



COLLEGE NEWS

KAIPARA

Term Three 2014

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From the Principal's desk

Over the last few days Brigitta Bravery, Bruce Greenbrook, and I have interviewed nearly all of our senior students. We have sat down with each of them and reviewed their progress towards NCEA. Each student should now have a much better idea of what they have to achieve over the remaining days of school.

For some the emphasis is on completing internal assessments, some need to focus their holidays on completing art boards for submission, while some students have to concentrate on preparing for their external NCEA examinations.

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.

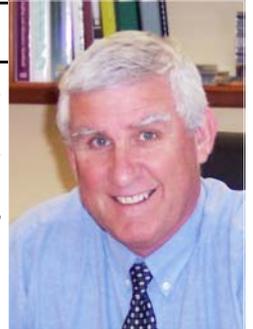
There are only sixteen school days left! There are two weeks of holidays and several weekends as well. Now is the time for students to dial back their social activities, and perhaps their part time work hours, so that priority can be given to the work needed to complete NCEA requirements and to study for exams. It would be a good idea for parents to sit down with their children and make some effective plans for the next six weeks leading up to the start of exams.

Looking back over this term it has been a short and intense nine weeks that accurately represents Kaipara's commitment to a broad general education. It started with an outstanding production of Romeo and Juliet. The senior Drama students worked with a superbly focused intensity to produce a play that was very well received by all who saw it.

The music students continued to notch up success in the national song writing competition, Play it Strange.

Winter sport season produced excellent results across a range of sports. This season, more than

ever before, we have relied on parents and community for coaching and management of our sports teams. I thank all of you for your contribution to the College. We appreciate it greatly. I would like to say a special thanks to Sue Lusty for the work that she is doing to support our coaches and managers.



Our Sports Coordinator, Vicki Beattie, left after thirteen years of work organizing sport in the College. Thank you Vicki, for your great work. We have a new sports coordinator starting during the holidays. Emma Keefe is a former student of the College and we look forward to her contribution to the College sports programme.

We have spent this term making plans for the introduction of mobile learning devices to the College. We started with the information from the parent survey and with the research findings from my first term sabbatical. We now have a plan ready. The leaflet in the newsletter summarises the main points for you. You can find the complete plan on the home page of the College website.

We now invite you to comment on our proposals. You can do so via the mail or via a form on the website. The details are on page 3 of the newsletter. We have also set up an email address for this plan;

WILD@kaiparacollege.school.nz. Please feel free to make more detailed comments there or to ask us any questions. We value your opinions and we will provide answers for your questions wherever we can.

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!

John Grant

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

Wednesday, 16 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, 23 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, 29 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, 5 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, 11 December
Kaipara 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, 10 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 - link at the bottom of the home page.

Students will be released for these examinations on Wednesday 5 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 Bruce Jenkins 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.

The Introduction of Wireless Interactive Learning Devices at Kaipara College

A big thank you to all parents and caregivers that replied to our devices survey last Term.

We have analysed the replies and used what we found together with our research to draw up a plan to introduce mobile learning devices (WILD) to Kaipara.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a summary of the plan. The leaflet contains the main points and a survey asking you what you think about it. You can respond in one of three ways; see the details below.

The full plan can be found on the College website as a downloadable pdf file. You are very welcome to read it and comment on it as well.



The Principles Behind the Plan

- ⇒ The central focus of the school is on the quality of teaching and learning.
- ⇒ Devices are tools to be used to support good teaching and learning.
- ⇒ The school's mission statement will not be affected by devices.
 - We still aim to provide a broad general education.
 - We still want students involved in sport, performing arts and cultural activities.
- ⇒ Devices require clear expectations, protocols and rules for their use in the school. There must be clear digital citizenship within the school.
- ⇒ We wish to maintain as far as is practicable the notion of a fair and reasonably equitable access to all educational opportunities regardless of student background.
- ⇒ In a state school the question of whether learning comes to require a mobile device is a question for the government.

Note:

We are not proposing to establish an environment where teaching and learning is on-line.

RESPONSES INVITED

You can respond to the plan in these ways:

Via paper: You can complete the response sheet that is enclosed with the newsletter and send it back to school.
Address: Kaipara College, 36 Rautawhiri Rd, Helensville 0800
You could send it back via your son or daughter at the start of next term.

Via email: You can email a reply directly to the school.
You can tell us whether you agree with the plan or make a point or ask a question.
WILD@kaiparacollege.school.nz

On-line: There is a reply form on the College website.
The link is on the home page below the main photo.
Complete the form and press submit.



This is the term that was...

The term started with Open Night

Open Night, in the first week of the term, allows prospective parents and children to look at what Kaipara has to offer. All the Faculties had classrooms open with activities and student work on display. Over two hundred parents and children attended. They could speak with senior students, staff and Board about the College and its programmes.



Two schools from Japan visited and stayed with Kaipara families



Sixteen students from Imazu Senior High School in Nishinomiya City, Japan, accompanied by their Principal, Mrs Fujimoto, and their English teacher, Mr Hirabayashi have arrived at Kaipara for a one week visit to improve their English and to experience the Kiwi life-style. They joined our our students for some classes.



Fourteen students, two teachers and two parents from our sister school, Kisogawa Senior High School stayed with us for ten days. The Japanese students stayed with Kaipara students. They attended some classes with their Kaipara buddies., visited the Zoo and the Museum as well as a Kiwi farm.

Planting at Rautawhiri Park

Volunteers turned up at Rautawhiri Park to help with a local beautification project. The event, promoted and organised by Kaipara College Student Leader, Ellice Protheroe, attracted people from all over Helensville, over half of them being college students and staff. Over 1000 small trees and plants, provided by the Auckland City Council, were planted on a specially prepared area on the eastern boundary of the park.



The College Ball

Nearly two hundred College students from Year 11, 12 and 13 enjoyed a great Ball in early August at Markovina in Kumeu. The music filled the dance floor all night, the food was plentiful and the photographer was kept busy from start to finish.

The Ball royal family was:

King & Queen: Billy Bowman, Savannah Cox

Prince & Princess: Jarel Hemeheema,
Tara Mansell-Sawyers

Duke & Duchess; JJ Soole, Keziah Waite

Cutest Couple: Hannah Hawker and Sam Logan

Best Dressed: Billy Bowman



*Romeo
&
Juliet*

The production of *Romeo & Juliet* by senior Drama students was simply outstanding. Michael Brown and Imogen Roberts as Romeo and Juliet were both equally strong. They were ably supported by a flamboyant Marc George as Mercutio, a loud and flighty Erica Cheriton as the Nurse and great performances by Karl Simpson, Troy Studholme, Emma Gribble, Kavan Read-Hayes and Isaac Olsen. Former student Karlton Laing (2010) anchored the cast as Capulet. College music students provided the sounds and the technical expertise for the production. Pearl Hindley violin playing created the atmosphere of sixteenth century Verona. Director, Patrice Wilson, drew marvellously focussed energy from her students.



Top Public Speakers

Twelve of our best speakers competed in the annual Senior Speech Competition. At Year 11 level the winner, Jake Clayton, explored the similarities and differences between human and animal brains. Sabrina Evans, who has delivered the winning speech at her level since Year 9, once again excelled with her speech, titled, *Freedom*. The evening was concluded by Rachel Meadows who entertained and informed the audience with her speech: *Fail your way to success: Why we should make mistakes*. Thank you to the Helensville Lions Club for their continuous support for this event.



Songwriters

Three Kaipara College students earned a place in the top forty songwriters in this year's Play it Strange song writing competition. Our winners were Pearl Hindley, "Silver and Fire", Imogen Roberts "Second Hand Smoke" and Keziah Waite "Grandpa's Song".

The students will record their songs in Neil Finn's Roundhead Studio for release on the Play it Strange CD.

The dentist bussed in

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.



Arts & Culture Week

Tastes of exotic food, pavement art, cultural dress-up, visiting and local musical groups, lunchtime entertainment, spray art, face painting, workshops – it was all at this year's annual Arts and Culture Week, organised by Arts Faculty Head, Mrs Leah Wilson and her group of Senior Art Students. Arts and Culture Week has become a regular and popular fixture on the college calendar.



That was the term that was...

**Sport
in
Winter**

Waka Ama in Tahiti

After eighteen months of planning and fundraising, twenty six students three staff and two families made the trip to Tahiti to compete in an annual Va'a (Waka Ama) competition. The competition is known as the Heiva. It is Tahiti and its surrounding islands annual sporting and cultural competition. The Heiva has been running for 132 years and 2014 also doubled as the 30th anniversary of independence for Tahiti from France. The Va'a (waka ama) component of the event was contested over two weekends.

The first weekend was the V3 and V6 event.

- The U16 girls finished 2nd
- The U16 girls V3 finished 5th and 10th
- The U19 girls V3 finished 5th and 9th
- The U19 girls combined V6 finished 4th
- The U19 boys V6 finished 13th and 14th
- The U19 V3 teams finished 27th, 28th and 29th



Our girls combined with some local Tahitian girls to form a U16 team to compete in the open women's category. They finished a creditable 7th. In the U 16 V1 category Sophie Fisher was 10th, Carissa Mansell-Sawyers was 12th. In the U19 girls Mansell-Sawyers finished 14th. The U19 boys, Billy Bowman, Jarel Hemeheema and Ryan Cooper finished 66th, 71st and 73rd. Boy the competition was tough!

The following weekend the marathon events were held. All junior boys and women were to compete together on Friday July 4th on a 21 km course, starting and finishing from Papeete. Both Kaipara College boys and girls teams finished with the same placing; 9th and 10th.

A clear highlight of the trip was the last day trip out to Moorea Island where the team got to swim with the sharks and stingrays.

Trail Running

There is a series of off-road races called the Xterra Trail Running Series that stages races all over Auckland for those brave enough to enter. These races involve crawling on hands and knees up slopes too steep to walk up, fording thigh-high rivers and emerging from the bush caked in mud from head to foot. The team responded superbly and we are currently placed 9th in the series with one very strong final performance in the Hunua Ranges left to be added to our score. A fantastic start to a new sporting tradition at the College.



Soccer Champions

The 1st XI Girls' Soccer team have had an outstanding season in 2014. They went through the season unbeaten.

They succeeded in the playoffs with some excellent results and met arch rivals Orewa in the finals. This game was as tight as it gets. 1-1 at full time. 1-1 after extra time. 3-4 after a penalty shoot out, meant the girls lost the game 1-2. But this put them level in the competition with Orewa and so goals for were counted. Both teams were the same. Goals against were counted. Kaipara had fewer goals against them than Orewa. Champions! What an excellent season girls! Congratulations to coach Leonie Masters.

Road Race

The Road Race has become a strong annual tradition over the years. The mid-winter event sees about half the students participate in a race which has a short flat section before climbing up Inland Road to Wishart and then back to College via Garfield and Rautawhiri Roads. It was keenly contested. The Inland Road hill is the place where the runners sort themselves out. Race winner Billy Bowman had a lead at the top which he extended coming down the hill. He won comfortably in a great time. The senior girls, were dominated by the trail runners Ellice Protheroe and Rachel Meadows. The top three junior girls ran excellent times and Year 9 student, Chicayne Prior won the Junior Boys but was also 4th overall; an outstanding performance.



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Skiing



Kaipara has a ski team! Rosie Smith, Brianne Clarke, Zoe Cook, Max Lusty and Sam Teuruaa competed in the North Island Ski Championships on Mt Ruapehu this month. The team skied well in difficult conditions. All members completed their Giant Slalom runs without wiping out. Kaipara came 57th in a field of 116 schools. A very creditable performance for their first major competition. Thanks to Sue Rees for managing the trip and to Brian Browne of Mangawhai Storage for sponsorship.

Equestrian Team

The Equestrian Team competed in the Secondary School Equestrian Cup at Woodhill Sands. Krystal Gurnett on Smooth Moves Jake and Tylor Ross on Texas Holdem represented the school in show-jumping while Madeline Bowman on BMW Courvoisier and Khendra Harvey on Spoken Too Soon represented the school in Show Hunter. Tylor placed 8th and Khendra placed 10th in their sections.



Winter Sports Results

Rugby

1st XV	4th, 1C competition
4th Grade	6th, A Grade
5th Grade	2nd, C Grade
6th Grade	2nd, B Grade
7th Grade	5th, A Grade
Girls 10's	1st, NHSS, Champions.

Netball

Senior 1	3rd, Open A Flight Grade
Senior 2	6th, College 4 Championships
Senior 3	6th, College 6 Flight Grade
9A	3rd, College 9 Grade 1
9B	1st, College 9 Grade 3, Champs
9C	2nd, College 9 Grade 5

Soccer

1st XI Girls	1st, Champions, Senior A grade
Junior Girls	1st, Champions, Junior B Grade

Hockey

1st XI Girls	6th, Grade 2A
2nd XI Girls	6th, Grade 6

Basketball

U17 Boys	36th, League 2, NHSS.
U19 Girls	4th, NHSS

Badminton

Seniors	1st, Premier Grade Waitakere.
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Thank you coaches & managers!

IMPORTANT DATES

13 October	Monday	First day of Term 4
16 October	Thursday	Whakamana Taiohi Maori
23 October	Thursday	Music Awards Evening
27 October	Monday	Labour Day – no school
29 October	Wednesday	Sports Prize-giving
5 November	Wednesday	Senior Academic Prize-giving Senior students released for NCEA Exams
10 November	Monday	NCEA Exams begin
18 November	Tuesday	Junior end of year exams begin
11 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