

Cullinane College Newsletter

Term 3, Week 4

The Principal's Desk

Here we are in Week 5 of Term 3 already, a very important term academically for our students. We have recently held our annual Credit Review Interviews which highlights students' NCEA academic progress and allows us to support our students through to year's end and help ensure their success. It has also been great to see many students making the most of the Catch Up Programme on Tuesdays after school.

The school's Practice Exams take place in Week 5. We have decided that no exam leave will be granted to our senior students. Students must remain at school and in class as usual when they do not have exams. This is to ensure good study practice and availability of teacher support. It is very important that students do the best they can in the exams; this is to ensure that they are well prepared for the end of year external exams and should they need to apply for derived grades if they are unable to sit the final exams.

Our senior netball team have been training hard for Winter tournament in Taranaki in a few weeks - go well girls! The Under 15 Rugby Team played in the final of the Under 15 Competition on Wednesday, going through the season unbeaten and played extremely well but lost in the final 19-26 to WHS. Congratulations to the players and coach, especially with respect to the sportsmanship they showed in defeat. Champions in my book!

It was a great privilege recently to celebrate the Feast of Mother Mary McKillop with the Whanganui Sisters of St Joseph. Mary McKillop was the co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph who then founded Sacred Heart College and whose charism continues to guide us here at the College today. It was nice to see Sister Francesca Bourke, now a sprightly 95 and who taught my dad Pat as a new entrant at St Anne's school over 70 years ago!

Mr Shore is back from sabbatical on the 4th September. I have enjoyed the challenge of Principalship and thank all those in our community who have supported me during this time.

God Bless

Martin Bullock
Acting Principal



21 to 25 August

Senior Exam Week

21 to 25 August

Year 10 Trade Week

Friday Careers Expo

31 August

Biology Year 13 class & Internationals Trip

1 September

Open Day Victoria and Massey University

4 to 8 September

Tournament Week

12 September

Early Finish (1.40pm) due to Moderation Across Schools

15 to 16 September NZSS

Swimming Competition

16 September Art Workshop

Levels 1, 2 and 3 students

GOD'S ZONE

This term has seen us participate in several celebrations. It was wonderful to join the Sisters of St Joseph as they celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at St Mary's on August 8. The Year 9 students who attended enjoyed meeting the Sisters. Some students, who were former pupils of St Anne's Primary School, attended Mass at St Anne's to celebrate their 75th Jubilee. It was a wonderful occasion and we congratulate the school on reaching this milestone. Last Tuesday was the Feast of the Assumption, the patronal feast of New Zealand. We appreciate Fr Don-Don making himself available to preside in Mass to celebrate this feast.



Academic Matters

External Exam Entries

Please be aware that over the next two weeks our Year 11-13 students and their teachers will be finalising which External Exams they will be completing in the NZQA External Exams in November. Your child will have a short meeting in class with their subject teacher where together they will decide which External Standards they will be sitting. The teacher and student will sign a summary of those Achievement Standards the student is going to sit. A copy of the summary will be given to the student for them to bring home to you. Please ensure your child presents these summary sheets to you. If you have any concerns about the entries made please either contact the teacher concerned or the year level Dean. Once the entries have been submitted to NZQA we will prepare a full list of all of the External Standards your student is entered for. This will be forwarded to you ASAP.

Derived Grades & the Practice Exams -

It is very important that Year 11 -13 students take the School Practice Exams seriously, as the results in these exams are used should a student be unable to sit the External Exams in November, to derive their grades.

- Mr Martin Bullock

SENIOR EXAM WEEK

This week all senior students were issued with an exam timetable. Exams will begin next week (Week 5). Students will need to arrive early to their exams and provide an entry slip into each exam. If they have any exam clashes, they will need to see Sra .Penn.

A copy of the Exam Timetable is up on our website and also available at the College Office.



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 **Wednesday 6th Sept 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.

Catch Up Programme

The College continues to run Catch Up Programme during all of Term 3. This is held on Tuesdays, from 3.20pm - 4.15pm for senior students needing extra support with assessment tasks.

A text will be sent to notify parents of students who are identified as needing this extra assistance.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Catch Up Programme run on 22nd August as this is during Exam Week.

Cullinane vs St Bernards Football Match

Every year St Bernard's College pay a visit to Cullinane College and compete against us in Football. This is a great opportunity for us as we don't have a school football team, and this allows our junior and senior boys to get together and have a run. St Bernard's are quite experienced and fielded a 1st XI team. The boys displayed some awesome talent out on the field and we knew it would be a big ask trying to beat them. Cullinane boys refused to give up and fought to the end – ending the game in a 5-0 win to St Bernards.

We are very proud of our students, they were very respectful towards our visitors, they took on the responsibility of set-up and pack-down and organised themselves well.

Thank you to Leata Connor, Jovanna Penn-Reina and Julie Fisher for cooking



Careers Experience Year 10's

Next week while our seniors are sitting their exams, our Year 10's will be having a taste of careers and providers available in Whanganui. This is run by the Careers Teachers Network and 100% Sweet. This will consist of a day of visits to local businesses on Thursday 24th August and a trip to the Careers Expo at the Jubilee Stadium on Friday 25th at 2pm- 3pm.

A letter will be going home to parents and caregivers this week. Students will be collected by vans on Thursday and delivered to the Stadium by bus on Friday. Students will be released from the stadium with enough time to walk back to the bus depot outside City College to catch their buses home. Any questions please contact Ms Gaylene Kendrick at school or by email gkendrick@cullinane.school.nz

Visual Arts Workshops

The date and time are as follows:

Saturday 12th August	9.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday 2nd September	9.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday 16th September	9.30am -12.30pm
Tuesday 3rd October	9.30am -12.30pm
Saturday 21st October	(Year 12/13 Only)

*Important
DATE!*

Out and About

The Social Sciences has had a number of fieldtrips recently. This term Year 11 spent two mornings in the CBD surveying people about the best location for a retail shop and carried out traffic/pedestrian data counting. Year 12 students travelled around the Central Volcanic Plateau region collecting temperature data for an external and internal achievement standard. As a bonus, the students had time to play in the snow at the Turoa Ski field.



Kapahaka News

Manukōrero / Paerangatahi 2017

On the 29th and 30th of June the regional Manukoroero and Paerangatahi competitions were hosted at Ratana and Whanganui Jubilee stadium. Sixteen schools from Whanganui and Taranaki competed in the Manukoroero Speech competition to qualify for the national Manukoroero competition to be held in New Plymouth, during week 9 of term 3. It was a wonderful day at Ratana as over 400 people supported all the speakers who took to the stage. We had four speakers entered into each section; Amber Hammond-Mars (junior English), Caitlyn Huwyler (junior Maori), Macy Duxfield (senior English) and Ellise Smith (senior Maori). All students performed exceptionally well and achieved some great results. Amber and Caitlyn, both first timers to Manukoroero, did an awesome job with Amber placing 3rd and Caitlyn 1st place. In the senior sections; Macy placed 3rd in impromptu delivery and 4th overall, while Ellise came 1st in both senior Maori impromptu and prepared sections. Cullinane also took the overall trophy for Manukoroero gaining the highest points for a school with a speaker in all 4 sections. This was a fantastic result and means both Caitlyn and Ellise will now represent the Whanganui/Taranaki region at the national competition. Special mention also to our own Mrs Tasha Bullock for her work as a judge in the senior English section and all the Cullinane student volunteers and whanau tautoko who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help Aunty Carol and her team with manaaki tangata and hospitality to the visitors.



Te Ngakau O Te Awa win Paerangatahi 2017

Following on from the great success of Manukoroero, our school kapahaka Te Ngakau O Te Awa once again won the Paerangatahi regional Kapahaka competition. The kapa now qualify to represent the region at next year's national competition in Palmerston North. The final results were most pleasing as the kapahaka team had worked extremely hard this year with a goal of maintaining their status as the top kapahaka team in the region. It was almost a repeat of the 2015 results with the kapa winning all categories except for the Poi where they placed second. Despite this, it was still a great achievement and the standard of performance was a reflection of the results. Special mention to our leaders Raekahu and Chaeli who both led the group well and were recipients of the top awards for male and female leaders. Thank you also to Juddy, Taepa, Taria, Kahamai, Ainslee, Chaeli as a tutor team and our awesome team of parents and supporters who worked hard and gave up your time to look after us all during our campaign from the Kitchen to the wardrobe department. Our success is also due to your wonderful support for our kapahaka. E kore e mutu nga mihi!

Parent Portal



This gives parents and caregivers access to their child's timetable, Attendance Record, Student Details, Daily Notices and School Calendar. Year 9 and 10 students also have their AWARD Reports posted to the Portal and these can be viewed and downloaded.

To access this portal you will need to go to the school website: www.cullinanecollege.nz where you will find a shortcut link. To log in use the username and password that was previously provided to you. If you have lost this information please ring the school office.