

A very busy Term 1 is nearly at an end and all students will be looking forward to the April holidays.

Our confirmed roll for 2009 stands at 1381 which is up 12 on 2008. We have also received our confirmed NCEA results which are as follows:

	<u>FAHS</u>	<u>National</u>
NCEA Level 1	73.2	62.4
NCEA Level 2	79.4	66.5
NCEA Level 3	52.3	54.0
Literacy	89.9	77.3
Numeracy	91.5	84.9
UE	51.0	49.6

We gained nine subject scholarships.

Sophie Rushton	History and English
Alison Sefton	Statistics and Economics
Elisabeth Robertson	English and Media Studies
Daniel Tickner	Geography
Jesse Walker	Geography
Jayne Ramage	Drama

Sophie Rushton also gained an outstanding scholarship in English. In summary, we are very pleased with our 2008 NCEA results.

This year's production, Radio Active, has just finished its successful season. I congratulate all students and staff involved. The production was a big success and showcased the considerable talent that we have in the school. A big thank you to Mrs Karla Crofts for directing Radio Active.

The tone in the school is excellent with the vast majority of students making the most of their learning time. Unfortunately the Board of Trustees has excluded five junior students recently whose behavior has seriously impacted on the learning of others.

The following staff changes will occur from Term 2:

- Ms Teekman will return from maternity leave
- Mr Stewart and Mrs Ellery will become Acting Principals
- Mrs Liengme will lead the Science Faculty

We have made some changes to our sports and activity fees this year. The non-compulsory activity fee, which stands at \$90.00 per student, funds school activities. This is administered by the School Council and provides grants for equipment, uniforms, affiliation fees, and the school magazine.

Sports and activity fees, for those who pay the \$90.00, will be \$20.00 less. This differential payment will also apply to other activities such as the senior ball. We are only too happy for you to set up an automatic payment to cover school fees.

Winter sports organisation is well under way with trials happening at present. If any parent can assist in any way,

please contact our Sports Co-ordinators, Mrs Sarah Norman and Mrs Jemma Lawton.

NZQA ACCOUNTS

Interim accounts have been issued to all students enrolled for NCEA exams. The accounts are not due until July however it is an opportunity to check that your children are entered for the right Standards. For any changes, see Mr Smyth. The accounts also have the criteria for financial assistance.

SENIOR EXAMS

Friday 15 May 2009 to Thursday 28 May 2009. All exams are scheduled for periods 1 and 2. All students must be in classes from period 3 onwards. Students can have study leave period 1 and period 2 if they do not have an exam.

MAORI CONSULTATION MEETING

The annual school consultation meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 21 May 2009 at 7.00 PM in the school Council Chamber. Our 2008 assessment results will be discussed as well as initiatives that we have in place to improve achievement.

LATE START TUESDAY

We regard to our late start Tuesday, it helps considerably with supervision if students arrive after 9.30 AM. If students arrive early we will have no choice but to put them in a supervised class.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MATTERS

The 2009 Annual Plan has been adopted.

The results of the annual achievement goal of raising the reading ages of Year 9 students has been presented. The results reflect pleasing progress.

Applications for a Music trip to America and a French trip to France in 2010 have been received. Canvassing of parental support will now happen.

The Board is looking at making improvements to drainage and fencing on the dairy farm. Quotes are presently being sought.

The auditors have just completed their annual visit.

Work is presently in progress for the 2010 school prospectus.

YEAR 9 ABSEILING

It was unfortunate that this activity had to be postponed. At present we are sourcing another provider. If this event does not happen, all Year 9 students will participate in an activity in Term 4. Money collected for the abseiling will be used to cover these expenses.

YEAR 10 CAMPS

In week 2 of next term all Year 10 students will receive notification of trips taking place in late November. This is a compulsory activity and there are both overnight and day options available. Payment options are given and you are required to choose what you will do regarding this.

This year we are able to offer four sponsored places on camps due to the generosity of several donors. Students are able to apply if they meet certain criteria, including attitude and behavior, work habits and participation in school activities, and financial circumstances. More details will be included with the camp information.

YEAR 10 SELL PROGRAMME

On Wednesday 17 June 2009 to Friday 19 June 2009 the New Zealand Enterprise Trust is coming in to the school to run a practical business education programme for 80 Year 10 students. Over the three days the students will work in groups (companies) and develop and market a product. On the afternoon of day three the students will run a business expo where they will be judged by a panel of local entrepreneurs including the Manawatu District Council Mayor, Mr Ian McKelvie. Parents are welcome to come to the school assembly hall at any time, but especially on day three when they can observe the students' presentations.

MAJOR PRODUCTION 'RADIO ACTIVE'

The production had a successful four night season from 1 – 4 April 2009, involving over 90 students and staff. A big thank you to all those who supported us by attending. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

STUDENT MATTERS

2008 Excellence Endorsed NCEA results were achieved by:

Nathan Chisholm L2	Ashleigh Ualesi L2
Deborah Thompson L2	Fletcher Horsfield L1
Emma Maddox L1	Sam Grainger L1
Jessica Dunne L1	Daniel Simpson L1
Shannen Hill L1	Sophie Rushton L3
Alison Sefton L3	

At the North Island Secondary School Athletics at the weekend:

Cameron McNaught	2 nd Steeplechase
Stephanie Dickins	2 nd Junior Girls 300m
	2 nd Junior Girls 800m
Amy Cokayne	1 st Junior Girls Javelin

Our senior girls' volleyball team competed with credit at the North Island Secondary Schools Championships.

Natalie Hyslop, Tom Hyslop, Alex Field, Jaymi Ngaia and Bianca James represented Manawatu at the National Swimming Championships.

Stephanie Atkins, Kristi Atkins and Chance Warbrick were acknowledged at the Manawatu softball prizegiving.

Athletics champions for 2009 are:

Junior Boys	Mitchell Thomas
Intermediate Boys	Mathew Waghorn
Senior Boys	Cameron McNaught
Junior Girls	Stephanie Dickins
Intermediate Girls	Kristy Grant
Senior Girls	Rebecca Koot

Swimming champions for 2009 are:

Intermediate Boys	Tom Hyslop
Senior Boys	Alex Field
Junior Girls	Hannah Henson
Intermediate Girls	Jaymi Ngaia
Senior Girls	Natalie Hyslop

Stand out athletes at the Manawatu Secondary Schools Athletics were:

Cameron McNaught	1 st Senior Boys 1500m
Stephanie Dickins	1 st 400m / 1 st 800m
Sarah Champion	1 st Junior Girls 1500m
Amy Cokayne	1 st Junior Girls Javelin

Our croquet team won the business house competition. Team members were Erica Williams, Nick Crosse, Shaun Sullivan, Sean Bell and Regan Hunt.

Best of luck to the 1st XV, who will be travelling to Christchurch to play in a prestigious tournament over Easter. They have games against Christchurch Boys' High School, NSW Country, St Bede's College, Westlake Boys' High School.

COMING EVENTS

April

8	PTA Meeting, 7.30 PM, Council Chamber
27	Day 1, Term 2
28	Late Start Tuesday
	ANZAC Assembly

May

1	6-A-Side Hockey Tournament
6	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30 PM Council Chamber
12	Late Start Tuesday
13	HPV Vaccinations for Year 12 / 13 Girls
	Year 11 / 12 Drama Trip
	PTA Meeting, 7.30 PM, Council Chamber
18	Senior Exams Begin (2 Weeks)
20	Manawatu Secondary Schools Cross Country, Foxton
26	Late Start Tuesday (Juniors Only)
27	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
29	Teacher Only Day – NZ Curriculum

June

1	Queen's Birthday Monday
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Principal