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Up n Coming Events

JUNE

**Monday 12th-
Wednesday 14th**
Year 13
Geography Trip

Wednesday 14th
- "Attitude"
Presentation
- Young Catholics
Parent Evening

Friday 16th
Sports/Team
Photos

Sunday 18th
Pa Hansey
Memorial

Friday 23rd
WSS Mountain
Bike Champs

Friday 30th
- Cafe Concert
- Paerangatahi

JULY

Friday 7th
- Senior Charity
Ball
- End of Term
Liturgy

THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I am about to start my sabbatical on June 12th. I will be away from school until September 3rd 2017 and Mr Martin Bullock will be the Acting Principal in my absence. During my sabbatical, I will be undertaking a programme of professional development and refreshment and I am looking forward to the opportunity to rejuvenate myself professionally.

As I write this column, the concrete foundations of the new building is finally being poured. It seems to have taken an age to get to this stage so it is nice to see this finally happen. Hopefully the next stage of building will go more smoothly.

God Bless and Best Wishes

K B Shore

Principal

It is nice to be back at Cullinane College after our trip to Japan. The purpose of the trip was to cement relationships we have established with the two Sister Schools in Japan and to open pathways for our students to travel to Japan in the future. In fact, representatives from one of these schools will be visiting us in August to complete the signing off of a formal agreement. Japan is a beautiful country and the people so courteous and hospitable. It was a pleasure to meet up with a number of our former Japanese students and see how much they have grown in confidence from the experience.

The last month has been a very busy time for me, carrying out 11 Roadshows to various contributing schools leading up to our Open Evening. We had almost 300 people in the Chapel on Open Evening, which was a full house and the Year 13 students, parent speaker Matt Rayner, and our two Year 9 speakers, did an amazing job of leading the evening. I would like to thank Matt and say how proud I was of our students.

CULLINANE DAY



GODS ZONE

The last month seems to have raced by. Our O'Shea Shield team participated extremely well at this year's event. Christie Wallace was a highlight, winning a cup for Scripture reading in Te Reo Maori.

A number of staff have participated in professional development around Special Character. Sophie Hart, Christine England and Caitriona Davies attended the course for teachers new to Catholic schools and have returned full of new ideas. Kamaka Manuel represented Cullinane at the annual AJASS conference in Sydney for schools with a Josephite connection. Lida Penn-Reina and Kamaka Manuel have also just completed the final part of their Growing Catholic Leaders programme facilitated by the Marist Network.

At the end of May our Year 12 and 13 students participated in the Loves Me Not Programme facilitated by police and staff. The programme focused on the qualities of awesome relationships, considered factors which could erode these and how to address these factors. The feedback from students was extremely positive and staff considered the programme extremely valuable.

Katarina Rawiri, Macy Duxfield and Caleb Jackson spoke at Mt Jt Joseph's on the theme of 'This I Believe' at Mt St Joseph's in front of a small but very appreciative audience. The three students tackled the topic in very different ways, but each showed tremendous depth as they shared what was important to them.

Last Friday we celebrated Cullinane Day. Once again we were blessed with a beautifully fine day. The Year 13 students organised and led the entire day from our Mass to Inter-House Family Feud to Riff-Off and Haka competition then sport, drama, music and movie activities in the afternoon. The events were well organised, engaging students fully throughout the entire day.

Some students have indicated that they are interested in continuing their faith journey by making their first communion or being baptised. We intend to run a sacramental programme here at the College again following last year's successful programme. Please ask your son or daughter to speak to their Religious Studies teacher or myself if they would like to be part of this.

God Bless

Helen Dougherty (DRS)

OSHEA SHIELD



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:

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