



# NEWSLETTER 7, JULY 3, 2017

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## Up n Coming Events

### JULY

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
- Senior Charity Ball

- End of Term Liturgy

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>-  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
- School Holidays

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>-  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
- Pasifika Fusion

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup>**  
- Senior Credit Review Interviews

### AUGUST

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> -  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
- Xuzhou visit

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>-  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
- Year 10 Trades Training

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
- Year 10 Careers Expo

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>**  
- Year 13 Biology Trip

I write this from the Principal's desk for the first time, somewhat out of my comfort zone; in the 'hot seat' so to speak, as our Principal, Kevin Shore, has now begun a three-month Sabbatical. We all at Cullinane wish both Kevin and Heather the best as he takes time to reflect, reenergise and get a few jobs done around the house. From my experience over the last three weeks as Acting Principal, I can now say that Mr Shore has certainly earned this short reprieve! His hard work and diligence to this Principalship is deeply appreciated by the community of Cullinane College. Mr Shore will retake the helm at the start of Term Four.

What an incredibly busy time we are experiencing at the moment. Mid-year reports are now completed, students are engaging in Catch Up Programme, winter sports are now in full flight and Te Ngakau o Te Awa have competed in the regional competition, Paerangatahi, and our orators, Manu Kōrero. These are two competitions where Cullinane excels and has an exemplary record. Given the preparation I have witnessed, I know that they will have represented the Cullinane whānau admirably.

We are now in the final week of term and holding Family Day interviews. It is an exciting time for us as we are able to meet with so many parents, who along with us, are deeply interested in the education of their students. It is an honour to partner with you and walk you through the

### Cullinane v Manukura

A sporting exchange was organised between Cullinane and Manukura. The idea behind it was to build better relationships with surrounding schools, offer more opportunities for our students to build on skill and capabilities, as well as further student engagement and relationship building.

The Manukura Basketball boys team came out fighting and were determined to put as many points on our boys as they could. This had a huge impact on our Cullinane team and knocked their confidence substantially. Thankfully the encouraging words that came from our student coach, Te Heru Reu Koro, and a supporter, Justin Gush, saw our students lift their heads and start to play their own game. Although we came away with the loss, the willingness to not give up and the determination shown by our boys was evident. A game to walk away very proud of.

Our Junior Girls Netball team were neck and neck with Manukura by the end of the

### THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

successes and struggles of your children.

At the end of term, we also hold our newly named, 'Charity Ball'. Our senior student leadership group have decided to raise funds through the ball for the Marist mission which aids students from poor areas of New Zealand to be able to access secondary education. By doing so, our fantastic group of student leaders acknowledge the hardship others face. It clearly is a case where it is 'better to give than to receive'. Memories will be made at the Ball, but the enduring and significant memory will be the gift made by our students to enable someone, who would likely miss out on education, be 'all that God created them to be,' (Fr M Walls). What a great mark to leave those students following in their footsteps.

It has been encouraging to see the new building rising from the asbestos and now taking shape! What a great state of the art facility it will be. While all this is happening, we have borne the brunt of a nasty virus. This has affected many students and staff with large numbers away sick. And so I wish everyone a speedy recovery, a restful holiday and a very fruitful Term Three.

Martin Bullock

Acting Principal

### MEANWHILE IN SPORTS...

first quarter. Each team continued to fight for possession and worked hard at their positions. Manukura started to get a good flow on and the third quarter saw us down by 11 goals. We managed to make back six and ended the game losing by five. We really have some amazing talent in our junior team and opportunities like this allows them to shine! Well done girls! Thank you to our Coach Te Ora Nyman and umpires Tash Bullock and Tasha Kingi.

A big thank you to the following students for assisting throughout the afternoon:

Julie Fisher, Leata Connor, Te Here Reu Koro, Awatere Mclean-Wanoa, Jovanna Penn-Reina and Justice Robertson-Hiri.



## ***GODS ZONE***



A recent highlight was the Year 9 Parent Evening held with a focus on our Special Character. The evening began with a shared meal after which Fr Mark Walls gave an interactive presentation focusing on changes for students and parents as children commence secondary school. Thanks to those parents and their children who attended, ensuring the evening was a success. Thanks also to Yr 13 leader, Caleb Jackson,

who supervised the younger children. There will be a follow-up gathering in September.

Recently Cullinane students have been involved in the ministries at Parish Masses at both Holy Family and St Mary's. I received many positive comments about the quality of the readers for these Masses. We were represented at the Memorial Mass for Pa Steve Hancy, who passed away recently. Pa Steve often presided over our Friday Masses in a quiet and supportive manner. We will certainly miss him.

Religious Studies classes seem to be going well. Senior classes are all busy working on their assessments for NCEA. Parents can encourage their children to be doing extra work at home to ensure they complete assignments in a timely fashion.

Finally, a reminder that 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)

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## ***ON ACCOUNT OF...***

### **2017 NCEA Fees**

NZ Qualifications Authority charge Year 11 – 13 students NCEA fees each year to have their results recorded on their Record of Achievement, and to receive certificates.

**NCEA Fees for 2017 are \$76.70 per student. Scholarship fees are additional.**

You are more than welcome to make part-payments towards this fee but all NCEA fees must be paid in full by **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017.**

**Financial Assistance is available if parents or caregivers meet one of the following conditions:**

Two or more students are entered for NCEA with fees more than \$200.

Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit.

Have a Community Services Card.

Have joint family income that qualifies for a Community Services Card.

In order to qualify for financial assistance, you are required to complete an application form which is available from the Bursar or College office.

Please contact the Bursar, Joanne O'Hara if you have any queries related to NCEA fees or financial assistance.

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## ***CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS ....***



From this.....

(Term 1)

...to this!!

(Term 2)



## ***SOME FINAL NOTES ....***

A reminder that students are not permitted to make contact with anyone coming to school during the day unless it is via the office. For example, students must not be out front of the school waiting for parents who are bringing lunches. Parents are asked to come to the front office as this is a safety policy. All visitors to the College must sign in or check in with the front office.

As well, no student has permission to make food orders through Pizza Hut or Dominoes for food to be dropped off during the school day. These fast food companies do not have permission to come to school and drop off food directly to students and have been asked to refrain from doing so. We encourage our families and community to help support us in keeping our College a healthy one and promote healthy choices for our students' diet.