

Term 1 2018 Publication 2

CULLINANE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

The Principal's Desk

Term end is coming on fast; time flies when you are having fun or very busy, or both. This term certainly has been busy but also lots of fun watching the successes of the students.

We learned that three of our students from 2017 gained four scholarships in Level 3. Well done to Macy Duxfield, Ellise Smith and Natayla Peni. This is a significant number of scholarships considering our school size.

We also celebrate the sporting successes this term and in particular two 'firsts' in Cullinane's sporting history. Our Mixed Touch Team recently won the regional competition and our boys' Athletics team won the Viard Shield. The last time the Viard Shield was won was in 2000. What an accomplishment beating our Catholic schools in the Lower North Island. I must say, I was particularly proud of Petera Koro who broke the long held record for the Junior Boys 5km running event.

We have also had teams representing the College at Maadi Cup in Twizel and Waka Ama in Rotorua. Two of our netballers have made the Aotea Netball U16 team and travelled to Gisborne during Easter. Congratulations to Molly Bullock and Te Whetu Matthews.

An update on some of our Alumni:

Brett Cameron (2010-2014) played for the Crusaders on Saturday 24th April. Brett is a very talented sportsman who has a wonderful future ahead of him. What a fantastic accomplishment. The commentators did mention his link to Cullinane College during the game. Brett and another past student, Te Rangatira Waitokia (2009-2013), were also recently selected for the New Zealand Universities Rugby side to tour Japan and Singapore at the end of April. This would be a first for Cullinane to have two old boys representing the New Zealand Universities Team at the same time and in the same year. A special mention must also go to Brad Mathas (2006-2011), a very talented runner, who is currently representing New Zealand in the Commonwealth Games where he has posted a Personal Best of 1.46.32 in the 800m. We always knew Brad was destined for a great future in his field.

On a spiritual front, our Tuakana Student leadership team are making great strides and are a credit to our College. The leaders participated in the Marist Youth Leaders Conference at Hato Paora at the beginning of the year to prepare them for their leadership roles within the College. We have also had students representing us at the recent JJAMM Conference in Australia.

Thank you to all those parents and students who participated in our recent SWEET (Student Whanau Educational Empowering Tool) Evening designed to support the academic progress of our senior students and help them achieve their goals. The follow up to this will take place during Family Day at the end of Term 2. We appreciate the continued support you give to your children and the College in support of initiatives like the Parent/Teacher Interviews and SWEET Evening.

This is my last submission for the Newsletter as we welcome Mr Justin Harper to the College next term. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.



30 April

School resumes. Powhiri for Justin Harper

11 May

O'Shea Shield at St Catherine's College

18 May

Careers Expo Years 12 & 13

21 May

Cullinane Day

25 May

Sports Team Photos

28 - 31 May

Year 13 Geography Field Trip to Rotorua

4 June

Queen's Birthday Weekend

5 June

Teacher Only Day - No School

11-13 June

Year 11 Geography Field Trip

28 & 29 June

Family Days



From the DRS

Greetings from the DRS.

Religious Studies classes are continuing to work well. Junior classes should be completing their second topic by the end of the term. Senior classes are just completing their first assessments. Year 11 students need to be finished by the end of term while Year 12 and 13 have the holidays to finalise theirs.

Four Year 12 students have attended the first two Marist Young Neighbour Programmes and another two will go in the holidays. Students have thoroughly enjoyed these and they have come back much more knowledgeable about social justice with a determination to do something.

In early March, I accompanied Pikiteora Takiari-Toro and Justin Joseph to Christchurch where they represented the Tuakana team at a gathering of Head Students from the nine Colleges that form the Marist network of schools. It was a wonderful learning experience for the students as they reflected on what was going well and what challenges there were. While there, we spent time in central Christchurch, visiting the memorials to those who lost their lives in the Christchurch earthquake. It reminded us that, for the people of Christchurch, the earthquake remains a constant living presence.

A group of Year 12 students participated in the Caritas Leadership Day run at the Diocesan Centre in Palmerston North. Activities were very interactive and engaging and the students gained insights that will be helpful for their assessments.

In mid-March Cullinane had a team in the local Relay for Life held at Cooks Gardens. This initiative came from our Tuakana group, in particular Ronan Shaw, who was key in organizing and following through to ensure everything went smoothly. The team raised over \$1800 for the local Cancer Society.

We were blessed with a visit by John Paul College from Rotorua who were on a pilgrimage to visit places of significance for Suzanne Aubert. They were welcomed to Cullinane and were the first outside group to stay overnight in our new whare. A local parishioner, Sue Seconi, showed them around places in Whanganui, including a visit to the Council chambers to see the stained glass window. We are very appreciative of the time she gave to preparing and running this.

During Holy week, Ms Foster and I took a group of students to Palmerston North to the Mass of the Oils. Our students were actively involved by carrying in the Whanganui banner and collecting the oils for the parish.

Back at school, we had an Easter liturgy on Holy Thursday focusing on the events of Thursday and Good Friday. On returning to school on Wednesday we celebrated the Resurrection with another liturgy.

We are currently preparing our team for O'Shea Shield. O'Shea is being hosted by St Catherine's College Kilbirnie from May 11-13.

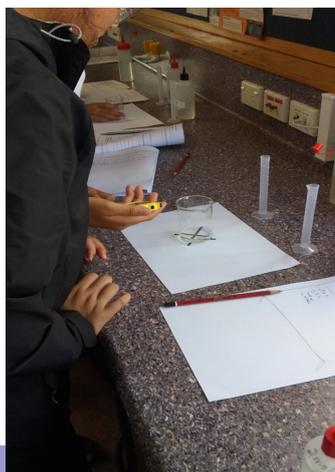
It has been a long, busy, but positive term. I wish all families a restful time over the upcoming break.

God Bless

Helen Dougherty (DRS)

Science News

11DD are currently working towards their Chemistry internal achievement standard. They have been planning the practical component of this assessment for about a week and today they had to collect the data. The photo shows a group timing the reaction between hydrochloric acid and sodium thiosulfate. Their next task is to process the data, draw a graph then write the report. We have already completed a Physics practical assessment so they are all improving their practical skills. Well done 11DD for completing the task in an efficient and timely manner.



Uniform Information and Reminder

Parents are reminded that Term Two is the beginning of our Winter Terms and requires our students to be in full Winter Uniform. Term Two will begin on April 30th and all students will be expected to be at school in full Winter Uniform.

This is the long sleeve white top for Years 9-11, blue for Years 12-13. Boys are to be in dress pants while girls should be in the official winter skirt. Ties, jerseys or school jackets and dress shoes round out the look. Blazers are optional. If anyone is unsure of what this all looks like please check out the relevant pages in the Student Diary, our website or ask the friendly staff at Andersons

Uniforms. Andersons provide an excellent service for the College and would like parents to know that they are also now handling our second hand uniforms. Parents are encouraged to bring their unwanted good quality second hand uniform items into Andersons who will negotiate a fair buy back price. Please note: they will only consider purchasing uniforms in very good, clean condition.



School Counselling

There is no time in the past, nor will there be any time in the future more important than NOW to ENJOY life. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with a Counsellor here at Cullinane College please note the following information:

MR NEIL PEDLEY

Available on Mondays - 9.00 am - 12.00 pm
Wednesdays - 9.00 am - 12.00 pm
Fridays 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm

MRS VIRGINIA HILLGROVE

Available on Tuesdays - 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
Thursdays - 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

How to make an Appointment:

- 1 Telephone - Cullinane College Main Office ... 349 0105
- 2 Cellphone or Text - 0 2 1 1 1 7 6 2 7 3
- 3 Email address: vhillgrove@cullinane.school.nz
- 4 Personally - Call at the Counsellors' Office and make an appointment

Mr Neil Pedley and myself belong to NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNSELLORS

- ◆ We are professionally qualified
- ◆ Attend ongoing Training
- ◆ Have a Supervisor (a professional person who supports us in our work)
- ◆ Follow a set of rules called a 'Code of Ethics'
- ◆ We are bound by confidentiality

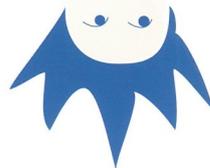
If you require more support in the area that you seek help with we will seek your permission to refer you to a Specialist Counsellor
The ultimate aim of counselling is to help you find the answer 'within yourself', to help you realise your full potential and flourish in life.
Please do not hesitate to contact either Neil or myself if you require confidential support in regard to any matter that may concern you.

Kindest regards
Virginia M Hillgrove

school counselling



What happens in counselling?



In counselling you can talk about problems and concerns in a safe place with someone who will support you.
You are entitled to a counsellor:

- whom you can trust and be open with
- who listens carefully and sensitively
- who is non-judgemental and will not blame you for the problem
- who will try to see things from your point of view
- who encourages you to make your own decisions
- who will support you in any changes you decide to make
- who will offer to refer you to other help if necessary



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How counselling can help



A counsellor can help you to:

- improve how you feel about yourself
- think about things in new ways
- do things differently
- reduce your stress
- open new options or directions for yourself
- plan and set goals
- explore your thoughts, feelings and behaviour
- get to know your self better
- improve your relationships



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Sport's Desk—An Action Packed Term

Viard Shield

50 plus students attended and competed at the Viard Shield held in Palmerston North this year. The Viard Shield sees us compete against St Peter's, Hato Paora and Chanel College in Athletics. Our boys worked extremely hard to place 1st overall winning the boys' Shield which has been a long time coming. MORE THAN 10 YEARS IN FACT!

Swimming

Term 1 sports has started off to a cracking year with some great results achieved by our students.

Rylie Wright and Hamish Dodds-McIntosh started us off by placing 1st and 2nd in their respective swimming events!

Cullinane Athletics

Our school Athletics saw one of our junior students, Tadhg O'Connor, break the High Jump record and he will now be competing at the Lower North Island Secondary School Athletics along with Tomasi Connor and Ioane Hough-Aki.

Good Luck Boys!

Summer Tournament Week

Rowing and Waka Ama ventured out of Wanganui to represent Cullinane College. This is a week away from school, and for our volunteers, a week away from their families. Thank-you to all those who were involved and well done to our students.

Rowing

Our best result came from the Boy's U18 Quad (Donnie Thompson, Kurt Browning, Xavier Mohr, Brennan Knopf and Milly Keenan as cox) who finished 3rd in a B Final, placing them 11th in the country. Well done to all our rowing students who competed.

Rugby Kit 2018

Last but not least we are slowly trying to make improvements to our sport uniforms. Rugby will have a new kit this year and a new singlet was introduced which highlights the maroon we have in our school uniform jersey. Our intention is to detract us away from our competing schools – Collegiate and St Peters!



Hamish Dodds and Rylie Wright

The Waka Team

Tadhg O'Connor

Viard Winners??

Maroon added into our sports uniform



Rugby Kit 2018



Te Here Ataamai – Māori Department News

Term One has been very busy and has seen our students involved in a number of events. These include the opening of the new whare and whakairo, powhiri for Mr Shore at St. Peters College, Ki-O-Rahi regional tournament, powhiri for John Paul College from Rotorua, Hui Aranga festival in Ohakune, and kapahaka National practices. The students are enjoying the new whare and its wonderful facilities. During the first week of the Term 1 holidays our Ki-O-Rahi team will be travelling to Gisborne to compete at the National Ki-O-Rahi tournament.

Key Dates:

National Secondary Schools Kapahaka Competition, 2-6th July, Palmerston North Arena. Tickets are on sale online through Ticket Direct.

Aotea Regional Manukōrero Speech Competition will be hosted by Taranaki this year. Dates and venue are still to be confirmed.

National Manukōrero competition 18-20 September, Gisborne.

Te Wiki O Te Reo – Māori Language Week, 10 – 16 September 2018.



Drama Classes in Action





Junior Burger Challenge

The Year 9 Gourmet Burger Challenge is underway and the final cook will take place next term. These students, Nathaniel, Connor, Ethan & Riley, have made a Thai inspired burger. Kayne, Cullen and Daniel are certainly pleased with their efforts. Students began with a basic burger and have been exploring tastes and flavours from Russia and India. Next term they will be able to add their own spin on things and then compete for the best burger.



Sweet Success

Feedback from The SWEET Evening:

Our SWEET evening was very successful with the majority of our families attending on the night. We would like to say thank you to all our whanau who took time from their busy lives to come and engage in our tamariki's school life.

The Form Teachers have already started the process of following up the student goals and discussing the next step in the process. However, we would like all our whanau to have the opportunity to be part of this initiative; if you were unable to attend the SWEET evening, I would like to encourage you to please contact your child's Form teacher, who will meet with you to go through the tool. This will support you to understand your child's education plan and for you to share your education plan for your tamariki.

Lida Penn-Reina

Maadi Cup



15 Draw SF2 Boys U18 4X+		Meridian	
1	Auckland Grammar School	1	
2	St Peters College	2	
3	Christchurch Boys High School	3	
4	Hamilton Boys High School	4	
5	St Kentigern College	5	
6	St Peters College 2	6	
7	Cambridge High School	7	
8	Cullinane College	8	



Parent Contact Request:

If you have changed your cell phone number this term, please contact the College Office with some urgency with your new details. It is important that we have a reliable form of contact in event of an emergency with your child or at the College. Recently we have been notified by the messaging service that many of the cell phone numbers provided by caregivers are no longer active, have been reassigned to another person or that a large number of messages have not been received by our parents. We have found that text messaging is one of our more reliable lines of communication therefore it is imperative that these details are correct and current

Parent Portal

Progress reports for both Juniors and Seniors are now available for download on the Parent Portal. If you click the Results tab and then Reports—you will then be able to download a PDF of the current report

Powhiri for New Principal:

The Board of Trustees warmly invites the Cullinane College community to attend the powhiri to welcome our new Principal, Justin Harper. This will be held in the Wharenui on Monday 30th April 2018 at 9.30am. There will be morning tea served after the welcome. A contribution towards the shared morning tea would be appreciated. Please drop off your plate to the Wharenui prior to the powhiri.

The screenshot shows the Cullinane College website interface. At the top left is the college logo and name, with the motto "For Love of God, Life and Learning - Mo te aroha ki te Atua, kia Oranga, kia Akona!". A notification box indicates the user is logged in with Student access (ID: 18136). A navigation menu includes Home, Notices, Calendar, Details, Results, and Careers. The "Reports" section is active, displaying a table with columns for Date and Name. A dropdown menu is open under "Results", listing options like NCEA Summary, Current Year Results, All Results, Recognitions, Class Efforts, Awards, and Reports. The table shows a report for the date 27/03/2018 with the name "seniorweb" and a "Download" button.

Gateway at Cullinane...

Term One, has been particularly busy for Gateway students. Year 12's completed their Health and Safety standards and their First Aid training in a two-day course earning 18 credits. First Aid training was carried out in the Chapel and was very successful with all students gaining their First Aid Certificates. It was a superb way to start the year's collection of Level 2 credits.

Ms England's Level Two cooking class completed their food safety course and cooked a tasty pizza to prove themselves. This course enables these students to work with food in the future in cafes or restaurants. It also added four Level Two credits to their collection.

A selection of students attended a Careers Day hosted by the Whanganui Hospital Board to advertise and inform students interested in careers in Health. There were the usual doctor and nurse careers but also paramedic and hematologists. Katie Scorange, a first year doctor, was very impressive, talking about her path to the medical profession. She surprised us by saying that the hardest part of her training so far was the decision to not enter the workforce after Year 13. She pointed out that all studies were designed to pass and there was plenty of help offered to the young doctors. With young doctors like Katie serving the Whanganui public, we are well looked after here.

On May 18th Whanganui Careers Advisers are hosting a Careers Expo as they do every year. This is available for all Year 13 students and parents are invited to attend after school. This is a great opportunity to see what options are on offer for our school leavers. More about this next term.

The main job of Gateway students has been to secure work experience. We have to date, 15 students working all over town in a variety of occupations. This has been a great start and many of the students are enjoying their working experience and gaining valuable skills. However, we are still in need of several work placements for our students and appeal to our parents to help connect students with the workforce. This is a critical aspect of the Gateway Programme, which also provides the funding necessary to outfit students appropriately.

Anyone who can offer a work placement to a student next term is asked to contact Ms Kendrick on 027 252 7739.