

CULLINANE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

The Principal's Desk

The 2017 Charity Awa Run has just been completed and it proved to be a very successful and educational experience. This year we had St Bede's College and St Johns College join us. To my knowledge, this is the first time in the history of St Augustine's/Scared Heart and Cullinane that we have hosted St Bede's students, so this was a real privilege (someone will now read this and tell me I am wrong, no doubt).

Fifty students from seven Marist Schools headed to Maungarongo Marae in Ohakune on Monday 20th November for the overnight stay. This Catholic marae has strong links to the Marist Fathers and our hosts were both excited and generous in their manaaki. At 9am on Tuesday 21st November, our runners left Raetihi on our first leg to Ranana. We stopped at Pipiriki for food and water and Kamaka Manuel spent some time discussing the history of the settlement. We then continued on to Jerusalem and the convent of the Sisters of Compassion for lunch and a tour of the facilities, including the beautiful Chapel. After a two hour stop, we headed for Ranana Marae and our overnight accommodation. It was a testing day with 20 kilometres of running for each student over tough terrain and many were sore and tired.

On Wednesday 22nd November we left Ranana and headed for Parikino. This was the most difficult day as legs were heavy and bodies jaded. However, students showed great resilience and a tough mental attitude to each cut out another 20 kilometres in very hot conditions. Lunch midway through the leg revived everyone and the pace was on over the final 5 kilometre leg into Parikino. Christine Rawiri and her team provided a beautiful meal that night and we held a concert to entertain our visitors. Thanks to Christie, Zach, Chaeli, Katarina and the Manuel family. Rahul George (Marist Youth leader) stole the show with a final number surprising us all with his talent.

Thursday 23rd November dawned fine and sunny and we left Parikino for Kaiwhaiki Marae. The run (and bike for some of us) up the Gentle Annie was a challenging first leg and tested our mettle; the remaining legs were much more benign. After a wonderful welcome and powhiri at Kaiwhaiki, it was on to the jet boat to Mosquito Point and the final run home. The welcome from our students at Cullinane was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Christine and Katarina Rawiri, Jason and Liane Henderson-Kruger, Aunty Carol, Hayden Hepburn and Kamaka Manuel and the staff of the Marist Colleges. Our own Year 10 student helpers were awesome and it was a privilege to have Fr. Mark Walls and his Marist Youth Team of Rachael, Matthew and Rahul with us over the journey.

The event will not be run again until 2019 and I am hopeful that we will raise at least \$15,000 this year for the cause.

K B Shore





Pastoral and Academic

Mr Dodds and Mr Jacques



The College would like to recognise John Dodds who has now completed 40 years of service to Cullinane and St Augustine's College. He is highly respected and continues to add value to the College. We would also like to congratulate Kerrigan Jacques on his retirement after at least 33 years service to St Augustine's, Sacred Heart and Cullinane College. He is a man our community admires and he will be a teacher who both the students and staff will miss.

Maths News

Mathletics 2018

Cullinane College has signed all Year 9, 10 and 11 students for Mathletics in 2018. This is an online Mathematics skills programme which will be used alongside pen and paper activities in maths classes, and will be used instead of homework books. To opt into this programme will require a contribution of \$20. Students can log on at any time and learn and practice fundamental mathematics skills, in a fun and engaging way. We are not going completely digital; conventional exercise books and worksheets will still be used. For any families who will struggle with internet accessibility, computers are available at breaks, before and after school and if necessary a hard copy resource can be made available for homework.

Calculators

All students need a scientific calculator for day to day work in maths and a number of other subjects. I would like to encourage families to make the most of special prices offered by retailers at the beginning of the school year. You should be able to purchase a scientific calculator for under \$20. If it has a fraction button and Sine, cosine and tangent it will be suitable. If looked after and stored in the student's bag in many cases it can last several years. The maths department is happy to engrave names or phone numbers on calculators for students.





God's Zone

Junior classes have continued to work hard since the Seniors have left on exam leave. The Year 10 Dean, Lalina Dayal, and I had a lovely day with the Year 10 students chosen to be Junior Leaders for the last month. They were extremely enthusiastic and have come up with a number of ideas. One of these was a shared lunch which took place on Monday, December 4. This emphasised the fact that we are a community and was an event that was enjoyed by students and staff alike. Thank you to parents for their support of this and providing such a fabulous feast.

Lida Penn-Reina and I have just returned from the National DRS conference which this year was hosted by the Palmerston North Diocese in New Plymouth. It was wonderful to catch up with teachers from other Catholic schools throughout the country who are all doing inspirational things in their schools. A highlight for us all was a visit to Parihaka where we learnt about the work the people are involved in today, striving for peace and reconciliation.

On Friday, December 8, we will celebrate our final Mass for the year. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us. Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas. Remember it is about Christ becoming present in the world as one of us. Let's be aware of this presence in our lives.

God Bless
Helen Dougherty (DRS)



Food Technology News

It has been a busy and exciting year in the Food Technology department.

With the support of Sustainable Whanganui we have begun to establish a garden. We began with karakia and in line with Pope Francis's Laudato Si document, recognise our role as kaitiaki of the land not just the planet as a whole but the pieces. As part of the 'Fruit Trees in Schools' project, we have been able to plant a plum, an apple and a mandarin tree. This adds to our already established peach tree. We were fortunate that there had been some groundwork done in the past and the students have been busy helping to weed a couple of raised beds where we have planted lettuce, strawberries, tomatoes, carrots and basil, which are all growing well. We are preparing the garden outside the Food room to remove some weeds which had taken hold and will replace the soil and plant a herb garden to support the student cooking experience in 2018.

I have appreciated the parents who have volunteered to help and in 2018 we will establish a working bee day. We are fortunate to have an opportunity to host a student intern from Earlham College in the USA who will be participating in an internship programme for six weeks early in the year. Their project is to establish a sustainable garden design and plan and to identify strategies for implementing the care of the garden, long term management, and use of the produce. As part of this, identifying both school and wider community needs and how we can best support the Hauora of our students.





Education Outside The Classroom

Sport's Desk

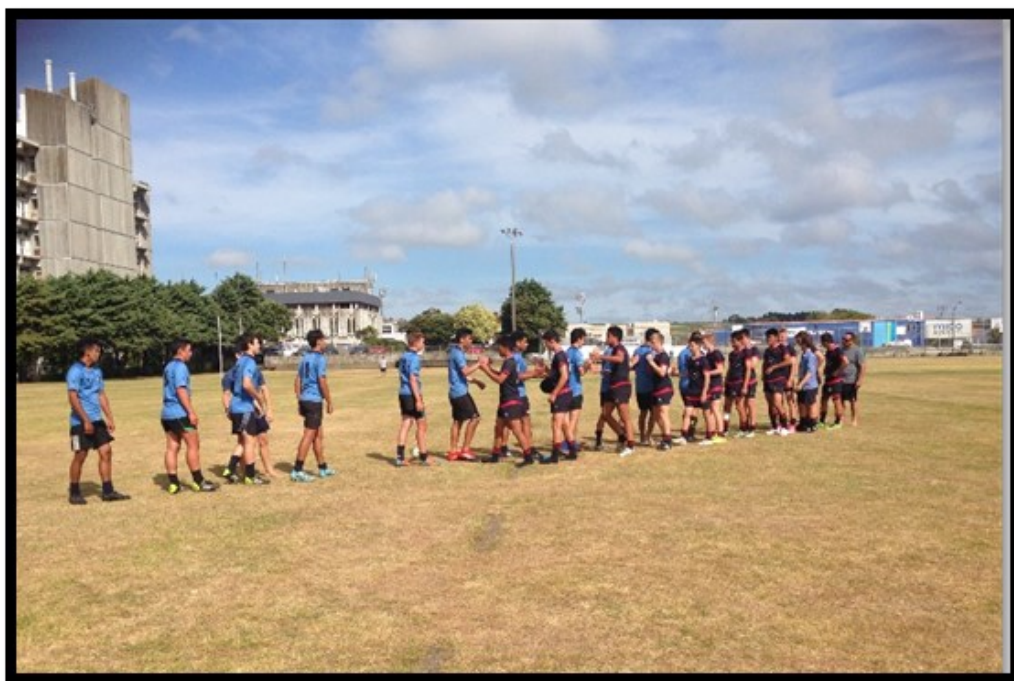
As we come to the end of 2017, I would first and foremost like to thank all our volunteers for everything you have done in order to make sport happen at Cullinane College. Thank you for giving up your time and prioritizing our students. Your contribution to Sport has been invaluable.

Well done to all our teams, whether we won or lost, I can guarantee you, you got more than just an end result. Always value your friendships, lessons learnt, knowledge gained, and most importantly those who helped you along the way.

As we head out of 2017, I would like to wish our U15 Sevens boys all the best heading into a National event this week. Leave it all out on the field boys!

There is also our last sporting event for the year, our inter-school competition against Hato Paora. Between the two schools we will have over 60 junior boys competing in Volleyball, Touch and Ki-O-Rahi. As per usual sport continues right to the bitter end of the school year!

Let's all be thankful for the year and the opportunities, and continue to make improvements for next year. We can only get better and better!!



SCHOOL MAGAZINE: This is now available for the College Office for collection for those students who have ordered and paid for it. There are a small number of extra copies if you have not pre paid and still wish to purchase one at a cost \$20.00

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2018:

Option Counselling for Years 11, 12 & 13 is on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th January 2018

Start dates:	Monday 29th January	Year 13 only
	Tuesday 30th January	Year 13, Year 9 and students from other levels
	Wednesday 31st January	Full school, normal timetable

Parents and whanau are invited to attend the Powhiri for new students on Tuesday 30th January at 9.15am. You are also invited to attend the morning tea proceeding this. There will be a meeting for parents and new entrants at 2.50pm to 3.30pm with Form Teachers to go over upcoming information and College processes.

The College Office will be open for any enquiries from Tuesday 23rd January 2018 from 9am to 2.30pm.