

A busy Term 3 is nearly at an end and everyone is looking forward to the September holidays.

Senior exams have just been completed, their last dry run before the external exams which begin on Saturday 14 November 2009. It is important that students use the exams just finished as a springboard for NCEA, reworking answers and essays so that the same mistakes are not made again. Dedicated study time and revision needs to begin during the holiday break.

We had four teams competing during Tournament Week:

1 <sup>st</sup> XI girls' hockey	placed 7 / 16	at Levin
1 <sup>st</sup> XI boys hockey	placed 7 / 16	at Ngatea
Senior A netball	placed 29 / 32	at Gisborne
1 <sup>st</sup> XI boys soccer	placed 14 / 16	at Palmerston North

We also had our 1<sup>st</sup> XV and girls' rugby teams playing in the Central 6 competition and they finished fourth and first respectively.

I wish to thank the staff and parents who accompanied the teams during the week.

2009 has been a memorable year for rugby with both the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and the girls' team winning their Hurricanes competitions. The boys went on to win the National Co-ed Competition in Rotorua beating Aorere College 29 – 9 in the final. These are both significant achievements and points to a lot of hard work and dedication from both management and players – congratulations.

The senior ball proved to be very successful and my thanks go to Mrs Casey and Alannah Twigge and her committee for their organization. The after ball scene is always a cause for concern in these times – thankfully there were no issues and I thank both the students and parents for their co-operation. Young people, cars, alcohol, parties and cell phones can be a lethal mix.

Increasingly cell phones are causing problems in schools – especially with bullying. It is very easy to TXT a message to someone that would not be said in a face to face situation. Students can be receiving messages all through the night and at school we deal with the consequences. I suggest that at home you run a curfew arrangement with all cell phones handed in at say 9.30 PM and handed back after breakfast, so that no one is able to TXT your children overnight.

Next week all junior students will be issued with a results sheet of all their assessments so far this year for your interest.

Planning for 2010 is well under way with students making tentative subject selections. These selections are not set in concrete and will be confirmed at re-enrolment time in January.

With our winter sports programme coming to an end it is timely to thank all those parents and supporters for helping with our many teams. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and you are invited along to our Thanks Coach afternoon, from 4.00 PM on Thursday 22 October 2009.

Mr Jury (IT / Mathematics) will be leaving us at the end of term after three and a half years on the staff. He will be relocating to the USA.

## BOARD MATTERS

Hostel enrolments for 2010 are being confirmed at present.

Planning for the uniform shop is well underway. It is being established in the back of the assembly hall, complete with changing rooms. It will be open for business at the beginning of Term 4.

Thirty students will be travelling to France in April next year.

Student representative elections have just been held with counting to happen on 17 September 2009. My thanks to Fraser Chapman who ably represented the student body this year.

Board of Trustees elections will be held early next year.

Final plans for the student common room, main quadrangle upgrade and science laboratory redecorations are being prepared by our architects.

## STUDENT MATTERS

A team of Year 13 Economics students enjoyed success in the 2009 Reserve Bank Monetary Policy Challenge. The students initially submitted an essay to the Reserve Bank, advising whether the Official Cash Rate should be increased, decreased, or remain the same given our current economic situation and level of inflation. Their decision was made after analysing different sectors of the New Zealand economy and taking into account what stimulation the economy required to get out of recession without risking higher levels of inflation.

Based on this essay, the team comprising Fraser Chapman (Governor), Lisa Hendra, Nicholas Crosse, Brianna Guard, and Michael Riordan was named a Wellington Region finalist. They travelled to the Reserve Bank to give their power point presentation to the judging panel, which was made up of Reserve Bank economists. Following their presentation the team was asked questions relating to their presentation and the New Zealand economy. Only one team from each of five regions in New Zealand goes through to the final. Our team received a commendation from the judges and was awarded runner up.

David Malone, Luke Dallinger, Matt White, Nathan Roberts and Sean Bell gained third place in the recent BCITO Build-Ability Challenge. They made outdoor furniture for a local rest home.

Distinction winners in the recent Australian Writing Competition were:

Year 9 Lauren Harrigan, Teresa Murrell  
 Year 10 Sasha Beattie, Julia Horsfield, Victoria Steven  
 Year 11 Thomas Gilchrist

Julia Horsfield and Lauren Hunt (Year 10) gained distinction awards in the Australian Science Competition. Credit winners were:

Year 9 Machiko Peat, Josh Henderson, Sarah Champion, Aiden Brew, Jaimee King  
 Year 10 Pierce Barber, Thomas Bishop, Erica Abernethy, Tyler White, Victoria Steven  
 Year 11 Lauren Henderson

Robert Doyle (Year 13) gained a merit in the Otago University Senior School Science Quiz.

Cody Taylor has been selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' rugby team.

Thomas Bishop is representing New Zealand at claybird shooting in Australia. Thomas is the leading U21 New Zealand shooter at present.

India Bishop has been selected for the New Zealand dressage team and will also be competing in Australia.

#### **MINI BIKE CHALLENGE 20 – 21 OCTOBER 2009**

Last year we hosted four schools at Manfeild in the inaugural mini bike challenge, where Year 12 and Year 13 students race the bikes that they have made in their engineering classes.

This year we have received five times the entries of 2008, with schools participating from Nelson to Mercury Bay. UCOL will be sponsoring the event and Aaron Slight, world super bike rider, will be presenting prizes at the event. The growth in this event has been miraculous, with many more schools wishing to join in 2010.

#### **RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT**

School leavers at Year 12 and Year 13 can request a Record of Achievement and testimonial. These will only be prepared for those students who have no outstanding activity or subject fees.

#### **JUNIOR PRODUCTION**

A small junior production will be performed in week 7 of Term 4 in our school Theatre. Details will be advertised at school next term.

#### **YEAR 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

All students have been notified of their outdoor education camp in December. Below are the instalment dates to help make payment easier. Please take advantage of these.

Instalment 3      16 October 2009  
Final Instalment   4 November 2009

To date there are a large number of students who are behind with these. This is a friendly reminder.

Information about camps will be given early in Term 4.

#### **YEAR 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

In Term 4 (weeks 6 and 7) all Year 9 students will participate in an activity. Money paid in Term 1 will be used to cover this cost. A notice giving details will be sent home early in Term 4.

#### **UNIFORM ROOM**

##### Opening Hours

Commencing Monday 19 October 2009, normal opening hours will be as follows:

Monday and Tuesday      3.30 – 4.30 PM  
Thursday and Friday      12.00 – 2.00 PM

Outside these hours by telephone appointment only (3234029 extension 750).

From 14 November 2009 to 5 December 2009 sales will be on Saturday 14, 21 and 28 November 2009, 9.30 AM to 12.30

PM. (No appointments available outside these times due to the hall being used for NCEA exams.)

Normal opening hours will resume on Monday 7 December 2009. Closing – Friday 18 December 2009.

##### Hours for 2010

Monday 18 January 2010 to Friday 29 January 2010, 12.00 noon to 4.30 PM.

Week 1 Monday – Wednesday 12.00 noon to 4.30 PM  
Thursday and Friday 12.00 noon to 2.00 PM

Week 2 Normal opening hours resume.

#### **COMING EVENTS**

##### September

18 Junior Central 6 Sports Competition  
23 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber  
Mufti Day  
24 Central 6 Cultural Exchange  
25 Last Day of Term 3

##### October

12 First Day of Term 4  
13 Late Start Tuesday  
14 PTA Meeting, 7.30 PM, Council Chamber  
16 Reports Issued  
22 Thanks Coach Afternoon from 4.00 PM  
27 Late Start Tuesday  
28 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber

##### November

5 Arts Awards, 7.30 PM, Assembly Hall  
10 Late Start Tuesday

<b>11 Senior Prizegiving, 7.30 PM, Assembly Hall</b>
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14 NCEA Exams Begin (through to 2 December)  
24 Junior Pantomime (PM) 2 Days  
30 Year 10 Outdoor Education Week Begins

##### December

7 Book Return Day  
Year 9 Orientation  
10 Junior Prizegiving, 10.00 AM, Assembly Hall  
11 Staff Only Day



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