



MAKOURA COLLEGE

Kia Manawanui *Courage & Compassion*

Principals Message

Kia ora and greetings everybody, especially to the families of new students who have started at Makoura College this term. Term 2 like Term 1 is a long one (11 weeks in total) and like Term 1 will be a particularly busy due to a new BOT being elected, the start of winter sports, Stage Challenge, and the Regional Kapa Haka competition all taking place this term.

Changes to normal timetable

There are several events this term that involve changes to our normal daily routines. Please look at the key dates section included in this section so that you know what these are and how they affect you and your child.

Board of Trustees Election

As noted in the previous newsletter I would encourage you all to consider the option of standing as parent trustees for the Makoura College Board. Obviously this role will not suit everybody but even if you are not interested it is important that you take the time to consider someone else who might effectively fulfil this role and you encourage them to stand on your behalf. A board made up of people who are highly motivated, have the best interests of the school at heart, can work well with others, and are willing to learn, is crucial to the school's future. Please consider this carefully.

NCEA Results

Many of you may have seen a recent Dominion article that compared NCEA results from around the lower North Island. Although we think our results were actually higher than these the Makoura results were very favourable. They show how Makoura College students are starting to stand up and show the country what they are actually capable of. Our goal for 2011 is to have 80% or higher pass rates at all three NCEA levels. This is very achievable but will require a concerted effort by not only students and teachers but also caregivers. In fact caregivers/parents efforts have the greatest impact on students learning and subsequent qualifications. Please therefore continue to take an active interest in your child's learning by having ongoing discussions with them about it and their goals and by working alongside their teachers to help correct lapses that may occur.

Bullying

All schools suffer from instances of bullying. With your support such instances have become fewer at Makoura College. Having said this we have recently had a case of cyberbullying that involved approximately 6 students using "Facebook" from home. Cyberbullying can be particularly serious if not nipped in the bud early. I have therefore enclosed an information sheet for parents that outlines strategies for managing what your child is doing when using social networks such as "Facebook" at home.

School Sport

The busy winter sports season is again underway and it is great to see so many of our students and staff involved this year. Sport is great for helping our young maintain active and healthy lifestyles and if these experiences are positive for them they are more likely to willingly continue their participation into adulthood. One factor that influences positive experiences with sport for young people involves how coaches and parents conduct themselves. Sport is about enjoyable participation by young people not "win at all costs" attitudes and approaches. In fact one of the great life lessons young people can learn from sport is how to cope with loss and in particular how to bounce back from loss. Although we must continually emphasise the importance of effort in order to improve and win as this not only makes sport more challenging and interesting it is also a key lesson that leads to success in life. On the other hand an over emphasis on winning (especially if this includes excessive criticism of young people and their performance) can make the whole sporting experience a very negative one and is a major reason for young people dropping out of sport altogether. Furthermore criticising others such as the coach, the opposition, and of course the referee, when your child's team doesn't win does not help your child enjoy the experience, learn from the experience, or improve their sporting attitudes and abilities. When we continually blame others for our losses or mistakes in life we disempower ourselves from improving what we do because it's always someone else's fault. So when our sports teams don't win please remember that,

the most successful people in life actually make more mistakes and lose more often than people who are not so successful. The reason most people are successful is because they learn from each loss or mistake and then get up and have another go. Accordingly, over time they become very good at what they do.

Teaching our young people to persist despite short term failure is one of the greatest gifts we can give them!

Congratulations:

Finally I would like to acknowledge an outstanding achievement by one of our parents. In 2011 Mr Joe Dahlberg will begin his 10th year as a coach at Makoura College. This is an amazing achievement, so congratulations Joe on behalf of the school community.

Tom Hullena

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IMPORTANT DATES

May

10th & 11th - Te Kura Teina Whanau Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews 3pm-6pm

11th - Intercollegiate Cross-Country at Tararua College

27th - Stage Challenge

June

1st - Late Start 11.00am

6th - Queen's Birthday

7th - Mid Term Break

11th - Kapa Haka Wananga

23rd - Late Start 11.00am

24th - 26th Kapa Haka noho

Board of Trustees Election Timeline

Monday 16 May	School roll available for inspection at the College office - 8.30am to 4.00pm
Tuesday 24 May	School roll closes at 12.00noon
Thursday 26 May	Call for nominations
Tuesday 7 June	Supplementary school roll closes
Thursday 9 June	Close of nominations
Tuesday 14 June	Voting papers issued
Thursday 23 June	Poll closes at 12.00noon



COMMISSIONERS UPDATE

On Monday last week a special notice came out with all students updating the community about the Ministers decision regarding Ministerial Appointees to the new College Board of Trustees. The following is a repeat of this information - At the same time I advised you of the proposed timeline towards the elected and appointed Board taking office on 30 June 2011. I also advised that once the Minister of Education selected the ministerial appointees, these appointments would be made known to you all before candidates stand for election as parent elected trustees. The Minister of Education has now selected the appointees and advised them through letter, of their appointments. Both Tom Hullena and I have also been advised of their appointments. The appointees are:

Wendy Hemi, Colleen Douglas and Gary Percy.

The Ministry of Education has advised that they were recommended because of the balance of skills, experiences and opportunities they bring. Between them, they have a sound understanding of the education sector, an understanding of financial and property matters, and experience in governance and managing people. They will provide sound modelling of governance practice, and have the strong potential to further grow and develop community support from parents, whanau and local institutions and community leaders. The ministerial appointed trustees will take office on Thursday 30 June 2011, the same day that parent and staff elected trustees will take office. The student elected trustee will take office following the student elections in September, in line with national student elections. With this core membership it is intended that the elected trustees will build on a sound foundation. Nominations for the two parent elected trustees and one staff elected trustee will be called for by Thursday 26 May. The Ministry will ensure that an induction, training and development programme is put in place to guide and support the Board through its first year.

APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

I have appointed Kaye Saywell as Returning Officer for the Trustee elections later in June. As Returning Officer she has a number of critical tasks to fulfil including developing a 'parent/caregiver roll' of those eligible to nominate/vote in the election, Call for nominations, issue voting papers and count the votes. Please keep a keen eye out of her regular updates to ensure you are active in this very important process.

KEY ELECTION DATES

- 24th May** Parent/Caregiver and staff rolls close
- By 26th May** Nominations open.
- 7th June** Supplementary roll closes
- 9th June** Close of Nominations
- By 14th June** Voting papers issued.
- 23rd June** Election Day. Poll Closes.
- 29th June** Votes counted and results announced.

Tim White

UNIFORM

Please find attached revised uniform list for 2011.
Mrs Taylor (Uniform Shop)

MAKOURA COLLEGE

**UNIFORM SHOP
HOURS**

**THURSDAY
3.00pm - 4.00pm**



Learning Centre and Special Programmes Faculty Report

With Term 1 behind us we can reflect on what has already been a busy start to the year. We welcomed back our team of hard working and competent Teacher Aides who have been joined by Tracey Ousey and Maureen Gavin. This team work both in the Learning Centre supporting our Senior Special Needs students in their programmes as well as working in a huge variety of main-stream Kura Teina and Senior school classes.

Due to the Christchurch earthquake we have had up to four students join us from Halswell Residential School to work in the Learning Centre for most of Term 1. They have coped really well with the changes in their schooling and have enjoyed the programmes organised for them.

Mr Austin has introduced a new learning programme called SPEC, which is proving popular with our students as well as several Year 10 students. It gives them lots of opportunities to learn about areas that really interest them and learn new skills based around these special interests. The girls have worked on their creative skills in the Soft Materials area with awesome individual results.

All the students have enjoyed the opportunity to continue practicing their cooking skills and learn more about safe and healthy food preparation at their ability level. This allows them to further prepare for developing independent living skills.

Our Senior ORS students are involved in activities on a Friday afternoon run by STARS which is an organisation set up to support students to transition into our community as young adults. So far this year they have been to Zumba, First Aid classes, had a board game afternoon, found out more about food hygiene and Civil Defence. They also attend King Street Art on a weekly basis to make the most of the awesome facilities and programmes they offer.

Many of our students took part in the Makoura Athletics, Swimming Sports, Cross Country and Junior Ropes activities. Congratulations on their efforts to get involved and the positive support they received from their peers and staff.

This Term the Gifted and Talented Programmes are in the planning stages. We look forward to inviting a number of students to take part in a range of extension activities offered.



AMY VAN WIJK



ROBERT WARREN

MAKOURA COLLEGE SCORE BOARD—WEEK ENDING 7.5.11

NETBALL	PREM 1 V GLADSTONE	DRAW 27-27
	MAKOURA DEV V SMS JNR A	LOSS 20-22
	MAKOURA DEV V FSTN BLACK SOX	WIN 32-23
	MAKOURA B V WAI COLL B2	WIN 21-19
	MAKOURA B V KURANUI A	WIN 20-10
	MAKOURA KURA V CHANEL B	WIN 15-14
RUGBY	KURA TEINA YR 9 V GTN BLACK	WIN 15-9
	1ST XV V WAI COLL	WIN 34-19
	MAKOURA JNRS V WAI COLL	WIN 10-0
FOOTBALL	MAKOURA 1ST XI BOYS V RATHKEALE	WIN 3-1
BASKETBALL	MAKOURA YR 9 BOYS V MIS	WIN 56-16
	MAKOURA YR 10 BOYS V KURANUI GIRLS	WIN 76-10
	MAKOURA GIRLS V KURANUI BOYS	WIN 50-26

MAKOURA COLLEGE SPORTS DRAW WEEK 14/5/11

11.5.11 Basketball: 3.30pm Makoura Yr 10 Boys vs St Matthews
4.50pm Makoura Yr 9 Boys vs Kuranui Girls, Makoura Girls BYE
14.5.11 Netball: 9.00am Ct1 Makoura A V SMS A
12pm Ct 3 Makoura B v SMS Jnr A, **1.00pm** Ct 5 Greytown Red v Makoura Dev, **2.00pm** Ct 8 Kura Teina 9 v Masterton Flames
NOTE: Makoura A 2 Umpires Ct 7 2.00pm
14.5.11 Rugby: Makoura 1st XV v Kuranui @ Makoura, Makoura Jnrs V Wai Coll Gold @ Makoura
14.5.11 Football: 9.00am Makoura 1st XI Boys v Chanel @ Chanel College
12.5.11 Football: 4.00pm Makoura Girls 1st XI v Solway College @ Solway College



TE KURA TEINA PANUI

Term two has started with a bang and we are already into week two! The Cross Country was a great success and well done to our winners and to all those that participated. We have our homeroom meeting this week—Tuesday and Wednesday. You should have received your information letter and returned your time slip. If not, your student's homeroom teacher will contact you or you could contact the school. These are important meetings to discuss the progress of your student and for us to meet with you. It is important for the success of your student that there is a strong link between home and school. It will also be an opportunity to talk about the unit for the term—Sustainability. This will give you an insight into work that your student will be doing.

We are very fortunate to have Perri Tatana-Williams working with all our classes, teaching both us and the students Ki o Rahi. It is a game of much energy, participation, skill and fun. It is also a challenge to some of us—I know because after 45 minutes of playing it yesterday my old bones are very weary! The other excellent connection with Ki o Rahi is that it involves Matariki—our seven classes and seven po.

Perhaps a challenge to whanau to come and learn and be involved. Something to discuss and talk with your children.

Kathy Pickering HOF Te Kura Teina

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STUDENT COUNCIL

Reminder that the Student Council are collecting old cell phones to contribute to the Starship Hospital fundraiser. Cell phones may be left in the Library for collection

DAD'S EVENING

Discussing parenting from a Dads perspective

Nathan Mikaere-Wallis

When: Thursday 26 May

Time: 7.00pm—9.00pm

Where: The Spot

Back Building 365 Queen Street, Masterton

Please register to:

**Wairarapa REAP Reception
06 377 1379**

REMINDER

Te Kura Teina Whanau Meeting YR 9—10

Interviews with Parents and Students

Tuesday 10 May & Wednesday 11 May

3.00pm—6.00pm

- **Meet the teacher in their homeroom**
- **Check on your child's progress**

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

Experience another culture bring home a brother or a sister

In June/July students aged 14-19 years from Europe, the USA and South America will be arriving in New Zealand to study at local schools for 2-10 months.

Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity.

Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in New Zealand.

This is a great way to practice another language, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

To learn more about this opportunity call:

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 0800 440 079 or visit their website:

<http://studentexchange.org.nz>

