

It was exciting to see a group of staff and students undertake a sports and cultural exchange in the Cook Islands over the Term 3 holidays. The College interacted with the local Catholic school, Nukutere College and Tereora College where past staff member Reece Baker is currently working. For many of the students it was their first time overseas and the trip has opened their eyes to the beauty of the Pacific, the generosity of the local people and the poverty and hardship that many of the Cook Island people experience. I am very grateful to Auntie Carol and Mr Hepburn for their input and dedicated efforts to ensure the trip was a success.

We are now into the final weeks of the senior school programme and it is imperative that those students sitting external examinations have a focused revision programme in place. These students should be doing three to four hours of revision at home each evening, writing up their revision notes and attempting past papers. Study revision is never easy and requires discipline and commitment but without it students are unlikely to succeed to their potential. We will also start our Summer School Programme from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Students who need this support have been identified and staff will be in contact with parents. Please support this programme as it has been very successful in the past at helping students to gain their NCEA qualifications.

The College put on an evening recently to thank our staff, parents and volunteer members of our community for their involvement in coaching, managing and supporting sport in 2015. I have been most impressed and very thankful for their support. It has been not only their commitment and expertise in coaching our students but also their modelling of service and their actions as role models of good Christian people that have gladdened my heart. I am grateful to everyone in our community who has supported the College in 2015.

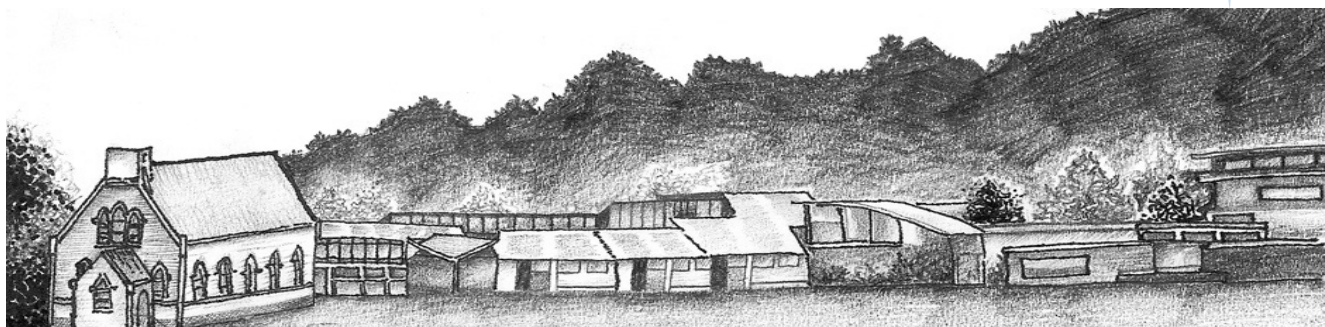
It is great to have our HOD English, Tasha Bullock, back in the College after two terms on maternity leave. Mrs Bullock is a wonderful teacher and I am sure her students will enjoy having her back. I also congratulate Ms Anna Fraser who has been appointed to the College as Teacher in Charge of Spanish. I hope she enjoys her time with us and we are lucky to have her in the College. Mrs Toni Jenkins continues her treatment for breast cancer at this time and she remains in our thoughts and prayers. We will look forward to seeing her back at some time in Term 1 2016.

Congratulations to Briley Zimmerman who gained a 6th place finish at the ITU World Duathlon Championships in Adelaide, Australia where she was part of the New Zealand Team. This is a stunning result for Briley and she can be very proud of herself as we are of her.

Kevin Shore  
Principal

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

- Cook Islands Tour
- Briley Zimmerman World Class
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# NOTES N' QUOTES

## COOK ISLANDS TOUR



## MIKE KING'S TARGET ZERO



On Tuesday the 13th of October, Mike King, Comedian and Radio personality, visited the school as part of his tour to promote awareness for Teen Mental Health. He spoke to the whole school about his life growing up with severe depression, alcoholism and drug addiction and how he faced his symptoms. Mr King's message was delivered with his own brand of humour and made the information he was presenting more accessible to the students.

Many of the students and staff came away with a new appreciation for those suffering with mental health issues and how we can better approach those we know that may be facing inner demons of the sort Mike King spoke about. Overall the message was well received and very timely at this time of year.





# NOTES N' QUOTES

## BRILEY ZIMMERMAN - WORLD RANKING



On Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, I had the privilege of putting on my silver fern in Australia at the same time as our All Blacks did in England; this was an amazing experience for me. As I walked out the door of my motel, mentally preparing myself for the day ahead, the All Blacks were performing the Haka at Millennium Stadium in Cardiff. 20 minutes before the end of their game, I was on the start line for my first international race, the 2015 Duathlon World Champs in Adelaide Australia. 1 hour and 7 minutes after I started, I finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the U19 age Group, managing a personal best time in both run legs and the cycle leg in my race. I am proud of my result, but know that there was no way that this could have been achieved without the months of training that had gone in with my fantastic coach and fellow training partner, Gareth Wright -who has given up many hours of his time to help me achieve this; and his training crew of James and Melina-Adam Holmes, who helped push

me through the hard sessions at the track. I cannot ever forget Mum and Dad who put up with me through this whole process. I would also like to acknowledge Unichem Wanganui, Wanganui East Club & Traxs Restaurant, Wanganui City Youth Council and The Wanganui Future Champions Trust who all helped me to achieve this goal. All of the support and messages from my close friends and family in New Zealand were hugely appreciated over the week leading up to the race and gave me the courage to get to the start line and race my heart out. Thank you all so much!

Briley Zimmerman



### SUMMER UNIFORM – Important reminder

#### BOYS:

- Black sandals **OR** black shoes with regulation school socks.
- NO black socks are permitted.
- NO facial hair – boys must be clean shaven at all times.
- Hair must be one natural colour, off the collar, out of eyes and tidy.
- Regulation Bucket Hat – available from the Office (\$9.00)

#### GIRLS:

- Summer skirt only.
- Black sandals **OR** black shoes with black full length stockings only.
- Hair must be tied up and one natural colour.
- Regulation Bucket Hat – available from the Office (\$9.00)

Students are not permitted to wear non regulation uniform to or from school. Students **MUST** be in full uniform at all times until they get home from school.

## Up n' Coming Events

### OCTOBER

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Junior Model  
United Nations

### NOVEMBER

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Exam Monitor  
meets with Exam  
Students

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Leaver's Mass  
Sports Prizegiving  
Senior Academic  
Prizegiving

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
NZQA Exams  
begin

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Y9 2016  
Orientation Day

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> -  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Junior Exams

### DECEMBER

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Final Junior Mass  
Junior Prizegiving

Year 13 students who plan on tertiary study next year are strongly encouraged to apply for their Student Allowance or Loan by 16 December.



StudyLink expects around 180,000 students to apply for their Student Allowance or Loan for the 2016 academic year. Applying by 16 December means StudyLink can get everything sorted so that the student receives their funding from the start of their course. Students don't need to have their NCEA results or have locked down all their plans in order to apply. Their application can be updated as things are confirmed. It's more important to allow enough time for all the steps in the application process to be completed. Students can find out more about applying for a student loan and allowance on the StudyLink website. Pop a reminder in your calendar, or even better – go straight to [studylink.govt.nz](http://studylink.govt.nz) to apply now.



**Students who plan on tertiary study after they leave school should apply for their Student Allowance or Loan by 16 December.**

It doesn't matter if you are still unsure where or what you'll be studying, the best thing is to apply early. Get your application in by 16 December to make sure you can get everything sorted ready for the start of your course – wherever or whatever it might be!

When applying for a Student Allowance or Loan for the first time, students need to prove their identity. This can be done online by signing up for a [RealMe](http://RealMe) verified identity.

Starting tertiary study is an exciting time, but there are a lot of things to be organised. Get one out of the way – apply now for your Student Loan or Allowance at [studylink.govt.nz](http://studylink.govt.nz)

Regards

The StudyLink Team

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## NOVEMBER

Monday 30th

NZSS Athletics

## DECEMBER

Friday 11th -  
Sunday 13th

NZSS Touch



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