

The end of year is almost upon us for seniors so all of the end of year processes are included in this newsletter.

NCEA exams begin on Saturday 14 November 2009 so for seniors this must be an absolute focus. Most faculties are offering tutorials so I encourage your sons and daughters to make the most of these revision opportunities. Dedicated time must be set aside by your children for exam revision.

The annual Arts Awards are being held this evening at 7.30 PM in the school hall. I encourage you to come along to celebrate the successes of this year's students. The growth achieved in the Arts over the recent past has been impressive and I acknowledge the efforts of the staff concerned.

Congratulations to Chelsea Hirst and Emma Hughes for being awarded Massey University scholarships for 2010. Chelsea has gained an academic scholarship and Emma an arts scholarship.

Nine students and two teams have been selected as finalists for the Manawatu Secondary Schools Sports Awards this Friday evening. We wish them all every success.

This year's Mini Bike Challenge at Manfeild was a big success with 170 riders from 16 schools participating – this is up from 50 riders and four schools in 2008. FAHS – Feilding High School riders dominated the event. The event can only grow and probably exponentially. My thanks to the Technology staff for their huge efforts here.

Planning for 2010 is well underway with most appointments having been made. The following staff will be leaving us at the end of this year:

Jason Liddall	Media Studies
Jonathan Richards	French
James Llewellyn	Technology
Anne Vautier	Science
Cameron Sawyer	Mathematics
Lara Bramsen	Mathematics

Mrs Natasha Casey will be on maternity leave.

The Ministry has approved staffing for 2010 for a roll of 1349, although we expect a much higher roll than this.

Our uniform shop is now established and operates from the foyer of our assembly hall. The opening hours are 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The new Student Representative for 2010 is Kristi Atkins. I wish to acknowledge Fraser Chapman's input as Student Representative this year.

Property projects in the planning are:

Senior Common Room
Main quadrangle landscaping
A and B Block science room refurbishments.

The Community Learning Centre will only run self-funded courses next year. The operation will be significantly scaled back and we will not be receiving any TEC funding.

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Wednesday 11 November 2009, 7.30 PM in the school assembly hall. School will finish at 1.15 PM.

STUDENT MATTERS

Manawatu District Youth Award winners are:

Year 10 Loren Hunt, Caleb O'Fee
Year 11 Waitapu Potaka, Acacia Kupe
Year 13 David Talumepa, Nicholas Crosse, Alannah Twigge

Australian English Competition Distinction winners:

Year 9 Dana Lawrie
Year 10 Julia Horsfield, Victoria Steven, Grace Hockley
Year 12 Emma Maddox (High Distinction), Fletcher Horsfield

Assessment of Language Competence (ALC) Distinction winners:

Japanese

Danielle Balmer	Trent Clayton
Kelly Hampton	Sam McKendry
Isaac O'Hagan	James Otter
Nick Walton	Jacob Wilson
Andrew Mullins	Sam Grainger

French

Lizzie Stock	Andrew West
Genevieve Lowcay	Sam Walton
Daniel Simpson	Erin Huckstep
Sophie Wilson	Ashleigh Turner
Jessica McLean	Lauren Henderson
Thomas Gilchrist	

Year 12 Economics Competition Distinctions:

Fraser Chapman	Nicholas Crosse
Tabitha Norton	Michael Riordan
Fraser Clarke	Daniel Simpson
Fletcher Horsfield	William Blackler

Distinction winners in the recent Australian Mathematics Competition are:

Year 9 Dana Lawrie
Year 10 Tom Provin, Grace Hockley, Loren Hunt, Ben Beckers
Year 11 Corben Lawrie

Manawatu Secondary Schools Sports finalists:

Teams:	1 st XV, Senior Mixed Touch Team
Official:	Acacia Kupe
Softball:	Chance Warbrick
Athletics:	Stephanie Dickins, Amy Cokayne
Boxing:	Daniel Meehan
Quarterhorse Riding:	Jed Southcombe
Rugby:	Cody Taylor, Daniel Fitzgerald
Mountainbiking:	Siobhan MacDonald, Mathew Waghorn

Alicia Viles won the Most Outstanding Dancer Award in a recent regional competition.

Our mountainbike relay teams competed with credit at the recent New Zealand Secondary Schools Mountainbiking Teams Relay at Rotorua.

Senior Mixed - 1 st	Mathew Waghorn, Nathan Waghorn, Keryn Knight, Michael O'Callaghan
Junior Girls - 3 rd	Siobhan McDonald, Sarah Champion, Monika Allen

Daniel Meehan was runner-up in the 90 kg division at the New Zealand Boxing Championships.

Lydia Dickins, Kimi Graham and Jaymi Ngaia were selected for the Hurricanes girls' rugby team.

Cody Taylor was Vice Captain of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Rugby team which beat Australia.

Sean Taylor represented Manawatu in the North Island Small Bore Rifle Shooting team.

Thomas Bishop won the Australian U16 title in claybird shooting. He will be competing at the World Championships in November.

PAID UNION MEETING (PUM)

School will finish at 1.15 PM on Wednesday 18 November 2009 to allow staff members belonging to PPTA to meet. If you need your children supervised please contact the school office.

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Thursday 10 December 2009 at 10.00 AM in the school assembly hall. After prizegiving reports will be issued and students leave.

YEAR 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

All Year 10 outdoor education camps should be paid in full by now.

YEAR 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Year 9 students are going orienteering at the Ashhurst Domain in weeks six and seven. They also have two half-day activities in week nine. Money has been collected from most, but a permission form must be returned to school. If you do not have one, these are available from the school office.

HAIR

Recently we have been dealing with a number of boys and girls over their hair. With the girls the major issue has been the highlight look and with the boys it is general grooming. Our rules regarding hair are:

- .. Hair must be clean and well groomed and extremes of fashion may not be acceptable.
- .. It must be kept clear of the eyes and face.
- .. Long hair is to be worn tied back (female).
- .. Boys hair must be cut clear of the collar.
- .. Hair products are not permitted.
- .. Head scarves may not be worn.
- .. Red or navy blue hair ribbons, narrow hair bands or small plain modest clips are permitted.
- .. Students are to be clean shaven.

Ridges, mullets, and the shaggy look are not acceptable. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

COMING EVENTS

November

- 5 Arts Awards, Assembly Hall, 7.30 PM
- 6 Manawatu Secondary Schools Sports Awards, Convention Centre, Palmerston North, 6.30 PM
- 9 Hostel Valedictory Dinner
- 10 Late Start Tuesday (last for the year)
- 11 Senior Prizegiving, Assembly Hall, 7.30 PM
School Ends at 1.15 PM
- 12 Final Senior Assembly (seniors leave by 11.00 AM)
- 13 Junior Exams Begin (2 days)
- 14 NCEA Exams Begin
- 18 Central 6 Sports Exchange for Year 9
School Ends at 1.15 PM for PUM
Year 9 Orienteering (5 days)
- 24 Junior Pantomime PM (3 days)
- 25 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
- 30 Year 10 Outdoor Education Begins

December

- 2 Last Day NCEA Exams
- 10 Junior Prizegiving, 10.00 AM, Assembly Hall
- 11 Staff Only Day

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