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Cullinane College Dialogue

Principals Message

Thank you for reading our last newsletter for 2015. I am sure that like us the end of November and early December is a frantic time at work and at home for you. While it is hard to escape this it is also important that during this period of Advent that we also give ourselves the time to relax, think and reflect on the joy of the season. In the words of Fr. Brian Carmine, our Parish Priest, "Let us see hope, joy, peace and love; God provides, but he needs us to respond."

I would like to thank our students, parents, staff, volunteers and the Whanganui Catholic Community for your support of the College in 2015. The students and young people that we serve are at the heart of everything we do and their success is due to the generosity and love of so many people in our wider community. For those students who have been given extra support to gain NCEA qualifications in our Summer School, I hope you have grown from the experience, learned to love and believe in yourself a little more and have felt the genuine care and concern of those who have supported you. I am particularly grateful to Mr Bullock, Mrs Ansley and all those staff who have given so much in the last three weeks to model Christian service and love of others. I am sure the students and their families have appreciated it.

School finishes on Friday 11th December and I encourage as many parents, grandparents and friends of the College to join us in our final Mass and Junior Prizegiving. This starts at 9.30am. The College will be open for instruction in 2016 on Monday 1st February for Year 9 and Year 13, with the remainder of the school starting Tuesday 2nd February. After a relaxing Christmas break I am sure everyone will be looking forward to another successful year.

God Bless

Kevin Shore
Principal

FEATURED THIS ISSUE:

- Senior Academic Prize Giving
- Gateway Gossip
- Invitation to Opening Powhiri 2016
- Christmas Mass Times





NOTES N' QUOTES

SENIOR ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING



College Dux - Mona-Lisa Wareka
Proxime Accessit - Reihana Fisher



24th December –
Christmas Eve

St. Mary's Church
7.00pm Carols
7.30pm Mass

Holy Family Church
9.30pm Carols
10.00pm Mass

Jerusalem
7.00pm Mass

25th December –
Christmas Day

St. Mary's Church
9.00am - Carols
9.30am Mass

Kaiwhaiki
9.00am - Mass

St. Patrick's Church
,Patea 9.30am - Mass

Weekend Masses 26-
27th December

Holy Family
Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

St. Mary's Church
Sunday Mass - 9.30am

GATEWAY VIEWS

This has been another very busy year for the Gateway students. Twenty three of them (92%) gained NCEA Level 2 or Level 3 by the end of the year, whilst also undertaking work experience one day a week throughout the year.

Many Wanganui businesses supported these students as they learned how to turn up and present themselves in the work place. Cullinane College is very grateful for the help given by the following businesses:

Aramoho 4 Square
PakNSave
Riding for the Disabled
Blast and Paint
W & W Construction
Hardwired Electrical
Pooh Corner
Stepping Stones PreSchool

Guthries Auto Care Ltd
Ping IT

Riverview 4 Square
Hire It
Jett's Gym
Keith Travers –Builder
Dave Cragg Electrical
Montessori Pre-School
Central Baptist Kindergarten
Peter Campbell and Paul Mackintosh
– Farmers
Elite Engineering
Gilmore Construction

Two students, (Caleb Gosney-Matehaere and Jakob White) have earned themselves jobs as a result of their dedication and attitude to work. Both Elite Engineering and Hardwired Electrical will be starting these lads on to apprenticeships in the New Year. Mitchell Chapman was also employed by PakNSave in a part-time capacity. Congratulations to all three students and to all who made the most of the opportunity afforded them this year in Gateway.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Joshua D'Ath and Liam Aldridge spent part of the final two weeks of the school year completing the requirements for their Bronze Medal in the Duke of Edinburgh awards.



All parents, caregivers and whanau are invited

to join the staff in welcoming our New Entrant Students to the Cullinane Family at the **Opening Day Powhiri** on **Monday February 1st, 2016 at 9:30am.**

Please assemble at St Joseph's Chapel by 9:15am

IN THE LEARNING CENTRE

It has been a very busy year in the Learning Centre. Our students had a trip to Mt Ruapehu to experience the snow and Windermere Berry Farm to pick berries and then have real fruit ice-cream followed by an amble paced walk around Virginia Lake to celebrate the end of the term.

As the end of the school year approaches we sadly farewell our two teachers Deborah Foster who is heading to Arahunga Base School and Cate Johnson. We wish them well in their new adventures. Also we have two students moving onto Arahunga Base, Emaraina Paewai and Kaea Josephs- Ranginui. They will both be greatly missed around our school campus. Thanks to all the people that have contributed to another successful year in the Learning Centre.

Wishing everyone a safe and Merry Christmas. See you in 2016.

All of us in the Learning Centre.



DECEMBER

Friday 11th
- Final Jnr Mass
- Jnr Prizegiving

**Sunday 13th -
Thursday 17th**
- Young Catholic Leaders Conference

2016 JANUARY

**Sunday 17th -
Saturday 23rd**
- Marist Young Leaders

FEBRUARY

Monday 1st
- Welcoming Powhiri
Y9 & 13 and all other new students

Tuesday 2nd
Full Timetable - all students expected

Friday 5th
Missioning Mass

Monday 8th
Waitangi Day

Wednesday 10th
Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 10th Friday 12th
Y9 Journey Programme.



SCHOOL OPENING - FEBRUARY 2016

First Weeks Back:

Monday 1st February -Year 9 & 13 and new students – Powhiri at 9.15 for a 9.30 start. Meet outside the Chapel. There will be a morning tea afterwards. New students from other levels are dismissed to go home.

Tuesday 2nd February - Full school. Normal Timetable from Period 2.

Friday 5th February - Missioning Mass at 9.30 in the College Gymnasium. Parents and friends are welcome.

Wednesday 10th February – Friday 12th February: Year 9 Journey Programme.

STARTING 2016 RIGHT

Stationary Lists. These will be posted to the College website at the end of the year. Copies will also be available at Warehouse Stationary in January.

Option Counselling: Student Option Counselling will take place for **Years 11 to 13** on **Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January**. You will receive notification in the post regarding times.



SUNHATS

If there are any families who are interested in purchasing a sunhat for their child from the College, please contact the College Office. We can supply a bucket hat for students at a very reasonable price.

Holiday Office Hours

9.30am – 2pm Mon 14th – Friday 18th December 2015

9.30am - 2pm Monday 26th – Friday 29th January 2016

Normal Hours

8.15am – 3.30pm from Monday 1st February 2016