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UP N COMING EVENTS

MARCH

Wednesday 22nd
Mufti Day for Leuka

Thursday 23rd
Parent/Teacher
Interviews

Nga Tawa
Equestrian

**Sunday 26th-
Sunday 2nd April**
Maadi Cup

**Monday 27th-
Friday 31st**
NZSS Waka Ama
Regatta

APRIL

Monday 3rd
Staff PD - Early
Finish - 1:40pm

Wednesday 5th
Waikato University
visit

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Thursday 6th
Race Unity Speech
Competition

**Friday 7th-
Saturday 8th**
Survive A Slum

Tuesday 11th
Mass of the Oils

Thursday 13th
End of Term Liturgy

This is the second week of Lent.

Lent is a period where we focus on living, prayer, and reflection in order to encounter God. Fasting was the traditional practice during this season. However, today many Christians choose to give up something important to them; like special food, media or electronic devices.

In the last newsletter I mentioned some of the activities that we had participated in and some of our upcoming events that promote and encourage our Catholic Special Character. This week I was very excited to see our students supporting one of their peers. On Wednesday the 22nd of March we held a mufti day for Leuka Coffey and his family. On the 7th of April we will hold our annual Survive a Slum. The students participating will not only be collecting funds for Caritas, but will also be gaining an awareness of how others in the world live and an understanding that some people are not as privileged as those here in NZ. I am equally excited to see that 40 students have signed up for this event and they have already started collecting money, so please consider sponsoring them.

Whanganui Secondary Schools Triathlon

WELL DONE!! Te Mana Kaua!! Placing 3rd in the Whanganui Secondary Schools Triathlon 2017!

Whanganui Secondary Schools Athletics Championships.

Congratulations to the following students who placed at the Whanganui Secondary Schools Athletics Championships 2017.

Maze Thompson-Koro / 1st place – Junior Girls Javelin

Makaia Matthews / 1st place – Intermediate Girls 200M

Tomasi Connor / 1st place – Intermediate Boys Javelin

4x100M Relay

- Ioane Hough-Aki
- Dareus Hina-Pauro
- Jamie O'Hagan
- Tomasi Connor

GODS ZONE

Over the next few weekends our student leadership team will be visiting all of the Parish Sunday Masses to promote Survive a Slum and also meet with our parishioners.

On the 11th of April we will be taking two vans of students to the Mass of Oils at the Cathedral in Palmerston North to support our Priests in this celebration of their commitment to Priesthood. Finally, we finish the term with Holy Week.

Lastly, I must mention the Feast Day of St Joseph (March 19th). As a Josephite school we acknowledge the importance of the Josephite Charism.

“Matthew 1:20-25 tells us that Joseph was a strong man of faith. He just trusted God and carried out the request made by God. When the Angel appeared to him in a dream and told him the story about Mary and the Child she was carrying, Joseph without any complaint took Mary as his wife. This shows Joseph’s unquestioned faith and trust in God”

(<http://www.family-prayer.org/st-joseph.html>) - Site owned by Candida Irugalbandara)

Lida Penn-Reina

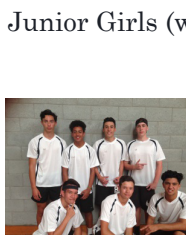
SPORTS SHORTS

Whanganui Secondary School Volleyball Competition

We currently have 4 teams in the Secondary School Volleyball Competition. The turn-out of students creates for an awesome environment. We have some pretty good results so far and with only 3 games left we are hoping to place in the top three for most of our teams.

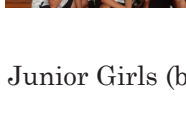


Senior Girls / 7th Place.



Junior Girls (white) 4th Place

Mixed 1st Place



Junior Girls (blue) 2nd Equal



CONGRATULATIONS

Exciting news! Macy Duxfield's application for the Sir Peter Blake Young Enviro Leaders Forum was successful. Around 500 applications were received for the event, and Macy was selected to attend.

The Forum will take place in Auckland from April 18 to 24, 2017 and 55 young leaders from around New Zealand were selected to attend. This event will provide an opportunity to learn more about the environmental issues facing the marine environment in New Zealand, and in the Auckland region specifically, to develop leadership skills, to meet like-minded young people, and to have a great time doing it.

Congratulations Macy.



AROUND THE GLOBE

Your Education is a Student Exchange Programme located here in New Zealand. In Whanganui, Cullinane College has had a fantastic affiliation with Your Education and the quality of the students that have been a part of our family has been impeccable.

Your Education is currently looking for Host Families in the area for their Foreign Exchange students. These students are not Fee-Paying but there is some monetary compensation. Due to our affiliation with Your Education, they would prefer that the students attend Cullinane College.

What does being a Host family involve? All that is required of the family is that they provide a bed, three meals a day and a chance for the students to experience our Kiwi lifestyle. The duration of the students' stay is 6 - 12 months.

If you are interested in being a part of the International family at Cullinane or just within Whanganui itself, contact either Darryl Daignault or Gaylene Kendrick at Cullinane College for more information and details.

UNIFORM INFORMATION

ANDERSONS

Andersons are the stockists for our Cullinane College school uniform. Parents should be starting to think about purchasing or placing 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.