

# Cullinane College Newsletter

Week 8, Term 4

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

### Principals Comment

As we enter the Churches' season of Advent and the coming of Christ at Christmas, there is a feeling of new beginnings rather than endings. In 2017, our Year 13 students begin their life after school, our Year 12 students move into a strong position of leadership and our Year 10's start their journey in the senior school. I thank the students for what they have done and achieved this year and wish them a holy, happy and enjoyable break as they prepare for 2017.

I have just returned from a week where we were involved in organising and facilitating the Marist Network Charity Awa Run. This was the first time this event has been run so it was a pleasure having four other Colleges, Hato Paora, Roncalli College (Timaru), St Patrick's College, Kilburnie and St Patrick's College (Silverstream) with us on the journey. We received tremendous hospitality from the hosts at Raetihi, Ranana, Parikino and Kaiwhaiki Maraes and thank them for their love and care.

It was a challenging journey with temperatures in the mid-twenties (melting tar), long steep climbs and niggling injuries as a result of the constant pounding in this terrain. The students learned much about themselves and had to be strong mentally to keep going and not give up. In the end, our cause of supporting the young people of Minginui was a strong motivator and kept us moving forward. Highlights for many were the visit to Jerusalem/Hiruhārama and the beautiful Chapel and the jet boat trip on the Whanganui Awa.

It was a successful journey with our Catholic faith at the forefront and it was a pleasure to get to know both the students and staff of our fellow Colleges. A big thank you to Fr. Mark Walls for accompanying us during this special journey.

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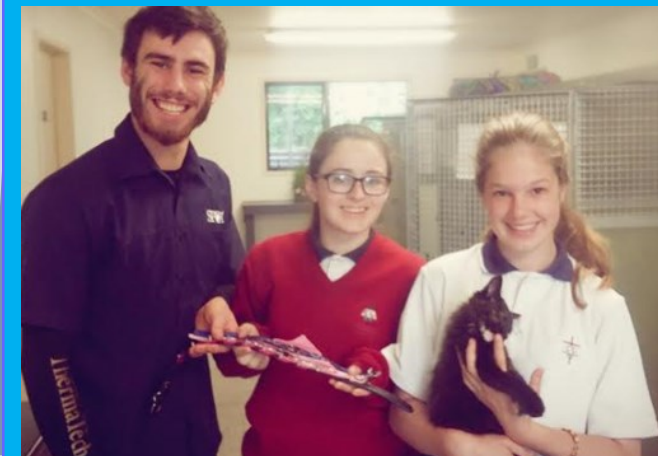
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## GIFTED & TALENTED

Caitlin Jones and Jessica Austin from Miss Fraser's Gifted and Talented Group, visited the SPCA to donate some hand made collars for the animals up for adoption. The girls made these collars as part of our Term 4 projects on Selflessness



## YEAR 9 RETREAT

On Monday & Thursday of this week, our Year 9 cohort have taken part in a College retreat held in the school Chapel. The students keenly took part in this event and reflected on their progress and growth over the past year.



## TOUCH NEWS

Cullinane Junior Boys and Junior Girls Touch teams played in the Central Six Tournament at Springvale Park on Friday 18 November. Both teams played a great game.



### Junior Prize Giving: Tuesday 13th December

School will commence at 8.50am. **All students are expected to attend school on this day and in full school uniform.** The final Mass for the year will be at 9.30am in the College Gymnasium. Parents and friends of the College are welcome to attend and stay for morning tea. Junior Prize Giving will be held at 11.00am after morning tea in the Gymnasium. Students will be dismissed for the year after the Prize Giving at approximately 12.00pm.

**Bus Students:** The bus will operate from Cullinane for rural students at 12.30pm

**Overdue Library Books** - If you have any over due library books at home, please return these in ASAP to the College Library.



## Coming Up

Monday, Dec 5th -

Tuesday, Dec 6th

**NZSS Athletics**

Friday, Dec 9th -

Sunday, Dec 11th

**NZSS Touch**

Monday, Dec 12th

**Activity Day**

Tuesday Dec 13th

**FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL**

**Mass, 9.30am start  
Junior Prize Giving,  
11am start.**

**Parents/Caregivers  
are welcome to  
attend.**

Wed, Feb 1st

**Whole school re-  
turns to school**

Tuesday, Feb 7th

**Missioning Mass**

Tuesday, Feb 21st

**Cullinane Athletics  
Day**

## MARIST AWA RUN

