



# COLLEGE NEWS

# KAIPARA

Term Two 2014

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## From the Principal's desk

To listen to the technological enthusiasts, wireless devices are going to transform education completely. These utopians speak of a world where students can learn anywhere and anytime. Schools will have no walls, teachers will be guides and mentors and education is tailored for each and every student.

A few enthusiast schools around the country have jumped whole-heartedly into this new world. Quite a few others are allowing students to bring their own devices and then seeing how teachers, students and parents begin to use them.

The government has recently released a report from a group of experts called "Future Focused Learning in Connected Communities" This report sees students in the near future using mobile devices to learn, to produce work and to do their examinations.

I was fortunate enough to have a sabbatical leave in Term 1. I used it to research learning devices in education. I read a lot of research reports and I visited some schools including Tamaki College which, as part of a community wide trust supported by business, has introduced mobile devices for all its students.

Among the things I learned was that the devices themselves do not fix anything. It is the use that they are put to that makes the difference. The schools and school systems that seem to be doing best in this new world are those that know that the device is just a tool and that good teaching is still the answer to student success.

I learned that well used devices can liven up the learning experience for many students. Devices

give students many ways of entering a new topic. They can draw into the student's world many real life situations and experiences which are invaluable in helping students understand the concepts they are studying in their school courses. They can open up specialist subjects in ways which teachers in classrooms have not able to do before.

With this widening access to resources, information and people comes a new world of responsibility. We can call the protocols for navigating this world, ethics or manners or guidelines or rules. Most of us are now referring to them as the rules of digital citizenship.

The College has decided that we, too, need to make these devices, and the improved engagement with education that they can open up, part of Kaipara. So in the next six months we will develop a plan for the introduction of mobile learning devices into the school and for the development of digital citizenship rules.

We decided to start by getting some baseline information from our parents. I am very grateful to the 340 parents who have replied to our survey. Some of the findings from the survey are reported on page 3.

The government report mentioned above is a solid start in identifying what the country as a whole must do if its state schools are to embrace this new educational tool. I look forward to the proposals from all political parties in the election policies.

*John Grant*



Open Night

Thursday, 24 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 Greenbrook)

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 Greenbrook 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.

This includes entry for three Scholarship examinations.

Additional Scholarship entries cost \$76.70 per subject.

*Entry Fees must be paid to the College by Friday, 29 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 Greenbrook at the College (09) 420 8640 Ext 846.

You can also download the form from the College website.

Look at the Curriculum page then NCEA then NCEA Fees

*Applications must be given to Mr Greenbrook at College by Friday, 29 August.*

**Any NCEA Questions - Contact Mr Greenbrook (09) 420 8640 Ext 846**

## Reports

If you want reports ahead of the meetings next term

Phone  
09 4208640  
Ext 805

Or email  
jsherman  
@kaipara  
college.  
school.nz

## Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday, 23 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 first Wednesday of Term 3.

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

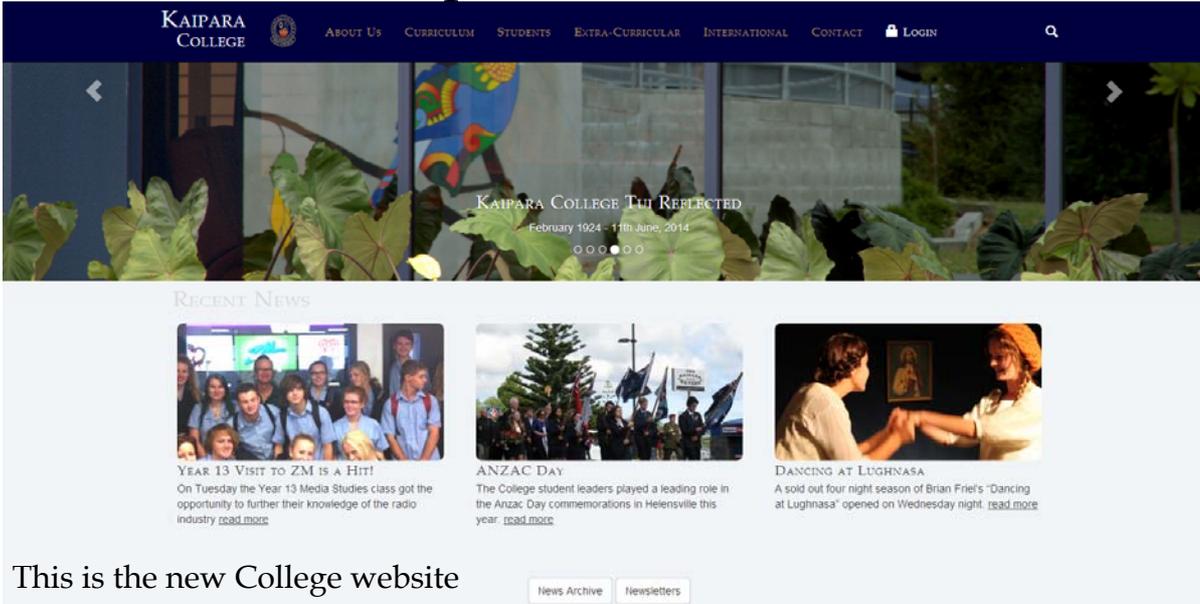
We encourage you to use one of the first three session times if at all possible.

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.

# Kaipara On-line



Homestays  
Wanted  
for our  
Japanese  
sister  
school's  
visit 1-11  
August.

Please  
email  
jsherman@  
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## 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.

## Newsletters

The College publishes a newsletter each week during term time. The newsletter is given to students on Friday afternoon. It also posted to the website at the same time.

## 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)

## Digital Devices – Survey

Thanks to all of you who have completed our survey about digital devices. We have responses from parents of 340 students; 55% of the school.

It is still not too late to return a survey.

We are hoping to have some plans for digital devices in the school ready for parents to comment on by the end of next term.

We have replies from right across the year levels, genders and ethnicities in the school. We also have a reasonable spread across the school area.

The survey is providing some very useful information for us as we begin to develop a plan.

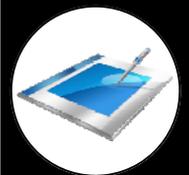
This is what we have learnt so far:

- 88% of families have access to Broadband.
- 6% have no internet.
- 3% are on dial-up.
- 89% of families have WiFi in the home.
- For 24% of students their smartphone is their only device.

- 12% of students have no device at all.
- 60% of students have access to laptops or iPads.

Device options:

- 11% of parents want us to do nothing.
- 34% support delaying until there is a government plan.
- 63% support an introduction with the guarantee that a device is not essential for a grade.
- 57% support allowing device use to develop naturally.
- 30% of parents want the school to recommend a range of devices for them to choose from.
- 38% are concerned about the cost.
- 31% are concerned about the cost to other families.
- 69% are concerned about appropriate use.
- 91% are concerned about security issues.
- 12% are concerned about the impact of devices on various learning skills.



*The Student Leaders were at Anzac Day*

The College student leaders played a leading role in the Anzac Day commemorations in Helensville. The team was asked by the RSA to be the parade flag bearers; an honour that they were proud to discharge. They carried the forces' flags, the merchant navy flag and the national flags of New Zealand and Australia. The RSA presented the Student Leaders with certificates during a school assembly to mark the occasion



*Geographers were in the Bay of Plenty*



Year 12 Geographers made a three day trip to the Bay of Plenty. Day one was focused on gold mining with visits to the old mines of the Karangahake Gorge and the open cast Martha Mine in Waihi. Day two saw the students take a boat trip out to White Island to see an active volcano up close. There were sharks and seals around the island. On Day three they learned about the Whakatane Council's civil defence preparations for a tsunami. On the way home they met the challenge of Rotorua's luge.

*We were Cubans at the UN*

The Model United Nations Assembly gives students from across Auckland a chance to experience the way the UN works. Year 13 students Rachel Meadows and Candy Yoo joined the assembly as the delegates for Cuba. Rachel spoke on cyber espionage and Candy spoke on how to resolve the problem of drugs. They had to stay in character the whole time and ended up with some interesting allies, giving a standing ovation to the delegates representing North Korea; a slightly surreal experience. They also formed alliances with Syria, China and Venezuela. The speeches were of a very high quality, most were interesting, and all of them were useful in raising their political and international awareness.



*We raised money for our World Vision child*

The College has sponsored children in India via World Vision for many years. One of the duties of the Student Leader team is to run the annual mufti day to raise the sponsorship funds. The gold coin donation for wearing mufti raised \$960 this year.



*Year 12 students learned about driver awareness*

The Waimauku Rotary Club funded almost eighty Year 12 students to a Driver Awareness Programme at the Trust Stadium in Henderson. The students learned about the necessity to "make the right choice" for themselves when driving. Students rotated around a group of speakers that explored different aspects of driver awareness. All had different messages, thought producing games or experiences such as feeling what the force is like when stopping suddenly. The students thought it was worthwhile and the organisers found our students interested, very engaged and polite. They were most complimentary.

*There was music success through the term...*

Who Loves Who is a competition which challenges students to re-arrange NZ music into a different genre. Seven groups from Kaipara had their songs selected for the CD. Congratulations to Candy Yoo, Imogen Roberts, Erica Cheriton, Keziah Waite, Bianca Bailey, Devon Conway, Savannah Cox, Emma Petersen, Jess David, Max Ashworth, Beth Stewart and Aimee Way.

Pearl Hindley, classical violinist and a member of the College band Winnie and the Fros, was selected to be part of the New Zealand Youth Orchestra.



TV3's breakfast programme visited the College to film our musicians and interview students and staff. The film was part of a breakfast television programme, celebrating New Zealand Music Month.

Fifteen Kaipara bands entered RockQuest to compete for twelve places in the next round. Nine of them made it. Two bands went straight through to the video selection round; Sound of Splorange and Arrested for Slapping. Seven Burning Josh, Just Finished, Searching for Oscar, OK the Colt, Downfall of Dawn, Repulse and Kings Landing are through to the next round. Duo, Wildlings, made it through the duo and solo section of RockQuest, with Emma Petersen winning the musicianship award on the way.

Alex Horsfield and his older sister Hannah (Year 13 last year) played before the Eden Park crowd at the Blues-Hurricanes Super XV match.

The Calling was a competition run by the Concert Trust to compose a song portraying New Zealanders and their families at the start of World War 1. Kaipara's entry from Aimee Way, Devon Conway, Madeline Bowman, Caelum Wiig and Saxon Flowers has been selected for performance in the Auckland War Memorial Museum at a function to mark the centenary of the start of the war.

Twenty-two current and past Kaipara students performed at the Beatles Commemoration Concert, "A Strange Day's Night" in the Town Hall alongside a line up of top NZ musicians. One of a few schools selected to do so.



**Romeo & Juliet**  
 7 pm Wednesday 30 July, Friday 1 August  
 Saturday 2 August.  
 Tickets \$15  
 Gather a group together and be prepared to be engrossed in an evening full of music, passion and tragedy. Book at the Careers Centre or phone 09 420 8640 Ext 835.



*Year 8 students from local primary schools tried College*

Year 8 students from Helensville, Huapai, Waitoki, Wainui, Waioneke, Woodhill and Waimauku Schools experienced a day of high school last week. It is part of a programme to help students make a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. The primary students experienced a digital technology class, a science class and a phys ed class. They were helped by a crew of Year 12 and 13 students who could talk to them about their own experiences .



That was the term that was

Term  
Two  
Sports  
Round  
Up

**Netball**

**Senior 1 Lana Cooper & Casey Koia**  
The teams have performed well through grading, with Team 1 winning 3 of 4 games putting them into College Open A Grade. Team 2 winning 2 of 3 games finishing in the College 4 section. Both teams are 3 weeks into the competition rounds now and there have been some hard but exciting challenges. Keep it up girls, good stuff.

**Senior 2 Sarah Calcutt**  
Despite a disappointing early loss to Long Bay, the team have shown resilience to win the rest of their games, a highlight being their win over group leaders Albany Senior 3. The team is currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the College 4 Grade.

**Senior 3 Kara Brown**  
This team are sitting in 5<sup>th</sup> place in College 6 Section 1. Round 1 finishes on Saturday 5 July and the grade will get split into two divisions.

**Year 9A Vicki Beattie**  
It's been a good first round for the Year 9A team with 4 wins and 1 loss. They will stay in the Championship Grade with Westlake 1 and Carmel 1 which means they can have another crack at Westlake! They are a talented bunch with the potential to take this grade out.

**Year 9B Jamie Masters**



This team has great enthusiasm towards netball, and their team, which makes the training sessions and game day very enjoyable for the coach. Every week this team improves. This team has some great leaders, leaders who take up the responsibility to start trainings before I arrive. A great start from this team.

**Hockey**

**Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI Leah McCracken**  
Our girls are true team players displaying great dedication, sportsmanship and determination. Their 2 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss in Round 1 put them in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Grade 2 which pushed them

into Grade 1A for Round 2. A big step up but I am so proud of the efforts to date.

**Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Georgia Roud Cochran**  
This team are doing well this season considering most of the team had never played hockey before this year. The girls are working closer together as a team as they get used to each other's playing style. Their basic skills are improving each week and they are achieving their weekly goals.

**Soccer**

**Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI Leonie Masters**  
The 1<sup>st</sup> XI team have a new coach this year. Leonie Masters. She is doing a fantastic job and the team has re-paid her efforts by winning every game so far this year. Led by talented captain Jess David, they are looking the most complete capable side we have fielded for a long time and could go all the way in the competition this year.

**Junior Girls Jess David**  
Every game has shown huge improvements and no game showed this more than the 3-1 win against Orewa Blue. I look forward to seeing how the team develops.

**Basketball**

**U17 Boys Anand Govind**  
The 2014 boys' basketball team is largely made up of Year 9 and 10 players, most of whom are learning to play for the first time. Without recording a win this season, the boys have shown great character and determination to improve themselves as a team.

**U19 Girls Anand Govind & Jamie Masters**  
This team began the season with no experienced players and all Year 9 girls who wanted to learn the game of basketball. Natural talent has turned into skills and knowledge. We began the season with some great wins. We have now made it into the top 6 teams of the competition, and this will be a great challenge for the girls.

**Rugby**

**1<sup>st</sup> XV Stan Phillips & Tony Cooper**  
It's been a solid start to the season for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby Team. A talented backline and a strong pack of forwards are starting to show their potential, with only injuries limiting the team. All credit to the young front rowers who have held their own against more experienced teams. The next part of the season looks very promising.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Innes Kerr-Taylor**  
The 4<sup>th</sup> grade rugby team, despite being made up of a number of first time players, has made the Championship round (Top 6) of the North Har-



bour competition. The team has had 4 wins and 3 losses so far, and each game has been a big learning experience and a lot of fun for all concerned.

**5th Grade Phil Cox & Hunter Nelson**

After a slow start the boys have showed real promise and are improving every week, showing determination and heart which has been commented on by coaches from the opposition. With 4 losses and 2 really good wins they are setting themselves up well for the second round.

**6th Grade Clive Way, Ben Moki, Darrel Brewer**

This team is doing really well now that we have had some time to bond together. After some early season losses the boys are now starting to play the game with a lot more strategy. After a draw with Massey last week it seems to have paid off.

**7th Grade Chris Ross & Miles Smith**

The 7th Grade have had a great start to the season with mixed results. We are improving with each game played and have made it into the Champions round.

**Girls 10's Sina Frost**

We have played and won two games and our team are proving to be enthusiastic, strong and have a great team spirit. It is fantastic to have five new junior players along with another four new senior players, to join our existing senior girls. With a squad of fifteen regularly turning up to practice, this season could prove to be another success for Kaipara College.

**Badminton**

Our Senior Boys Team is playing in the Premier Grade in the Waitakere Secondary Schools Competition. The team of William Lo, Alan Lo, Josh Allen and Wade Williams have won all their games with 2 games remaining in the season.

**Golf**

**School Championships - Tuesday 8 April 2014**

Josh Allen	Y13	72 & 79	151
<b>(School Champion)</b>			
Mitchell Brennan	Y12	81 & 79	160
Niko McIntyre	Y13	77 & 83	160
Wade Williams	Y12	82 & 82	164

**Golf Team Manager: Mark Allen**

The golf team competed in the NHSS Intercollegiate Champs held at the Pupuke Golf Club on 12 May 2014. The team consisted of Josh Allen, Niko McIntyre, Mitchell Brennan and Wade Williams. Josh Allen and Niko McIntyre competed in the AKSS Strokeplay Champs at Manukau Golf Club on 26 May 2014. Josh placed 36 from a field of 74 with a Gross score of 82.

**Equestrian Manager: Ali Howie**

The Auckland Secondary Schools Ribbon Day was held on 7 May.

Team 1: Krystal Gurnett, Holly Thomas, Tessa Appleyard and Maddie Bowman (Manager Rowena Bowman).

Team 2: Jemma Atherleigh, Sascha Crossman, Khendra Harvey and Denvah Harvey (Manager Fleur Weaver).

Results: Holly Thomas scored a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and was Reserve Champion in the Show Jumping.

**Cross Country Manager: Vicki Beattie**

Nine students took part in Zones this year.

**Junior Girls (55 runners):**

Madison Wells 34<sup>th</sup> place

**Junior Boys (43 runners):**

Dan Calder 6<sup>th</sup> place

Jamie Beale 14<sup>th</sup> place

Nicholas Granville 20<sup>th</sup> place

Liam Gelderman 28<sup>th</sup> place

**Intermediate Girls (37 runners):**

Anna Lawton 12<sup>th</sup> place

Katie Ashworth 6<sup>th</sup> place

**Intermediate Boys (19 runners):**

Chris Perfect 16<sup>th</sup> place

**Trail Running Manager Richard Limmer**

The team entered the Xterra Auckland Trail Running series this winter. These are very challenging off-road runs, often involving crawling up very steep hills in thick mud. The team ran over a variety of distances from 5km up to the super-long 23km+ events. The girls in the team are consistently placing in the top 10. The team is currently lying 13<sup>th</sup> in the series after 3 events. Four more tough races to go.

**Ski Team Manager Sue Rees**

Six Year 9 students (Rosie Smith, Zoe Cook, Brianna Clarke, Jacinta Page, Max Lusty and Sam Teuruaa) competed at the AKSS Ski and Snowboard Champs held at Snow Planet. They competed in the Giant Slalom and Slopestyle races. Manager Sue Rees has arranged some training sessions over the next few weeks at Snow Planet to prepare them for the NISS Skiing Champs held at Turoa Ski Field in September.

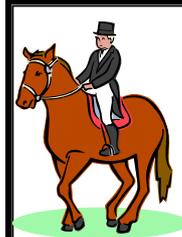
**Winter Reps**

Keegan Cooper	NH U15 Netball Team
Rosie Smith	U14 Northern Football Federation Team

The NH Rugby trials are currently underway.

Those selected for trials are:

U16	Kamrin May and Robert Hamilton
U18	Jarel Hemeheema and Alan Paraone



## IMPORTANT DATES

21 July	Monday	Term 3 starts
23 July	Wednesday	Form Teacher / Parent / Student Meetings
24 July	Thursday	Open Night
4–9 August	Week 3	Enrolment week
30 July – 2 August		Romeo & Juliet
1-5 September	Week 7	Arts and Culture Week
10 September	Wednesday	Lumino Mobile Dental Clinic arrives for a month
10-16 September		Senior Examinations – Year 11, 12 & 13
26 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**