



# COLLEGE NEWS

# KAIPARA

Term Three 2015

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## From the Principal's desk

It has been a typical third term. Winter sports competitions have been completed, a plethora of music competitions have been entered and there have been more performances in the Drama suite. Most importantly the focus has shifted steadily to academic accomplishment.

By the time we finished on Friday, senior students had just sixteen school days left in their year. Of course there are a few intervening weekends and two weeks of school holidays as well. It's time for students to bring all their energy to their studies so that the year finishes successfully. Some careful management of time may be necessary especially in balancing social lives, part time work and family duties with school work.

Some students will need to spend holiday time on internal assessments, especially if they have Art boards to complete.

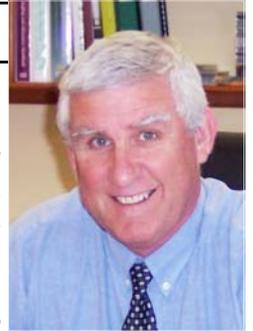
The school practice exams will have revealed to each student what they need to focus their study on. Students can look at their exam results and, in discussion with their teachers, learn exactly what they have to do to pass or to improve their grades.

Over the last few days senior staff will have spoken to many Year 11, 12 and 13 students about their progress toward NCEA. These students should now have a very clear idea of what has to be achieved in these last few weeks.

The winter sports season is reviewed inside the newsletter. There have been many brilliant results. Particular congratulations to the Girls' Rugby team for their undefeated season culminating in the North Harbour Championship and in ten of the team being selected for provincial representative honours.

The sportsmanship of our players has been notable this season with emphasis being given to team work, discipline and camaraderie. This has been added to our desire to be competitive. It

makes winning a genuine team effort. This very healthy approach to our sport has been encouraged by all of our coaches across the school. Again we have relied on many parents and community members to help with our teams. You have coached and managed and supported our students wonderfully. In particular you have all espoused the Kaipara sporting ethos which has produced not only some great results but enjoyable sport for our students. Thank you very much.



There has also been some excellent music competition results. We have gained wins in the Who Loves Who, Peace Song and Play it Strange competitions. As I write Katie Ashworth is in Japan for a five week stay as her prize in the Peace Song competition. You can read about all the winners inside.

We began the term with an open evening for prospective parents followed by enrolment week. The number of students enrolling for 2016 is exceeding our expectations and those of the Ministry of Education. We will be adding an extra Year 9 class next year.

The growing roll also means more classrooms will be required. We have started discussions with the Ministry about providing new buildings during next year.

The increasing numbers also means that we are evaluating which new courses to add to the College curriculum. We are thinking of expanding the courses that lead to skilled occupations. The views of parents are welcome.

Term 4 is full of celebrations marking the accomplishment of our students this year. The dates and times are over the page. You are warmly invited to attend and I look forward to seeing you at some of them, perhaps at all of them!

## Term 4

### Award Evenings

Term Four is full of award ceremonies starting with Whakamana Taiohi Maori. The schedule for Term Four is:

#### *Whakamana Taiohi Maori*

**Thursday, 15 October**

**College Hall**

Come and join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our students of Maori descent and those who have contributed to kaupapa Maori this year.

#### *Music Awards*

**Thursday, 22 October**

**College Hall**

The senior Music students produce an evening of performance and mix it up with awards for a range of interesting contributions to music in the school.

#### *Sports Prize-giving*

**Wednesday, 28 October**

**College Hall**

The night that marks the achievement of the school's sports men and women, including the award of the prestigious James Skipper Memorial Trophy and the Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year.

#### *Senior Academic Prize-giving*

**Wednesday, 4 November**

**College Hall**

This is the top night at the College for academic success. See the Subject and Faculty Awards. Hear from the Head Boy and Girl and acknowledge the Dux.

#### *Junior Prize-giving*

**Thursday, 10 December**

**College Hall**

The last day, mid-afternoon display of work and performance from the Year 9 and 10 students combined with their awards for work and achievement.

*See you at one, or all, of them!*

### Academic Trophies

*Would all students who have academic trophies, please return these to the College at the start of Term 4.*



### NCEA

The NCEA examinations begin on Monday, 9 November at 9.00 am. Each student will have their own examination timetable. Pin it up on the bedroom wall or stick it on the fridge now!

The NCEA Examination timetable can be downloaded from the NZQA website:

[www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz) - link at the bottom of the home page.

Students will be released for these examinations on Wednesday 4 November after the Senior Academic Prize-giving.

#### **Student Illness**

If a student is ill during the examination period and misses an examination, parents should contact the school immediately. A doctor's certificate is needed to deal with missed examinations.

Students must remember to bring their entry slip and the equipment they need for their examination papers.

### Homestays Needed

Are you interested in having a student from another country stay with you and your family? This can be a marvellous experience for the whole family. Students need their own room and to be provided with meals and to be included in family life.

A homestay fee is paid to all approved host families. We have a need for long term and short term home-stays. If interested please contact Sally Olsen on (09) 420 8640 Ext 831.

### Dental Treatment

The mobile dental clinic, the Lumino Bus, has arrived at school to provide free dental treatment for any students under 18 who have registered with the service.

The comfortable, fully equipped, modern clinic is parked next to the Gym. Getting good dental treatment free before students turn 18 is very important. Not only can it ensure that oral health is good but it can save families a lot of money.

It is still not too late to register with the service. Any student who wants to register can get an enrolment form from the Student Centre at College.

Queries:

Contact Gretchen Shelling (09) 420 8640 Ext 841.

# Wild About Kaipara

## Use of Devices at School

The introduction of devices to the College is happening in a low key way. So far about 270 students have completed their device licence test and signed the user agreement so that they can have their device at school. It was part of our plan to allow the use of the devices by both students and teachers to grow naturally.

This stems from our belief that the devices themselves will perform no miraculous improvement in achievement. Any improvement will come from the way students and teachers can use devices to improve their engagement in learning.

This belief has been reinforced by the release of the recent OECD study into the use of computers in schools. It said.

*“Students who use computers moderately at school tend to have somewhat better learning outcomes than students who use computers rarely. But students who use computers very frequently at school do a lot worse in most learning outcomes, even after accounting for social background and student demographics.”*

Staff are slowly finding ways in which devices can enrich lessons and can help students become more interested in their learning. Similarly the students themselves are learning how the devices can improve their success. Most College staff are in the process of upskilling themselves and are searching for effective ways in which the use of devices can improve student achievement in their subject.

### E-Access

#### Website

The College website is:  
[www.kaiparacollege.school.nz](http://www.kaiparacollege.school.nz)  
 It contains information & contacts.  
 The newsletter is posted to it every Friday.

#### Parent Portal

Real time information about the school, your child’s progress and school daily notices. You do need to have a log on and password. Get yours from the College office.

#### Email

We are sending some information, the occasional survey and important reminders via email. Is yours up-to-date?  
 Send us an update via the college email:  
[tclarke@kaiparacollege.school.nz](mailto:tclarke@kaiparacollege.school.nz)

## Digital Citizenship

The school rules about the use of devices at the College have been developed by the students. All students were invited to contribute and about 50 have done so. They drew up the rules that form the basis of the agreement that all students wishing to have devices at school must sign.

The senior students who were part of this group are now the Digital Citizenship Council. They can amend the rules whenever students or staff make a suggestion that they agree with.

The Council can also call students to account for breaching the Digital Citizenship rules. Students can be called to appear before the Council to discuss any possible breaches that arise. The Council can impose reasonable penalties on students who break the rules.

The Council is managed by Kim Adams who is the school’s Digital Dean.

## Cyber Bullying Laws

Over the last few years the Law has caught up with the growth of devices and social media. There are at least 8 different pieces of legislation that control what can be done and said on mobile phones and devices.

It is very simple really. The e-world is a public place. You cannot say or do things in the electronic world that you can’t say or do in the real world. So making threats, telling people to harm themselves, posting explicit images of yourself or anybody else, breaching privacy, stalking or being abusive are all against the law.

The school has the power under the Education Act to search students. We cannot search student devices. But we can ask students to show us specific things on their device if we have reasonable cause to suspect that they have inappropriate material. We can seize a device and impound it. We will give it back to an appropriate adult.

When are these problems the school’s business? Years ago this decision was easy. School time, school event, school’s business. Now it is harder. The guiding principle is this: If the action, no matter when or where it happens, has a consequence at school or affects a student’s well being at school, it is the school’s business.

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Learning  
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Advice  
for  
parents:

[www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz)

Report  
any  
concern  
about  
cyber  
bullying  
to school.  
We will  
help.

This is the term that was...



*The term started with Open Night*

Over three hundred parents and prospective students attended the Open Night. They listened to an introductory speech about the school from Principal, John Grant, and then explored school facilities guided by senior students. There was food to taste, science activities, students painting and using technology as well as a abundance of student work to look at.



*There were visitors from Hong Kong*

Ten students from Po Leung Kuk Tong Nai Kan Junior Secondary College in Hong Kong spent two weeks studying English, touring around Auckland and staying with Kaipara families. Their speeches at the farewell lunch showed how much their English had improved. Kaipara buddies took them to classes so they could experience a New Zealand secondary school.



*A Student Council was added to College leadership opportunities*



Student involvement in College life has taken another step with the introduction of a Student Council. The Student Council has the main objective of being a voice for the students in the college, and to assist and advise the Student Leaders. The Council members give up their free time on a Thursday at interval showing how committed they are to strengthening student input at the college. Meetings so far have included discussions on improving results, litter, shelter, recycling and junior uniform. The members of the Student Council are: Kevin Calis, Aaron Olsen, Benjamin Seely, Caitlyn Cox, Charlie Stenning, Daniel Calder, Emily Watson, Jack Stenning, Keanna Johnson-Phillipps, Olivia Kelly, Paris Bagosi, and Rina Paraoone.

*The Mobile dental clinic arrived*

The mobile dental clinic has arrived to check student teeth. It will be here until 24 October. Dental treatment is free for all students under 18 who are still at school. We recommend that all students should take advantage of this service, particularly the seniors who are close to losing this free service. Students who are enrolled with Lumino will automatically be picked up for a dental check. It is not too late to enrol with Lumino. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the Student Centre.



*Maddie Bowman was a hit at Fashion Week*



Maddie made the final of the Fashion Week talent competition in hair styling after a public vote was counted. She impressed a number of experts and came away from the final with an apprenticeship.



*The Music students continued to win competitions*

*Who Loves Who*

The 2015 Who Loves Who Competition celebrates New Zealand music by challenging students to record their own interpretation of a New Zealand song. Two entries from Kaipara were finalists in the Top Ten and are included on The Who Loves Who 2015 album. Our Top Ten finalists were Year 13 students Alex Horsfield and Charlie Stenning for their version of 'Burn' originally by Blacklistt, and Year 9 student Katie Faulkner for her version of 'A World Alone' originally by Lorde.



*Peace Song*

Katie Ashworth, Year 11, won the Auckland section of the Peace Song competition with her song, "Baby Blue". The Peace Song Competition came into being in 2008 which was the 21st anniversary of the signing of legislation making New Zealand nuclear-free. The song is judged 50% on lyrics and 50% on music/composition. Katie won the opportunity to record her song at The Lab recording studio in Mt Eden with award winning audio engineers and a five week trip to Japan!

*Play it Strange*

The Lion Foundation Song-writing Competition is New Zealand's national secondary school song-writing competition. It attracts hundreds of entries from around New Zealand. Each song is judged equally 50% lyrics and 50% composition. The top entries go on to the very popular Play it Strange CD. This year three songs from Kaipara College made it onto the CD, 'In There Somewhere' by Imogen Roberts and Alex Horsfield, 'Joker Tease' by Alex Lusty, Courtenay Parris, Hayley Hill, James Ander, Jackson Gibbons, Bianca Bailey and Paice Vaughan, and 'Flowers' by Bianca Bailey, Paice Vaughan, Quinn Hart and James Ander.



*Home*



Tiki Tane visited the College to talk about his music and to explain the way he uses his devices to create his unique sound. Aimee Way used the occasion to carry out her music research assignment into his song "Starship Lullaby". It became a fascinating seminar on musical influences.

*and*

*Away*



Senior engineering students were visitors to the New Zealand Steel Mill at Glenbrook and saw first-hand how New Zealand is the only place in the world to take black sand and

The Year 11 History class visited some of New Zealand's significant historic sites to learn about their history. Visits included the famous Hundertwasser toilets, Kemp House and the Stone Store, Waitangi and Okiato. The bullet holes at Christ Church were then examined followed by a visit to the Ohaewai and Ruapekapeka battlefields and the Waimate North Mission Station. It was a terrific couple of days where the students could see places of significant New Zealand historical importance.



Year 13 Food and Hospitality students invited a guest in for a High

Tea. The students were being assessed for NCEA credits. It was a very successful event, where students really enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their skills to a family member and the feedback from the guests has been very positive.



That was the term that was...

## Sport in Winter



# Winter Sports Results

### Senior Girls Soccer

The girls have had a strong season and have developed their skills as well as a great team spirit! They gave their 110% effort until the final whistle and this mentality has kept them in the top 5 throughout the season. With only 2 important losses costing us the title.

### Junior Girls Soccer

All the girls improved heaps over the sociable season. They were always willing to learn something new and always tried their hardest. The coaches were impressed with the positive attitudes and their determination never to give up.

### Boys Soccer

Our Kaipara football team came together as an eclectic mix of age and ability. They knitted together very quickly and began playing with ability where they could and always with enthusiasm. They have all developed their ability to read a game, and perform their various jobs on the field. Finished 8<sup>th</sup> = overall.

### Senior 1 Netball

What a fantastic season, undefeated in both round 1 and Championship. The girls have developed into a strong formidable team, which has shown in all areas. It has been great that our senior players taking on leadership roles; delivering warm ups, team talks, and encouraging our junior players at trainings & games, finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in their section and 17<sup>th</sup> overall.

### Senior 2 Netball

Team culture and mantra was to have fun, to look after the ball and to look after each other. Three Year 13 girls took on a leadership role, working on building a star team; help develop team members to their fullest potential, motivate and inspire team players.

### Senior 3 Netball

They got lots of court time and all improved immensely. Some were switched between defence and attack and it was exciting to see them respond in such a positive way. They were in a grade that continually challenged them. They had so much fun and played some beautiful netball.

### Senior 4 Netball

The team was undefeated, including grading games and finished in first place in the college grade 12 championship. They had to fight for their final win, the girls dug deep, worked as a team, played the season with passion and with the desire to win and managed a brilliant come from behind victory.

### 9A Netball

Overall it was an enjoyable and rewarding season. With an enthusiastic group of girls. Their passion for netball and eagerness to learn made them a pleasure to coach. They did extremely well winning flight grade and coming 9<sup>th</sup> overall.

### 9B Netball

The girls really started to come out of their shells as they season progressed. They were a great team to coach as they always listened to their coaches! There were some fun and great memories made amongst this group of girls that will be remembered.

### Girls Rugby

The Girls Rugby team has been unbeaten all season. But Hato Petera gave them a very tough game in the North Harbour Championship final. Solid defence and lightning attacks, with the small amount of possession they did secure, was the difference in the end. Kaipara Girls won 36-32. A well deserved title for a great team.



### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rugby

A great season, 95% of players turning up to training and any absences well-communicated. The results were 50/50. We saw massive improvements in some players and all of them enjoying their season. The game of the year was the semi-final against Takapuna. In a really close see-sawing game we lost 24-21 in the last minute of the game.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rugby

The season started with not a lot of commitment or discipline from the payers, but they quickly improved. They played their games hard, and often ended up with personal praise from opposition coaches on their good playing attitude, discipline and that they should be proud of the way the conduct themselves both on and off the field.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rugby

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade began the year strongly, but players suffered injuries through the year so we were never at full strength. Hopes were high that we could take out the B grade Championship, but losses to teams we had already beaten, meant this



was not to be. The undoubted highlight of the season was winning the NHSS Challenge Shield off Takapuna Grammar.

**1st XV Rugby**

A very successful season for the 1st XV saw the team finish third in their competition. The forwards were very effective at lineout and scrum time providing quality ball which enabled a talented back line the space to run in many tries. The whole team were well organised in defence making it difficult for the opposition to score.

**2nd XI Girls Hockey**

With many new players, the girls hockey develop as a strong midfield team, supportive and positive in their play. There were many skills developed and most of the team showed a big improvement. Improved standard of play throughout the season. Fair play was recognised by other teams.

**U19 Boys Basketball**

Most of the boys in this team had never played before. We were on the tail end of some big losses, however the skills and understanding of the game started to improve, the boys went on to win a few more games and made the opposition earn their win.

**U17 Boys Basketball**

There was a mixed team of old and new players this year. It was hard to know what to expect. To our surprise they won. We had a great season of basketball ending up second overall in pool play. We unfortunately got knocked out in the play offs however great effort from all the players on a very successful season.

**U15 Boys Basketball**

Having tripled the number of boys basketball teams this year, players are all learning and developing nicely. With a small number of experienced players, the team started off strong. With a few challenges along the way, the boys kept their spirits up and dug deep and come away with a big win to end the season. The future of basketball at Kaipara College looks very promising.

**North Island Skiing Champs**

This year there were 128 teams entered and we had our first team place 66th in the Giant Slalom and second team 108th. Our top Junior Girl, Rosie Smith placed 36th. Our top Junior Boy, Sam Teuruaa placed 175th. Our top Senior, Nathan Perkovic placed 68th. Both teams competed well in the Dual Slalom with Rosie, Brianna and Sam T beating their opponents. Rosie, Jacinta and all the boys had a bit of fun on the Slope Style course showing us some spectacular jumps and crashes.

**Surfing**

Great few days of surfing for the Secondary School Auckland team. With 48 competitors in Kelly Haven and James Ander's Under 16 Boys event. Kelly was up first and won his heat. James was next and came second in his heat. Next round James was up first with a very hard heat and just missed out coming third so he didn't get to go into the next round, he came 19th overall. Kelly up next with another hard heat and he won. Kelly missed out the next round coming 12th overall. Kelly has made it into the Auckland Secondary Schools National Team for the under 16 Boys division. Competing at the Nationals on the 28 September - 2 October.

**Motorcross**

Kaipara College had a fantastic team entered at the 2015 Pukekohe Motocross Club Secondary School Champs. Fifteen schools had 3 or more team members entered to compete for the Schools trophy. Kaipara finished an amazing 2nd!

Kade Stoddart	15-18 year 125cc Novice
1st overall	
Joshua Thompson	13-14 year 125-250cc
5th overall	
Anna Lawton	Women's
3rd overall	
Jayden Marsh	13-16 yrs 85-150 Novice
1st Overall	
Luke Walker	15-18 year 125 novice
Winner of Fox Boots draw for the day.	

**Road Race**

One hundred and ninety students completed the approximately 8 km race on the traditional course. It was won by Year 9 student, Jordan Cowper. The first girl home was also a Year 9 student; Danielle Binks who came 11th overall.

1. Jordan Cowper	32:14	Y9 Junior Boy
2. Daniel Calder	32:44	Y11 Senior Boy
3. Chicayne Pryor	33:05	Y10 Junior Boy
4. James Freshwater	33:40	Y11 Senior Boy
5. Aaron Olsen	33:49	Y10 Junior Boy
6. David Olsen	33:53	Y12 Senior Boy
7. Levi Shelling	33:56	Y13 Senior Boy
8. Benjamin Cook	34:56	Y12 Senior Boy
9. Nick Protheroe	35:13	Y12 Senior Boy
10. Jayden Ferguson	35:58	Y12 Senior Boy
11. Danielle Binks	36:14	Y9 Junior Girl
12. Cleve Woodward	36:47	Y10 Junior Boy
13. Katrina Jordan	37:14	Y11 Senior Girl
14. Mikaere Povey	37:24	Y10 Junior Boy
15. Tom Stenning	37:41	Y11 Senior Boy



**IMPORTANT DATES**

12 October	Monday	First day of Term 4
15 October	Thursday	Whakamana Taiohi Maori
22 October	Thursday	Music Awards Evening
26 October	Monday	Labour Day – no school
28 October	Wednesday	Sports Prize-giving
4 November	Wednesday	Senior Academic Prize-giving Senior students released for NCEA Exams
9 November	Monday	NCEA Exams begin
23 November	Tuesday	Junior end of year exams begin
10 December	Thursday	Junior Prize-giving Last day of the Year

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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**