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It has been a pleasure introducing more than a hundred new students to our community this term. Almost eighty Year 9 students have now completed their 'Journey Programme' and spent a day with Fr. Mark Walls and his young Marist Team. They seem happy and comfortable in their new school, and it is exciting to see them already engaging in sport and cultural activities. I am grateful to Mrs Dayal (Year 9 Dean) for her support and care in welcoming this group into our school. Surprisingly, we have had about twenty five new students come into Year 10 and the senior school and we are doing our best to make the transition as easy as possible for these young men and women.

I want to congratulate our senior students of 2015. Our NCEA results at Years 11, 12 and 13 are the highest we have ever achieved, falling in a range from 97 – 98% and I am sure their families will be, in the main, proud of their efforts. These results are a community effort and I want to acknowledge the strong support of parents, the students themselves and the staff in the College. It will be a difficult act to follow in 2016.

I would like to welcome Kathleen O'Hara and Jeff Wagstaff to the College. Kathleen is teaching in the Mathematics faculty and is acting HOD Mathematics in Term 1 while Beryl Davis is undertaking missionary work overseas. Jeff is filling in for Mrs Davis in Term 1, also teaching Mathematics. I hope you both enjoy your time in our community.

We are currently in the season of Lent, building towards our Easter celebrations. All of the students participated actively in our Ash Wednesday liturgy and we would encourage you as a family to support our young people in this season of prayer and reflection. It would be great to see you all at our Easter Liturgy on Thursday March 24th at the College.

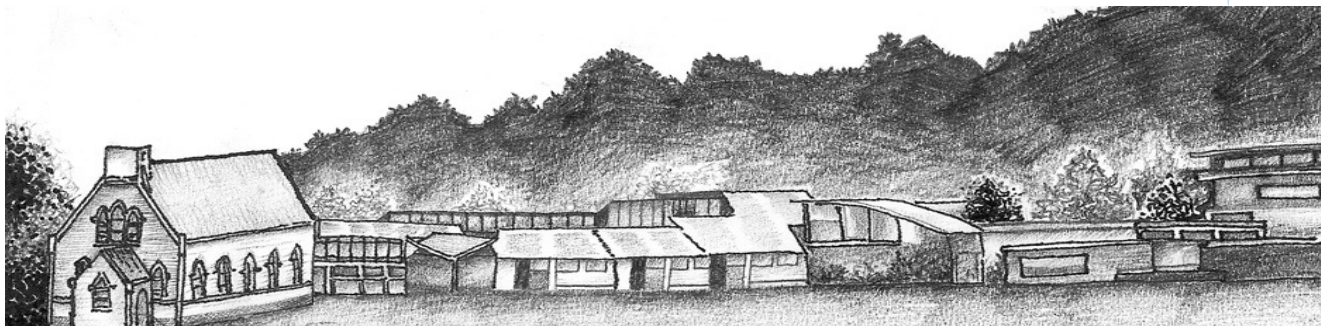
God Bless You All

Kevin Shore
Principal



FEATURED THIS ISSUE:

- School Trustees Elections
- "Your Education" Exchanges
- Alumni News



2016 TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

The current Board of Trustees at Cullinane College finishes its three year term in May 2016. Across the country, schools are at various stages of preparation as they ready themselves for the 2016 School Trustee Elections.

I would encourage parents and members of our community to put themselves forward to serve on our Board. The ongoing health of our organisation is dependent on good people serving on our Board, actively protecting our special character and our unique qualities as an educational community.

If you are interested in nominating yourself for the School Trustee Elections in 2016 then please contact Bernadette Thompson (Returning Officer) or Joanne O'Hara (Bursar) at the College.

I am hopeful that a good number of our parents will generously offer their service for the 2016 - 2018 trustee term.

Thank you for your consideration

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Principal



Angela Reynolds
Learning Centre



Kath Kirkwood
English



Jeff Wagstaff
Maths

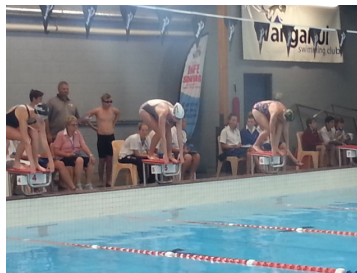


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Maths



Simon Beitcher
Learning Centre

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NOTES N' QUOTES

Up n' Coming Events

GOD ZONE

The first term seems to be racing by. It has been full of positive activity to date. The staff gathered at Whangaehu Marae for two days prior to school commencing where we undertook some learning around our Special Character. Sr Marie Skidmore informed us about the history of the Sister of St Joseph in Whanganui. Mike Delany shared his wisdom around incorporating Gospel values into all aspects of the curriculum. He will be returning in Week 8 of the term for further input.

Our Missioning Mass was held at the end of the first week and was a lovely celebration of welcome for new students and mission for everyone, particularly our Prefect team for 2016. Ash Wednesday was very early and our Liturgy Team led a very reflective liturgy.

During the Year 9 Journey Programme, the Prefects taught our Year 9's a little about the beginnings of Cullinane. Students visited significant areas on the campus and walked up to Mount St Joseph's, visiting the Quiet Room and the Wetlands. It was a very hot afternoon so the cold drink and biscuits provided for us were most appreciated. While at Parikino Marae the Year 9's learnt a little more about our SOUL values and how they relate to scripture and our Josephite and Marist charisms.

On February 12 I travelled to Sydney with our Head Students, Merania Woods-Te Huna and Connor Richardson to participate in JJAMM (Julian, Joseph and Mary MacKillop), with students from twenty-four other Josephite schools. This was a very special time and our students have returned enthused to act for justice.

Fr Mark Walls and the Marist education team spent a very productive day with our Year 9 students who have provided very positive feedback. They also led a parent evening to support the transition to Cullinane. There are booklets to help parents engage with their children around belonging to Cullinane. These will be sent out to parents who were unable to attend the meeting. Further parent meetings will be held once a term.

In Week Five of the term nine Year 12 students attended the Caritas Leadership Day. This was action packed and students came away with a greater understanding of Catholic social teaching and were enthused about organising this year's Caritas Challenge. Survive A Slum will be part of this challenge and will be held from 8-9 April.

During Week Six James Van Kerkhof and Isabella Gibney participated in the first Marist Neighbours Programme for the year. They have joined students from other Marist Colleges and will be going to Te Whaiti in the Uruweras.

This year both of our founding Religious Orders celebrate significant milestones. The Marist Order was founded in 1836, one hundred and eighty years ago. We will celebrate this later in the year. The Sisters of St Joseph are celebrating their Sesquicentenary (150 years) this year. They first came to Whanganui in April 1880 and have educated many generations of Whanganui children since then. The official date for their celebration is March 19, St Joseph's Day. We have invited the Sisters to join us for a celebratory Mass followed by morning tea on Friday March 18. The sisters have planned to celebrate this locally over the weekend of 30 April-01 May.

Next term we plan to run a Sacramental Programme at the College for students who are interested in being Baptised or making their First Communion. Students have been invited to put their names forward for this and a letter will go home to parents informing them. If you would like your son or daughter to be involved please contact me at the College.

After Easter our Junior Religious Studies classes will be participating in our Sexuality programme. Letters have gone home informing parents of this. Please contact me at the College if you have questions surrounding this.

Senior classes are now well under way with their first assessments for the year. Students should expect to spend time at home researching and working on their assignments. Please support their efforts in this.

God Bless
Helen Dougherty (DRS)

MARCH

Monday 21st
Early finish - Staff PD

Tuesday 22nd
Mass of the Oils in Palmerston North

Otago University visit

Thursday 24th
Easter Liturgy

**Friday 25th -
Tuesday 29th**
Easter Weekend

Wednesday 30th
Resurrection Liturgy

Thursday 31st
Catch-Up Photos

APRIL

**Saturday 2nd-
Monday 4th**
Head Students Forum

**Friday 8th -
Saturday 9th**
Survive A Slum

Friday 8th
End of Term Liturgy

MARCH

**Thursday 17th-
Sunday 20th**
NISS Rowing
Championships -
Lake Karapiro

Sunday 20th
NZSS Regional
Touch
Championships

Tuesday 22nd
WSS Triathlon

APRIL

**Friday 1st -
Monday 11th**
Maadi Cup Rowing
Championships -
Lake Ruataniwha

**Monday 4th-
Friday 8th**
National Waka
Ama

Tuesday 12th
WSS Aquathon

CULLINANE INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

The game changer.

Not only did Marist House win Athletics for the first time in several years but there were also 5 records broken. House spirit was taken to a whole new level and participation was at its best! The day was filled with lots of smiles, encouragement, enthusiasm and satisfaction but mostly sweat as we all tried our hardest to win and gain points for our house. Two houses in particular battled continuously throughout the day for 1st place but the 2016 Athletics champion is the well deserving MARIST House, who not only killed it out on the field but also in the grandstand with their chant and camo costumes. An honourable mention must be made to Columba, Mannix and Woods for their efforts. The day wrapped up with the Relays which were definitely a highlight. Looking around and seeing everyone cheer/scream as people sprinted those last 100m gave a sense of achievement to everyone, both in the stands and on the track.

The 5 new records set were:

Christie Wallace, Junior Girls Long Jump - 4.46m
Ellise Smith, Intermediate Girls Shot Put - 9.60m
Quinn Tauroa, Intermediate Boys High Jump - 1.80m
Quinn Tauroa, Intermediate Boys Long Jump - 5.68m
Rayden Huwyler-Hunia, Senior Boys Long Jump - 6.22m

Overall it's was an awesome day! It was definitely one to remember, especially for Marist. Cullinane students really upped their game this Athletics and I couldn't be prouder to have witnessed the change over 5 years in terms of House pride and involvement.

Claire Hicks - Year 13

**ALUMNI NEWS**

Chris Scudder – graduated from Cullinane in 2005 is now a 1st Year teacher of Year 5s and 6s at St Mary's Primary School in Whanganui.

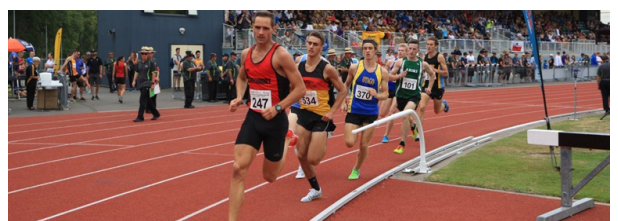
Caleb McGrail – graduated from Cullinane in 2007, recently received the Construction Management Scholarship for 2016 at the CPIT Architect and Engineer Awards.

Jordan Webb – graduated from Cullinane in 2009 is now a 1st Year teacher at Whanganui East Primary School.

Matthew O'Leary – graduated in 2009 is touring the country as a stand-up comedian and was recently nominated for Best Newcomer at the 2015 Wellington Comedy Awards.

Brad Mathas – graduated in 2010 recently finished first in the 800m at the 2016 NZ Track and Field Championships.

Sam Monaghan – graduated in 2013 is an apprentice barber at Barber Town Whanganui. Recently he received the 2015 Varda Barbering Apprentice of the Year Award for 2015.



Brett Cameron – graduated in 2014 and was recently named to the Highlanders Development Squad – the Crusading Knights – as the starting 1st Five Eighth.

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