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The turnout of parents over the two days of Family Day was really impressive. I hope the opportunity to meet with each student's Form Teacher and discuss their academic goals and progress was worthwhile. The feedback from parents in regard to issues raised has been fully discussed by our leadership team and a number of new strategies are being considered as a result. Thank you for your support here.

I recently interviewed each of the Year 9 students (in groups of three) to hear how they have found their first six months at secondary school and if they had any feedback for me. I really enjoyed our conversations as they were incredibly honest about their feelings and loyal to the staff and students in our school. It was a very positive process and I was very proud of having such a wonderful group of young people in our College.

We are entering a key stage in the academic journey of our Year 11- 13 students. The academic tracking and monitoring process is in full swing, family meetings have taken place, the Catch-Up Programme has started for the term, and plans are in place for each student to ensure their success. The support of the staff of the College for each student to succeed is very real and as long as each student engages positively with us then there is every chance of success. Success for some students could be a quality endorsement on their NCEA, the gaining of an NCEA qualification or even University Entrance. Whatever the goal, it will require the hard work and commitment from all of us in this community if each student is to succeed.



Last week I attended the National Kapa Haka Championships in Gisborne to support our own Te Ngakau O Te Awa. It was a privilege to stay with our group and the many whanau who accompanied them on the Te Wainui Marae. The Manaaki from our whanau was very much appreciated as they looked after and fed everyone (including me). There was the strong feeling of family that impressed me and our Kapa Haka group were outstanding in their performance. I thank everyone for their dedication and commitment to excellence, particularly our tutors, Kamaka, Chelsea and Te Taepa.

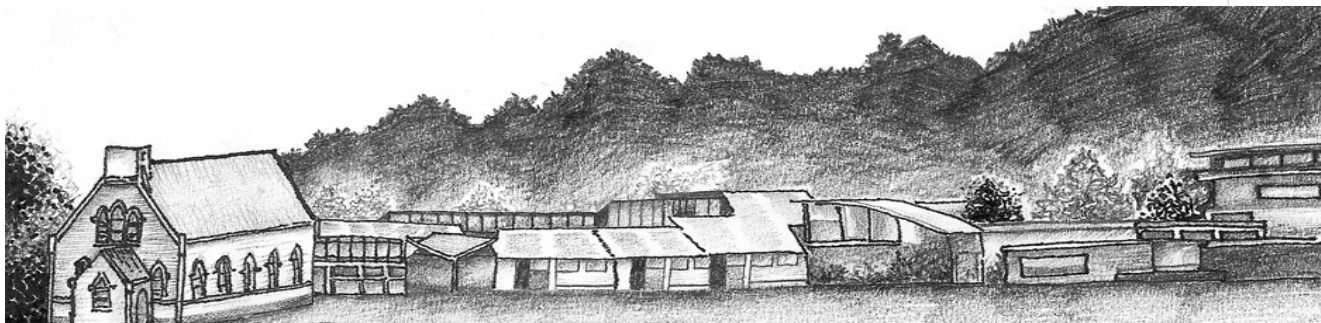
There is quite a lot of sickness around at this time with a number of our staff, students and families struggling with colds and flu. I would like you to keep one of our staff, Mr Liam O'Gorman, in your prayers as he has once more found himself in hospital. We look forward to his full recovery.

God Bless

Kevin Shore
Principal

FEATURED THIS ISSUE:

- Te Ngakau O Te Awa
- International Exchange Students
- NCEA Fees
- Arts and Performing Arts



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

NOTES N' QUOTES

NATIONAL KAPA HAKA CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Sunday 27th of July, 26 Cullinane students, two students from Wanganui Girls' College, tutors, parents and supporters travelled up to Gisborne to compete in the NZ Secondary Schools National Kapa Haka Championships – known as Te Kura Wiwini, Te Kura Wawana. The team qualified for the Nationals last year by winning the regional competition. As regional representatives, the Cullinane team, Te Ngakau O Te Awa, went up against 40 other teams from across the country. The team is tutored by Te Taepa Kameta along with Chelsea and Kamaka Manuel and was led this year by two Year 12 students, Anamaraea Lake-Hemi and Te Hiiri Ponga. The two Kaitaataki led the school with pride and dignity and were part of a fantastic performance. Te Ngakau O Te Awa took the stage on Thursday the 31st of July in front of a crowd of hundreds of spectators and being streamed live across the country. The group was in a pool full of “shark” teams, teams that had previously won a national competition. This year was no exception as Te Wharekura O Rakaumangamanga from the Waikato region took the final honours.

A lot of the teams that competed at the Nationals had up to 40 members on stage but the Cullinane team had only 28 members performing on stage for their hour long presentation. Cullinane was one of the smallest groups to perform, but they still managed to leave a good impression on the crowd. The most memorable moment of the performance was the tribute paid to the Cullinane performers on stage by the teams from Hato Paora and Turakina Maori Girls' College. This was due to the honour Te Ngakau O Te Awa paid to Morvin Simon, a kaumatua of Cullinane and many other schools that were competing that week, who had recently passed away. The whole of the Te Ngakau O Te Awa performance was dedicated to Mr Simon and was made more emotional by the fact that three of his immediate grandchildren were performing on stage for Cullinane. Unfortunately, Cullinane was unable to make it to the finals, but they represented the College and the region extremely well and showed courage and commitment throughout their entire experience at the Nationals.

Ainslee Pikimaui
 Year 11
 Cullinane College



NEW INTERNATIONAL FACES

At the beginning of Term 3 a new group of International Exchange students arrived at the College. The College has been extremely fortunate with the students from overseas who visit us as they bring a different point of view to our students. Many of our students form fantastic friendships with the exchange students and the personal benefits for everyone are huge. The students that have arrived for the coming year are Jana Lennartz (Germany), Sophia Hooch (Germany), Nik Siebert (Germany), Thobias Ivarsson (Sweden) and Thibaud Mercier de Beaurouvre (France). Welcome to all of them and we hope that they enjoy their stay and leave with lots of fond memories, experiences and friendships.

From left to right:
 Jana, Thibaud, Nik, Tobias and
 Sophia. All looking very sharp in
 their first school uniforms, as they
 do not have school uniforms in their
 countries.



NOTES N' QUOTES

UP N' COMING EVENTS

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.

GODS ZONE

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through Term 3! For Senior students this means focusing on learning in order to complete assessments.

Religious Studies classes are busy with the following topics:

9R: Preparing presentations for Social Justice Week

9S & 9T: Signs and Symbols

10R: Inspiring Men and Women

10S: Meaning and Significance of the Eucharist

10T: Journey Stories

Year 11S: Trinity

11R & 11T: The Gospel Story

12A: Loss, Death, Grief & Dying

12U & 12G: Commitment & Ministry

Year 13: Jesus the Christ

This term has seen Junior classes participate in lessons from the Brainwave Trust. This programme was about the importance of the first 18 months of life with regard to brain development and the significance of loving attention to enable appropriate connections being made and strengthened in the brain.

August 8th was the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Cullinane students were represented at the midday Mass at St Mary's along with students from the primary schools, parishioners and the Sisters of St Joseph. This was a very uplifting occasion with students enjoying the Mass and the shared lunch afterwards.

An initiative from Year 12 students who had attended the Marist Young Neighbours Programme, led to an unusual mufti day on August 8. Instead of bringing money, students were asked to contribute clothing and blankets that were donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society. The response was wonderful and the local St Vincent de Paul group was most appreciative.

On August 15th we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption with St Mary's school. Our new school choir, in their first outing, sang *Dona Nobis Pacem* beautifully. Thanks to staff members Toni Jenkins and Eleanor Foster for their hard work in preparing them.

Earlier this month no priest was available for our weekly Friday Mass. Head students, Rowan Benefield and Daniel O'Sullivan prepared and led a Liturgy of the Word with Communion. Students, staff and parishioners present were extremely impressed with their reverence and the depth of thought shown.

Finally I would like to congratulate those linked to our Cullinane community who will be Confirmed at the end of this month: Dion Connelly, Leata Connor, Josh D'Ath, Kriss Keeth, Kate O'Connor, Andrew Kinchella, Lazarus Cameron-Kemp, Dublyn Thompson, her mum Kathleen and Rhonda Svendsen. They are being joined by the following Wanganui youth from our wider Catholic community: Sinead Lynch, Maadi Murphy, Maggie O'Leary, Connor O'Leary, Oliver O'Leary, Hayden O'Leary, Mathew Collins, Montel Aki and J-Von Aki.

God Bless
Helen Dougherty (DRS)

AUGUST

Tuesday 26th
Catch -up
Programme
continues

Wednesday 27th
Auckland
University
Course prep

Thursday 28th
Awatapu Junior
Sports Exchange

Friday 29th
- Army Bus
- Wellington
Universities
Open Day

SEPTEMBER

**Monday 1st -
Thursday 4th**
- 1st XV BOP
Tour
- A Netball
Tournament

**Wednesday 3rd
& Friday 5th**
Correspon-
dence School
Exams

**Wednesday
10th**
Early finish

**Monday 15th -
Friday 19th**
Senior Exam
Week

Friday 26th
Last Day of Term

GATEWAY NEWS

Most students are completing their industry standards now, which are units chosen that relate to their particular field of work. We have Jeremiah working on construction standards, whilst Jared, Kane and Scott are completing units related to mechanical engineering for example. It is countdown time as all students are stretching themselves to ensure they have that magical number 80, in order to get their NCEA Level 2. Some of our students have been working at Ag Challenge this year, learning the rudimentary skills of being a farmer. Ag Challenge offer a two year programme and we have students in both the first year and second year of that certificate.



First year students Wineti, Ben, Tere Hia, Manawahine and Isaac had to help their teacher extricate her stuck van, before they headed off to slaughter a sheep. I had to plead off that one.



This senior group are the experts that others look up to. Hazley, Wairua-Pohe, Bradley and Hoani.

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

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE MOVEMENT

We are currently rolling out BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) at Cullinane College. We have had the infrastructure in place since the beginning of the year but were waiting for a fast enough broadband connection to support it. Any student who owns an internet and wireless capable device now has the opportunity to use it in school. Any device can be used but students need to fill in a BYOD agreement (available at the front office) and have it signed by a parent before they can get access. We ask students to agree to certain conditions and provide some details about their device so that we can maintain a safe and secure learning environment for our students. We are still in the early stages of our e-Learning journey so only some teachers, at this stage, will be making use of this new technology in our classroom but we hope to build upon this quite quickly.



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CAREERS UPDATES

It is the time of year that students should begin to think about where they want to be next year. Some are comfortable about returning to school to gain their UE (University Entrance) so they can enter tertiary training institutions such as UCOL and Universities. Others having gained their academic goals are looking for trade courses or work out in the big wide world. There is a seemingly endless supply of opportunity out there and it can be hard to choose. There is also plenty available locally. We will look at some of these next time.

The CareersNZ website can help, otherwise good advice is to follow what you enjoy the most. Our students have visited Massey University and Palmerston North UCOL to experience their Open Days. Students interested in Victoria University will be attending Wellington Open Days at the end of the month. The English and Social Science Heads of Departments have organised trips to Massey to experience "A day in the life of... a student at University." Students have commented on how great these days have been. The most important thing for those intending to enter a university next year, is to apply for accommodation. "Halls" at the main universities can be applied for through the following link www.ccrf.ac.nz/students

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- Lincoln University
- Massey University – Albany
- Massey University – Manawatū
- Massey University – Wellington
- The University of Auckland
- The University of Waikato
- University of Canterbury
- University of Otago
- Victoria University of Wellington
- 222 Willis (WelTec)

This application automatically sends a reference letter to the Careers teacher who can pass it on to whoever the student wishes to complete it.

SCHOLARSHIPS are misnamed. They could be referred to as study grants. There are scholarships for standard high achievers, but they also exist for students with disabilities, students from particular geographical areas or descendants of members of the NZ Armed Forces. Check them out!

Over the next few months, applications for courses will close and university courses begin filling up. So it is the responsibility of each student to find out when they have to apply for their course.

If you are interested in the Armed Forces, you can start applying for their next intakes at any time. The Armed Forces bus is coming to school this month, but once again students must be aware of the closing dates for applications to be in charge of their future.

YOUTH GROUP

WHAT A BLAST! We had such a great youth group on Friday August 15th. On that evening, 18 teenagers left Wanganui for Palmerston North in arranged transport to go Ten Pin Bowling and play arcade games. This was followed by hot chips and more hot chips. So for a pittance of \$10.00, our youth were transported to Palmy and back, had \$40.00 worth of chips and drinks, had 20 balls to hit the pins and also had time to play other games. Thanks to all those involved in the transport and supervision and thanks, too, for the prayers.

Why don't you get involved in Youth Group? It's on every other Friday evening at 6pm. The next one will be 29th October. Youth group activities are advertised in the Parish newsletter and the school notices, so keep an eye out for them.

God Bless
Father Brian

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

IN THE ART ROOM

The Year 9 students taking part in the Visual Arts rotation this Term have been working on several community based projects. So far this rotation they have been painting large external murals for St Marcellin School. These murals are based on biblical stories with a Maori/Pasifika feel and will be completed and hung around St Marcellin School later this year.

The College has also been approached by the Cancer Society to create posters that will go on display in their shops around the Daffodil Day period. Our Year 9 students have been creating wonderful, bright watercolour paintings for this event which have been completed to a high standard.

Well done to the Year 9 Visual Arts rotation for taking part in so many community based events!

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GDM
Retail Systems

Proud Supporters of
Cullinane Sport in 2014

SENIOR WEEKEND WORKSHOPS FOR ART

The following date is for an up and coming weekend workshop:

23rd August, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Although these are not compulsory it is strongly suggested that students who are behind in work attend these courses. Lunch will be provided. Come in mufti.

PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE

On the 29th of August the Cullinane Dance Crew will be performing at the Wanganui Opera House in a competition called, "Dance NZ Made." They will be performing 5 dances: our opening number and one other which involves the whole dance crew and three other dances - two Senior dances and one Junior Hip Hop dance. The Juniors have made up their own dance which builds upon a studied dance and then adding their own moves to it. The Senior dance types are Jazz and Raweita which is very much like salsa.

The whole crew are competing in the regional finals against Wanganui High School and Wanganui Girls' College. We have a big challenge on our hands but we are willing to take it on. If we win we will get to face against other regions. Miss Gaylene Edmonds has helped bring the Dance NZ Made competition to Wanganui. Some of the students haven't danced on stage before and it would be awesome if we had the Cullinane family support. So support our dancers and come to the Opera House on the 29th of August. Tickets are available through the Opera House and cost only \$12.50 each so be in quick to reserve your seats now!

THE FINAL WORD

Recently the Student Council met to discuss some changes to the school uniform. Two of their proposals have gone to the Board of Trustees and one has received approval while the other is still being discussed. As a result of this approval, a plain black scarf is now permitted as an official part of the school uniform. The Council has done an excellent job of putting this proposal forward and have seen how a student voice can make positive changes. Watch this space for more news on the second proposal's progress.