CULLINANE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, WEEK 6

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The momentum is gaining for our senior students this term. Students are actively engaging with the weekly Catch Up programme every Tuesday after school. It is great to see students working hard to ensure that they are on track for their NCEA achievements. Teachers will be starting to feedback to students, the results of their Mid Year Exams. These results will also be in the Senior End of Year Reports. The exam results will give students an indication of where they are placed for credits and what they need to be working towards for the end of year NCEA examinations. I wish to urge all our senior students, regardless of whether they are entered for external exams next term or not, to push hard over the weeks leading up to the end of the academic year, to ensure they achieve to the best of their ability and gain the success that comes from hard work and diligence.

Next week all Year 12 and 13 students will be attending the Senor Retreat at Ranana. This is a compulsory part of the senior programme and all students are expected to attend. I would like to remind Year 13 students that attendance at the retreat is part of your Diploma criteria.

This term we welcomed six new International students to the College. Two of the students are here for a short term stay until the end of Term Four with the remaining four students here until the middle of next year. From my observations, they have all settled in very well to life in New Zealand and have embraced the culture at Cullinane.

This week we farewelled two longstanding members of staff, Ms Rhonda Svendson who was our Laboratory Technician and Ms Lisa Parker who managed our school canteen. Both ladies will be moving out of Whanganui to pursue family and career interests. We would like welcome Mrs Jessica Cook as our replacement Lab Technician and Ms Julie Ryan who will manage the canteen. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish our Sports Coordinator, Alicia Prince and her husband Ray, all the very best for the upcoming birth of their baby boy.

Our enrolments have been coming in steadily this year. I would like to encourage our Catholic families who have not yet enrolled and are considering Cullinane College as the next step in their child's faith journey, to contact the College Office by the end of this term.

We hold a weekly Mass in our College Chapel every Friday at 10am; 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
Principal

CALENDAR UPDATE

Thursday 30th Aug
AUT Visit

Friday 31st Aug
Mass 11DD
Open Day for Wellington Universities

Monday 3rd Sept - Friday 7th Sept
Tournament Week
YMN Young Marist Neighbours

Tuesday 4th Sept
Catch Up Programme

Wednesday 5th Sept
Year 12 Geo Field Trip

Friday 7th Sept
Mass 11EF

Tuesday 11th Sept
Catch Up Programme

Wednesday 12th Sept
Year 13 Retreat

Thurday 13th Sept
Year 12/13 Retreat

DAFFODIL DAY ART WORKS

If you are down town be sure to check out our Year Nine Daffodil Day artworks on display on the windows of the Cancer Society pop up shop.

Every year our Year Nine students take part in community based art-works and our recent Year Nine rotation decided to make Daffodil posters for this worthy cause.

KATANA LESSON

Midori our Japanese Agent taught our language learner students about Katana.
The students had a great time.

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 **Tuesday, 4th September**.

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.

Attendance Dues

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**.

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Cullinane College Senior Dance

At the end of Week 3 our Senior Dance class were involved in Dance NZ Made. The day consists of three different workshops that the students get involved in; they are taught a number of dance routines to extend their knowledge and practice of dance.

Following this, is an evening showcase and competition where we had two groups performing routines. Both groups did our school proud. They performed with energy and engaged the audience with their unique routines. It was fantastic to see the hard work of their rehearsals pay off. They did our school proud!

What's more, our Hip Hop group came away with third place in the Year 11-13 category, resulting in a spot at the national competition in Palmerston North at the end of September.

Congratulations to the following students:

Hip Hop:

Harrison Hodder-Williams
Kastro Matete-Miller
Jamie O'Hagan
Ronan Shaw
Chloe Tonga-Harrison
Amber Treves
Maddison Treves
Mereana Wanihi-Wallace

Contemporary:

Graceyn Buchanan
Bethany-Mae Farmer
Rebecca Newman
Shannell Sercombe
Rose Tanner
Paige Wright
Agasa Yamahara
Grace Johns

Additionally, a special congratulations to Chloe Tonga-Harrison who is involved in the Wanganui Mega Crew hip hop team, Zynergy. The group went down to Lower Hutt on Friday the 24th of August to compete in a regional hip hop competition. The crew, which is made up of different students from around the Wanganui region, took out 1st Place in the Megacrew section of the competition, meaning they will compete in a National Competition at end of September!

Lots of fantastic stuff happening in the Performing Arts Department at Cullinane College!

House points

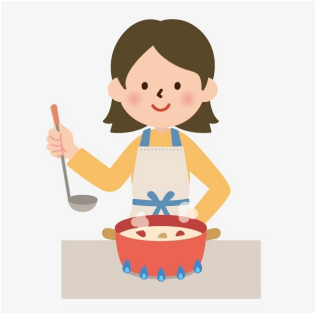
The results from our recent Jack Thompson Memorial Interhouse Table Tennis are: 1st Woods, 2nd Marist, 3rd Columba, 4th Mannix

Overall House totals currently sit at:

WOODS 290	**COLUMBA 155**
MANNIX 200	**MARIST 305**

Learning to Cook

Some of our students have been learning about the preparing of food as part of domestic routines and can now prepare meals for themselves and others.



Arahunga Satellite News

The students from the Arahunga satellite went on a field trip to Waiouru Army Museum to learn about how animals were used in war and investigate how uniforms have changed throughout the wars New Zealand has been involved in. We looked at many interesting things in the museum and had a great day.

Four of our students went to the Cullinane Senior Charity Ball. The girls enjoyed their night. Loren was crowned queen of the Ball.

Senior Ball

Counsellor's Corner

Senior Retreat

This week Year 12 & 13 students have taken home information about their retreat in Week 8 from September 12-14. This year they will again be held at Ranana. These are compulsory and we appreciate the support of parents. 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.

Please feel free to contact me at the College if you have further questions.

- Miss Helen Dougherty

Art Workshop

The Visual Arts Department will host its Senior Art Workshops in the coming weeks. This is an optional workshop aimed at allowing students to complete artworks for their external portfolios. Students need to look at this Workshop as a positive opportunity to gain extra one on one tuition in a relaxed environment.

The date and time are as follows:

Saturday 15th September	**9.30am - 12.30pm**
Saturday 29th September	**9.30am - 12.30pm**
Saturday 20th October	**9.30am - 12.30pm**

Mufti may be worn. Lunch will be provided.

Great work!

On Friday 24th August Te Mana Kaua and Talitua Leo went to Keith Street and Castlecliff Primary School to distribute sporting equipment that has been donated as part of the 'REPLAY INITIATIVE'.

Te Mana and Talitua are apart of the 'Student Sports Council' whose aim is to help raise participation rates in our school. They attend meetings each term, strategize on new initiatives and attend events like this. Well done on your great work!

Congratulations to our premier basketball boys. 84-43 win against Collegiate School- undefeated all season! Thanks to all the parents for their support, and coach Justin Gush. Well done boys!

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball Results & Reminders

The environment was buzzing, the players were hyped and the competition was fierce. Our Cullinane teams played awesome this year with five from seven teams fighting for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. As each of our teams played it was impressive to see the sportsmanship shown, the correct uniform worn and the respect for officials and our opponents.

Results:

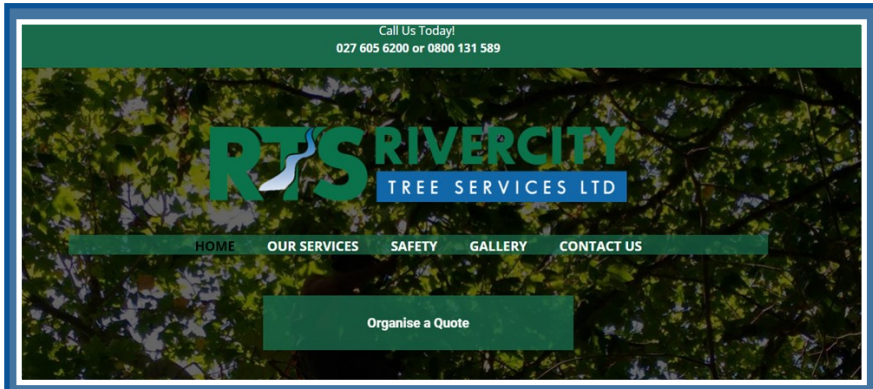
Premier Boys – 1st (Undefeated all season)
Premier Girls – 2nd
Senior B Boys – 1st (undefeated all season)
Senior B Girls Gold – 3rd
Junior Boys Gold – 4th

Well done to our Social Girls team and Senior B Girls Silver team who also played some impressive games throughout the season.

Thank-you to the following people who assisted with basketball this year.
Your commitment to your teams did not go unnoticed.

Justin Gush – Coach of the Premier Boys team
Amiria Joseph – Coach of the Premier Girls team
Te Waoriki Tawaroa – Coach/Manager of the Senior B Boys team
Joe Fazakerley – Coach of the Junior Boys gold team
Cherie Hogan – Manager of the Senior Girls silver team
Sra Penn-Reina – TIC of Basketball

Please if you haven't returned your basketball uniform – make sure to do so ASAP to avoid an invoice!



Community Sponsorship

Massive thank you to Joe Marshall and his wife Siobhan who have kindly sponsored our boys premier basketball team. Thank-you for sponsoring training tees that will be worn during the 'A Premiership Regional Basketball Tournament' - only two weeks away. Our premier boys have been training hard and hope to do our families, school and community proud.

Get behind this local business who are supporting our rangatahi!

Ka mau te wehi!

As we head into our final week of Netball, lets thank **Tasha Bullock** who is the TIC of Netball at Cullinane.
I don't think we always appreciate what goes on behind the scenes, and Tasha does a-lot of work for Netball outside of her teaching role. It takes a lot or organizing and communication to make sure things run smoothly throughout the season – and although not everything goes according to plan, Tasha has always put her best foot forward.
Thank-you for all that you do for our students and school Mrs Bullock!

Special Mentions - Students Corner

We have such talented students at Cullinane. Congratulations to the many students who made the Wanganui Secondary Schools Basketball Tournament Team. And a very special mention to **Te Heru Reu Koro** and **Rongomai McLean-Wanoa** who were also named MVP of their grades.

Naaman Andrews, Petera Koro, Te Heru Reu Koro (MVP), **Justice Robertson-Hiri, Donovan Thompson, Ethan Morris, Rongomai McLean –Wanoa** (MVP), **Shayden Gardiner, Guardian Robertson- Hiri, Makaia Matthews, Jayden Hawkes, Maeve Weir, Shannah Andrews, Anastacia Joseph, Ruruhira Moir, Te Whetu Matthews, Maze Thompson-Koro.**

Badminton Update

Badminton is becoming a popular sport at Cullinane College, with about twenty students signed up this year. It is an accessible sport which people can play at a variety of levels. For the last few years we have been fortunate to have the services of volunteer coach Eileen Hodges. Under her coaching, beginning players are becoming confident and experienced players more competitive. Practices are held each Thursday night after school in the school gymnasium. The inter-school league has now begun and is held on Friday nights after school at Whanganui High School. Teams from other schools around Whanganui, including Nga Tawa and Rangitikei College are involved. The badminton draw for each week is posted on the gym office window

Up & Coming Sporting Events

Winter Tournament Week:

Basketball Premier Boys / New Plymouth / A Premiership Regional Basketball Tournament

Rugby U15 Boys / Palmerston North & Wairoa / U15 Young Marist Tour

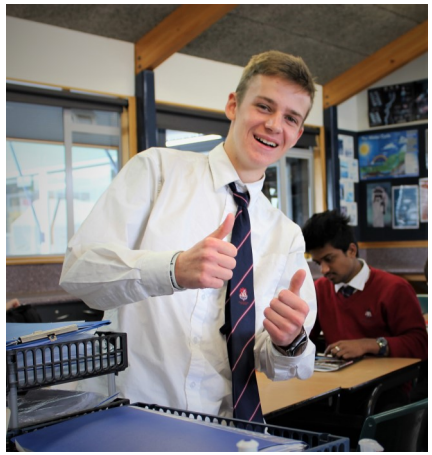
Sport Wanganui Coaching Modules

These are compulsory for our tournament teams (Rugby U15 and Premier Basketball) to attend. Steve Kerfoot from Sport Wanganui will be running two modules during Week Six that focus on 'Mental Skills Training' and 'Team Building'. These modules will be great learning for our students as they head away to tournament.

The 40th Round the Lakes Relay

Gather Four of your FIT mates and take the challenge to run around Virginia Lake (each leg approximately 2000m). Round the lakes will be held on Monday 10th September and is for both junior and senior students. More information is on the PE window and entries are through Mrs Prince.

WSS Sports Nominations

If there is anything 'advanced' (sporting wise) that you haven't told Mrs Prince about, especially if it is at National or International level, please let Mrs Prince know. Nominations for the Wanganui Sports Awards are due in soon. (aprince@cullinane.school.nz)

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