Cullinane College Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2



2nd AugustJunior Debate

3rd August Mass 12U

6th August

ERO visit (through to 10th August)

7th August

Catch Up Programme Victoria University Visit

8th August

Feast of St Mary of the Cross

10th August

Dance NZ Made Mass 13LP

13th August

Credit Review Interviews (also on 14th August)

15th August

Feast of the Assumption Mass

Welcome back to Term Three.

This is a very busy term for the staff and students with a strong focus on our senior students completing assessments and preparing for senior exams in Week Five. I would ask you to encourage your child to focus on their students and put serious effort into studying for these examinations.



These mid-year exams are important for students as if for any reason, they are unable to sit the NCEA Level 1 exams in November, the mid year exams generate their final NZQA grade.

On Wednesday 1st August the College hosted the 2018 Sports Exchange involving St Peter's College, Bishop Viard College and Chanel College. The students competed in Basketball, Netball, Hockey and Football and displayed wonderful fair play, competing to the best of their abilities.

As we move into the third week of this term, our College is preparing for our Education Review Office (ERO) visit. This is generally a positive experience for us as the ERO team acknowledge all the hard work and achievement over the last three years and identifies any areas where we can strive for excellence.

Several school trips are on our calendar for the week. Students will be taking part in the St Bernard's Annual Football match, Dance NZ Made and International Human Rights Day.

I would like to remind our community that we hold a weekly Mass in our College Chapel; this is prepared by a different class each week. We would like to welcome you and any parishioners who would like to come and celebrate this Mass with our College

Yours in Christ

J A Harper



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

As part of our learning about

light we are experimenting with different sources of light.

One popular experiment is looking at the metal salts used to get colours in fireworks.

We burn different salts trying to find which metal burns with which colour.

Photo credit Braydon O'Leary-Woodthorpe

SENIOR EXAMS

The College will be holding the Senior Examinations for Years 11, 12 and 13 on Monday 20th August through to and including Thursday 23rd August. Please find enclosed a copy of the Examination Timetable.

All senior students are expected to attend school as usual on these days. If your child is sitting five or more exams they are eligible to apply for exam leave through Mr Bullock. This will be approved on a case by case basis.

The Catch Up Programme will continue to run during this time. Our expectation is that all students will be in their usual classes when not sitting exams. Please be aware that students must be studying and working hard on their assessments in preparation for these examinations. If for any reason they are unable to sit NCEA at the end of the year, the mid year exams generate their final NZQA grade.

If you have any questions regarding these examinations please contact Señora Penn-Reina



WELCOME!

The College would like to warmly welcome our International Students for 2018. We hope they learn a lot in their time here at the College, and enjoy all that New Zealand has to offer.





Cullinane College Board of Trustees

Our Board of Trustees are a hard working group who work quietly in the background to ensure the success of the College. Often their efforts go unnoticed and we would like to acknowledge what they do for our College community.

Our BOT is made up of Raewyn Udy, Michael O'Sullivan, Katarina Millan Sr Marie Skidmore, Sandy Cuff (Chairperson), Teresa Wakefield, Liane Henderson, Ashley Penn, Vanessa Te Ua, Justin Harper (Principal), Marco Perry (Teachers Representative) and Talitua Leo (Student Representative).

POSITIONS AVAILABLE





Cullinane College are seeking applications for the following positions:

Sports Coordinator - fixed term, part-time (15 hours per week) from 3rd September 2018 to cover a staff member on leave.

Laboratory Technician - permanent, part-time (15 hours per week).

Applications close 5pm Wednesday, 15th August 2018.

Please apply in writing to: The Bursar, Cullinane College, P O Box 5017, Wanganui 4542. Email: johara@cullinane.school.nz.

Senior Ball - Winter Wonderland

On Friday, July 27th the Year 12/13 students had their school ball with a Winter Wonderland theme. The event was a success thanks to the very organised and helpful Ball Committee who started planning the ball at the beginning of the year.















Prom King - Donovan Thompson Prom Queen - Loren Moore Prom Prince - Isaiah Teki Prom Princess - Kiana Millar

For more photos please go to M-Wood Photography page on Facebook.

COUNSELLORS CORNER





Congratulations Chloe!

We would like to send out a huge congratulations to Chloe Tonga-Harrison who has been selected to represent Cullinane College in the Wanganui Secondary School Mega Crew. The crew is made up of 20 students from around the region and after a rigorous audition process, Chloe made the cut for the hip hop crew.

She will be competing in the 2018 NZCAF School Hip Hop Competition in Wellington, at the end of August. The team are training hard to create an engaging



and energetic piece to take to the competition, under the supervision of choreographer and dance tutor, Pauline Hiroti. We wish Chloe all the best in both the competition and throughout rehearsal.

Well done, Chloe!

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The Social Sciences Department has had a busy two terms with field trips, classroom learning and new initiatives.

Year 11 History students participated in a local fieldtrip to Matarawa, just east of Whanganui to research the Gilfillan massacre. The class also visited the Sarjeant Art Gallery, Museum and the Alexander Library. The fieldtrip was an opportunity to collect information that was used for two NCEA assessments.

The Year 11 Geography class has been on two fieldtrips over the last two terms. The first fieldtrip was into Whanganui's CBD to collect a range of data for an assessment that was based on the best location for a new retail shop in town. The second field trip was to Rotorua as part of the Extreme Natural Events unit of work based on Volcanic Eruptions. The class visited the Tangiwai Memorial site and completed a range of activities. In Rotorua the class visited the Buried Village, Whakarewarewa Thermal Village and took part in an educational programme at the Museum. Students really enjoyed dressing up as 19th century tourists when visiting the Buried Village.

The Year 13 Geography class also went on a fieldtrip to Rotorua as part of their unit based on Tourism as a cultural process. Students visited a range of tourist attractions such as Tamaki Cultural Show, Skyline Rides (luge rides), Agrodome Sheep show, Whakarewarewa Thermal Village, Velocity Valley and the OGO. All the attractions that were visited are part of the case studies for an internal and external achievement standard. The class also took part in an educational programme and finished learning tasks. It was an action packed few days.

In Year 9 Social Studies students have finished learning about Te Ao Te Maori: World of the Maori and completed their board game assessments. Students have enjoyed playing the games and assessing them. Classes are now learning about Later Immigrants to New Zealand

Year 10 students are currently working on completing posters based on the Treaty of Waitangi and Iwi Awa settlement in Whanganui. Classes are now learning about Government and Human Rights.

Several Year 10 students have taken part in a national wide inquiry for School Kit and the Department of Justice. There work will be part of a nation-wide exhibition of school students. Each student represents 10,000 students in New Zealand.









Important Dates for Senior Students

There are a variety of events coming up that parents/students might be interested in:

- Students who are looking at attending University in 2019 need to start applying for their Halls of residence at their chosen universities soon.
- University Scholarships; closing dates for these will happen in the coming months.

 University dates differ so check out the date before it is too late.
- AUT are visiting Cullinane on Tuesday 7th August.
- School exams start on Monday 20th of August

 all students are expected to be at school.
- On 31st August Victoria and Massey Universities will be hosting their Open Days.
- Tuesday, 30th August; Massey University will be visiting the College to help students sort their courses for 2019.

Catch-Up Programme

The College will be continuing with the Catch Up Programme in Term Three. It is held on Tuesdays from 3.15pm - 4.15pm for senior students needing extra support with assessment tasks.

<u>Note:</u> Catch-up takes priority over sports practices—that is students should be attending this before they can attend sports practices.

Parents and students will be notified by text that they are on Catch-Up. If your child is unable to attend please let us know. Catch-Up will run during the exam week (Tuesday 21st August).

2018 NZQA 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 2018 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 **Friday, 31**st **August 2018**.

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.

If you have recently changed address, email or your contact phone numbers, please update this information at the College.

College Contact Details:

School Website: College Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/Cullinane-College-296761296715/?fref=ts

Ph: (06) 34 90105

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS



If your son/daughter have any overdue Library books at home, these must be returned ASAP please.

PLANTING AT THE WETLANDS

On the last day of Term Two, eight Year 9 students went up to the wetlands at Mt St Joseph to help Sr. Noelene plant a number of trees and shrubs. The weather was kind and students did a wonderful job, planting over a hundred plants. We will watch with interest to see how they grow.



SENIOR RETREAT

In week 8 of this term we will hold our annual retreats for Year 12 and 13 students. This year they will again be held at Ranana. These are compulsory so put the dates into calendars now. Year 13: September 12-13 and Yr 12: September 13-14. For Year 13 students it is a time to reflect on their time at school that is coming to an end and look to the future. For Year 12 it is a time to step up into the role as student leaders for the College. Further details will be sent out later.

Attendance Dues Reminder - August 2018

We thank all parents and families who have and are continuing to pay their Attendance Dues on time or who have a payment arrangement with the Palmerston North Diocese Attendance Dues Team. But just a reminder:

If your postal address has changed, please contact Marcy, Susan or Mark at Attendance Dues on **0800 200 208** or by email: dues@pndiocese.org.nz.

One off payments by credit card or debit card (Visa or Mastercard only) can be made using the Diocese website:

www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues.

Payment of the total amount may also be made by weekly, fortnightly or monthly deductions from your bank account or credit/debit card. For assistance with payment options or to set up a regular deduction, please contact the Attendance Dues team.

While the payment of these dues is a condition of enrolment, the College realises that this may present a financial hardship to some families. In the case of difficulty, please contact the Bursar, Joanne O'Hara, Ph 06 349 0105, Extn 7036 or email johara@cullinane.school.nz.





Spotted: Rowing News





Our young rowers enjoyed their coaching session this morning with Justin Evans from High Performance Sport NZ. Big thanks to Justin for the coaching.

For Sporting reminders, event updates and information, be sure to 'like' and follow our Cullinane College Sport Facebook page. or calendar reminders, event updates and information regarding the College, be sure to 'like' and follow our Facebook page.



Cullinane College Under 15 Rugby

Cullinane College Under 15 Rugby Team played Ruapehu College in Ohakune today. With a few players out due to Justified reasons, it left the team with a squad for the game of 19 players with a few players playing out of position particularly in the backs. The boys got of to a great start where captain Shayden Gardiner ran a nice line of halfback Petera Koro to break the line and score after 5 minutes. An injury happened to Tyler Edwards 10 minutes into the game which prompted another back line reshuffle. The team found themselves defending a lot of the half and only allowed one try in. Just before halftime, Daniel Austin finished off a nice line out drive to score and the team were leading 14-5 at halftime.

The second half saw the team defending for long periods of time but when the team got penalties, the boys went to set piece play where Tadhg O'Connor scored a brilliant try in the corner. Tadhg shortly after went off with an injury as well which saw another forward having to play a back position of fullback. However, the boys finished strongly with a further two tries. Final score 33-12. Well done boys on grinding out a good win. A big thank you also to Mrs Prince for her help with being the other van driver. Practice will be tomorrow from 3:30-5:00 and EVERYONE needs to be there as we have a big game next Wednesday with our final so we need to prepare well for this.

<u>Player of the day awards</u>: 1 point= Daniel Austin, 2 points= Trevor Boult, 3 points= Shayden Gardiner. The recipient of the 3 points receives a player of the day trophy courtesy of our sponsor GDM as well as a player of the day certificate/voucher courtesy of our sponsor Pita Pit.

Cullinane College 33 (Shayden Gardiner, Daniel Austin, Tadhg O'Connor, Isaac Jordan, Mikah Hall tries; Tadhg O'Connor 3, Isaac Jordan conversions) Ruapehu College 12.

Cullinane College Under 15 Rugby Team: Rico Ahleong, Daniel Austin, Tomas Jackson, Kayne Sisson, Mikaere-Lee Katene, Wiremu Tonga-Harrison, Ruben Hudson, Shayden Gardiner (Captain), Petera Koro, Tyler Edwards, Jack Annabell, Isaac Jordan, Izaac Coe, Mikah Hall, Tadhg O'Connor, Johnny Francis, Oliver Hill, Jack Hadfield, Trevor Boult.

