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GODS ZONE

UP N COMING EVENTS

MARCH

Sunday 5th - Saturday 11th
Marist Young Neighbours

Monday 6th - Tuesday 7th
Justice Leadership Day

Tuesday 7th Viard Shield Athletics

Wednesday 8th
Student Photos

Thursday 9th - Sunday 12th
North Island Rowing Champs

Sunday 11th WSS Triathlon

Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th
Sport Sci. Camp

Tuesday 14th
Massey University

Wednesday 15th
WSS Athletics

Thursday 16th
Victoria University

Wednesday 22nd
Mufti Day for Leuka

Thursday 23rd
Parent/Teacher Interviews

What an energetic and enjoyable first five weeks we have had on our Special Character front at Cullinane College.

To start the year we had the Journey Programme where our students learnt about the history of our school and the importance and influence of our Marist and Josephite Charisms. We also had our Missioning Mass at the start of the second week to welcome all of our amazing Year 9 students. Each student was given a candle to symbolise the light that will guide them in the new journey that they are taking as secondary



school students. This light is the light of Christ that will guide them through the years they are with us in our school.

In recent weeks we started our preparations for Lent with a lovely breakfast on Shrove Tuesday followed by Ash Wednesday where we had a spirit filled Liturgy prepared for us by our Tuakanas.

Our Friday class Masses started in Week Three and students are participating with enthusiasm and reverence. In addition to these events, we have sent our first two Year 12 students on the Young Marist Neighbours programme with Father Mark Walls and 10 Year 12 students are participating in a Caritas Leadership day in the Palmerston North Dioceses.

In the weeks ahead we have "Survive A Slum" on the 7th of April as well as our Easter Liturgy and O'Shea Shield preparations for Term Two. It has been busy, however, it is very rewarding seeing our students getting involved and feeling part of our Special Character.

We are very proud of our Catholic Heritage and our hope, as a staff, is that we can help our students through our teaching, traditions, rituals and beliefs to explore their own spirituality and that during the time they are with us in our community, they can encounter Jesus Christ.

They should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us. Act 17:27

Lida Penn-Reina

ICPE MISSION



PASTORAL NOTES

The Role of the Dean

The Deans' roles are many, varied and incredibly important in creating a culture and environment where students are safe and able to reach their true potential.

The Dean oversees the pastoral and discipline systems of their assigned year level and work alongside SMT to ensure the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of individuals, the year group and the College.

The Dean will do this by:

- Overseeing discipline issues, attendance and achievement forms, daily reports, facilitating Deans restorative meetings for incidents and attendance and recommendations to SMT regarding behaviour
- Liaising with relevant staff, students, parents, counsellors, RTLBs and other necessary outside agencies, etc.
- Initiating year level activities, rewards, extracurricular activities, camps etc
- Academic Monitoring - overseeing Academic well-being of students
- Facilitating Restorative Practice Huis
- Initiating curriculum and learning initiatives
- Structuring classes
- Liaising with other schools regarding student enrolments.
- Attending pastoral meetings and School Board meetings when necessary
- Working with assigned Deans at other year levels to assist
- Supporting initiatives – PB4L
- Phoning parents at the beginning of the year to open lines of communication and establish if there are any issues that the school need to be aware of.
- Undertaking Restorative Practice training and using these practices in the solving of conflict and other issues.
- Operating activities specific to each level i.e. levels assemblies, camps, parents evenings, prefects, credit review etc. etc. etc.

HELP WANTED

Every student in the College should have a fair chance at achieving to the best of their ability on every assessment they face. For some of our students that means the assistance of a Reader and/or a Writer in order to clearly understand and present their understanding. As such, the College is looking for some Volunteers to assist these students throughout the year with their Internal Assessments. Ex-school teachers would be ideal candidates, but all applicants will be considered.

If you would be interested in supporting our students in this way, please contact the College office during regular school hours on: 06 349 0105.

UNIFORM INFORMATION

ANDERSONS

Andersons are the stockists for our Cullinane College school uniform. Parents should be starting to think about purchasing or putting uniform items on layby for their child's winter uniform.

Andersons provide an excellent service for the College and would like parents to know that they are also now handling our second hand uniforms. Parents are encouraged to bring their unwanted good quality second hand uniform items into Andersons who will negotiate a fair buy back price. Please note: they will only consider purchasing uniforms in very good, clean condition.

Any families who wish to donate uniform items are encouraged to drop these into the College Office. Many of our families in the past have been very grateful to the generosity of those donating these items.

COMMUNITY HEADS UP

Please be aware that at the end of the month of March, there will be some road closures due to Whanganui's hosting of the National Triathlon Championships. This event will be taking place from Wednesday the 29th of March to Friday the 31st. Due to the number of competitors expected, there will be a number of road closures over the three day event. The closures are as follows:

Taupo Quay from Market Place to Bates Ave. (29th of March)

From Drews Ave to Glasgow Street along Somme Parade. This will include the closure of the Dublin Street Bridge. (30th of March)

From Drews Ave to just before the Dublin Street Roundabout (31st of March)

For more information watch the Sport Whanganui website and our Facebook and Website as the date draws closer.