



# COLLEGE NEWS

# KAIPARA

Term Two 2015

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## From the Principal's desk

It has been a long and busy term. It started with the College involved in the centennial commemorations for Anzac Day and is finishing with the staging of *The Seagull* by the senior drama students. The term has been a reflection of Kaipara. Community involvement, music, drama, the college ball and winter sport have had many students engaged in a wonderful spread of activities. Quite a few have resulted in competition wins and awards. I congratulate all those who have done well this term. You can read more about some of them inside.

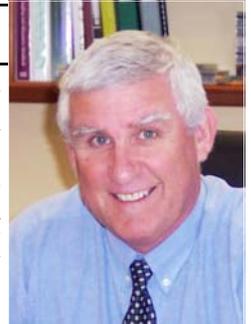
Through it all, of course, there has been the regular heartbeat of learning. The Deputy Principals and I have been meeting the senior students this week and reviewing their progress towards NCEA. It is still early in the year but a big majority of students are well on track towards their academic goals for the year. A few have already topped up their credits from last year and reached NCEA Levels 1 and 2 and are now able to move on to the next NCEA Certificate.

Terms 3 and 4 are the terms when the balance of activity must shift towards each student's academic goals. There are ten school weeks in Term 3 and four in Term 4 before the NCEA examinations begin. Winter sport will finish about six weeks into the term. The practice examinations will be in Week 8. At the end of the term we will review the progress of each student again.

Parents and students will be able to sit down with form teachers to review progress and to consider a report from subject teachers in the second week of Term 3, on Wednesday, 29 July. Appointments will be made early next term.

We have been very pleased to see local primary schools using the College Hall for a Science

Roadshow and for the Mathex competition. Both events were heavily attended and involved our Year 9 and 10 students in hosting and guiding duties. Congratulations to Huapai School for two wins in Mathex.



Term 3 also sees us begin to enrol students for 2016. The process of introducing primary students to high school has already begun. About one hundred and eighty Year 8 students came to College last week to get a taste of secondary programmes. We have been visiting local primary schools and introducing Year 8 students to Kaipara and encouraging them to come to the Open Night in the first week.

We are now two terms into the introduction of devices to the school. Our WiFi network is fully commissioned and working well. Device use is slowly growing although the number of students who are getting licenses to use them is fewer than we have expected. Staff, too, are still learning about the way devices can be used to enhance lessons.

Perhaps the biggest challenge is the development of digital citizenship. This is being led by a group of senior students who have responsibility to develop the digital citizenship rules. They have also been discussing breaches of them with their peers. The law has been changing too. Most inappropriate uses of cell phones and devices are now clearly illegal, so there has been quite an emphasis on educating students about responsible use of their devices.

*John Grant*

**Open Night**

**Thursday, 23 July at 7 pm**

You are invited to visit the College and speak to the Principal, Staff and Board of Trustees members.

You can inspect the College facilities and find out about our programmes.

NCEA *Very Important Information for Students and Parents* NCEA

Students have been given an Information Sheet about NCEA. It is written by NZQA and distributed by the school. It contains very important information about NCEA. It is summarised here:

### Register with the NZQA Website

You can register on the NZQA website so that you can check your entries and your results. Students have been given a card with their ID number on it. (See Mr Roberts)

The NSN Number on the card and your birth date can be used to set up your access to the NZQA website so you can check your entries and your results. You can do this at home or at school.

Go to [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

In the centre of the page, in the "Information for..." panel click 'Students'

Under the "School Students" section click "Login"

Follow the instructions to register & log in.



### Entries

You must check your entries carefully.

Make a note of any standards that you want to remove or add.

Tell Mr Roberts what these are and he will correct your entry for you.

Please note that if you enter and do not complete the work or sit the exam the result will be recorded as a Fail.

### Entry Fees

NCEA entry costs \$76.70 (incl GST) for a New Zealand Student.

Scholarship entries cost \$30.00 per subject.

*Entry Fees must be paid to the College by Friday, 28 August. A \$50 late fee applies.*

### Financial Assistance

Students can have some of their Entry Fees paid in some circumstances.

1. Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit.
2. Have a joint family income that would entitle the applicant to receive a Community Services Card.
3. Have *more* than one child undertaking these qualifications in the same year, irrespective of income, providing the combined NCEA entry fees exceeds \$200.

To get Financial Assistance you must complete a form.

You can get the form from Mr Roberts at the College (09) 420 8640 Ext 802

You can also download the form from the College website.

*Applications must be given to Mr Roberts at College by Friday, 28 August.*

**Any NCEA Questions? Contact Mr Roberts (09) 420 8640 Ext 802 or [nroberts@kaiparacollege.school.nz](mailto:nroberts@kaiparacollege.school.nz)**

### Reports

If you want reports ahead of the meetings next term

Phone  
09 4208640  
Ext 805

Or email  
[jsherman@kaiparacollege.school.nz](mailto:jsherman@kaiparacollege.school.nz)

## Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday, 29 July, 9.00 am - 8.00 pm

The Parent, Form Teacher, Student meetings to discuss progress and to review plans for the year will be held on the second Wednesday of Term 3 .

Appointments are 15 minutes long and are available in one of five session times through the day.

We encourage you to use one of the first three session times if at all possible.

An appointment sheet is enclosed with the newsletter.

Please ask your child to return it to their Form Teacher.

Reports will be available at the Careers Centre on the day of the meeting. You may wish to come in earlier to collect and read them before the meeting.

Students are not required to attend school that day.

## Principal to Retire

The Board of Trustees wishes to announce that the College Principal, John Grant, will retire at the end of the 2015 school year. We wish to acknowledge the dedication and years of service he has given the College and the Community. John, we thank you for everything you have done for the College and our children.

*Felicity Smith, Chair, Board of Trustees*

### Text Absences to School

When students are away from school parents are required to give us a reason for the absence. Absences can be phoned into school and a message left on Extension 810. Alternatively a text message can be sent to 027 420 8642.

### Uniform Shop – New Hours

From the start of next term, the Uniform Shop hours are changing:

**Monday and Friday at lunchtime (1.30-2.15pm)  
Wednesday 8.00 to 9.00 am**

### Get Access to the Parent Portal

The website includes a parent portal that will give parents information about their children. The portal includes a student’s timetable, academic results and fees payments. It also provides a school calendar and the contact details we hold for the student.

The parent portal is only accessible with a login and password which is unique to each student. Parents can obtain these by contacting Tania Clarke at the school; (09) 420 8640 or [tclarke@kaiparacollege.school.nz](mailto:tclarke@kaiparacollege.school.nz)

## What a busy term it has been...

*Students went on The Journey,*

Ten Year 10 students got out of the bus at Waitangi and walked, cycled and kayaked their way back to Kaipara. The Adventure Specialties instructors were really impressed with the level of encouragement, consideration and comradery that developed over the time. The students became a caring, tight group, who worked hard for each other. Some of our seniors who took part previously have reported that they often think about their achievement and use that perseverance and ability to ‘dig deep’ to help them with life even now. It has become an invaluable programme in our school helping to build resilience self confidence and a positive outlook.

The students were Tiana Schofield, Alesicia Phillips, Tegan Sainty, Rose Sorenson, Denvah Harvey, Phillip Jarden, Lane Rivers, Ethan Linton, Micaiah Samson, Brad McMurray.



### *Tough Guys & Gals made money*

Kaipara College is extremely grateful to have been offered a fundraising opportunity by Event Promotions to help staff the Tough Guy and Gal event last weekend at Woodhill Sands. We raised \$14K! This money will go to various school trips for 2015 and 2016, support programmes in school, a Science project, Waka Ama maintenance and a weights room. We would like to thank all the volunteers who put aside their time to watch people get muddy and to keep them organised and safe.

Several of our students and staff participated. Here is a muddy photo of Micayla Moore and Mr Limmer who completed the event.



*It was the centenary of Anzac Day*



There were memorial crosses on the lawn at school and a special assembly. Students formed an honour guard outside the War Memorial Hall and the Student Leaders carried the flags in the parade. Head students Tara Mansell-Sawyers and Kevin Calis laid a wreath at the Memorial.



*Senior students were out and about*



Year 12 English students were at the Readers & Writers Festival listening to authors and meeting writers.

Media Studies students were in a radio station learning about the media.

History students were at the museum.

Kaipara students represented Chile at the Model United Nations Assembly and won an award doing so.

The Arty students took the train to Wellington and explored Weta Workshops, Te Papa and art galleries.



*Year 12 students learned skills for safer driving*



Eighty-four Year 12 students were taught driver awareness at a Rotary sponsored course in Henderson that encouraged them to become safer and more skilful young drivers. Six workshops later the students had looked at speed and stopping distances, hazards and distractions, personality factors, rights and responsibilities and considered the life changing impact of serious accidents.

*There was music all term...*



The term was full of music as 15 bands, and 16 duets and soloists competed in RockQuest. We dominated the West Auckland competitions and won three awards at the Regionals. *The Second* earned third place and best original song and Emily Dainty won the musicianship award. Beth Stewart & Josh Somervell won the song writing competition for the U20 World Cup. The top rock musicians joined Clap, Clap, Riot at the Town Hall for the Rolling Stones tribute concert.



*Primary students were here for Mathex,*

Year 7 & 8 students from nor-west primary schools were at College for a Mathematics competition. Maths problems solved against the clock! They competed, we judged and scored. Congratulations to Huapai School who won the Year 7 and the Year 8 event.



*the Science Roadshow & College Day,*

Earlier in the term the Science Roadshow rolled into school and the Hall filled with primary students once again as the roadshow staff and our Year 9 students engaged them in the world of science.



190 Year 8 students from local primary schools came into College to experience secondary school. Under the eye of some of our senior students they got a taste of Digital Technology, Science and Phys Ed. It was all part of the transition to high school programme we have run for a number of years.

*The term finished with the "The Seagull" and the Ball.*



The College Ball attracted 230 senior students to Settlers Country Manor for a glamour night.

As we go to press in the last days of the term, the Senior Drama students are staging Chekov's *The Seagull* to full houses and good reviews. Another top production directed by Patrice Wilson.



That was the term that



**Term  
Two  
Sports  
Round  
Up**

**Trail Running**

We have had a brilliant start to our season with three fantastic runs at Riverhead Forest, Shakespear Park and Totara Park. Our team is running well and improving in fitness and trail experience all the time. Congratulations to Katrina Jordan who is the sole female member of the team. Katrina is eating up the mid-length 10-12km runs and getting faster all the time. The most successful of the team so far is James Freshwater. He is currently running third in the series which is a fantastic effort. It's been great having Kaipara Old Boy Billy Bowman join with the even older boys (Richard Limmer and Phil Cox) as part of the team competing in the older age groups.



**First XI Girls Soccer**

The team are playing exceptional football this year under the skilful guidance of Coach of The Year Leonie Masters. The morale is very high as the team stand at the top of the table after 7 games, 3 points clear of closest rivals - Albany Senior High. Stand out performances have been noted by several members of the squad. The passionate defence of Georgia Logan, calm midfield brain of Sophie Fisher have combined with the goal machine that is Rosie Smith. It is truly a team effort though and the squad should be very proud of their efforts so far.

**Junior Girls Soccer**

Under the enthusiastic coaching of Anna Lawton and Brittany Coussons the junior girls football team have improved considerably to date. Unfortunately this improvement has not always been reflected in the score. The team has continued to be cheerful at the end of each game and it is obvious they are enjoying the season.

**Boys Soccer**

For the first time in many years Kaipara College has a boys soccer team! Big thanks to all of the Stenning family for getting this team off the ground! A range of boys have joined the team but they are all working well together on the field and developing stronger connections every week

**Rugby**



Rugby is progressing strongly this year with our Girls Team and Open Boys Team leading the way, both being unbeaten at this stage. The Girls are looking almost certain to retain the North Harbour 10-a-side Championship that they won last year. The Coach has been impressed with the hard work of the Girls.

The Open Boys, playing in the Open C grade, finished top of their pool and now move into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Championship.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade team, have also performed well, and look likely to top the 5B competition. They will then be joined by the lower two teams from the A grade to contest the 5B Championship for the teams ranked 5-10.

The college 6<sup>th</sup> grade was graded into the 6A first round competition and have found the competition tough. They will drop into the 6B Championship next term.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade team have enjoyed wins and losses in the first round, and will contest the 7B Championship next term, playing for positions 5-9.

It is pleasing to see that over 110 students are involved in rugby at Kaipara this year.

**First XI Girls Hockey**

The First XI Girls Hockey has had a tumultuous term 2, from outstanding wins such as 7-0, to a few losses. With the new draw, our games will be much more consistent against similarly skilled players. The team is led by their outstanding captain and coach, Sophie Fisher. Her four years as a North Harbour Representative have given Sophie the skills and expertise to develop a strong squad of players. She has been supported by Mr Finlay at practices at 7am on a Tuesday, and the team have benefited from his expertise.

A special thank-you goes to Graham Read-Hayes who has umpired for the team this term. His calm and professional manner have ensured the team has had a stress-free time on the field



knowing all referee decisions are sound and accommodating the recent changes to the hockey rules.

**Second XI Girls Hockey**

The Second XI Girls Hockey team has shown strong development and progress this term in both hockey skills and as a team. Their growth in their confidence and willingness to play hard is evident at practices and on the field. The team has been led by Keziah Waite as captain and assistant coach. Her enthusiasm and commitment for the game have ensured the players are supported and encouraged. A special thanks go to the First XI Girls Hockey players who have umpired for the team this term - Devon Conway, Sophie Fisher and Ismay Masters - who have attended the games on a Friday night.

Overall the teams are grateful to the strong parental support and appreciate the efforts to make it to the venues after work on a Thursday and Friday.

**Basketball**

Having tripled the number of boys basketball teams this year, all are learning and developing nicely. Each team has a small number of experience players, which has led to a good number of successes thus far. U15s started off strong with some great successes and have had a few challenges over the last few games. U17s have been dominant so far, only dropping 2 out of 8 games this season. U19s struggled to make a good start, but have impressed over the last few games, securing a couple of win. We're looking forward finishing the season with some strong performances by all our teams.

**Netball**

All 4 senior netball teams have made a really encouraging start with team 1 & 4 undefeated! They are all training hard to improve their results. Thanks to the parent coaches and managers who have stepped up and offered to help. Lana Cooper, Casey Koia, Jackie Watson, Sue Lusty, Andrea Clarke, Tena Kennedy, Rachel Cook, Melissa Hawkes and Ruth Matthews. We

wouldn't have been able to have teams without you! We look forward to a positive second half of the season!

**9A**

As the season has progressed the confidence of the girls and the positivity amongst the team environment has rapidly increased. This has been reflected in our results so far as we are sitting 3<sup>rd</sup> on the table. I would put this down to the strong bonds that the girls have formed with each other which is awesome to see from a coaches perspective! Big thanks to all the parents that come down on a Tuesday and supported the girls!

**9B**

The Girls are starting to work together well as none of them knew each other at the start. We have worked a lot with the basics of netball and the girls have learnt a lot about the rules. Our season is going well with the girls having fun!

**House Competition**

We have relaunched the Houses at the College - Nga Whare o Kaipara. So far they are named for colours. The competition got under way with the aid of the local fire brigade. Teams of thirty students from each house competed to see who could pull the fire engine quickest over a measured distance on the quad. The result was a win to Orange (Karaka) House.

Orange	Karaka	9.00secs	40 points
Green	Kakariki	9.10secs	30 points
Yellow	Kowhai	9.35secs	20 points
Purple	Nikau	10.06secs	10 points



**Sports fees are now due.**

Please ensure you have paid your child's sports fees.

Fees must be paid & uniforms returned to be eligible to attend Sports Prize-giving.

You can pay at the school or via online banking.

ASB Bank: Helensville, Account Number: 12 3139 0002717 00

Reference: You must include your child's name and sports ie 'Jack Blogs Soccer fees'

**IMPORTANT DATES**

20 July	Monday	Term 3 starts
23 July	Thursday	Open Night
29 July	Wednesday	Form Teacher / Parent / Student Meetings
3 – 8 August	Week 3	Enrolment week
11-14 August	Week 4	Year 12 Ropes Course
26 August	Wednesday	Road Race
7-11 September	Week 8	Senior Examinations – Year 11, 12 & 13
25 September	Friday	End of Term 3

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**School Donation**

The School Fee is \$130 for one student and \$200 for two students and \$250 for more than two students. It is a donation to the school that supports the school's sports programme, the Year Book and other extra curricula activities.

Without it we would struggle to provide many activities that we currently provide to all our students.

Making the donation to the College is a huge help to all our students. We ask you to help us continue to make the school the supportive school it is by paying the College the school donation.

You can make your donation directly to our bank account.

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**Thank you very much**