



MAKOURA COLLEGE

Kia Manawanui

Courage & Compassion

Principals Message

Senior Student Sign Out

NCEA exams start in Week 3 of Term 4. Students sitting exams will only be given exam leave if they have completed their internal NCEA requirements for the year. Otherwise they will be expected to be at school for exam study and to complete any unfinished internal assessments. Those students who have completed their NCEA qualifications for the year, have met their course entry requirements for 2012, and have completed the necessary sign out procedures will be permitted to go on exam leave on the 10th of November. They will however be expected to attend their exams and attend the Senior Awards Ceremony on the 30th of November.

Up and Coming Events

Wednesday 28th September is School Spirit Day. This day has been organised by some of our student leaders and in particular Selina Bull who has displayed outstanding leadership all year. Students are expected to be at school at the usual time and will participate in a range of House sports. Appropriate mufti (linked to house colours) is to be worn.

On Thursday 29th September teachers will be continuing to work on their professional learning projects. Accordingly, students are not required to be at school until 10.50am. If you would like your child to attend at normal time please let the school office know and we will organise supervision.

Student BOT Nominees

Congratulations to the nine students who were nominated for the student trustee position on the Makoura College Board Of Trustees. Three of these students have accepted their nominations for this very important position. They are Zoe Bowater, Brittany Leveridge, and Henry Sinclair. All three students spoke very well in assembly on Wednesday of last week and they all deserve credit and acknowledgement for putting themselves forward for this important role. Student voting for this position opened on Wednesday 21st September and will close on the 30th September. The final result will be known and identified early next term.

Congratulations

A number of our students gave up a day of their time to assist the Primary School Kapa Haka Festival held at Makoura on Friday 16th September. I have received numerous compliments from visiting teachers and parents about the work of this group of students on the day and I think they need our acknowledgement. They are: Biege Matthews, Leonard Mita, Rikana Paurini, Mana Hohepa, Toha Babbington, Wairakau Orupe, Aaliyah Rimene, Kasa Rainibogi and Shania Collins. Another group of our students also deserve acknowledgement for their contribution of time welcoming the Georgian rugby team to Te Ore Ore Marae last Monday. These students took part in the powhiri and then gave up their time entertaining and serving these special guests. Well done to you all.

Finally, I would like to officially congratulate yet again our premier netball team, their coach Janine Tupaea-Southey and manager Rere Walker. Last Saturday the team won the final of the Wairarapa Premier Reserve Grade Competition. This win adds to a list of very impressive and notable milestones achieved by this team in 2011. Congratulations to all those involved. Congratulations also to the following students who won major awards at the Netball Wairarapa Awards Ceremony held recently. Sheridon Gallon-Puhara, Kata Matapuku, and Elleshia Clarkson won the *Most Valuable Player Award* in their respective age groups with Elleshia also winning the *Most Promising Player Award* across all grades. In addition, Te Kapua Haira won the Junior Umpire trophy. Again, congratulations to you all.

Holidays

The Term 3 holidays are now less than two weeks away. I wish all of our students a restful and enjoyable break. Having said this however, I ask all parents to encourage your children/child to utilise some of this holiday time engaging in useful learning. This is particularly important for students studying NCEA who all have on-going assignment work to complete or exams to prepare for.

Educational research tells us that large periods of time **not** engaging in learning can have negative or backward effects on students' educational progress. Therefore please encourage your child/children to spend some of their holiday time in useful learning activities, and in the very least time reading each day. This will ensure the brain is engaged and challenged and less likely to regress over the holiday period.

'CONGRATULATIONS'

Congratulations to Hilda Payne our 'Mathematics with Statistics' Teacher who has been singing in the Rugby World Cup Anthem Choirs. So far Hilda has sung the National Anthems for the South African v Wales, Argentina v Scotland in Wellington and France v Canada in Napier games. Hilda will also be singing the Quarter Final 1 and Quarter Final 3 anthems in Wellington. Hilda said you have to memorise all the anthems and that the hardest one was the South African anthem. Memories she has had of these games is how massive the players are, they are huge, and the overwhelming smell of liniment. She said it's all very exciting and sometimes they are given free tickets to watch the game.

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IMPORTANT DATES

September

27th - BOT Meeting College Library at 5.30pm

28th - **Kia Manawanui Sports Spirit Day** \$2.00 Mufti/House Colours, Food available

29th - **Late Start 11.00am**

29th - Music Extravaganza at Makoura College 7.00pm

October

5th - Excel Performance

6th - **INTERCOLLEGIATE SOLO MUSIC COMPETITION** - Wairarapa College Hall 7.00pm

7th - Last day of Term 3

24th - **Labour Day**

25th - Tuesday 1st Day Term 4

25th - BOT Meeting in College Library at 5.30pm

27th - Makoura Educational Trust Annual Meeting in College Library at 5.15pm

November

3rd - Music Extravaganza at the Hall 7.00pm

10th - **NCEA EXAMS START**

24th - Late Start 11.00am

25th - PPTA/NZCA Teacher Only Day

30th - **Senior Prize Giving**



DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Open Home Foundation (OHF) is a Christian Child and Family Support agency. We work alongside families who are struggling and provide social work support, respite care, foster care, mentoring, and counselling. Our vision is for *every child in New Zealand to grow up in a secure and loving family.* We are always looking for people who are willing to provide help through fostering.

Fostering provides an incredible opportunity to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children. OHF provides comprehensive training, support and a board payment to all foster families.

We will be holding a **Foster Parent Information Evening** on:

Wednesday 28 September 2011

starting at 7pm at the Open Home Foundation office

81 Lincoln Road, Masterton

If you would like to attend, please contact **Sonia Bromley on 06 378-2195** to register your interest.

**MAKOURA COLLEGE
EDUCATIONAL TRUST
PARENT REPRESENTATIVE
VACANCY**

The Makoura College Educational Trust currently has a vacancy for a 'Parent Representative' to become a member of the Trust Board. The Board is made up of members who have an interest in Makoura College. The Trust exists to support the College and the income from the Trust is used to assist the College in a number of ways including the purchase of equipment and teaching aids. The Board also administers the Riddell Scholarship. Peter Riddell was a Science Teacher at Makoura College from 1981 until his death in 1987 when he was killed in a Microlight accident in Masterton. A sum of \$5,000 was gifted to the College by Peter's parents for the purposes of a scholarship in his memory. During the past 20 years the income from the gift has been used to assist students undertaking Tertiary Studies. The Board meets up to 4 times per year. If you are interested in becoming the Parent Representative on the Makoura College Education Trust please contact Kaye in the College office.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME FACULTY REPORT



Over the last few months, Zoe Bowater, Taela Neumann and Tanieka Marunui have been working with Wellington Zoo staff and Mr Hosking to design an enrichment activity to make and trial with the otter, serval or the cockatoo. They decided to make it so it could be used by both the cockatoo and the serval. Their original design planned for using some type of ball arrangement that they could be move around on a swinging rope that would drop small pieces of dried fish when jiggled for long enough. They had difficulty sourcing a suitable ball type piece of equipment, so modified their design to use two different sized pieces of plumbing pipe. This was sealed at either end, had a screw opening at the other and drilled with holes that when moved about would sometimes line up to let food drop out. As seen in the photo the piping was attached to a thin rope at one end, which was attached to a stand with adjustable height. Congratulations to the three of them for working in a time pressured situation to get it finished ready for their visit to the Zoo last week. Each of the groups from the 6 schools had to present their enrichment activity to the group of students. The group also included two Zoo keepers who had worked with them earlier in the term on their original plans. The Zoo Keepers gave them oral feedback as to how they felt the finished product was fit for the purpose and matched with the specifications. They saw an activity get trialled briefly with the cockatoo, which worked well. They will get feedback shortly, in photo and video form as to how each of their activities worked with the animals. Well done for your co-operative and problem solving efforts. Thanks to Mr Hosking for his practical support.

Jane Cullen HOD Special Programmes

NCEA EXAMS, NCEA EXAMS, NCEA EXAMS

NCEA EXAMS STARTS WEEK 3 OF TERM 4

SENIOR STUDENTS SEE ATTACHED TIMETABLE

FIRST EXAM THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER LEVEL 2 ENGLISH

STUDENT BOT ELECTION TIMELINE

- 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 EDUCATION TRUST

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday 27 October 2011

College Library 5.15pm



TE KURA TEINA REPORT

Last week, Tanieka Marunui, Miss Cullen and myself went down to Wellington Zoo. We had been making an enrichment object for a Serval and an Otter. We had been working on the object for over a month with the help of Mr Hosking and Taela Neumann. We made a cylinder where food could drop out for the animals. When we got to the Zoo we connected the bottom board to the pole and the cylinder, then we presented the enrichment project to the Zoo Keepers and students from other schools who had also been making objects for animals. We had a lot of fun, learnt that the Otter that we did it for has to be by himself because he thinks he is human and so therefore does not get along with the other Otters and that the Serval can jump up to 2-3 metres.

Zoe Bowater 10Pn

As part of our Nga Kai Kite unit about food production and distribution the Year Nine students have had the opportunity to listen to a number of speakers involved in this industry. Over the last two weeks Dot Bisset, a former Makoura Student and owner of the Wee Red Barn and Paul McGill, who is currently farming at East Taratahi made presentations about their chosen fields. The students gained valuable insights into both food production and food distribution.

- 'I learnt how to grow strawberries' - **Tewa Rogers 9Pu**
- 'Crop production relies on pre contracts' - **Jemma Gallon Puhara 9Pu**
- 'Consumers dictate what farmers grow' - **Tom Ferguson 9Pu**

On Monday 19th September 2011, a busload of students went out to Te Ore Ore Marae to help with the RWC Georgia Team powhiri. We supported Rangitane by doing the haka powhiri and helping in the kitchen. Whatahoro, Kumeroa and Mikey did the wero to the RWC Georgia team – it was wicked. We helped serve food and did the dishes. A RWC volunteer made dishes lots of fun by throwing the dishes and we had to catch them! On Sunday 25th September 2011, Mrs McCann was part of a small group who did a poroporoaki for the RWC Georgia team. She gave them paua shells that we had decorated and Mike Kawana's book 'Wairarapa Korero' to remember their stay in the Wairarapa. Robbie Rimene made bone carvings that were given to the Georgia entourage. The bone carvings were awesome and each person was given an explanation of the carvings meaning. The Georgia RWC team were humbled by their whole experience in the Wairarapa.

Matariki Paewhenua 9Em

MAKOURA COLLEGE BALL - 15 SEPTEMBER 2011





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**2012 ENROLMENTS
MAKOURA COLLEGE
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 LANDS TRUST
Annual General Meeting - Friday 7th October
4.00pm - Wairarapa Moana House
4 Park Avenue, Masterton
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 Adventure Trust searches for "lost Alumni"

- Ten years ago the voyage records of past Spirit of New Zealand and Spirit of Adventure sailings were destroyed in a devastating flood.
- A campaign is now underway to reconnect the Spirit of Adventure Trust with as many former voyagers as possible.
- The "lost alumni" campaign is aimed at anyone who has sailed on the Spirit of New Zealand or Spirit of Adventure, and aims to capture details and photographs from past sailings, as well as find people interested in supporting the Trust.
- As part of the campaign, the Trust's principle corporate partner Hyundai Motors has launched a Facebook application www.facebook.com/HyundaiNZ for registrations.

For further information contact: **Dean Lawrence**
Dean.lawrence@spiritofadventure.org.nz

KIA MANAWANUI SPIRIT DAY

SPORTS DAY

Wednesday 28.9.11

\$2.00

MUFTI/HOUSE COLOURS

Following Sports:

Volleyball, Basketball,
Touch Rugby, Ki-O-Rahi,
Long Ball, Football

Food Available:

Sausage sizzle
With onions \$1.60
Just sausage \$1.50
Drinks \$1.50



