

Term 4 Week 4

CULLINANE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

The Principal's Desk

It is currently a very busy time as the award season is upon us. It was great to see three of our students being honoured at the recent UCOL tertiary/secondary awards. Well done to Ben Young, Matt Edmonds and Ben Smith, who were all recognised for their efforts. Congratulations to Ben Young for picking up the Supreme Most Dedicated Award. It is nice to see these students achieving to high levels in their off-site courses.

I also attended the Wanganui Secondary Schools Sports Awards (which Cullinane hosted) last week and want to acknowledge Amorangi, Justice, Dante and Katarina for their outstanding efforts in being nominated in various sporting and service categories. While they did not achieve any of the supreme awards their efforts were outstanding and I know their families and our community are very proud of them.

I am currently in the middle of organising our Charity Run along the Whanganui River Road. We have seven of the Marist Network Schools involved and the event is only two weeks away. The strength of this event is that it helps place social justice to the forefront of students in the junior school. There are so many young people and their families in New Zealand who live in poverty. Our Catholic world view challenges those of us who have the resources to support those who have little in the way of resources and power to make a difference. The funds raised in this event may only help a small number of young people but every person we help to overcome these challenges is a cause for celebration. It is a very challenging event but an important one in terms of reinforcing resilience, commitment, service and love of others. Thank you to all the Year 10 students who will participate in this event.

We celebrated the Senior Prizegiving on Monday 6th November. The current Year 13 group have been very influential over the last five years and I was excited to celebrate their successes and farewell them onto the next stage of their life. It was also an opportunity to honour two staff members for their contribution to our Catholic Colleges in Whanganui. Mr John Dodds is completing his 40th year of service to St Augustine's College and Cullinane College. This is a very rare feat these days and John is someone who has made a major contribution to the staff, students and community here. The other staff member, Kerrigan Jacques, is retiring this year after 33 years of service to Sacred Heart, St Augustine's and Cullinane College. Kerrigan is a much admired member of staff, very wise and well-regarded by students and staff alike. We will miss not having him in the College but also congratulate him in his retirement.

The Stage 1 Building Project continues. We are still on track, we believe, to have the building finished by 24th December 2017. We will need to have a function and ceremony to open this new block in mid-January 2018 and we will do our best to advise the community as details come to hand. Best wishes for the last weeks of 2017. Kevin Shore

COMING SOON

Extension Programme
9th November
Junior Leaders Retreat
10th & 13th November
Junior Exams
14th to 15th November
Manual Handling Course
16th to 17th November
Learner Licence Course
17th November
Central 6 Competition
Junior MUNS
Year 9 for 2018 Orientation Day
20th to 23rd November
Awa Run
21st—22nd November
Chain Saw Course
30th November
Cullinane Vs Hato Paora sport event
8th December
End of the Year Mass
Junior Prize Giving
Last Day of School

USKILLS Awards Winners

Three of our students won awards at the Uskills Awards Ceremony. Ben Smith won the top award in Automotive, Matt Edmonds won the "Most Dedicated" and Ben Young won the Supreme Award for Most Dedicated winning \$600 of tools. It was commented that Ben Young has a career in construction ahead of him.

Ben Young, Matt Edmonds, Ben Smith





Pastoral 'SOUL' Care

. A gentle reminder to caregivers to please ensure your student is leaving for school with the correct uniform each day.

As the year is getting warmer we want to encourage our students to pay attention to the following points that support our school 'SOUL' values.

Uniform

It is great to see many of our students have returned in Term 4 looking smart and wearing the correct summer uniform. A gentle reminder to caregivers to please ensure your student is leaving for school with the correct uniform each day. If a student is unable to have the proper uniform then please send them with a note to present to their form teacher. Their form teacher will then ask them to see Mr Bullock or Mr Manuel to receive a uniform notice.

Breaks/End of school day.

It is important for our students to remain on school campus throughout the day and not leave the school grounds during break times and before the school day ends. This causes a safety concern for the school specifically in cases of an emergency. Students wishing to leave the school campus at short notice must first see your dean and have the explanation verified, then follow the sign out process. We have noted some students have been engaged in this behaviour. The school asks for the support of whanau and caregivers to promote the safety concerns surrounding this issue.

Junior Examinations



Time for Exams

As we near the time for our senior students to prepare for end of year NCEA external exams, our junior students will also have an examination period from Friday 10th to Monday 13th November. Students are expected to attend school on these days as we are running a normal timetable. The results of these exams will assist in class placements for 2018. Please be assured that if your child is absent for any reason during these days, they will still sit the exams.

Information has been given to students and made available for caregivers on the College website and on Facebook.

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http://classroomclipart.com

PB4L - Term 3 Top Form Class Award!



Congratulations to Mr Hepburn and COHH for returning the most Ka Pai cards for Term 3. It was a wonderful effort by COHH who returned a massive 86 (lots of 5) for the term! A pizza lunch was arranged for the class to acknowledge their efforts. Well done! There will be one more form class reward available and as this is a short Term lets all get busy and do your best in class to collect the Ka Pai awards to hand in to your form teacher. Who will be top form class for Term 4??

Top Form Classes 2017

- Term 1 - MAIS
- Term 2 - COEG
- Term 3 - COHH
- Term 4 - ???



God's Zone

Maree Munro

On Tues 31 October a contingent of students from the Kapahaka travelled with Mr Shore, Miss Dougherty, Matua Kamaka and Whaea Chelsea to attend the funeral of former Sacred Heart College Principal and teacher Maree Munro. The Kapa were invited to participate in the funeral proceedings with karanga, waiata and haka performed. It was a special occasion for the Kapa to be a part of, celebrating the life of Mrs Munro. She is remembered fondly as teacher of Sacred Heart College



and Whanganui High School and there were many friends and family who attended the service.

Photo (above) of Kapahaka students who represented Cullinane at the funeral of Maree Munro, former Principal of Sacred Heart College.

Building Families– A message from the Bishop

My heart is lifted every Sunday by the presence at Mass of young families, elderly, teenagers, and young adults. I know that many have made great efforts to be present.

I also know that some of us feel we do not belong or worry that we may not fit in. God's whānau, the Church, is everyone's home. There is room for everyone at Mass. No one need feel alone or different.

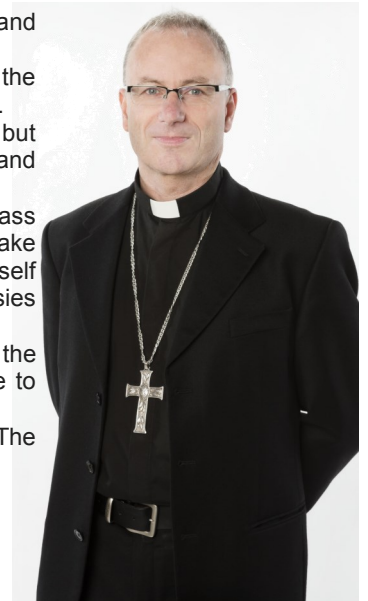
I want to encourage you all to step up and get to Mass. There may be pressures tugging us away, but Sunday Mass, far from reducing our freedom, enhances it as it shapes the persons and families and communities we are called to be.

Jesus wants to help build your family. So does your parish. The special children's liturgy part of Mass means you needn't worry about keeping little ones occupied. And as teenagers and adults why not take just one hour a week to chill out spiritually, to be nurtured with God's Word and to receive Jesus himself in holy communion. The cafes will still be open, the sports fields never go away, friends and cussies won't shift.

Check out Mass times at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/pastoral/masstimes/>. For some of you it may be the first time you have been to Church for a long time. Welcome. For others give yourself a challenge to change your question from "shall we go to Mass today?" to "which Mass shall we go to today?"

Thanks to you all for your sense of belonging, no matter what stage that is at. Feel encouraged. The priests and I are here simply to serve you, and we love doing that.

Bishop Charles Drennan



From the DRS

The final week of Term 3 saw our Year 12 and 13 students attend their retreats at Ranana. It was wonderful to return up the river for these retreats after an absence of a couple of years due to the state of the road. A highlight for the Year 13 group was a visit to the Chapel and Convent at Hiruharama. The mantle of student leadership was passed over to the Year 12 group in a thoughtful liturgy that was prepared by Year 13. The Year 12 cohort engaged positively with the leadership activities they were asked to do and nineteen stepped up and spoke about their desire to be Tuakana next year. These students will be attending either the Diocesan Young Catholic Leader Course in December or the Marist Young Leader Course in January to further their skills and understanding about Servant Leadership.

Yesterday we celebrated our Leavers Mass. This was a wonderful occasion for our Year 13 students who had planned the Mass fully. I have enjoyed working with our LOVE team this year, comprising of Piper Zimmerman, Caleb Jackson, Macy Duxfield, Eden Kyle, Caleb Collins-Fore and Joanna Dowman. They have consistently prepared our Masses and liturgies over the course of the year. Over lunch last week they debriefed their year and have suggested some wonderful ideas for next year's team.

Our community has suffered a number of losses recently and we extend condolences to the families involved. Last week I was privileged to attend the funeral of Maree Munro, the last Principal of Sacred Heart College. A number of our Kapa Haka group attended and were wonderful in their support of the family.

Our weekly Friday Masses will continue next week, however they will be in my classroom as the Chapel is being used for external exams.. God Bless.

Helen Dougherty (DRS)



Education Outside The Classroom

Cricketer's Tournament

On Wednesday 25th October the 1st XI Boys Cricket Team played in the inaugural Whanganui Secondary Schools 20/20 Cricket Tournament. Six sides played in the tournament including: Feilding High School, Whanganui High School, Cullinane College, Whanganui City College, Rangitikei College and Wanganui Collegiate 2nd XI. Our boys played Feilding High School in the first game and lost narrowly in a close game (Feilding HS went on to play the final). Stand out performers in this game were:

Tomasi Connor	3-13 off 4 overs
Raemon Teki	2-25 off 4 overs and 27 runs with the bat
Ezra Malo	2-18 off 2 overs
Te Mana Kaua	2-19 off 3 overs
James Van Kerkhoff	top scored 30 runs

In our second game we played Whanganui High School 1st XI. Unfortunately, we dropped one of their batsmen three or four times and he went on to score 84 runs and that was the winning and losing of the game. We fielded poorly in this game as the pressure came on and we were well beaten. Best performers included:

Matthew Hodges	3-19 off 3 overs and 16 runs with the bat
Tomasi Connor	1-20 off 4 overs
Raemon Teki	top scored with 34 runs

The team ended with a placing of 4th out of the six teams. Thank you to the boys for their time and commitment to the day and to Dilan Raj for his support of Cricket in the College and organisation of the Tournament.



Barista Course

Senior students became Baristas this week learning how to determine the difference between a good coffee and a GREAT one. They ground coffee beans like professionals and heated milk as if they had been doing it for years. So parents, start demanding that your student makes the coffee now. This course provided by the Learning Place of Dunedin and taught by Darren Turner, was very professionally run and the students both enjoyed it and learned heaps. They also gained 7 credits for their efforts at both Level 2 & 3.

