



MAKOURA COLLEGE

Kia Manawanui
Courage & Compassion

Principals Message

Kia ora and greetings from Makoura College!

Classroom Visits

Over the last four to five weeks I have been visiting all teachers and their classes. In the main I have been very pleased with the level of engagement and learning demonstrated by students. Please note the school plans to continue to work hard in this area to ensure the talents of our students are fully realised.

Whanau Meetings

By the time you get this newsletter you will be aware that our parent-teacher meetings for this week have been put back one week until the 23 and 24th of August. This is because of the bad weather and the difficulty of getting home late at night on icy and snow covered roads. The school office will again be making phone calls to you about these meetings and we will follow this up with a letter showing the time of your appointment.

I accept there are probably more enjoyable things to be doing with your time than speaking with your child's teacher but these interviews are very important. Three of the powerful factors influencing the success of young people are their parents, their teachers, and importantly the relationship between the two. Accordingly, I encourage you all to come along and establish a relationship with your child's teacher and then work together to achieve the best educational outcomes for your child possible.

Course Selection

One of the important things happening next week is the student course and subject selection for 2012. The outcomes from this course selection will very much determine the range of subjects we offer at the College next year. It is therefore crucial that we get the most accurate information possible from all students. To help you and your child make the best selection for them I would like you to consider three important factors in this process.

- If your child is really interested in or does well in a particular subject, we advise them to choose it.
- If a subject is linked to the type of work or career your child wants to pursue in the future, then again we advise them to take that subject.
- Finally, if your child is unsure of their future career path (and most will be) then we advise them to choose a well balanced range of subjects which will keep their future career options open.
Please contact your child's Wakahuia teacher, Dean, or Careers Advisor if you would like more support.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students:- Jenny Aeto, Helen Aeto, Lexy Karena, Tanieka Marunui, Karauria Hamilton, Hohepa Orr, Apiana Te Tau Quinn and Tui Wilton who represented the school at the prestigious Pasifika Beat Bands Competition in Porirua over the weekend. They look and sound fantastic and I am really proud of the hard work they have put in to attain such a high standard. The group have been well supported by Mrs Carey and Tirau Te Tau. Many thanks to you both!

I would also like to congratulate our two rugby teams. They have both won through to the finals of their respective competitions. The 1st XV convincingly beat Wairarapa College on Saturday and the Junior team won by default against Rathkeale Juniors. Both teams remain undefeated in their respective competitions and we look forward to two exciting finals at Makoura this coming weekend.

Teenage Drivers

We have a number of students who drive cars to and from school. There are clear rules around this that promote safety for all. Please be aware of these and emphasise to your child the need to drive safely. Also, please be aware that the carrying of passengers is not permitted unless the parents of both the passengers and the drivers approve. The school needs to be informed of such arrangements.

If you are a parent of a driver I strongly encourage you to read the notice on page three of the newsletter regarding teenage drivers. It contains a lot of useful ideas and information worth sharing with your child.

Farewell

Finally, but sadly I would like to farewell the Taufa boys who will soon be leaving to Auckland and then back to the United States of America to live. They have both made a very positive contribution to the school and we wish them and their family all the very best.

Tom Hullena

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IMPORTANT DATES

August

23rd/24th - Yr 9—Yr 14 Student/
Parent/Teacher Whanau Meetings

22nd - Late Start 11.00am

22nd - 25th Ski Trip

22nd - 26th North Island Secondary
Schools Netball Tournament

23rd - Queen Elizabeth College Sport
Exchange at Makoura College

23rd - 26th Winter Tournament
Week

26th - Victoria & Massey University
Open Days Wellington

September

7th - Late Start 11.00am

15th - Makoura College Snr Ball -
Gateway Hotel Cost: \$45.00 per
ticket

16th - Primary School Cultural Festi-
val at Makoura College

**16th Mid Term Break School
Closed**

21st - 23rd Snr School Exams

29th - Late Start 11.00am

29th - Music Extravaganza at Makoura
College 7.00pm



Hauora Faculty Report

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Level One have completed a unit on Interpersonal Skills and how it makes their team work more effectively. They are now doing a unit on Biomechanics and how the body works based on Tae Bo.

Level Two students are learning new physical skills and they are applying these skills to juggling. Some of the students are very quick learners whereas others find it much more challenging.

Level Three students have evaluated their Triathlon and are now developing their Volleyball skills to complete both a practical and a written assessment.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Level Two have been completing units involving mountain biking, climbing, rafting and now caving.

Level Three have been working around a series of multi night camps, including sailing in the Marlborough Sounds.

SPORTS STUDIES

Both the Netball and Rugby classes have been working on developing their refereeing skills to help at Primary Tournaments. The girls in the Premier Netball team are heading off to Tournament next week. The 1st XV Boys are in the final of the Open Grade Rugby this coming weekend and then involved in the sports exchange with Queen Elizabeth College a few days later.

FOOD and NUTRITION

Year 10 are currently exploring the impact of advertising on food choices.

Level 1 have now moved onto Food & Nutrition achievement standards which include meal planning to enhance health and well being.

Level 2 have just completed a unit standard on preserving, making some very tasty preserves. Next they will be looking at vegetarian eating and the benefits of this food style.

Level 3 students are on individual learning plans and are working hard towards their achievement.

RUGBY FINALS - The 2 Makoura Rugby teams are in the final competition at Makoura College this Saturday 20.8.11. Makoura Juniors at 10.00am and Makoura 1st XV at 11.15am, so come down and cheer for MAKOURA!

Don Miller HOD Hauora

KURA TEINA PANUI

It's only the first two weeks of the third term and so far its been full on- we've done SO much! The year 9's and 10's have been working very hard in all areas of school life. So far we have done the Asttle reading and maths tests. These tests show students and teachers their improvement in those areas. This term we have a new topic, NGA KAI KITE (food baskets). We've been looking at how food is produced, processed and distributed and where it comes from. Then came PE, we think because of the rugby world cup we have been learning rugby skills (tackling safely, passing, dodging). We have also been doing Zumba for warm up to keep up our fitness. We find Zumba really hilarious because half of our class can't do it right!

This term we are studying expositions, static images and poetry for literacy and in maths our units will be geometry and statistics. We have also been working hard on our speeches, they are coming along great, some have already presented theirs. Winter sports are nearly finished and the days are getting longer and sunnier.

School is very interesting here, there are lots of great options for everyone.

Taryn Morunga and Charmaine Brown

STUDENT BOT ELECTION TIMELINE

- 30.8.11—Interested students are invited to attend BOT meeting
- 2.9.11—Student nomination forms are available from College office
- 15.9.11—Student nominations close, candidate statements close
- 21.9.11- Voting papers distributed, nominees invited to speak at assembly
- 30.9.11– Voting closes
- 6.10.11- Votes counted
- 7.10.11—Student Representative announced
- 25.10.11– Student Representative to attend BOT meeting

**MAKOURA COLLEGE
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
THURSDAY
3.00pm - 4.00pm
College Jackets are on
order. We will advise
when they have arrived in
the daily notices.**



Safe Teen Driver

If your teenager is learning to drive (or about to start) please read on. This can be a stressful time for both of you. But don't worry, help is at hand.

- www.safeteedriver.co.nz is a new FREE website to help parents and caregivers
- The resource was put together by the NZ Transport Agency in collaboration with a parent/teen relationship psychologist and an expert in driving psychology
- The website has lots of great tips to help you connect with your teenager and tools to teach them how to become a safer driver
- The Graduated Driver License System (GDLS) is a three-step process. So the things you need to teach your teenager will change as they progress from Learner through the Restricted phase to their FULL License.

It can be hard communicating with teenagers. But you're still a positive influence on them, even though it might not feel like it at times. So it's important you get involved with your teenager's driving education and stay involved until they have a Full Licence. Visit www.safeteedriver.co.nz to use the tools and help your teenager become a safer driver. If you don't have access to the internet, you can order hard copy resources. For the Learner phase call **0800 772 284** to sign up to Practice. For the Restricted phase call **0800 822 422** for a Safe Teen Driver pack.

MAKOURA COLLEGE

SENIOR COLLEGE BALL

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2011

7.00PM—12.00AM

GATEWAY HOTEL

\$45.00 per ticket



Theme: Alice In Wonderland

Parents are welcome to come along from 7.00pm—8.00pm to see the students arrival and have photos taken with students

QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE

SPORTS EXCHANGE

at Makoura College

TUESDAY 23 AUGUST 2011

Powhiri 10.00am College Hall

Teams to compete in the following Sports:

Basketball - Snr Boys, Snr Girls, Jnr Boys

Futsal Mixed

Netball - 2 Teams

Rugby 1st IV Team

Football Mixed

Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

All Welcome



MAKOURA COLLEGE SCORE BOARD

WEEK ENDING 13.8.11

RUGBY	MAKOURA 1ST XV V WAI COLL 3RDS	WIN 47-0
	MAKOURA JNRS v RATHKEALE COLTS	LOSS 17-20
FOOTBALL	MAKOURA 1ST XI BOYS V WAI COLL BLUE	
	MAKOURA 1ST XI GIRLS V WAI COLL 1	LOSS
NETBALL	MAKOURA PREM V TREVS 1	WIN 45-26
	MAKOURA B V WAI COLL B	LOSS 19-35
	MAKOURA DEV V DEFERRED GAME	
	KURA TEINA 9 V SMS JNR B	WIN 30-26

CONGRATULATIONS TO NATH GRAHAM AND WIREMU HAIRA
U14 WAIRARAPA BUSH RUGBY UNION REPS

MAKOURA COLLEGE SPORTS

DRAW WEEK 20.8.11

Netball:10.00am Ct 10 Makoura Dev v SMS B, 10.30am Ct 1 Makoura A v Ctn New World Lynx , 12pm Ct 4 Makoura B v Ctn New World Red, 1.00pm Ct 4 Makoura Dev v Eketahuna, Kura Teina has a Bye

20.8.11 Rugby: 10.00am Makoura Jnrs Finals @ Makoura, 11.15am Makoura 1st Finals @ Makoura
18.8.11 Football: Makoura 1st XI girls vs St Matts 1 @ place and time to be advised

20.7.11 9.00am Makoura 1st XI Boys vs W C Sharks@ Makoura



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3 BEDROOM HOUSE
WORK IN PROGRESS**



SENIOR STUDENTS

It is now time for Senior Students to start thinking about their option choices for next year. You need to consider your achievements to date in individual subjects, your preferred career pathway and what subjects you will need to achieve your goals.

The Whanau meetings being held on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 August will be an ideal opportunity for students and caregivers to discuss progress to date and goals with their subject teacher.

NCEA FEES

Please remember that you can seek financial assistance to help pay for students studying for NCEA this year. Makoura College collects these fees on behalf of NZQA and financial assistance, if granted, reduces the fee from \$76.70 to \$20.00. Financial Assistance Forms are available from the school office.

NCEA fees need to be paid to the College office by

Wednesday 31 August 2011.

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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.

Teacher Only Days & Late Starts

Monday 22 August - Late Start

School starts at 11.00am

Wednesday 7 September - Late Start

School starts at 11.00am

Friday 16 September - Mid Term Break

School Closed

Thursday 29 September - Late Start

School starts at 11.00am

MAKOURA COLLEGE

RUGBY

GRAND FINALS

SATURDAY 20.11.11

JUNIORS 10.00am

1ST XV 11.15am

AT MAKOURA

SUPPORT YOUR

COLLEGE!

**WHANAU MEETINGS
STUDENT PROGRESS & LEARNING GOALS
All Students**

TUESDAY 23rd AND WEDNESDAY 24th AUGUST 2011

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with Wakahuia Teachers to discuss your students progress and learning goals.
A letter will be posted to your address advising of your appointment time



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