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UP N COMING EVENTS

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

Friday 2nd
Whanganui
Secondary Cross
Country

Monday 5th
Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 6th
Teacher Only Day

Thursday 8th
Cullinane Rave

Friday 9th
Cullinane Day

Y11-Y13 Parent & Student 'SWEET' Evening

Wednesday 17th May

On May 17th the College is arranging to run an evening for our Year 11 – Year 13 students and their parents and whanau. The purpose of the evening is to get students, their families and our teaching staff focusing on what each student identifies as their educational aspirations. The students will be supported by their whanau to identify what they see as important and valuable goals for their education in 2017. As we all know, if we do not set goals then we are likely to achieve little. The articulation of our goals is the first important step to achieving them. Once these goals are identified we hope that the student, their family and the school can work together to make sure that each of our senior students are supported to achieve their goals by years end. We intend using what we have termed a 'SWEET Tool' to facilitate the process and this tool is a Ministry of Education designed tool that has never been used extensively until it was trialled in Whanganui last year with a small group of schools including ourselves.

Having trialled this tool last year we would now like to develop this process further by including all of our senior students (with the intention to spread this across the whole school in 2018). The SWEET evening on Wednesday 17th May will form the starting point of a series of events including Family Day (3rd and 4th July) and later parent/

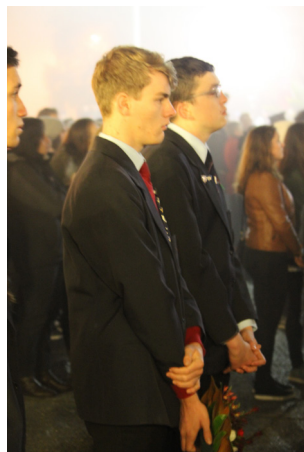
student/school mentoring and monitoring meetings that take place in Terms 3 and 4. While we are very proud that our students are currently performing very well in NCEA (our overall NCEA results place us in the top 3% of New Zealand mainstream secondary schools in terms of achievement levels), there are areas that we believe our students can do better in and which are important for their future. In the end, however, the evening is about giving our students and their families a greater voice in the development of each student's academic goals.

THE 'SWEET' evening will take place in two sessions on Wednesday May 17th. The first session will run from 4.30pm – 5.30pm with the second session going from 6.00pm-7.00pm. Families will be able to select which session they would like to attend. The sessions will take place in each Form Teacher's classroom and they will be supported by another teaching staff member in facilitating the session. Classrooms will be set up so that each family has their own space to develop their child's goals and plans using the 'SWEET' Tool. We hope you will support this evening as it is centred on your daughter/son - **it is not a report evening** – and each student will benefit from having your support and voice in the process. If you have any questions about the evening then please do not hesitate to contact your daughter's and/or son's Form Teacher. We look forward to working with you all.

God Bless!

Kevin Shore

ANZAC DAY



We Will Remember Them!

GODS ZONE

It is wonderful to be back at school following my sabbatical in Term 1. I would like to thank Debra Benefield who took my classes and Lida Penn-Reina who fulfilled the DRS duties during the first term, for the wonderful work they both did.

During the holidays the Josephites ran a 'Kids' Camp' at Parikino for primary school children. Piper Zimmerman and Liam Boswell gave up some of their holidays to help with the camp, acting as Tuakana. Everyone was extremely impressed by both of them as they supported and encouraged the children.

This term has seen Survive A Slum take place over the first weekend after being postponed because of weather last term. I will update you later with the funds raised for Caritas as a result of this.

Jesse Malcolm and Quinn Tauroa will be attending the next Marist Neighbour's Programme at Te Whaiti during the second week of term. I am sure their time there will be very thought provoking.

O'Shea Shield is happening during the second weekend. This year St Bernard's College is hosting the event. We have a team of twenty one students and five staff representing Cullinane. The students have been practising for months and I wish them well.

May is the month when we remember in particular Mary, the mother of Jesus, in the Catholic Church. Here at Cullinane we will be focusing on praying the Hail Mary during class.

Our weekly Masses in the Chapel are continuing and parents are most welcome to join us on Fridays at 10:45am.

God Bless

Helen Dougherty

SURVIVE A SLUM 2017



CULLINANE COMMUNITY GARDEN

HELP NEEDED

We are looking at some exciting new initiatives at school including working with Sustainable Whanganui to plant fruit trees. In line with this we would like to establish a school community garden. We need help with preparing the ground and helping to maintain the gardens once they are established. The produce would be for use in school in the Food Technology programme as well as being available to those involved and those in need.

We see this as an opportunity to provide a real context to encourage students to choose healthier food options. We have noticed that many students are having takeaways and fast food for lunches, something that is discouraged here at school. We encourage students to make or bring their own lunches or purchase a healthy option from the school Canteen.

If you are interested in participating in the community garden could you please email cengland@cullinane.school.nz

