



# NEWSLETTER 1, FEBRUARY 17, 2017

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## THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### UP N COMING EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
13HD Class Mass

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Cullinane Athletics

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**-Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Gateway First Aid Course

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
13LP Class Mass

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
ICPE Outreach Visit  
Shrove Tuesday

## MARCH

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Ash Wednesday

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
WSS Lifesaving & Swimming  
12A Class Mass

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Marist Young Neighbours

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Justice Leadership Day

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Viard Shield Athletics

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Student Photos

It was great to get the College started this year! After a few weeks of constant issues preceding the start of school we managed to stagger over the line and get school started on time. Unfortunately, the now infamous vinyl flooring is still holding up the demolition programme and could take at least another week to remove so we are now four weeks behind schedule. Hopefully, progress will be more positive over the remainder of the year, as we need the final rebuild to be completed before the NZQA examinations in November 2017 (as the new facility will be our Examination Centre). Thank you to everyone in our community for your support over this testing time.

The academic review of the 2016 NCEA results has highlighted levels of achievement never seen before. It is very humbling to see 98.5% pass rates at NCEA Level 1, 97% at NCEA Level 2 and 100% at Level 3. I did a quick analysis and 150 out of 153 senior students with a full course achieved their qualification. The result was quite staggering and should be celebrated and enjoyed as these statistics represent the highest levels of achievement in our history. Well done to all the students, parents, staff and iwi who have contributed to this result.

Quite unusually, I have had to employ a significant number of new teachers for 2017. As a result, Mrs Caitriona Davies (Science & Physics), Mrs Sophie Hart (Performing Arts

& English), Ms Christine England (Food Technology) and Mrs Erica Duggan (Computing) have joined the teaching staff. Mrs Debra Benefield is also on staff this term covering Ms Helen Dougherty who is on sabbatical, while Ms Alicia Prince is with us for Term One as Sports Coordinator. We are very lucky to have these staff in the College and each has strengths that will benefit our students. I am looking forward to their contribution in 2017 and I wish them well.

As I write this newsletter item we have just completed our Missioning Mass. It was nice to have our new parish priest, Fr. Marcus Francis, preside over the Mass where we welcomed 70 new Year 9 students and a handful of students at other levels. The new student leadership team was also "missioned" at the Mass and I look forward to seeing the new leadership model in action. I know the change in leadership model has confused some in our community but hopefully the role of our student leaders will become clearer for you as the year progresses. In simplistic terms the model focuses on leadership as 'service' rather than position. The life and witness of Jesus has been the inspiration behind this change.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge those in our community who have lost loved ones recently. In particular, our prayers and love go out to the Manuel whanau who lost Raniera and Whetumarama only a few weeks apart, while Miss Goldsworthy lost her cherished mum, Sue Baldwin and the Rawhiri whanau lost their cherished nan, Ngarama O Te Ao Hawira. God Bless you and your families.

K B Shore  
Principal



## OPENING DAY



## **PASTORAL NOTES**

2017 has roared into life for everyone. I have noticed a very positive Christian culture at school based around our Soul Values – Service Optimise Unity Love. The return of some of our Senior Leaders from the Marist Youth Leader Programme in January has reinforced this extremely well.

There have been a few changes to our pastoral team this year. Some of the Deans have followed their year group from last year and so by now parents and students will be getting to know their Dean particularly well.

The Team is as follows:

Yr 9 Sna Lida Penn-Reina  
Yr 10 Mrs Lalina Dayal  
Yr 11 Miss EJ Goldsworthy  
Yr 12 Ms Gaylene Kendrick  
Yr 13 Mrs Tasha Bullock  
Mr Kamaka Manuel heads the juniors in yr 9 & 10 and Mr Marty Bullock heads the Seniors yr 11-13

*The Year 9 Cullinane Journey Programme 2017 has been a fantastic experience this year.* The Journey Programme is designed to teach our students what the values of Cullinane College are and give our students 'a place to stand' in terms of their connection with the College. The three days of activities, with our senior leaders running the activities and mentoring the Year 9s was exceptional. The students also learnt about the College's history through song and haka. The Water Activity on the Whanganui Awa was a highlight for most of the students. Already we can see the benefit for the Year 9's of positive relationships with our senior leaders and teachers. New friendships have been formed amongst the Year 9 cohort and the students have a far better understanding of our school's culture.

The Whanau Powhiri on Thursday night at Parikino Marae was a highlight for many of us. It was fantastic to see so many parents, uncles, aunts and grandparents coming to support their children and become an important part the College too.

We look forward to seeing our students develop and grow this year and look forward to working with our parents to ensure we get the best out of one another.

The following list is ideas for you to get involved in school life which will help your student and the school be successful this year:

**Attend parent interviews** – get to know your child's teachers.

**Attend Family Day** with your son or daughter where you will receive a detailed report on your son/daughters progress.

**Pop in on Athletics Day** to see some events and other school events.

**Help** with fundraising activities.

**Help** with sports coaching/management and field trips.

**Assist coaches** at sporting events.

If you have any queries or concerns contact the Form teacher or Dean straight away.

Over the coming newsletters one of the members of our pastoral team will submit an article about College life and the pastoral issues we might face this year. Have a great year. God bless. Nga mihi nui

Marty Bullock  
Deputy Principal

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## **THE NURSES STATION**

School Based Health Services

Kia ora, my name is Samantha Hoyle. I am a Public Health Nurse based at the Public Health Centre at Whanganui Hospital and employed by the Whanganui District Health Board. I am providing the School Based Health Services at Cullinane College. My role is to provide free health services to all students. A specific health and wellbeing assessment (HEEADSSS) is offered for Year 9 students. A brochure (School Based Health Services) would have been sent out prior to school starting. This health assessment will provide Year 9 students with the opportunity to individually meet with a nurse to talk about things that may affect their health and wellbeing and, thereby, their learning.

The HEEADSSS assessment will include hearing and vision screening, blood pressure, weight, height, and social wellbeing conversations. This assessment is intended to support learning, school performance and positive youth development for all students. If health or social issues are identified the student will be supported to address the issues. If you do not wish

your child to receive this assessment or have any questions please feel free to contact me. I will be available at the school Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Services available through this clinic include health information, advice and assessments and referral to other services and/or agencies.

Samantha Hoyle  
Public Health Nurse  
(06) 348 1786

For additional information on the HEEADSSS assessment, please follow the link below.  
<http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/youth-mental-health-project/youth-mental-health-project-initiatives/expanded-school-based-health-services-making-difference>

## MISSIONING MASS



## STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

Congratulations to Bradley Kirkland, Ainslee Pikimaui and Kyra Garrett who won scholarships to study at Wanganui UCOL in 2017. Bradley won \$9000 over three years to study a Degree in Computer Technology. Ainslee, is starting a Business Certificate this year and will consider where to go after that. Kyra will be putting her scholarship toward studying Nursing at UCOL next year. Both Bradley and Ainslee went to Palmerston North to receive their awards. Many thanks to UCOL for their support of our students.



## YEAR 9 JOURNEY PROGRAMME



**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION FOR OUR FILES  
COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE OFFICE**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT DETAILS: DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CELLPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_