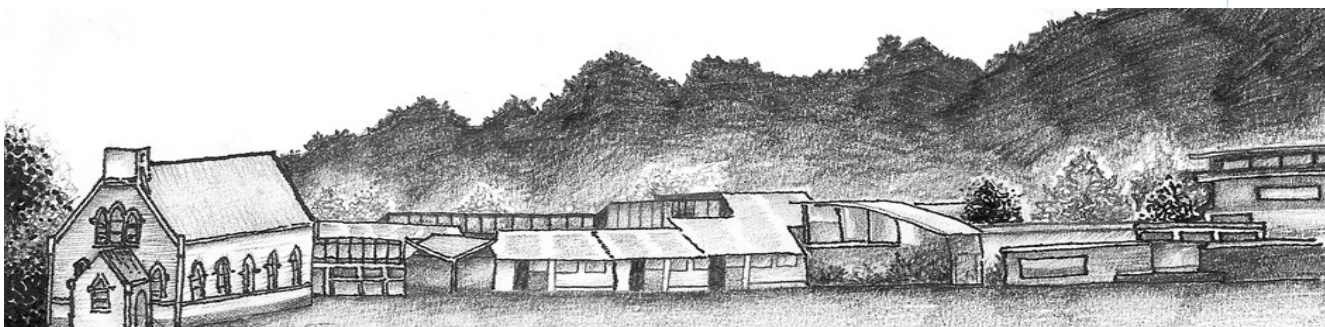
While I sometimes refer to this period of time as the “Silly Season” as it is so frantic, I am looking forward to the celebrations over the next few weeks. I look forward to seeing you all.

God Bless

Kevin Shore
Principal

FEATURED THIS ISSUE:

- Farewell Mr O’G
- Summer School
- Dance News
- Senior Exam Schedule



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

AN ERA COMES TO A CLOSE

On Saturday 25th October 2014 the College lost a wonderful colleague, friend and teacher in Mr Liam O'Gorman. After a serious heart attack on Friday his family made the difficult decision to turn off his life-support system and Liam passed away just before mid-day on Saturday morning.

Liam was a gifted teacher and academic having lectured in Universities in Norway and the United Kingdom before coming to New Zealand in 1974 where he taught at Rathkeale College in Masterton until 1996. In 2002 he came to teach at St Augustine's College and then won a position at Cullinane College in 2003 where he remained until his death.

Liam is survived by his partner Insuk Lee and his four children Ellen, Synnova, Shay and Gregor. Our College community offers our condolences to his family and the days ahead will be difficult for us all. Liam was a highly respected and valued member of our teaching staff and will be missed by his students as 'Mr OG' was a favourite for many of them.

Liam provided many of his students with a love of learning with regard to the sciences and many have gone onto use the skills he taught them at university to promote their own careers. They will forever be indebted to him and so in some way his legacy will live on. Liam was a master teacher who loved the profession and was an inspirational figure.

Your sudden death has touched our lives and hearts, Liam. However, your life and inspiration has touched us more. God Bless you Liam.

**DANCE TAKES THE STAGE...**

On the 28th of September some of our best dancers represented Cullinane at the National Inter-school Dance Competition held at the Regent Theatre in Palmerston North. Our students didn't place, but they certainly weren't out of the running in their Open section. The calibre of dance over the evening was phenomenal with 30 entries ranging from Intermediate students to Open Under 19s, and gave the students great insight to what other schools are contributing to dance. The choreography of some of the dances was spectacular, in particular Palmerston North Girls High who also came first in the Open Section with their professionally presented contemporary ballet dance, which was definitely of the calibre of Royal Academy dancers, plus their three other dance performances. Our school community should be extremely proud of our students for their professionalism and a combined sense of team pride, with the right amount of humility, shown throughout the event. Their quality of movement on stage was superb and their formation definitions were spot on as was acknowledged by the judges.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who not only attended but supported us throughout this mammoth activity. I am indebted to the kindness extended and confidence in us. And also a big thank you to all the teachers, especially Mr Bullock, and students who showed endless support and encouragement to the team. As a teacher in charge of this group of students, I feel very blessed.

God bless,
 Ms Gaylene Edmonds.

NOTES N' QUOTES

UP N' COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL RICHARD HILLGROVE MEMORIAL RUGBY TOURNAMENT



Once again it was an amazingly contested championship for the Richard Hillgrove Memorial Rugby Trophy. The Houses competed well in the opening rounds, but it was Woods and Columba that came out on top for the final event. Woods was looking to maintain its stranglehold on the trophy, having won it the last 4 years in a row. However, Columba was able to pull off the final try just before time was called to win the tournament. Well done to all of the teams.



HELPING STUDENTS MAKE THE GRADE...

NCEA EXTENSION PROGRAMME 2014

10th - 28th November

The Extension Programme "Summer School" will operate again in 2014. This programme assists students who have yet to complete the credits required to achieve NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3.

Students and parents will be notified shortly if they are required to attend the programme. A Terms of Agreement must be signed by the students and parents to ensure that the programme runs smoothly.

The programme will start in Week 5 Monday 10th November and run for approximately three weeks. Students will be expected to attend daily from 8.50am until 12pm until they have completed the credits required or have been released from the programme by a Senior Manager.

Students will meet in the college Library, with easy access to computers and will be given a folder with all the necessary resources in it. The programme will have two coordinators and students will have access to their teachers during this time.

This is valuable programme for many students. Please ensure that if your child is on the course, that he/she makes every effort to make the most of the time and resources available.

AND WE NEED YOUR HELP...

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

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 5th

- Leavers Mass
- Sports Prizegiving
- Senior Academic Prizegiving

Monday 10th

- NZQA Exams begin
- Summer School begins

Thursday 13th

- Y9 2015 Orientation

Monday 17th

Tuesday 18th

- Junior Exams

Monday 24th

- Y10 Taster Day (Girls)

Tuesday 25th

- Y10 Taster Day (Boys)

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

REMINDER

Term 4 marks the return of Summer Uniform. Please ensure your student has the correct uniform at all times.

Columba	62
Mannix	48
Marist	45
Woods	50

NCEA Examinations start on Monday 10th November. We have posted a copy of the NCEA Timetable on the College website and copies are available at the College Office. It is our expectation that every student entered for External examinations will attend and sit them. If you are unsure whether your child is entered for externals, please contact the College.

If for any reason your child elects not to sit the examinations, parents must phone the College Office so that we can notify the Examination Supervisor. We will be following up all non attendance of examinations with parents.

2014 Examination Timetable

	Date / Time	NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3	Scholarship	
Day 1	Fri 7 Nov	9.30 am			Drama	
		2.00 pm				
Weekend						
Day 2	Mon 10 Nov	9.30 am	Science		Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Chemistry
		2.00 pm	Japanese	Geography	Japanese	History
Day 3	Tues 11 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Spanish	History	
		2.00 pm	French	Chemistry	Chemistry	Te Reo Māori
Day 4	Wed 12 Nov	9.30 am	English	German	Samoan	Statistics
		2.00 pm		Economics	Te Reo Māori	Classical Studies
Day 5	Thurs 13 Nov	9.30 am	History	English	Biology	
		2.00 pm	Accounting	Latin		English
Canterbury Anniversary Day						
Weekend						
Day 6	Mon 17 Nov	9.30 am	Geography	Biology	Te Reo Rangatira	Physical Education
		2.00 pm	Biology	Te Reo Rangatira	English	
Day 7	Tues 18 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics	Art History	Calculus	Te Reo Rangatira
		2.00 pm	Chinese	Physics	Health	Biology
Day 8	Wed 19 Nov	9.30 am	Chemistry	Samoan	Home Economics/Spanish	Calculus
		2.00 pm	Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira	Mathematics	Business Studies	Earth and Space Science
Day 9	Thur 20 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Media Studies	Statistics	Agricultural and Horticultural Science
		2.00 pm	Business Studies	Te Reo Māori	Art History	Accounting
Day 10	Fri 21 Nov	9.30 am	Health	Health	Accounting	Samoan
		2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Home Economics	Latin	Geography
Weekend						
Day 11	Mon 24 Nov	9.30 am	Economics	Education for Sustainability	Geography	
		2.00 pm	Home Economics	Japanese	Classical Studies	Physics
Day 12	Tues 25 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Māori	History	Economics	Spanish
		2.00 pm	Physics	Business Studies	Physics	
Day 13	Wed 26 Nov	9.30 am	German	French	Dance	French
		2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	Music Studies	Economics
Day 14	Thur 27 Nov	9.30 am	Social Studies	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Chinese	Music
		2.00 pm	Dance	Drama	Making Music	Media Studies
Day 15	Fri 28 Nov	9.30 am	Art History	Social Studies	Media Studies	German
		2.00 pm	Spanish	Dance	Social Studies	Chinese
Weekend						
Day 16	Mon 1 Dec	9.30 am	Drama	Earth and Space Science	German	Art History
		2.00 pm	Latin	Classical Studies	Drama	Japanese
Day 17	Tues 2 Dec	9.30 am		Music	French	Latin
		2.00 pm		Chinese	Earth and Space Science	

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