

Cullinane College Newsletter

Term 2, Week 10

Principals Message

Term 2 has flashed past for me this year. So many things have happened that reflect positively on our students. While I was in China at the start of the term, our O'Shea Shield team competed in New Plymouth with Macy Duxfield and Christie Wallace being outstanding in their oratory and scripture reading. I believe the drama and debating teams also competed with distinction but most of all I am proud that our students showed themselves to be good, decent young adults all weekend. Thank you to the team and our staff who attended.

Talking of China we are expecting 8 lovely young men and women from our Sister School Zuzhou No.36 to be with us for three weeks at the start of Term 3. I believe we will also have two young Japanese students with us at the same time so it should be a wonderful time of cultural exchange and friendship. Our students are always wonderful hosts and I expect that will be the case this time.

When you read this newsletter it is likely that you have just attended Family Day. Thank you so much for coming along and working with us to create the best possible outcome for your son or daughter. If they are falling behind academically, then we are more than happy to meet with you and explore what options we can do to improve the situation. If your son or daughter is in Year 11-13 we will be monitoring them closely and if we are concerned, we will arrange a meeting and together put in place a plan to support each young person. In the past this process has been very effective and last year 97 - 100% of students with a course in NCEA level 1-3 achieved the qualification.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the work of Ms Gaylene Edmonds who has resigned effective from the end of Term 2. Gaylene has been a very energetic teacher of Food Technology and the Performing Arts and she will be missed. In the short term we may struggle to offer Dance/Drama at Year 9/10 but I am very motivated to make sure this is once again available at the start of 2017. Thanks Gaylene and best wishes for the future.

I wish all our young people a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to Term 3.

Kevin Shore
Principal



Staff First Aid Training

Congratulations to the following staff members who recently completed First Aid Training.

Kevin Shore, Kaye Robertson, Darryl Daignault, Lance Hayes, Anna Fraser, Toni Jenkins, Lalina Dayal, Lida Penn, Rhonda Svendsen & Aileen Quirk all passed Level One First Aid Training.

Annette Monaghan & Ginni Duxfield passed Level 2 First Aid Training.

The Davis's Trip to Bangladesh

My husband Peter and I received an invitation last year to participate in a Bible translation workshop in Bangladesh, in February-March 2016. This interested us as my sister Ruth is a paediatrician in the north of Bangladesh, and we had never been to visit her in the 11 years she has served there. She felt God's call on her life to be a missionary doctor from an early age. I am grateful to Mr Shore and the board of trustees who were willing to release me for 8 weeks to take the trip, to visit my sister and participate in the workshop.



The first four weeks were spent in Savar, on the outskirts of Dhaka. This is one of the most densely populated areas in the world. Some people might remember hearing on the news about a clothing factory which collapsed in Savar in 2013 and killed 1130 people. The workshop was held quite close to the location of this building.

My main role at the workshop was teaching English, a new experience for me. Specifically I focused on Figures of Speech (similes, metaphors, personification, and many others). I was teaching young adults, many of whom are still finishing their University studies but are also taking on the task of translating the Bible from English and Bangla, into their own tribal languages. Mr Davis was working in a coordination and administration role.

The women all wore traditional dress - salwar kameez and orna. It was very hot (usually 32-35 degrees), and not being able to wear summer tops and skirts or shorts was a bit challenging. We enjoyed the food, which was always eaten with the fingers of the right hand, not knives and forks. The Bangladeshis think the food tastes better this way! Mostly the food was rice or roti, thin daal, chicken curry, fish with many bones, curried vegetables and eggs. Also served at a main meal were fresh cucumber, tomatoes and chilli's.

While in Dhaka we had the opportunity to visit a number of different projects set up to help the people. One was a women's and children's shelter. Destitute women and children are picked up off the street, given shelter, food and education.



After the workshop finished, we travelled north to the district of Dinajpur where my sister Ruth works at LAMB hospital. Ruth has worked there as a paediatrician on and off since 1998. She works as a faith missionary, and does not receive a salary. The hospital has various wards but their focus is women and children. There is a 9-bed obstetric ward which handles about 4000 births each year. Because of the poverty in Bangladesh, many babies are born sick or undernourished and Ruth's mission is to help them survive. We spent Easter at LAMB, with a 3 hour church service on the Sunday. Everyone dresses up, so my sister and I dressed in saris that day.

At LAMB there is also a school, which provides education for the children of hospital staff and others from the local district. Mr Davis and I helped out at the school for 3 weeks. I taught some maths, and we both assisted at reading times. Education is highly valued in Bangladesh as jobs are very hard to come by. A good education is critical if you want a good job, and knowledge of English gives people an advantage. Education is not provided free by the government in Bangladesh and parents make great sacrifices to send their sons and daughters to school and university. There are very few behaviour issues in classes and education is delivered using blackboards, chalk and books.



I have great admiration for people like my sister Ruth, who choose to spend their lives working to help people for little monetary reward. One lady who is a maths and physics teacher at the LAMB school has chosen to spend her retirement years serving like this instead of taking it easy. Over all this was a very interesting experience for both of us. It made us appreciate even more the wonderful country we live in, in New Zealand. We also appreciate how much we have, and how little so many people in the world have in comparison. If you ever have the chance to do a cross-cultural service opportunity, our advice would be to take it.

Gateway News

Gateway students devote one day a week to work experience in a field of interest to them. These four students have impressed their employers with their keenness and positivity. Exactly what one likes to have in their work place. Our thanks goes to Wanganui Vets, Element Cafe and Restaurant, Ethan Fine furniture and Pulse Auto 2000



Craig Syme helping Ethan's Fine Furniture with their next export shipment



Raekahu Hati-Bennett as a Maitre'd in training at Elements Cafe and restaurant



Breanna Hobman helping a bunny in theatre at Wanganui Vets Centre



Jamal Ross working at Pulse Auto 2000

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

If your son/daughter have any overdue Library books at home, these must be returned ASAP please.



Senior Geography Trip

The Year 13 Geography students recently went on a fieldtrip to Rotorua to consolidate learning for the Tourism Development as a Cultural Process external unit of work. We left on a Sunday and visited Whakarewarewa Thermal Village and the Buried Village. We went to the Tamaki Maori Cultural Evening, which was very entertaining and the hangi smorgasbord meal was well received by all. On Monday we visited the Rotorua Museum (with a great lecture on the course content) and the Agrodome (Sheep Show) where Rayden won the auction for a sheep. Our next stop was Agroventures where we experienced two thrill rides; the screams from the swoop could be heard in Rotorua. We had a guided tour and talk at Te Puia. On Wednesday we went to the most anticipated attraction... Skyline Rides and the luge rides. We learnt a lot and really enjoyed ourselves.

NZ Schools XC Champs

Makaia Matthews and Tomasi Connor represented the College at the 43rd New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships in Rotorua Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th June.

Placings:

Year 9 Girls Race Makaia placed 57 out of 94 runners. She covered the 3km course in 13min:05sec

Year 9 Boys Race Tomasi placed 84 out of 164 runners. He covered the 3km course in 11min:39sec

Both students backed up their individual performance on the Saturday by representing the Whanganui Secondary Schools XC teams in the regional relay on the Sunday. Students put in an excellent effort over the two days and represented their schools and region well.



2016 NCEA Fees

NZ Qualifications Authority charge Year 11 – 13 students NCEA fees each year to have their results recorded on their Record of Achievement, and to receive certificates.

NCEA Fees for 2016 are \$76.70 per student. Scholarship fees are additional.

You are more than welcome to make part-payments towards this fee but all NCEA fees must be paid in full by **Wednesday, 31st August 2016**.

Financial Assistance is available if parents or caregivers meet one of the following conditions:

- Two or more students are entered for NCEA with fees more than \$200.
- Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit.
- Have a Community Services Card.
- Have joint family income that qualifies for a Community Services Card.

In order to qualify for financial assistance, you are required to complete an application form which is available from the Bursar or College office.

Please contact the Bursar, Joanne O'Hara if you have any queries related to NCEA fees or financial assistance.

If you have recently changed address, email or your contact phone numbers, please update this information at the College.

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COMING SOON

25 July - 29 July
NSS Kapa Haka
Competition

28 July
WSS Squash

29 July - 23 August
Xuzhou Students
Visit

1 August
Year 9 Parent
Evening

16 August
Yr 11 Sport Science
Ski Trip

22 August
Senior Exam Week

6 September
Early Finish (1.40pm)

12 September
Dental Van Arrives