

# Cullinane College Newsletter

Term 3, Week 10

## The Principal's Desk

It is nice to be back in the College after 12 weeks of professional rejuvenation, rest and relaxation. I would like to express my gratitude to Martin Bullock who was Acting Principal in my absence and did a fantastic job. He was ably assisted by Señora Penn-Reina and Mr Manuel and together they have steered the ship admirably. You will be aware by now that I will be leaving the College next March. The Board is now starting the process of selecting the third Principal of Cullinane College and I feel that the College is ready for a 'new broom' in the next stage of its journey. I know your prayers and wishes will be with the Board as they initiate the process of appointing the new Principal.

With the winter sport season now completed, I would like to thank all those in our community who have given of their time to manage or coach our sporting teams. We rely heavily on the expertise of volunteers to develop and challenge our young men and women in their sporting endeavours and never take their generosity for granted. I will be personally writing to each of our community coaches in appreciation of their efforts in codes such as Football, Hockey, Rugby, Basketball, Badminton and Netball.

On the topic of sport, I would like to congratulate Dante Karangaroa and Amorangi Rayner, who each won New Zealand Secondary School Weightlifting titles recently. I have seen first-hand how hard these two young people work and it is great to see them achieving to such a high standard. Congratulations and well done to you both. Your whanau and Mr Hepburn are very proud of you as are all of us.

We are now reaching that part of the year where the academic studies of our senior students take first priority. We will continue to monitor, guide, support and push, where necessary, these students as ultimately they have a responsibility to reach their full potential. The College will do everything possible to enable our students to reach their learning goals. However, the students themselves must take the opportunities given to them which include tutorials, mentoring meetings, Catch Up Programme, Summer School and courses with private tertiary organisations. I respectfully ask that all parents and caregivers work with staff in the College in ensuring your child is successful in their studies as this is the essence of community partnership. This support has been vital in previous years.

It is great to be back!

God Bless.  
Kevin Shore  
Principal

## God's Zone

Last month we were blessed with a visit from Sr Charo, a Josephite sister from Peru. She is Principal of a school there and she enjoyed interacting with our students. She was extremely impressed by the depth of questions they asked her. A number of our Year 10 students assisted the sisters by applying some protection to recently planted trees and shrubs in the wetlands at Mt St Joseph. It will be interesting to see the continuing development of this area. Two staff, Darryl Daignault and Rhonda Svendsen, are currently attending the Josephite Colloquium in Auckland. We look forward to hearing what they have learnt on their return. Weekly Masses have continued in our chapel with students from St Mary's school joining us. Recently, when the priests have been unavailable, we have had two services of the word with communion led by Piper Zimmerman and Liam Boswell. Their leadership in this area has been outstanding.

This week our Senior students will be on retreat at Ranana. We are looking forward to this special time.

God Bless  
Helen Dougherty DRS

COMING SOON

**29 September**

**Term 3 ends**

*End of term Liturgy*

*Early finish 2:00 pm*

**30 September to 15 October**

*School Holidays*

**16 October**

**Term 4 starts**

**17-18 October**

*First Aid Course*

**21-23 October**

*Labour weekend*

**25-26 October**

*Barista Course*

**27 October**

*Year 9 2018 Scholarship Exams*

**1st November**

*WSS Sport Awards*

**6 September**

*Leavers Mass 9:30 am*

*Sport Prize Giving 11:15 am*

*Senior Prize Giving 6:30 pm*

## College Rebuild

During the next stage of the College rebuild Contractors will be testing for Asbestos. The areas include the Computer Suite, toilets and foyer. Wherever the contractors drill they must indicate the area with a sticker; this does not indicate that asbestos is present, just that they are testing in this spot. This is common building practice with rebuilds.

# 10KO Spread the Word

On the 13th September, 10KO went to St Mary's primary school to read to the Junior Learning Centre. It was a great learning experience for our students, where they were able to interact with the little ones for an hour and be on the teaching side of a class for once.

The Junior Learning Centre were more than delighted to have much older students spend time with them. The St Mary's students were learning how to ask questions in order to learn about each other, something that our older students were happy to help with. Both the Year 10s and the young ones gained a lot from each other. Overall it was very successful and we hope that it may become a more regular event.

## Fruitful Labours

Year 10 Food Technology students assisted in the planting of fruit trees in our garden area which is under development. Sustainable Whanganui donated 3 trees this year - a mandarin, apple and plum; this is part of an ongoing development which will see more trees added next year. We already have a lovely black boy peach tree whose fruit the Level 1 Foods students successfully dehydrated at the start of the year. We are very grateful for the support of the Sustainable Whanganui Fruit Trees in schools programme and look forward to working with them over the coming years. They will assist us with pruning as well as planting. We also planted some strawberries which were kindly donated by Mr Hepburn, whose Year 12 Health students have built new composting areas and dug out the garden by the food room to help remove weeds and ready it for planting early in Term 4.

## Year 13 Biology Zoo Trip

The class went on its annual zoo trip on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August. We were very lucky with the weather, as it only rained while we were inside. The classroom educator at the zoo was really well prepared with a variety of activities to revise for our external paper, and then a tour of the zoo to see the condition the animals are kept in. We learnt about the controls on the breeding programs and the enrichment activities for the various species. There were very few people at the zoo because of it being a Thursday with a cold wind, so the animals were very relaxed and visible.



## Visual Arts Workshops

This is the last opportunity for Art students to complete their Boards and gain extra one on one tuition outside of class time. **It is expected that all students with work outstanding will attend.** The Level 1 & 2 Portfolios are worth 12 external credits. The Yr 13 Portfolios are worth 14 credits.

**Tuesday 3rd October 9.30am -12.30pm**  
**Saturday 21st October (Yr 12/13 Only)**

The External Boards are due as follows:

<b>Wednesday 18th October</b>	<b>Year 11</b>
<b>Wednesday 25th October</b>	<b>Year 12</b>
<b>Tuesday 2nd October</b>	<b>Year 13</b>

10Food with Mr Shore



## 2017 Charity Awa Run

The Marist Network of Schools and Fr. Mark Walls SM have asked the College to again facilitate the Charity Awa Run in November this year. It was a very successful event when it was first run last year and the Colleges who are not in our area enjoyed the beautiful environment and the manaaki offered by the Catholic Marae on our beautiful awa

In total we raised just over \$10,000 in 2016 which was used to support the education of a number of young people from the area of Tawhaiti in the Urewera's. These young people cannot carry on their schooling past Year 10 without leaving the area and these funds are used to support them attending one of the Marist Boarding Schools.

We will again focus on the Year 10 students, with each having to run 20 kilometres each day in 5km legs in a relay format. It is physically demanding and students need to be physically fit and conditioned to meet the demands. I will be approaching potential participants over the next few days. These students will need to be prepared to seek sponsorship to aid the charity work but I will also approach local businesses to support each student (so families should not get too anxious about this aspect).

We will have at least seven of the nine Marist Network schools involved this year which is two more than in 2016, so this is pleasing. I am really looking forward to this event. I need to start training!!

Kevin Shore



## Year 10 Master Chef Challenge



During their 13 week Food Technology Rotation the Year 10 students have had the opportunity to trial a range of dishes. At the end of the rotation they were able to choose their favorite recipe and prepare it for the 'judges' ( Marty Bullock, Rhonda Svendsen, Ivan Syme and Brittany Parker) . The students (Libby Field, Tikaisha Matete and Amy Rundle) made delicious pastries - and Tiana and Puti made Sliders - (mini hamburgers)

## He kai kei aku ringa Year 10 Business Challenge

During the period 21-23 August we took a group of Year 10 students to Palmerston North to compete and participate in the HKKAR Business Challenge . This was a unique three day experiential learning programme that developed skills, understanding and attitudes about how a successful business operates and connects the students with their local business community. Students learnt some valuable work ready skills and had fun in a very supportive learning environment. This was a fun and authentic way for Māori students to engage with experiential learning Team work, Leadership, Presentation Skills, Problem Solving and Business fundamentals Communication. Josephine Manuel was awarded a prize as she was a proactive and hardworking member of her company who used innovative approaches to solve barriers such as time constraints while being a supportive and positive member of the company, thus embodying the rangatiratanga.



## INDOOR BOWLS AT CULLINANE!

Cullinane College students have been giving Indoor Bowls a go during their lunch breaks over the last two weeks with Michelle Watt, Indoor Bowls Advisor from Taranaki. Michelle has provided coaching throughout the two sessions and organised competitions amongst the students to play against each other. There is some real talent among the students and they have all improved dramatically over the two week programme. After further interest from students and their enjoyment of the game, we are hoping to get a few more schools involved so we can host an inter-school locally. Thanks Michelle!



# SPORTS NEWS

On Sunday 24th

## Premier Boys Basketball Team

September 2017 at 1

Cullinane College

Premier Boys Basketball Team went away during winter tournament week to Tauranga to compete in the 'A' North Island Premiership tournament to qualify for the New Zealand Nationals Tournament held in October in Palmerston North. This was the College's first time playing in this tournament and to qualify for Nationals, they had to place in the top seven out of 20 teams competing. There were four pools of five teams.

Day One had the team play two games with the first game against Kingsway College where they played a fantastic game winning 72-47. The next game had the team up against Manukura, who would be the eventual finalist, with the team losing 96-48.

Day Two the team had to win both their last two pool games against Te Kuiti High School and Aquinas College to be in a chance of qualifying for the top seven for Nationals. Against Te Kuiti High in the first game, the team found themselves down 22-5 after quarter time and in a bit of trouble. However, they fought really hard to get back into the game where they were only six points behind with two minutes to play but eventually went down narrowly 74-65. Against Aquinas College, the boys won 89-82. Te Heru Reu Koro scored 38 points including six three pointers and Justice Robertson-Hiri got a double double with 18 points and 17 rebounds.

Day Three had the team play against Opunake High School for 9-12<sup>th</sup> placing. The boys lost narrowly 67-52 and Captain Gabriel McGregor had a massive defensive game where he pulled down 18 rebounds. The team then won their playoff game, to finish in 11<sup>th</sup> place, against Flaxmere College in a nail biter 60-59. Well done to the team on their efforts during the course of the three days for their first time at this tournament. A big thank you also to Coach Taare Henry for all your time and effort that you put in as well as the entire parent help during the tournament.

Cullinane College Premier Boys Basketball Team: Gabriel McGregor (Captain), Matty Biggar, Josh Boulton, Te Heru Reu Koro, Ezra Malo, Ethan Morris, Dylan Procter, Justice Robertson-Hiri, Tumanako Sciascia, Donovan Thompson.



## Cullinane Senior A Netball Team

p.m. in the lounge area

Netball: Throughout tournament week the Cullinane Senior A netball team were competing in New Plymouth at the Lower North Island Secondary Schools Netball tournament. Leading up to the tournament we were all nervous, as we were playing new teams with totally different styles of play compared to Saturday netball here in Whanganui. Having a lot of new players in our team meant that the senior players needed to step up and encourage them to listen, learn and give it their all, which they did.

After our first game, against Palmerston North Girls High School, we were all pretty proud of our performance. Giving the "Big Guns" of lower North Island a "Run For Their Money," only being down three goals at one stage. Throughout the rest of the week we suffered a couple of losses which caused us to drop our confidence and game, but winning our last game against Taradale meant that we could have another crack at A Grade in 2018.

Before the tournament started we had a team goal, which we didn't meet, but we learnt a lot from our good games and bad games, making us eager and ready for next year.

Mary's  
Church



of St

Shannah Andrews  
Molly Bullock  
Jayde Hawks  
Maze Koro-Thompson  
Talitua Leo  
Aigaleilei Leo  
Bhreez Maihi-Fore  
Te Whetu Matthews  
Jeida Matthews  
Kiana Millar  
Maggie O'Connor  
Anastasia Joseph-Wiari