



Headlines

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Great NCEA Results

The 2014 NCEA results were very pleasing.

80% of students at Year 11 passed NCEA Level 1. There were increased numbers of students earning Merit and Excellence endorsements. This is the highest Level 1 pass rate the College has had.

At Year 12, 80% of students passed Level 2 of the NCEA, again with increased numbers of students gaining Merit and Excellence endorsements. This equals the highest pass rate for the College

At Year 13, 68% of students passed NCEA Level 3. This is our second highest pass rate.

Last year was the first year of a new and more challenging University Entrance requirement. Nationally the pass rate went down. At Kaipara our pass rate was a little above last year's.

Six of our students entered the Scholarship exam and three of them passed. Scholarship is a straight out competition. The best 3% of students in a subject are awarded passes and the best 0.5% are awarded Outstanding passes. Pearl Hindley passed Scholarship in Design, Judith Glasson passed scholarship in Biology, as did Rachel Meadows.

Rachel also earned an Outstanding Scholarship pass in English.



Congratulations!

Rachel Meadows

Pearl Hindley Judith Glasson



Devices at School

The College has introduced BYOD (Bring Your Own Devices) to the College. Students are now permitted to bring devices to school.

Devices join the College system through our WiFi network. To join the network students and parents must sign a Digital Citizenship Agreement. To get the agreement approved students must pass a test that asks them about the rules of Digital Citizenship.

These rules were developed by students at a seminar at school late last year. The students have formed a Digital Citizenship Council which monitors the rules and advises on any changes that need to be made to them.

Students are also permitted to have phones at school now. Phones along with devices are not to be on while students are in class, unless the teacher gives permission. We ask parents not to phone or text their children during the school day. If you need to get a message to your child the break times are at 11.00 -11.30 am and 1.30 -2.10pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays break times are 10.30-11.00am and 1.00-2.00pm.

The safety and security of devices is solely the responsibility of students. We have security lockers for devices (not for school bags) at school. These can be hired for \$10 per term. Students should see Mrs Glasson at school if they wish to hire a locker.

Try reading this

Geek Girl by Holly Smale

Who would have thought? Geek to Chic!

Harriet Manners has just opened a new chapter in her life.

Transforming from a geek to a highly fashionable super star! If you're the kind of person who likes a major twist in a book, this one is for you.

Reviewed by Devon Shaw 9YL



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Thank you very much

Sports News

DRAW: Starting Monday 16th February

RESULTS: Starting 9th Feb 2015

TOUCH - GIRLS Tuesday 17 February
Kaipara v Long Bay Field 5 4:30pm

TOUCH - BOYS Tuesday 17 February
Kaipara v Westlake Field 4 5:00pm

TOUCH
Boys won 7-2 against Kristin
Girls won by default

Sport – Help Wanted

The winter season is nearly upon us again, and we require coaches and managers for our teams. The number of teams we are able to field each year is dependent both on the staff and on parental support. If you are willing to help out with managing or coaching, we would love to hear from you.

Please make contact with Emma, the College Sports Co-ordinator, to register your interest on 09 420 8640 ext 821 or via email at sports@kaiparacollege.school.nz.

Visitors from Japan

Five boys and five girls from Tokai Dai Sagami High School in Japan are visiting us for two weeks. They are here to improve their English and to experience the New Zealand way of life by staying with local families.

As well as English lessons they are visiting regular Kaipara classes to experience a New Zealand High School

It's not all work. They have visited the Arataki Visitor Centre, in the Waitakere Ranges, the Zoo, Mission Bay, One Tree Hill and Waitomo where they took the glow worm boat tour



Swimming Champions

Sports competitions start a few days after classes start and the first up was the College Swimming Championships. They were held in the swimming pool on Wednesday.

A record number of students entered including 24 Year 9's in their first College event. The competition was enthusiastic and the titles decided by the slimmest of margins in some divisions. The Champions are:

Junior Girls	Samantha Kay
Junior Boys	Karl Ruzich
Intermediate Girls	Rosie Smith
Intermediate Boys	Connor Kay-Redward
Senior Girls	Tara Mansell-Sawyers
Senior Boys	Kevin Calis

Congratulations!

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**COMING
UP**

25 February	Wednesday	Athletics Championships
11 March	Wednesday	First Parent Report Day
23-27 March	Week 8	Waka Ama Nationals
2 April	Thursday	End of Term 1

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