

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It was such a pleasure to celebrate St Joseph's Day with a mass to honour 150 years of service since the founding of the Sisters of St Joseph. They have been a strong contributor to Catholic Education in the

Whanganui region and I myself had the pleasure of being educated by them at both primary and secondary level. We were lucky enough to have 9-10 of the Sisters in attendance and Bishop Peter Cullinane's presence highlighted the significance of the event. I would like to congratulate the Sisters on behalf of our College community for all those wonderful years of service and the memories that go with them.

I hope everyone in our community had a holy, happy and restful Easter break. There is now only two and a half weeks to go before the end of term and it would be nice to get full focus back into the classroom.



Cullinane College

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 10

Celebrating 150 years

SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH

TE KAHUI TUAHINE O HATO HOHEPA



Mary Mackillop taken about 1875



Julian Tenison Woods



Sisters Hyacinth, Joseph, Clare & Teresa left Perthville to begin the NZ branch in Wanganui.

The College celebrated the 150 year anniversary of the Sister of St Joseph. The Mass held wasn't our typical Full School Mass. As we entered, we were surrounded by darkness except for the few candles which navigated the path and seated rows. In front of us played a slideshow of eye opening photos that captured the struggle others are going through, such as refugees starving and suffering around the world. The Mass was led by Father Don Don and there were special guests who attended the Mass such as Bishop Cullinane, the Sisters of St Joseph and Pa Hancy.

As we stood up and joined the lines for communion, in the background the Kapa Haka team sang beautifully. There was more student interaction in this Mass. Each form class from each of the House's selected a student to take up an enlarged welcoming hand; written on it was the names of everyone in the form class and a quote from inspirational people.

- Claire Hicks



Blue Light Youth Skills Camps

These Life skills camps are for youth from 14 - 17 years old. Students must be healthy and physically fit. The camps are run by the Police with a focus on leadership skills, team work, good communication and being receptive of new ideas. They are great for young people considering the defence force or Police as a career choice. They cost \$500 which is a four day all inclusive camp in Taupo, Wellington or Auckland. See Ms Kendrick for application forms or go on-line to www.bluelight.co.nz. The Taupo course is in late April and the Wellington one is in the beginning of July. Act fast!

Easter Liturgy



EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to Macy Duxfield & Noeline O'Connor who were the winners of the College Easter Raffle. Thank you to all of the staff, caregivers and students who took part in the College Raffle. \$125 was raised to go towards the Senior School Ball.



Up & Coming Events

Monday, 4th April - Sunday, 10th April
Maadi Cup

Monday, 4th April - Friday, 8th April
National Waka Ama Champs

Friday, 8th April - Saturday, 9th April
Caritas Challenge

Tuesday, 12th April
Junior Debate v's Girls College & WSS Aquathon

Thursday, 14th April
Junior Debate v's High School

Friday, 15th April
End of Term Liturgy

Saturday, 16th April - Sunday, 1st May
HOLIDAYS

Monday, 9th May
Yr 9 Parent Evening

Wednesday, 11th May
Combined School Mass

North Island Championship Rowing

On March 18-20th, Cullinane's Rowing squad took to the water at Lake Karapiro for the North Island Secondary School Championships. Out of the heats on the Friday, our squad came away with C Final appearances for our Girls U15 Quad featuring Pippa Petersen, Shannah Andrews, Stephenie Weston, Jayde Hawkes and Christie Wallace; Girls Novice U18 Double featuring Piper Zimmerman and Jayde Hawkes; and our Boys U16 Double featuring Craig Syme and Brennan Knopf. As well we also had one crew make a B Final - Girls U15 Double featuring Stephenie Weston and Pippa Petersen.

Finally, the highlight of the weekend was the A Final appearances for our Boys Novice U18 Double of Lukas Schilling and Xavier Mohr and for our Boys U16 Quad with Kurt Browning, Craig Syme, Brennan Knopf, Donovan Thompson and Angus Barry. All of our finishes were above expectations, especially considering the size and experience of some of the crews they were up against. Well done to everyone who rowed that weekend.



END OF TERM: The last day of Term One is Friday 15th April. School will be dismissed for the holidays at approximately 2pm after a school Liturgy.

Bus students can wait for the bus (at the usual time) in Rm HD.

YEAR 13 SPORT SCIENCE CAMP





Students from the Catholic schools of Whanganui pictured with Bishop Charles at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit following the Mass of the Oils during Holy Week.

REMINDER: Combined School Mass

On Wednesday, May 11th at 10am the College will be gathering at the War Memorial Hall to have a combined school Mass involving all of Wanganui's Catholic Schools.

PLEASE NOTE: Students will be doing a pilgrimage walk from the College. Therefore, students are to attend school as usual at 8.50am. After form time, they will then walk to the War Memorial Hall.

If the weather is wet, students will be bused to the venue.

This is a formal school occasion and therefore the students uniforms are expected to be clean and smart.

At the conclusion of the Mass, students will be bused back to the College where lessons will continue as normal.

EQUESTRIAN NEWS

Jessica Austin; lining up ready to take the cross country course on her horse Vogue at the Nga Tawa Equestrian Competition. Jessica tackled some pretty scary jumps on the day, despite having a rather stubborn horse. Well done Jessica!



SOCIAL STUDIES CORNER

Over the last three weeks all students at Cullinane College joined 147,000 students across New Zealand by having their say with Kids Voting for the second referendum on the New Zealand flag. Kids Voting is designed to raise awareness among young people about NZ's electoral processes. The aim is to build first hand experience of active participation by young people, increasing their personal understanding, belief and confidence in electoral participation.



Term 2, Winter Uniform

WINTER SHOES

Please ensure that when purchasing shoes for your son/daughter, that they are school regulation shoes.



GIRLS

- ◇ Cullinane Winter skirts must be regulation length – mid-calf only. *
- ◇ Junior School: A long sleeved white formal shirt available from any clothing store - (must be worn with school tie)
- ◇ Senior School: Blue shirt (must be worn with school tie). *
- ◇ Stockings, Tights, Knee highs in dark navy blue.

BOYS

- ◇ Long black trousers only. Trousers must only be worn with shirt and tie (not with Summer polo shirt)
- ◇ Junior School: A long sleeved white formal shirt available from any clothing store - (must be worn with school tie)
- ◇ Senior School: Blue shirt (must be worn with school tie). *

Junior School: Year 9-11, Senior School: Year 12 & 13

Items can be purchased from *Andersons for Men*, Victoria Avenue, Wanganui (Ph:3455220) Layby Available.

We are extremely fortunate to have Fr Mark Walls and the Marist team come into our College to work with our students from each year level.

They will also be providing a parent programme for our Year 9 parents. This programme is designed to assist parents, and is also a very helpful guide for supporting parents to understand what a Catholic school is all about.

The meetings will be held in the Performing Arts Centre and commence at 6.30pm on the following dates.

Monday 9th May, Monday 1st August, Monday 17th October

Parents are warmly invited, and encouraged to attend each of these meetings.

Reminder: Year 9 Parent Evening