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# Cullinane College Dialogue



Prefect Team receives their badges at the Missioning Mass

It was great to welcome so many new families (and some old faces) to Cullinane College in 2015. Unfortunately, I was sitting in a hospital bed when the Powhiri was held for the Year 9 students but I was able to catch up with many of the students and their families during the Year 9 Journey Programme the following week. The feedback from staff and the Year 13 student Leadership Team was very positive and we are really looking forward to seeing the Year 9 group make their unique contribution to our College.

I would like to thank Fr. Brian, Briley Zimmerman and the liturgy team for leading our Ash Wednesday liturgy. It was very pleasing to see the whole school participating in the liturgy and receiving the ashes. We also had a lovely breakfast of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday courtesy of Year 13 and Ms Edmonds. This is a longstanding tradition in the College and I noticed a number of Year 9 students enjoying some "carbo" loading.

The NCEA results for 2014 are not yet final but the College community will be pleased with the final outcome regarding both the level of achievement and the quality of the results. There is always something that can be improved but overall the results could well be our strongest yet. We will advise our community of the results when they become final in March.

I would also like to congratulate five students who have been awarded "silver ferns" and New Zealand representation in a range of sports. Briley Zimmerman has been selected in the NZ U19 Duathlon Team and will compete in the World Championships in Australia this year. Tariana Turia was selected for the NZ Women's U17 Touch Team and will participate in a test in Australia later this year. Tamati Butler has been selected in the NZ U16 Polo cross Team to play Australia. Kopere Tanoa (Yr 9 student) represented the NZ U14 Basketball Team over the holidays, which won a major tournament in Australia. Finally, Allannah Millar is a member of the Black Stacks who will be representing NZ in Speed Stacking in Montreal in April. I congratulate each student on gaining such a special honour and I know their families will be very proud of them.

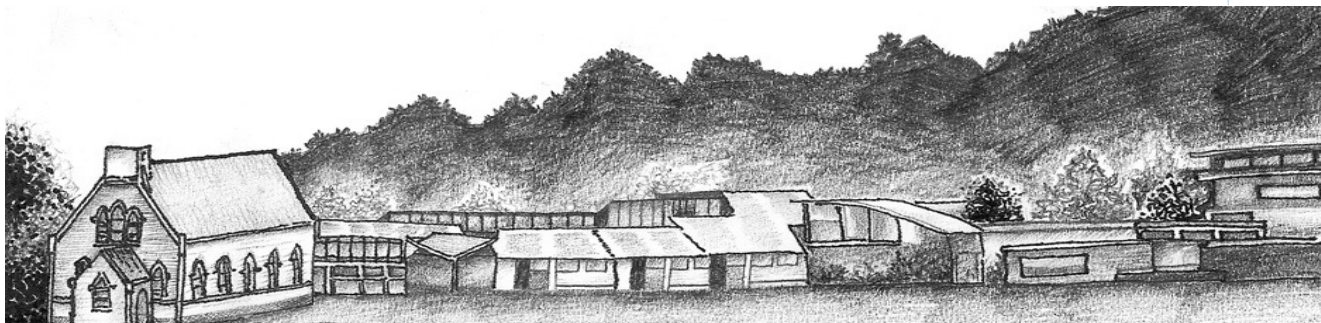
Finally, I would ask that you keep our Bursar, Joanne O'Hara, in your prayers as she is on personal leave over Term 1. We miss having her with us and look forward to having her back with us in Term 2.

God Bless

Kevin Shore  
Principal

## ***FEATURED THIS ISSUE:***

- Year 9 Journey Programme
- Inter-House Athletics
- Dean's Team Message



## YEAR 9 JOURNEY PROGRAMME

### NZ National Representatives

Briley Zimmerman-  
NZ U19 Duathlon  
Team

Tariana Turia-  
NZ U17 Women's  
Touch  
Team

Tamati Butler-  
NZ U16 Polo Cross  
Team

Kopere Tanoa-  
NZ U14 Basketball  
Team

Allanah Miller-  
member Black  
Stacks Team

### Rowing

Wanganui  
Secondary Schools  
Championships

Boys U16 Coxed  
Quad Sculls-  
A Final 2<sup>nd</sup>

Craig Syme  
Brennan Knopf  
Donovan Thompson  
Kurt Browning  
Angus Barry - cox

Girls U17 Coxless  
Pair-  
A Final 3<sup>rd</sup>

Jaedyn Thompson  
Harriet Heron

Girls U17 Single-  
A Final 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Jaedyn Thompson



## INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS



## GODS ZONE

It is difficult to believe that we are nearly halfway through the first term, which has been filled with many activities already! During the summer holidays a number of our Year 13 students again took part in Leadership Programmes, one run by the Palmerston North Diocese and the other by the Marists. Both programmes focus on Servant Leadership and students have certainly begun putting the skills they have learnt into practice.

The year officially began for staff and Year 13 at Parikino Marae where we were able to interact in a relaxed fashion. Fr Mark Walls and Jess from the Marist Education Team worked with the entire Year 13 cohort to provide a focus for the year.

During our Missioning Mass all new students received a candle to welcome them into our faith community. Prefects received their badges and all students and staff recommitted to Cullinane for the upcoming year. Ten seminarians joined us for the Mass and they spent most of the day with us, visiting classes and speaking to students.

During the Year 9 Journey Programme the Prefects taught the Year 9s about the history of Cullinane College including its opening. They also went up to Mt St Joseph's and viewed the wetlands, Te Punanga Ripō. The following day they travelled to Parikino for further team building with our Prefects.

On February 13 I travelled to Sydney with our Head Students, Mona Wareka and Reihana Fisher, to participate in JJAMM (Julian, Joseph and Mary MacKillop). The Head Students from twenty Secondary Schools with Josephite connections attended. It was the first time that Cullinane had attended and it was wonderful to connect with the other schools and learn what we have in common. There will be a shared focus for each of the four school terms that we will be hearing more about during the year.

Ten senior students attended the Caritas Leadership Day in Palmerston North with Senora Penn-Reina and they have begun planning for this year's Survive a Slum which will be held on March 27-28.

The Proclamation Mass to celebrate the formation of one unified Whanganui Parish was held on March 8 in the Memorial Hall. Our students were involved especially in the music and hospitality.

There are two exciting opportunities coming up in the holidays for our students. Set Free this year is a National Catholic Youth Event that will be held from 10-12 April at Totara Springs, Matamata. This is suitable for students from any year level. The second event is the Jesus4Real Senior Camp for students in years 11-13 which runs from 8-12 April at Palm Grove in Paraparaumu. Please contact me at the College if you are interested in either of these wonderful programmes.

We have the following staff teaching in the Religious Studies department this year:

Year 9: Ms Dougherty, Mr Daignault, Mr Crous

Year 10: Senora Penn-Reina, Mr Daignault

Year 11: Ms Dougherty, Senora Penn, Mr Bullock

Year 12: Ms Dougherty, Senora Penn

Year 13: Miss Dougherty, Mr Shore

Year 9 have just finished the topic My Story where they have looked at their own gifts and talents as well as learning more about the story of Cullinane. They are about to begin the following topics:

9R: Creation and Co-Creation

9S: The Life and Times of Jesus

9T: The Eucharist and the Church's Year

Year 10 have completed the topic My Identity and now begin the following topics:

10R & 10T: Journey Stories

10S: The Teachings of Jesus

Year 11 classes are studying Conscience, Morality & Values, while Year 12 are learning about Justice & Peace. Year 13 is studying Ethics. All senior classes will be commencing their first Achievement Standard shortly.

Senior students planned and led our Ash Wednesday liturgy recently as we begin the Church season of Lent. Please support our students as they strive to better themselves during this time and work to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

God Bless

Helen Dougherty (DRS)



## MARCH

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Y12 Sport Science Camp

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Senior Model

United Nations

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**-Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Y13 Sports Science Camp

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> -**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Marist Leaders Forum

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> -**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Survive A Slum

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Mass of The Oils

**Thursday April**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

Easter Liturgy

Last Day of Term 1

**March 11**  
WSS Athletics

**March 16**  
Boys Cricket v  
Feilding High School

**March 19**  
WSS Triathlon

**March 20**  
WSS 20/20 Cricket

**March 21-29**  
Maadi Cup  
Lake Karapiro

**March 24**  
Viard Shield

**DEANS TEAM SAYS..**

2015 began with a hiss and a roar for everyone I suspect, a shock to the system for some so to speak, but things have settled down really well. I have noticed a positive Christian culture permeating the school, especially with the return of our prefects from Marist Youth Leaders; and we have seen a number of student successes already.

There have been a few changes to our pastoral team this year. Some of the Deans have followed their year group from last year and so parents and students will be getting to know the Dean particularly well. We also welcome back Mrs Ginni-Rae Duxfield to the team as Year 11 Dean. We now have a very experienced team of Deans and pastoral team members.



The Year 9 Cullinane Journey Programme 2015 was a great experience this year. The three days of activities, with

our senior leaders running team-building activities, mentoring the Year 9s, and learning about the college's history was a fantastic experience. Waka on the Whanganui Awa was a highlight for most of the students. Already we can see the benefit for the Year 9's of positive relationships with our senior leaders and teachers. New friendships have been formed amongst the Year 9 cohort and the students have a far better understanding of our school's culture.

The whanau powhiri on Thursday night at Parikino was a highlight for many of us. It was fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents coming to support their children and the College.

We look forward to seeing our students develop and grow this year and look forward to working with our parents to ensure we get the best out of one another. The following list are ideas for you to get involved in school life which will help your student and the school be successful this year:

- Attend parent interviews – get to know your child's teachers
- Attend Family Day with your son or daughter
- Pop in on Athletics day to see some events and other school events
- Help with fundraising activities
- Help with sports coaching/management and field trips
- Assist coaches at sporting events

If you have any queries or concerns contact the Form teacher or Dean.

Over the coming newsletters one of the members of our pastoral team will submit an article about College life and the pastoral issues we might face this year.

Have a great year. God bless. Nga mihi nui

Marty Bullock  
Deputy Principal

**FROM THE BISHOP...**

Pope Francis, the Synod, Families, Relationships and You Pope Francis' voice resounds in the media and in our homes. His extraordinary impact invites us all to consider: what is the impact of our "voice", our witness, in the environment in which we live and work?

We can make that kind of reflection as individuals or collectively as a faith community. A synod in fact brings both those streams together. Invited individuals head to Rome not as soloists but as men and women who seek to echo the wisdom and insight that emerges from a collective period of prayer, listening, consultation, and deep reflection.

The current 'Synod on Families' has entered a new phase. Pope Francis wants us to focus on practical pastoral approaches which uphold and strengthen the beauty of married life and also accompany and guide those whose relationships are not unfolding within the bond of marriage. To this end a further questionnaire has been sent to all Catholic communities across the globe.

The Bishops invite you to add your voice to this questionnaire. We are acutely aware of the many people who in their hearts consider themselves Catholic but are not regularly at Church. Please encourage these family members and friends to participate. Of particular concern

to us are those who see themselves as beyond the Church: perhaps some divorced and remarried, or gay women and men. We urge you also to add your experiences through the questionnaire. No-one walks beyond the reach of the Good Shepherd.

Some of the questions may resonate more with some people than with others. That's fine. Indeed not every question need be answered. Whatever you choose to share, your voice as well as those of groups such as our priests, RE teachers, and marriage preparation teams etc will be heard. In this way we will deepen our knowledge of who we are as the People of God in Aotearoa and our submission will be a truly collective response to the Holy Spirit's on-going work within each of us and the Church in this land.

The Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand

To access the questionnaire online visit [www.catholic.org.nz](http://www.catholic.org.nz) and follow the instructions from there.

To respond using a Word Document visit [www.catholic.org.nz](http://www.catholic.org.nz) to find an electronic copy which you can complete and return by email to Simone Olsen, Communications Adviser, [communications@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:communications@nzcbc.org.nz)

If you would like a printed copy of the questionnaire to be sent to you for you to fill in and return by post please ring Simone Olsen, Communications Adviser, 04 496 1725 or email her [communications@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:communications@nzcbc.org.nz) For any queries regarding this consultation process please contact Simone Olsen, Communications Adviser on the email or phone number listed above.

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