



MAKOURA COLLEGE

Kia Manawanui

Courage & Compassion

Principals Message

Welcome everybody to this the second newsletter of Term 4.

NCEA

Many of our students are currently involved in sitting exams while others are busy finishing off work here at school. Please continue to encourage your young people in these endeavours as qualification achievement is a crucial step in gaining jobs, entry into a career and further training. Your children are all very talented but success at NCEA does require they sacrifice other less important stuff in their lives so as to free up their time for study. Ongoing reminders are crucial if this is to happen.

Staff Training Days

Please note the following days in your diaries or on your calendars.

Friday 25 November is a teacher-only day set aside by the Ministry of Education for teachers to prepare for the new NCEA standards being introduced in 2012. Students are not required to attend school on this day but the school will open for staff and for Year 8 students doing their orientation for 2012.

Friday 2 December will be an early finish. On this day the school will be finishing early at 1.15pm.

2012 Enrolments

If you have children or extended family who are planning on enrol at Makoura in 2012, please ensure that you complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. Planning is underway for 2012 and this is strongly influenced by student numbers. Your support in this matter would be much appreciated. Thank you!

Coming Events

- Senior Awards Ceremony – 7.00pm Wednesday 30 November
- Leavers Dinner – 6.00pm, Friday 2 December at Aberdeen
- Junior Awards ceremony – 7.00pm Monday 5 December
- Junior Activities – 6 – 9 December
- Last day of school – 9 December

I look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

Regards

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IMPORTANT DATES

November

10th - 30th NCEA EXAMS

25th - PPTA/NZCA Teacher Only Day

25th - Yr 8 Orientation Day

28th - 30th Junior Exams

30th - Senior Prize Giving at the Hall 7.00pm

30th - Seniors Last day

December

2nd - Early finish for students 1.15pm

2nd - Leavers Dinner—Aberdeen Restaurant 6.00pm \$20.00 p/p Dress code: Cocktail (semi-formal)

5th - Junior Prize Giving 7.00pm

6th - 9th Junior Activity Week

9th - Juniors Last Day

February 2012

3rd - Year 11-13s Start—assemble in hall at 8.45am

6th - Waitangi Day

7th - Year 9 & 10's start .Year 9's and new students to the library, Year 10 – 13 students to hall 8.45am hall

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2012

- Monday 30 January 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Tuesday 31 January 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Wednesday 1 February 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Thursday 2 February 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Friday 3 February 10:00am - 4:00pm

EFTPOS AVAILABLE

SCHOOL START DATES FOR 2012

Friday 3 February 2012:

Yr 11-13's

Tuesday 7 February 2012:

Yr 9 - Yr 13

All Students

**HAUORA FACULTY REPORT**

PED 200 Kayaking

One of the assessments for this class involved kayaking and cycling with the associated risk management. After the theory had been completed, the class cycled down to Henley Lake to practice kayaking. The group was split in two with half doing Waka Ama with Sydney and the other half kayaking with Don. There were some hilarious moments, particularly when Stuart and Whatahoro decided to fall out of their kayaks. Anne and Beauche did their part by cooking the sausages on the BBQ.

On the second day the group went on the Ruamahanga River at the end of River Rd and practiced their skills on moving water. We did ferry gliding, breaking in and out of eddies and T- rescues. Beauche went down in her wheel chair and we tied a rope on the chair and lowered her down the bank so that she could be involved. Some of the more adventurous even went swimming. Shortly after we got out of the river it was in flood!

Don Miller HOD Hauora

Pisa in Focus: The parent factor in student performance

PISA results confirm what most parents know intuitively: Children—of all ages—benefit from their parents' active interest in them. Equally important, PISA suggests that it's not the quantity of time that makes the difference, but rather the depth of parental engagement. Students whose parents reported that they had read a book with their child "every day or almost every day" or "once or twice a week" during their child's first year of primary school had markedly higher reading scores in PISA 2009 when those children were 15, than students whose parents reported that they had read a book with their child "never or almost never" or only "once or twice a month". That difference in performance averaged 25 score points—well over half a year of formal schooling - across the 14 countries with comparable data. And much of that advantage remains even after discounting socio-economic differences. When it comes to helping older children, parents don't need to worry about their own abilities in, say, geometry or chemistry. PISA findings show that even such non-academic parent-child activities as "discussing books, films or television programmes", "discussing how well children are doing at school", "eating main meals together around the table" and "spending time just talking with one's children" are also associated with significantly better student reading performance in school.

So parents who are concerned that they don't have enough time—or, for that matter, expertise - to help their children succeed at school can find some comfort in knowing that it doesn't take a PhD or unlimited hours to make a difference in their children's school career. What it does take is genuine interest and active engagement in their children's lives.

Find out more at www.pisa.oecd.org

MEASLES OUTBREAK

This year New Zealand has had 387 measles cases, which is the highest total since 1997. Most of these cases have been in the Auckland region, and most cases have occurred since the start of the current outbreak on 30 May 2011. Most cases have occurred in unimmunised people, and immunisation remains the best way to prevent infection and spread within the community. Measles affects both children and adults, and is highly contagious. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, and then a rash which develops around 3 days after the other symptoms start. Complications can include middle ear infections, pneumonia and, more rarely, encephalitis or brain inflammation.

The best measles prevention is the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine which is free for all New Zealand children. It is also free for adults who need it .

Any student or teacher with measles must stay away from school for five to seven days from the appearance of the rash and until recovery, depending on the advice of the local medical officer of health. Unimmunised students, or those with no immunity to measles, who have been in close contact with a measles case during the infectious stages should stay away from school for 14 days from their last contact. This requirement is under the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulation 1966 (Regulation 14). These exclusions also apply to students taking part in interschool sporting and other events.

Please check that your family has been fully immunised. This means having the appropriate number of immunisations (1 or 2) depending on age. Adults and children aged 4 and older should have received two MMR doses.

For further information on measles and measles immunisation please visit the Ministry of Health website <http://moh.govt.nz/measles> or if you think you or someone in your family might have measles, please phone 0800 611 116 for advice (Healthline is a free service that operates 24 hours every day).

JUNIOR ACTIVITY WEEK 6.12.11 - 9.12.11

**All Junior Activity money is to be handed in to the College office by
Friday 18 November 2011**

**TE KURA TEINA REPORT****Space: The Final Frontier**

As some of you may know, space is a pretty big place. This term, 10Hh have been studying this big place called 'The Universe'. Our first investigation was of the planets of our solar system. After much discussion, the class has decided that their favourite planet in the solar system is Uranus. I have no idea why it's their favourite. Perhaps it's because Uranus has a vertical rotation. Speaking of something full of gas, having realised that stars have a life cycle, our class has been worrying about the potential destruction of our planet. The sun is middle aged and will one day die. After discovering that this won't happen for another 5 billion years or so, some in the class were still very concerned. Speaking of destruction, this week an asteroid passed our planet relatively closely. The worrying thing is that an asteroid only needs to be 1-2km wide to destroy all life on earth. Although this recent asteroid wouldn't have destroyed the planet, it would have left a bit of a hole. Speaking of holes, our class is going to be studying black holes. At the end of a star's life, some will collapse on themselves and have such a powerful gravitational pull that not even light can escape it. Some of the boys in the class want to send a camera and see what would happen inside one. They have yet to work out how they would get the camera back.

Dan Hrstich Homeroom 10Hh**Kia Manawanui nga whanau katoa,**

C'mon the summer Yeeha!

Our Year 10 classes have started swimming and we have been learning the basic skills of safe swimming at the Genesis Centre. The tutor is one of our PE co ordinators, Gaylene van Wijk. The students have the opportunity later on to show their skills at the beach.

As you know, we are also in the process of preparing for our Junior activities at the end of the year. One of the events is going to stay at Cape Palliser and learning to use a snorkel and mask.

I would like to say thank you to all Te Kura Teina students for their commitment and responsibilities towards their learning. It was absolutely fantastic to observe our school motto within TKT from the students. Mauri Ora koutou ma.

I would like to wish all Year 10 students the very best for next year as they enter into senior school. To all Year 9 students wishing you all the best for 2012. Kia Manawanui.

Naku Noa

Whaea Virgi Year 10 Dean

NCEA EXAMS**SENIOR STUDENTS Yr 11/12/13**

30 November 2011 Last day for Senior Students
Senior Prizegiving 7.00pm at College Hall

Senior Students Yr 11, 12 & 13 are required to get their sign-off sheet completed before they are given leave for the rest of the school year. The purpose of this is to ensure that the student has met the goals and achieved the qualification that they are working toward. If the student has met those targets by the 9th November they will be permitted to go on leave, after completing the sign off sheet and ensuring their option choices sheet has been handed in. If the student has not then they will be in school until they achieve their targets. If the student has exams they will get the day before the exam as study leave. This will be tracked and monitored and attendance watched closely. Final sign off is with Mrs Lidbetter/Mr Laybourn for attendance purposes. The last day of school is 30th November for all senior students, they are expected to attend school on this day and the evening prize giving. If they still have not finished their NCEA qualification by then they have until the 9th December to get themselves up to standard.

Please try not to be in the position of staying until the 9th.

Refer to NZQA website to access exam timetables:-

www.nzqa.govt.nz also there are exam timetables available at the College office.

***Congratulations to our winners in the
WAIRARAPA SECONDARY SCHOOLS
SPORT'S AWARDS 2011***

Which was held on Friday 4th November 2011

Category	Winner	Sport
<i>Contribution to Sport</i>	<i>Te Kapua Haira</i>	<i>Netball</i>
<i>Junior Sports-woman</i>	<i>Elleshia Clarkson</i>	<i>Netball</i>

UNIFORM

In 2012 the school is going to continue to move towards the established uniform standards set in 2010 by the Uniform Committee. Please be aware that this will require all students to wear the approved footwear.

*Ie: Roman Sandals or plain black
polishable shoes.*

Mr Bennett, Deputy Principal

Watch this space



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**2012 ENROLMENTS
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ENROLMENTS**

Remind all friends, whanau and wider community to get your 2012 enrolment forms into the College urgently. If you do not have an enrolment pack please phone or call into the College office.

**PAPAWAI & KAIKOKIRIKIRI TRUSTS BOARD
SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2012**

Applications for Secondary Scholarships are available at the College office for students who are of Ngati Kahungunu Ki Wairarapa or Rangitane o Wairarapa descent. If you are eligible please collect, complete the application and return it to the College office **before Friday 18 November, 2011**. Please fill out all appropriate sections.

Spirit of New Zealand

The College has been allocated a berth on the Spirit of New Zealand for a male, 2012 Yr 12 or Yr 13 student. The sailing is a 10 day voyage out of Auckland from 19 March 2012. If you are interested please see Mr Austin. The reason for the early notice is to allow the selected student to raise funds, help for this can be arranged.

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