

Principal's Note

Dear Parents

Kia ora
Talofa lava
Greetings to you all

Welcome back to term 3. There is a big focus this term on academic achievement particularly with practice NCEA examinations coming up for our seniors in about 5 weeks time. Our NCEA results were outstanding last year and we are determined to gain similar statistics this year, which means that we will be providing on-going support to ensure our seniors know what they have to do. We expect the students to respond positively to our prompting, but we also need your help as parents to get behind them.

There are many events planned for this term, and a letter will be enclosed with this newsletter outlining details of the term 3 teacher only day and also a special parent meeting.

Our college is well represented at the Catholic Convention being held in Wellington this week, with Mr Stone, myself, 2 Board members and 2 senior students making the trip up to this event. I am sure everyone will gain something important from the guest speakers and workshops.

With God's peace and best wishes to you all.

Bruce Henley

Careers/Gateway

The Careers office has been really busy with Gateway placements, STAR courses, Jobseekers and general careers business. Thank you to the parents and teachers who are supporting their children to complete extra curricular careers activities.

Careers

Parents, have you asked your children what they want to do as a career in their lives? Have you told them what you think they may be good at? It is important to normalise discussion on careers at home. The choices can be overwhelming for a young person. Think about attending Trade Expos, Open Days and Info sessions, as they are informative, interactive and a great outing. Also, our Careers office has a careers resource area where students can access course info, applications and scholarships. The Careers coordinator has an open door policy and is available most of the time or an appointment can be made.

Gateway

New students for Gateway term 3 are keen and have already started working towards their chosen careers. Brittany Blacker is interested in Automotive Panel & Paint and has been attending a course with Avon City Ford. Placement at Hussey Panel & Paint will happen in Term 3. Taylar Saunders is looking at retail as a career pathway. Placement will be at a clothing outlet. Susitina Godinet will be learning how to be a Barista with a placement in a café. Gateway students who will be continuing their placements will be Emmett Sullivan-DV8 Tattoo, Matt Lavelle – Sports Turf, QE2.

Congratulations

Daryl Linton and his dancing partner Olivia competed in the New Zealand Nationals on 25/26 July and were placed -

6th Adult A Grade Latin
5th Adult B Grade Ballroom
3rd Adult B Grade Latin
3rd Adult 10 Dance
1st Youth Open Latin

They were also semi finalists of the A Grade and Open Ballroom

Well done!



Pacific Performance Group

The Pacific Performance group at Catholic Cathedral College have accepted the offer to perform at the Cultural Festival happening in Christchurch 24-28 August 09. Students will be asked if they are available for practice after school with dates to be confirmed. We will be doing a matinee (afternoon performance) and the Boys' will be doing the Slap dance in an evening performance.

NCEA

NCEA Fees are due for payment by Friday 14 August. The fee is \$75.00 per student. This is reduced to \$20 if you are a community service cardholder.

If you are a community service card holder and have not completed a financial assistance form, they are available from the school office.

"It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness"

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WEEK

O God, Open our eyes that we may see the needs of others;

Open our ears that we may hear their cries;

Open our hearts that we may feel their anguish and their joy.

Let us not be afraid to defend the oppressed, the poor, the powerless, because of the anger and might of the powerful.

Show us where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us to bring them to those places

PTFA News

At our last meeting the final approval was given to fund the following from the workday money:-

1. 2 Laptops @ \$1000.00 each
2. Year 7/8 area improvement \$250 initially, with further money as required.
3. 2 x Giant Chess sets \$139.00 each. 1 approved initially.

We are still collecting information from students to see how they would like some of the money they raised spent.

Car Boot Sale

The PTFA is holding a car boot sale on Friday 30 October starting at 4pm. Spaces are available for hire. Contact Diane Moore 337 9042 or Eddie Caudel 376 4970 for more information.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AWAY FROM SCHOOL

It's the time of year when there are lots of bugs and viruses around causing people to be sick with colds, flu's, diarrhoea, vomiting, coughs and stomach upsets.

If your child has a cold, the flu, diarrhoea and/or vomiting, we recommend that they stay at home till they recover. This will assist them to get better quicker and reduce the spread of bugs/germs to others.

Most bugs/germs are easily spread from one person to another through the air with coughing and sneezing or on the items we touch.

Encourage your child to **wash their hands** after blowing/wiping their nose and after going to the toilet, use tissues and get rid of them immediately, cough into the inner elbow and avoid sharing cups or drink bottles (name these). These good personal habits if used by everyone will lessen the number of bugs/germs around and help to keep us all well.

Remember to let school know your child is going to be off school for the day AND if your child is unwell and you are concerned ring your Practice Nurse for advice and/or take them to see your DOCTOR for a check up.

Written by Linda Stokes, Public Health Nurse (PHN)

Yr 7 Art Sculpture –Casey Smith



A reminder— Musical devices and cell phones are not allowed to be used during class time. Please ensure your child understands this. Yr 9-13 students need to wear ties with their uniform.

World Youth Day Madrid Spain 2011

This is 2 years away. We would like to invite those students who will be 18 in August 2011 to travel with the Christchurch Diocese to WYD. Our pilgrimage will take us through France, Spain and Italy. The cost will be between \$5000-\$6000. Contact the Catholic Youth Team cyt@chch.catholic.org.nz or your local parish to register your interest.

Many thanks

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Yr 7 Art Sculpture—Samraleen Fuimaono



COMING EVENTS



Term 2 August

- Tue 04 NSW English Exam
 - Fri 07 Peace Assembly Full School Progress Reports
 - Fri 14 Feast of Assumption Mass
 - Mon 17/ Tue 18 The Big Red Blogs Production
 - Tue 18 Young Enterprise Exam
 - Wed 19 NSW Mathematics Exam
 - Fri 21 Basketball finishes Progress Reports
 - Tue 25 BOT Mtg 6pm
 - Wed 26 Winter sport Finishes
 - Thu 27 Parent Evening 5-7pm
 - Fri 28 Teacher Only Day
 - Mon 31/ Fri 04 Senior Exams
- #### September
- Fri 04 Newsletter Progress Reports
 - Sat 05 School Formal Yrs 12/13
 - Tue 08 Snr Subject Choice Evening
 - Wed 09/ Thu 10 Cabaret Evening