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Kia ora koutou

It has been an eventful couple of months as the floods have taken their toll in our community. We send our best wishes to those of our families who were adversely impacted by the floods and hope you are back on your feet. Unfortunately, the College also had its problems particularly the Gymnasium which was completely inundated but the contractors did a great job in having it ready for the start of this term. We wish the St Anne's community all the best as they also experienced some difficulties in the floods with their Church and Library areas. I would particularly like to thank Ms Dougherty, Mr Bullock, Mr Hepburn and all those staff who were left to deal with the flooding issues while I was off gallivanting around the world.

I had the pleasure of attending a very informal junior (and some senior student guests) performing arts evening on the 6th August. It was great to see our young people challenging themselves and overcoming their nerves in performing for a supportive crowd. The dance, drama and musical performances were very enjoyable and I am constantly amazed by the talent we have in the College. A big thank you to Mrs Edmonds, Mr Perry and Mr Monaghan for their support of the students in setting up this evening and to those parents and supporters who came along.

We are currently hosting 14 students from the city of Xuzhou in China who are here as part of a larger group that are being hosted by Wanganui High School and Wanganui Girls College. Our students are being very gracious and attentive hosts and it appears that the Chinese students are having a lovely experience as they develop their confidence in spoken English. Some of the Chinese students have also facilitated language lessons at St Mary's and St. Anne's and we are hoping to strengthen our relationship with the schools in this wonderful Chinese city.

We are now nearing the end of the winter sports season. Once again it has been a busy time and the College would like to express its gratitude to all of those volunteers (staff, parents and community supporters) who have coached our teams as our students love their sport and without your help it would be impossible to provide the opportunities that they currently experience. I would like to give a special thank you to Mr Hepburn, Mr Rauhina and Adam Heap for their part in ensuring our students are challenged in this arena.

Finally, we formally celebrated the Feast Day of Mary McKillop on Friday 6th August. Mr Bullock was able to bring a portrait of Blessed Mary McKillop (painted by a Principal of one of the Josephite schools in Australia) back from Sydney after his recent trip to meet with the Josephite schools of Australasia. He organised a simple but effective ceremony to hang the artwork in our foyer and you will see it hanging proudly in our entranceway when you next visit.

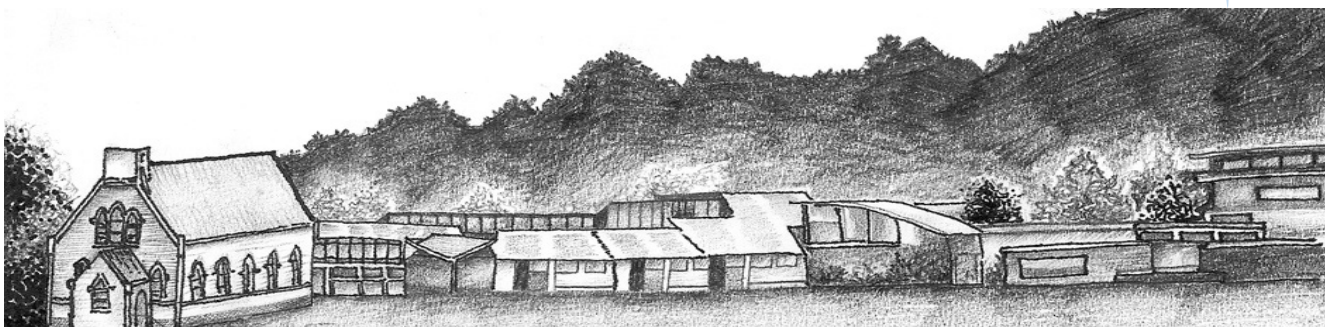
I hope everyone is keeping in good health and remember summer is just round the corner.

Kevin Shore

Principal

FEATURED THIS ISSUE:

- Xuzhou Students Come Visiting
- SOUL Comes Home
- Sports News



Cullinane College Dialogue



NOTES 'N' QUOTES

XUZHOU STUDENTS COME TO VISIT



Cullinane College recently hosted fourteen students from Xuzhou, China. These students were a part of a larger contingent of sixty students and their teachers that visited Wanganui Girls College, Wanganui High School and Cullinane. They were here as a part of a cultural tour where they learned more about being a “Kiwi” and improving their English, while enlightening our students with some Chinese culture at the same time. The students ranged in age from 12- 14 years and were “buddied” up with students in Year 9 and 10. The visitors ended up fitting in very well and made some lasting friendships among our students. When it came time for them to leave there were many tears on both sides. All of the reports that have come back to the school say that the visitors really enjoyed themselves and in true Arnold Schwarzenegger style, a few of them vowed “to be back.”



Late To School – Please Ensure your Student is on Time to School at 8.45am

School starts at 8.50am with Form class.

Students need to be at school by 8.45am to ensure they are in Form Class by 8.50am.

Students who are late must sign in at the Office and collect a late slip.

Some students are coming to school late and do not have adequate reasons for being late. Please ensure that you send a note with them or ring the Office.

Please try to make dentist or doctor appointments etc, during out of school hours.

It is likely that students who arrive late to school will be required to see the Dean or SMT at break time.

NOTES N QUOTES

UP N COMING EVENTS

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. Many in Year 12 and 13 need to be spending time at home continuing their assignments.

Religious Studies classes are busy with the following topics:

9R: The Beginnings of the Church in Aotearoa
9S: Creation/ Co-Creation
9T: The Beginnings of the Church in Aotearoa
10R & 10T: The Meaning & Significance of Eucharist
10S: Sinfulness and Reconciliation
11S: The Gospel Story
11R & 11U: The Gospel Story
11T: Trinity
12A: Commitment & Ministry
12U & 12G: Religions of the World
Year 13: Jesus the Christ

Our weekly Masses are continuing on Fridays at 10:45 and parents and friends are most welcome to join us in celebrating these. August 8th was the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We celebrated this at our Friday Mass where Pa Hancy blessed a painting of Mary MacKillop entitled 'Gratitude.' This had been presented to Mr Bullock when he was in Sydney representing Cullinane at the Association of Josephite Affiliated Secondary Schools (AJASS). It is now hanging in our foyer. Please take a look the next time you visit the College.

The Whanganui Parish celebrated the Feast Day at the Sunday Mass. Miiraa Te Awhe represented Cullinane to receive a copy of the icon of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop from the Sisters of St Joseph. The original had been written for the sisters by Michael Pervan who was an old boy of St Augustine's.

At the end of August two students will be travelling to Northland to participate in the final Marist Neighbours Programme for the year. I am sure they will enjoy their time immensely and learn something about themselves in the process. The Breakfast Club continues to offer breakfast each Tuesday and Thursday morning under the leadership of Kacie Warren and Ethan Mead. We are grateful for their continued commitment. Social Justice Week is coming up next month from September 13-19. This year the focus is on poverty in New Zealand with the key question being 'What does it take for all families to flourish?' This is certainly thought provoking.

God Bless
Helen Dougherty (DRS)

SOUL COMES HOME

Since June of this year Cullinane College has been implementing a new rewards system that took over from the old Good as Gold awards.

The Ka Pai system has been picked up by our students with great enthusiasm and can be rewarded to students both at school and out in the Wanganui community. These cards are rewarded to students who display our SOUL acronym (Service, Optimize, Unity & Love).

We would now like to give our whanau community the opportunity to take part in rewarding Ka Pai's at home.

If you would like more information regarding, or would like to pick up, some Ka Pai rewards for distribution at home, please see our front office for more information and collection.

FROM THE DEANS' DESKS

It has become apparent to me that many of the Year 11 students are worrying about their credits, are panicking about exams, or are behind on internal assessments. Due to this I have decided to open my classroom to the Year 11 students on Monday's after school from 3.10pm-4.10pm. This will allow the students a quiet environment to work on any study or assessments, and will also allow them to work with their peers.

It is my hope that the students use this time wisely.

G Duxfield
Year 11 Dean

SEPTEMBER

**Tuesday 1st -
Friday 4th**
Correspondence
Exam

**Tuesday 1st -
Sunday 6th**
Marist Young
Neighbours

Wednesday 9th
Auckland
University Course
Planning

**Friday 11th -
Monday 14th**
Marist Head
Student
Conference

**Sunday 13th -
Saturday 19th**
Social Justice
Week

**Monday 14th -
Friday 18th**
Senior Mock
Exams

Monday 21st
Y11 Option
Interviews

Tuesday 22nd
Y12 Option
Interviews

SEPTEMBER

1st - 4th

Tournament Week
- Check notices and FaceBook pages for teams involved.

25th - 6th October

Cook Islands
Tour

WANGANUI BASKETBALL FINALS

SENIOR GIRLS MEDAL FINALISTS



JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL NEWS

The Junior Boys' Basketball team is off to Palmerston North during Tournament week, 29th August to the 5th of September. The team will be participating in the Regional Championship so we wish them the best of luck.



IN OTHER SPORTING NEWS



Cullinane College hosted St Patrick's College during the recent school holidays as a part of St Pat's Heartland Tour for 2015. The SPC Heartland XV were defeated by Cullinane College 57 points to 33 on Monday July 6th.

DUATHLON RACING

NZ Secondary Schools Duathlon Champs were held on Sunday August 16th. The Cullinane entry was Briley Zimmerman who had a fantastic day's racing in which she was placed 4th in the U19 girls race. This finish was a Personal Best for Briley as she prepares to compete and represent New Zealand in Australia later this year in a similar event.



MAATANGI WHENUA YEAR II GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

For the first time two teams of three students represented Cullinane College at the Manawatu-Whanganui region Maatangi Whenua competition held at Massey University on 12 August, 2015. The students involved were Liam Aldridge, Leata Connor, Kate O'Connor, Terence Wright, Jodie Williamson, Piper Zimmerman.

The competition was run like a quiz evening with students being challenged in rounds such as Geopgraphy in the News, creating geographic features in play dough, topographic mapping skills and identifying countries of the world through quirky images. The Cullinane A team was placed 9th and Cullinane B was placed 12th. It was a fun evening and thanks to the students who participated.

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