



MAKOURA COLLEGE

Kia Manawanui
Courage & Compassion

Principals Message

Year 11 - 13 Student-Teacher-Parent goal setting meetings

To all the parents and students (and teachers) who participated in our recent Student-Teacher-Parent academic goal setting sessions please accept my genuine thanks. When parents take an active role in their children's learning and when home and school work together in the interests of the child amazing things can happen. Accordingly, if you missed this meeting opportunity I sincerely encourage you to contact the school office and ask them to set up a special meeting with your child's wakahaia teacher before the end of this term.

Achievement

Makoura's singular most important aim is the personal and academic achievement of your children. Please therefore continue to talk to your child about their learning and the high expectations you have of them - even if it annoys them. Placing high expectations on students enhances their belief in themselves. Self belief is a key component to achievement and success. The school has high expectations of all students especially around NCEA and our students have certainly proven over the last couple of years that they are more than capable of meeting such expectations.

Along these lines it was very nice to hear a report of a student group conversation the other day, overheard by one of my staff members, which centred around a group of our senior students discussing which university they were planning on attending and why. Although university is not the pathway for everybody I was delighted to hear that many of our students (from all backgrounds) have such aspirations and are contemplating higher learning.

Uniform

Mr Bennett is the senior manager in charge of uniform. Please therefore do not be surprised if you get a call from him or your child's teacher about their uniform. Two small issues appear to be creeping in. One is shoes which are supposed to be black vinyl or leather and polishable. The other is jackets or tops that are not of the approved type. Such jackets should be worn at home only. If they are worn to school (including to and from school) they are likely to get confiscated and will need to be uplifted by parents. Overall, however, the new uniform is looking great as are your children - I really appreciate your efforts in this regard.

Sports/Culture

The school has been involved in a number of sports events in recent times and Makoura students have again been to the fore. Three students won medals in the Wellington Regional Athletics sports held two weeks ago. Andre Ols-son was first in the intermediate boys' shot put, Sheridan Puhara-Gallon was second in the senior girls' high jump, and Alex Howden was second in the boys 100m and will represent the school at the up-coming North Island championships.

Last week also saw the school participate in the Inter-Collegiate Swimming Championships where a number of our swimmers performed to a very high standard gaining firsts, seconds, and thirds - despite competing against some of the region's top swimmers.

In the weekend just gone our Premier 1 Netball side participated in a pre-season tournament in the Hutt Valley. Thanks to the staff and parents involved especially the Carterton Fire Brigade for the use of their van and driver Vaea Petersen.

Also last weekend our school Kapahaka team had their first weekend training session. Late in Term 2 they will be competing in the prestigious Wellington Kapahaka Competition but prior to that will spend hours perfecting their routines under the watchful eyes of their very talented tutors Reihana Rimene and Cheryl Tepu. Both Cheryl and Reihana travel back from the Taranaki every week for the sole purpose of training our school team. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank them for this wonderful gesture and generosity.

Lastly, winter sports are just around the corner and accordingly I would like to thank in advance all of those parents who have put their hands up to support this worthy cause. You guys along with the many other parents/grandparents/guardians/etc who support the school in many ways are crucial to the school's ongoing success - thank you.

"Man's true wealth is the good he gives to the world" - Mohammad.

Tom Hullena

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IMPORTANT DATES

March

29th - Waka Ama Tournament
Rotorua

30th - Yr 9 NZSO Concert Master-
ton Town Hall

April

2nd - Kapahaka Wananga

2nd - Nth Is SS Athletics Porritt Sta-
dium Hamilton

7th - Attitude Presentation

12th - Victoria University visit

15th - End of Term 1

26th - 29th Kapahaka Wananga

May

2nd - Term 2 begins

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

MAKOURA COLLEGE
UNIFORM SHOP
HOURS
THURSDAY
3.00pm - 4.00pm

3.00pm - 4.00pm



Commissioners Message

I am pleased to announce that the Minister of Education has approved the alternative constitution for the Board of Trustees of Makoura College. The governance model, intended as a staged transition from Commissioner to a standard elected Board, has the membership that reflects the original proposal and the consultation feedback with our College community, as follows:

- the Principal of the school
- up to three trustees appointed by the Minister of Education
- two parent representatives
- a staff representative
- a student representative
- up to two trustees either co-opted by the Board or appointed by bodies corporate approved by the Board for the purpose.

The alternative governance model is intended to support elected community participation, alongside strong governance modelling and direction from a majority of selected ministerial appointees.

On this basis the Ministry is now recommending to the Secretary for Education that a Commissioner is no longer required for the College, and that a Statutory Specialist Advisor is appointed to provide continuity of support for the new Board.

Until the Secretary agrees to that, I can not move to name an election date, or give you any more details on how we are preparing for that possibility.

I hope to be able to up date you on progress before the beginning of term break.

Tim White

TE KURA TEINA PANUI

On Thursday 17 March Makoura College had their swimming sports at the Masterton town pools.

We walked there at 11:30am and we got there at 12:00pm. After we got dressed we went in to our house groups (Rimu, Kauri, Matai and Totara.) Mr Bennett told us which races we were entered into.

I got up to my lane and all I heard was a beep and off I went. I came 4th! That was pretty good even though we only trained once. All you can hear is Totara's drum and the house chanting. Everyone was having a good time and we were the loudest group out of all of them.

It was a fun day because it did not matter if you were fast or slow, as long as we participated and got our house more points.

There is just another three weeks left of school, it has been a good term with lots of fun activities. Next week our class goes to Aratoi to explore our history and taonga. All of the new Year 9's have fit in to our Kura Teina well.

We will deserve a holiday.

Sharna Veale 9Pu

Makoura College Library

There has been a really positive and vibrant start to the year in the Library. The new computers installed during the holidays have been a real bonus, in that they both look and function much better than the ones we had previously. They are in constant use during class times and also for extra study during the morning and lunch breaks. Frequently a class scheduled to the Library for a period will also use a cow (computer on wheels) so all students have on-line access and be able to print their work to the Library printer.

There are 5 student Librarians this year and they provide cheerful and valuable assistance during break times. They shelve books, do archive filing, update the exchange folders and other tasks that help keep the Library operating efficiently. Thanks to Tessa, Tanieka, Natasha, Zoe and Kimberly. During the break times many students come in and play chess, and sometimes a jigsaw is produced and laboured over. Next term there will other board games available, and possibly a DVD session fortnightly.

The Library also has information on a range of student exchanges and other programmes (eg Spirit of New Zealand) available. Students can access these anytime, and are encouraged to do so.

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Clare Colville– Librarian



MAKOURA COLLEGE SPORTS UNIFORM AMNESTY

Over the last few years a large number of Sports Uniforms have not been returned to the College. Therefore we ask that you please check students wardrobes and drawers for any sports uniforms that may belong to Makoura College.

If you know of any ex-students can you please ask them to also check their rooms.

We appreciate you help in this matter.



RIDER TRAINING



Register for a motorbike or scooter training course and learn some helpful tips to stay safe on your bike. One of the best ways to avoid crashes is to develop your riding skills.

Course Dates

Sunday 17th April	Scooter	9am-12noon
Sunday 17th April	On Road Beginner	1pm-4.30pm
Sunday 15th May	On Road Advanced	9am-4.30pm

At a cost of only \$20.00 this is great value for money. Places are limited

Ring Dave or Kerry at Wairarapa Road Safety Council, REAP House, 340 Queen Street, Masterton Ph: 377 1379

ICAS EXAMINATIONS FOR 2011

International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) entry forms are available from the College office.

Listed below are the subjects available, cost of the exam and the sitting date.

Closing date for entries to be paid to the College office is **Friday 8 April 2011.**

Subject	Sitting Date	Exam Fee
Computer Skills: Yr 4-11	Tuesday 24 May	\$ 7.50
Science: Yr 4-13	Wednesday 8 June	\$ 7.50
Writing: Yr 4-13	Tuesday 21 June	\$17.50
English: Yr 4-13	Tuesday 2 August	\$ 7.50
Mathematics: Yr 4-13	Tuesday 16 August	\$ 7.50

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

Rocket Reports for Junior Students (Year 9-10) will be posted home after Friday 8 April 2011

HOT TIPS EVENT

Ian Grant shares his best tips on

Marriage and Relationships

Tuesday 29 March 2011

BOOK NOW www.theparentingplace.com

Tickets can also be purchased :

Equippers Church, 2 Akura Road, Masterton

Enquiries: **Abbey Harvey** ph 06 378 8789 / 021 284 7082

Email: aharvey@equipperschurch.com

held at

Wairarapa College Hall

83 Pownall Street, Masterton

7.30pm—9.45pm

Cost \$15 single \$25 double

Special for both nights \$25 Single/\$35 Double

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



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INDUSTRY TRAINING DAY

The Year 10 students who participated/took part in the Industry Training day on Tuesday 15 March had a most enjoyable time as can be seen by the accompanying photos:



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Due to popular demand the Uniform shop has sold out of jersey's. The next order should arrive in 4 weeks. We also have the Makoura Jacket available now at \$61.00 each, which is the official rain proof jacket as stated on the 2011 Makoura College uniform price list. Thanks for your support and patience.

**Mrs Taylor
(Uniform Shop)**

