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UP N COMING EVENTS

APRIL

Tuesday 11th
Mass of the Oils

Thursday 13th
End of Term Liturgy

MAY

Monday 1st
Term 2 Begins

Friday 12th
- Sunday 14th
O'Shea Shield

Friday 12th
Cullinane Cross
Country

Monday 22nd-
Tuesday 23rd
Year 11 Geography
Trip

Wednesday 24th
Quad Tournament

JUNE

Thursday 1st
Open Evening

I would like to thank our students, parents, staff and supporters for your valuable contributions to our school community over this first term. The first term is always a very busy one and without the generosity and service that so many provide in our community, our students would not get the opportunities they currently enjoy. Sports such as Rowing, Waka Ama, Touch, Cricket, Kia O Rahi, Volleyball and Equestrian rely on community coaches, staff and parents to ensure that students can enjoy the challenges of competition. However, these opportunities rely on coaches and supporters giving up their precious personal time in order to serve and promote our students and I am very grateful to every one of you. Congratulations to all those students who have excelled in their sports activities this term as well as to those who have participated and further developed their skills.

One of our school values is 'Optimise' which describes the importance of striving 'to be the best person that God made us to be.' This value challenges us to grow in all areas of life and I would like to congratulate a number of students who have been rewarded for putting themselves forward and taking risks in recent weeks. Macy Duxfield has been awarded one of 50 places nationally to attend the Sir Peter Blake Youth Enviroleader Forum. Over 600 students applied for these places and Macy was accepted due to her record of service and the quality of her application. Isabella Gibney has been awarded a place on a Drama Workshop at New Zealand's premier dance and drama school, 'Toi Whakaari NZ.' I think it is great that Isabella is challenging herself in this area. Her award is a big deal in that

there were students across New Zealand trying to gain one on these positions. To add to this, Jovanna Penn-Reina has been selected to participate in the Kate Gray Mentor Programme where she will be mentored in developing as an artist and will receive support in gaining scholarships to University in this field. I congratulate these students for taking a risk, for challenging themselves to grow further and for showing other students in our school that we can hold our heads high in any company.

Our building programme has been a case of 'if it could happen, it will happen.' The poor weather last week resulted in all the foundation work being ruined and we have now lost more time and are probably six to seven weeks behind schedule. However, once the foundations are sorted the building exercise should become less problematic (that's how I console myself anyway). It is almost a given now, that we will have to use our Chapel as an Examination Centre in November for the NZQA External Examinations, given how far the building programme is behind schedule.

Finally, here's wishing you a bright and shining Easter filled with family and friends. Make the most of the extra time to enjoy each other in your family as you live and laugh together. May this blessed celebration of Easter bring you faith, hope, love and joy. Greet the miracle of Jesus' resurrection with joy and happiness.

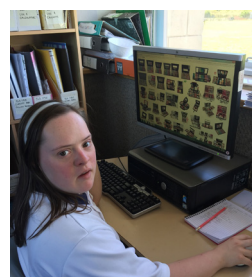
Kevin Shore - Principal

INSIDE THE LEARNING CENTRE

This Term, in the Arahunga Satellite (Learning Centre), the junior students have been learning about various Natural Disasters that might affect us and how we need to respond to them. The seniors have been learning about Print Media, how to locate information and how to present their own.

We had spent some weeks preparing to compete in the AWD (Athletes with Disabilities) Athletics in Palmerston North. We participated on March 1st. It was a great event run by Special Olympics. 131 athletes competed from Awatapu High High, Freyberg College, Waiopahu College.

On 22 March as part of our Natural Disasters unit we went down to the Army Barracks in Maria Place to learn about how the army assists with emergencies. We worked together to create a shelter and cook rations.



CONGRATULATIONS TO NATIONAL COMPETITORS

Congratulations to the Waka Ama squad and our Senior Rowers. Both groups took part in the recent National Championships at Rotorua and Lake Karapiro. The Rowers all placed within the top 48 in the country which is fabulous for a school of our size. Special mention to Xavier Mohr and Kurt Browning who placed in the top 8 in the country for the Lightweight Double event at Karapiro.

As well, good luck to our Ki O Rahi squad as they are off to the National Championships over the upcoming holidays. May you all compete with Courage and Commitment and show the strength of Cullinane College students.



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MASS OF THE OILS



On Tuesday the 11th of April, a group of our students went across to the Cathedral in Palmerston North to take part in the Mass of the Oils. Our students were heavily involved in the Mass itself and came back buzzing about the experience. It was an excellent opportunity for our students to provide Service to our Catholic Community at this time of Easter.

UNIFORM INFORMATION AND REMINDER

Parents are reminded that Term Two is the beginning of our Winter Terms and requires our students to be in full Winter Uniform. Term Two will begin on May 1st and all students will be expected to be at school in full Winter Uniform. This is the long sleeve white top for Years 9-11, blue for Years 12-13. Boys are to be in dress pants while girls should be in the official winter skirt. Ties, jerseys or school jackets and dress shoes round out the look. Blazers are optional.

If anyone is unsure of what this all looks like please check out the relevant pages in the Student Diary, our website or ask the friendly staff at Andersons on the corner of Ridgway and Victoria Ave.

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.

FROM BEHIND THE FRONT DESK

Parent Contact Request:

If you have changed your cell phone number this term, please contact the College Office with some urgency with your new details. It is important that we have a reliable form of contact in event of an emergency with your child or at the College.

Recently we have been notified by the messaging service that many of the cell phone numbers provided by caregivers are no longer active, have been reassigned to another person or that a large number of messages have not been received by our parents. We have found that text messaging is one of our more reliable lines of communication therefore it is imperative that these details are correct and current.

We will be looking at streamlining the way we contact parents and caregivers in the future.