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It has been a fantastic time of celebration for our community over the last few weeks. The Prefects and the Year 13 group can be very pleased with their contribution on Cullinane Day. Every year the student leadership team add something that is unique and adds something positive to build on the work done in the previous year. This year the students incorporated a House Haka competition that then ended in a whole school Haka to the staff which was unexpected but very well received. It was great to see the way the senior students managed to involve students from all levels and at least 75% of the students were actively involved in the whole school Haka. Well done to our student leadership team for facilitating such a wonderful community celebration.

Our students were also very active on our Open Night. I believe it is our students and the easy way that they relate to the visiting families that sells our College. Once again I had some wonderful feedback that suggested that the families were really impressed by the student guides and the students who helped out in the various curriculum stations. I heard one story where a family brought their daughter who absolutely did not want to come to the school but only 20 minutes into the tour she told her Mum that she was going to come to the College in 2016. Apparently she felt the strong family feel of our school and immediately felt safe and comfortable.

The Benefit Concert on Friday 5th June raised \$2500 for our partner school in Ranong and there are still some donations coming in. I want to thank the wider school community for supporting our cause, we had a wonderful night. Having Elena, who is a violinist from Wellington and an internationally renowned musician, with us for the day and performing in the concert was a special treat for our students and staff. Elena spent time with our musicians and the Kapa Haka and then performed in the concert accompanying the jazz group and Kapa Haka as well as performing a solo slot. I have had feedback that many in our community were inspired by her musicianship and she has certainly changed my perception and appreciation of the violin as a musical instrument. It was such a pleasure to host her and she had such a positive day in the College that she generously contributed \$500 towards Fr. Frank Bird's school in Ranong.

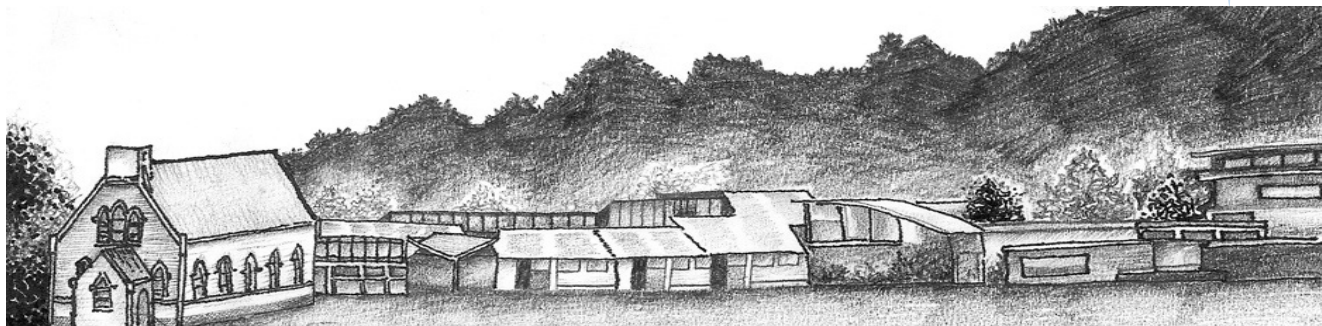
I am going to Boston in the USA to attend a leadership course at Harvard University over the last three weeks of this term. Obviously I will be checking my emails but will be leaving the school in the hands of Mr Bullock and Miss Dougherty over this term. If you have any concerns or feedback for the College then I would encourage you to contact them.

Finally, the Education Review Office has carried out their regular review of the College during the week of the 15th June. I was here for the first three days of that week before flying out to Boston and ERO delivered a draft report before I left. ERO may well want to interview some of our parents and Whanau so I would ask that if you are invited to contribute to the review that you take the opportunity to participate as your views are important. God bless and I look forward to catching up with you in Term 3.

Kevin Shore
Principal

FEATURED THIS ISSUE:

- Annual Benefit Concert
- NCEA Fees Notice
- Top Teacher at Cullinane



KAPA HAKA

Good luck to the College Kapa Haka Squad, Te Ngakau O Te Awa, as they travel to Hawera during Week 10 for the Regional Manu Korero and Paerangatahi.

TERM EVENTS

A huge thank you to all of the students and staff that participated, organised and supported all of the events that occurred over the last term. Without your input none of the special events would have been possible. Keep up the great work.

Also a huge thank you to the Cullinane Community for their continuing support of these events as well.

ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT

The recent Cullinane College Benefit concert was a huge success! The concert was held on June the 5th at St Mary's Church in Whanganui. The concert was in support of the Marist Asia Foundation's school which is on the Thai-Burmese border. The school is run by a St Augustine's College old boy, Father Frank Bird, who is working with the poor, disadvantaged and Burmese refugees in Ranong. Our school managed to raise nearly \$3000 on the night and there are still donations rolling in. All of the proceeds raised will go to our sister school in Thailand (Ranong) to help equip impoverished children and refugees who come from across the Burmese border into Thailand. The money will go towards funding an education so everyone can have the chance of a decent future, something many of us take for granted. Approximately only one child out of ten who cross the Burmese border are equipped with an education and the money we have raised and are currently raising, will be used to improve these statistics.

Through entertainment from the dance and drama department, and many talented musicians from within our school, we have gathered generous donations that will help improve the lives of those less fortunate. It was our great honour to have renowned New Zealand violinist Elena to perform solo and with our talented students. We thank everyone who attended, participated or helped arrange the event, without your engagement we could not have raised the money we did, on behalf of everyone we hope that next year's concert captures the public attention and is just as thoroughly enjoyable.

Piper Zimmerman
Y 11

**OSHEA SHIELD**

NOTES N' QUOTES

UP N' COMING EVENTS

GODS' ZONE

Term 2 started with considerable activity as students prepared for the year's O'Shea at St Patrick's College in Wellington. Once again this was a tremendous celebration of our Special Character. For the first time at this event we came away with a trophy as Pounamu Tawaroa won her section of the new Te Reo Scripture reading event. The other highlight was Jovanna Penn-Reina who came second in her section of the Impromptu speaking event.

Lyrrik Pikimaui, Te Oranga Blake-Te Awhe and Brylee Lott attended the Marist Neighbours programme at the end of May. They all returned buzzing about the wonderful experience and the people they had met on the programme. Two more students will attend the next Neighbours programme during the July holidays.

Paul Nannes from Australia came to school at the end of May and presented a series of Real Talk Seminars around Sexuality Education to each year level. Students responded positively and Paul commented that he was extremely impressed by the calibre of our students.

Martin Bullock represented Cullinane at the conference for the Association of Josephite Affiliated Secondary Schools (AJASS) in Sydney. It was his first visit to MacKillop Place and he returned with a keen sense of the importance of Social Justice within the Josephite charism.

Early in June we held a Benefit Concert to once again raise funds for the Marist school in Ranong. This was a tremendous showcase of Cullinane musical, dance and dramatic talent supported by inspirational violinist, Elena. We are grateful to the family, friends and parishioners who supported the concert to ensure that we raised around \$2500.

Lida Penn-Reina and I have recently attended the Catholic Education Convention in Wellington along with around 800 others from around New Zealand. The key note speakers challenged us to ensure we are building up the Kingdom here on earth by being open and available for those who are seeking and searching. We attended workshops on Developing a network of Josephite schools, Best Practice for Retreats, Catholic Social Teaching, Flipped Classrooms, Universal Design for Learning, using Instagram in the classroom and Learning Environments. We have come back with plenty of ideas that we are keen to try.

On Thursday evening four senior students-Mona-Lisa Wareka, Pounamu Tawaroa, Kacie Warren and Angel Skelton - presented "This I Believe" at the Josephite Retreat Centre. The students were naturally nervous but they all spoke brilliantly and gave insights into the things that inspire and motivate them. Those in the audience were extremely impressed by their depth and honesty.

As you can see it has been a busy term and this is true for the classroom too. Please support and encourage your son or daughter in their homework for Religious Studies.

God Bless
Helen Dougherty (DRS)

JULY

Friday 3rd
School Ball
End of Term

Monday 20th
Term 3 Begins

Tuesday 28th
ICAS English
Exam

Wednesday 29th
Xuzhou Students
arrive from China

AUGUST

Wednesday 5th
Visiting Teachers
from Japan

Tuesday 11th
ICAS Maths Exam

Wednesday 12th
Y11 Geography
Competition

Sunday 15th
Feast of the
Assumption

Monday 17th
Dental Van arrives
for the week

Wednesday 19th
Xuzhou Students
depart for home

2015 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 2015 are \$76.70 per student. Scholarship fees are additional.

You are more than welcome to make part-payments towards this fee but all NCEA fees must be paid in full by Monday, 31st August 2015.

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.

NOTES N' QUOTES

CULLINANE DAY

Cullinane Day is always an important date in our schooling calendar, however, this year it was made even more special with the launch of PB4L (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning). PB4L has been implemented into the College for the past two years. It has altered our school Tights System, has changed our discipline format and has created a new rewards system. This has been a gradual change which our PB4L team (made up of staff and students) have taken part in.

On Cullinane Day our new rewards system (known as Ka Pai cards) was launched. Students immediately immersed themselves in collecting the golden tickets. The House rewards boxes were eagerly filled and the students discussed which award they were working towards achieving. Since then, 4000 Ka Pai cards have been rewarded to the students. This is an outstanding number and it is wonderful to see the positive behaviour of the students being recognised.

Students can obtain Ka Pai cards in the College environment, and out in the community.

Here is your chance to take part. We are giving parents/caregivers the opportunity to have a collection of Ka Pai cards at home. If your son/daughter display's elements of our SOUL acronym, you can reward them with a Ka Pai card. If you would like to collect some Ka Pai cards for your reward system at home, these are available at the front Office.

We will keep you updated on our progress of the PB4L program as we continual our journey.

Service

Optimise

Unity

Love



House Ka Pai Card Tally Bins



BIG SING CHOIR FESTIVAL



NOTES N' QUOTES

CULLINANES NEXT TOP TEACHER

This term we had the privilege of having one our awesome teachers win the More FM Radio Station prize for “Wanganui’s Next Top Teacher.” Our teacher, Ms Edmonds, was casually teaching her Year 10 Food class when two staff members from More FM walked in with a bouquet of flowers to surprise her and announce her win. She was so shocked and not expecting them at all. She later stated, “I was completely overwhelmed and caught by surprise, I thought, I don’t have a boyfriend, who would be delivering me flowers? I realised who they were but I just couldn’t fathom why they were there for me! My vanity took over and all I could think was - why didn’t they come yesterday when I’d done my hair!!”

She has been totally touched by this win. Kacie Warren along with many other students, including Miiraa Blake, Megan Hoskin, Brooklyn Millar, Allannah Millar and a number of Ms Edmonds’ past students, put together a nomination for her on the More FM Facebook page and said a number of nice things about her and why she is “Wanganui’s Next Top Teacher.” After reading the comments Ms Edmonds stated, “I was brought to tears. As a teacher you want to think that you help to make a difference in people’s lives, obviously and especially the students you teach, but up until that point when it is written right before your eyes do you ever think that you may have. No teacher likes to think of themselves as life changers but that is why we all teach. Well I think that’s why. Besides getting to meet some incredibly talented students and young people so full of potential and hope. Yes that’s it , we like to keep the hope alive in students, well that’s what I do anyway.”

Ms Edmonds is a deserving teacher and always puts in her time for her students. She was definitely deserving of her flowers. We hope to continue to nominate other teachers in our school community so that they can also be thanked and acknowledged for their hard and appreciated work. Well done Ms E!!!

Kacie Warren



Deans Message: Year 11



The Year 11 cohort are progressing well with NCEA and pastoral issues are minimal which is extremely pleasing.

The only area which is a continual concern for this year level are the individual student attendance stats—predominately how late students are arriving to school each morning.

If this was a one off experience, it would not matter so much.

However, a number of Year 11 students are continually arriving late to school. This affects their attendance statistics and pulls the total percentage of attendance down.

I will be hosting lunch time detentions to students who are continually late to school. I will also be completing an attendance printout to be sent home for those students who are a concern.

A full pastoral, credit and attendance review will be available for parents/caregivers on Family Day.

There was a large number of winter codes that started up this term. A huge thank you to all of the coaches, staff and athletes. You are all an important part of the Cullinane Family and we greatly appreciate the time and commitment you give to our students for their sport.

MOUNTAINBIKING COMES TO CULLINANE

Cullinane Mountainbike Club Wins in First Competition!

The school mountainbike team had a great day out at the first ever Wanganui Inter-School Mountainbike Championship. The competition was held at the mountainbike tracks in Harakeke Forest and organised by Sport Wanganui with help from members of the Wanganui Mountainbike Club. The weather was rather wet but this didn't seem to bother the students at all and they are already talking about their next training outing.



Congratulations to Hunter Gilbertson and Gabrielle O'Connell who won the Junior Boys' and Senior Girls' races, respectively. Thanks to Mr Reynolds and Miss Goldsworthy who have been taking them out for practice at Harakeke.

AQUATHON RESULTS

Results from Whanganui Secondary Schools Aquathon on April 2nd. The Champs held at Springvale Park and the Splash Centre.

U14 TEAM - BOYS (2km Run / 200m Swim)

1st place Cullinane College (Runner: Justice Robertson-Hiri / Swimmer: Jesse Malcolm)

2nd place: Cullinane College (Runner: Ngatoka Tua / Swimmer: Te Mana Kaua)

U16 GIRLS - INDIVIDUAL (3km Run / 300m Swim)

1st place Cullinane College - Piper Zimmerman

U16 BOYS- INDIVIDUAL (3km Run / 300m Swim)

1st place Cullinane College - Judah Malcolm

U19 TEAM - BOYS (5km Run / 400m Swim)

1st place Cullinane College (Runner: Jordan Reardon/ Swimmer: Marshall Jane)

U19 TEAM - GIRLS (5km Run / 400m Swim)

1st place: Cullinane College (Runner: Jaedyn Thompson / Swimmer: Brylee Lott)

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