



# MAKOURA COLLEGE

## Kia Manawanui

*Courage & Compassion*

### Principals Message

Welcome everybody to this mid-term newsletter. I hope you have all had an enjoyable Queens Birthday Weekend and mid-term break. I hope also that our young people are well rested and energised and ready for the remainder of the term.

### Congratulations

Congratulations must go to the following individuals and teams for their achievement to date. Firstly Sheridan Gallon-Puhara who has been selected to play in the Wellington Under 21 Netball team. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish her all the best for the 2011 season.

Congratulations also to Bailey Peterson, Kata Matapuku, Rennie Hemara, and Anna Garnett who represented the Wairarapa Under 17 Netball team in a regional tournament held on the Kapiti Coast this Queens Birthday Weekend. By all reports our girls represented themselves, their families, and the school with pride. The following girls from Makoura College have also gained selection into representative Netball teams. Elleshia Clarkson, Naomi Boyce, Sevanna Connor, and Te Kapua Haira were all selected for the Wairarapa Under 15 team and Chenesse Kauika, who was selected for the Under 15 Development team.

I would also like to congratulate our 1<sup>st</sup> XV for taking part in the 125 Year Reunion of the Wairarapa Rugby Union. Our boys were the main event on Memorial Park Number 1 on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. Playing against Chanel College the boys acquitted themselves very well disposing of a feisty Chanel College team in the process.

### Staff Professional Learning

In 2011 the school's staff will again be working very hard to enhance the service we provide to our students and community. The school is engaged in two Ministry funded professional learning projects. These are He Kakano and the School-wide Positive Behaviour for Learning (SWPB4L) initiative. He Kakano targets a range of proven strategies and teacher attitudes that more effectively engage students in their learning. He Kakano will provide the framework for staff professional development at Makoura College for the next three years. SWPB4L is a programme that will also be implemented over the next three years. This programme is designed to further improve how we build/teach positive behaviour right across the school and it will strengthen the Makoura Responsibility Model and Restorative Practice. If you would like to know more about any of these initiatives please contact the school office.

### Thank You To Staff

At this point it is fitting to make a special mention of the school's hard working staff. They have courageously and flexibly adapted to the demands and extra work load associated with implementing a range of new initiatives over the past two years. I am truly thankful for their willingness to do so and their ongoing willingness given the two new initiatives outlined above. As a result I firmly believe the school will continue to build on the successes achieved over the last two years.

### Fees

Finally, I would like to thank the many families who have paid curriculum fees this year. This has been much appreciated. Without this support the school would not be able to deliver a number of courses, particularly practical and hands-on courses. Furthermore, I would like to doubly thank those families who have also paid voluntary fees or school donations. Given the difficult economic times this is again hugely appreciated.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa!

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### June

- 11th** - Kapa Haka Wananga
- 14th/15th** - Barbara Kendall Visit
- 17th** - Rockquest
- 21st** - Maori Careers Day
- 22nd** - School Social 7.00pm—10.00pm \$2 Entry fee
- 23rd** - **Late Start 11.00am**
- 24th - 26th** Kapa Haka noho
- 30th** - Music Extravaganza
- 30th** - Revolution Tour

#### July

- 6th** - Lakeview visit to Makoura
- 11th—12th** - MIS visit to Makoura
- 12th** - **Late Start 11.00am**
- 15th** - Kapahaka Regionals at Wairarapa College Hall
- 15th** - Last day of Term 2

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

#### **ELECTION TIMELINE**

#### **Thursday 9 June**

Close of nominations at 12.00noon

#### **Tuesday 14 June**

Voting papers would have been posted to parents / caregivers on electoral roll

#### **Thursday 23 June**

Poll closes at 12.00noon



**MAKOURA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—PARENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Nominations for two Parent Representatives on the Makoura College Board of Trustees closed at 12.00noon today. The following nominations have been received:

**Moana Heremaia, Michael Hullah, Sarah Lysaght, Trevor Mackiewicz, Vaea Peterson**

Parent Representative Voting papers will be posted to parents / caregivers on the electoral roll by Tuesday 14 June 2011. Please return your completed voting papers to the College office before the closing poll date being 12.00noon on Thursday 23 June 2011.

Kaye Saywell  
Returning Officer

***PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY***

The Faculty of Social and Physical Sciences is making good progress this year, students are showing more talent and achieving higher than last year. It is good to see positive motivated students beginning to focus on gaining achievement standards and not relying on unit standards. In the Maths, Sciences, English and Social Studies students are selectively focusing on achievement standards specifically aiming at getting endorsements in these subjects. It is great to see the focus in the Yr 12 and 13 classes around this. Many subjects in this Faculty have exams at the end of the year. Leading up to this there will be practice exams in term 3. In preparation for this students need to begin thinking about how and when they are going to study to prepare for these exams. In class teachers will begin talking and coaching the students in study techniques. Research shows that students who highly succeed in exams do plenty of preparation for them. There is 19 school weeks before the exams. Please encourage your students to start revising, even 5 minutes a day is progress to prepare for exams.

**Ben Laybourn—HOD Physical & Social Sciences**

***KURA TEINA PANUI***

On 1 June we were lucky enough to have Joe Potangaroa to come and talk to us about eels, pollution, waterways and endangered creatures. The Year 9's from TKT gathered around in the library to watch and listen to his presentation.

The one thing we found interesting was that if you pollute the waterway where eels are, then they could get juju lips and get sick because of the pollution in the waterways. So that's why you're not meant to pollute!

Another thing we found interesting was that some Maori Potatoes are purple inside and they have another name called Tutai kuri.

Did you know that eels go to Tonga to have their babies and then they die? And that females are larger than males.

We really appreciate having Joe talk to us and share his knowledge.

**Matariki Paewhenua and Krystal McEntee 9 Em**

***'CONGRATULATIONS'***

Tessa Pocock is off to the Airforce in the first week of Term 2 holidays after applying for a holiday programme. Tessa is one of 7 students that were selected from the lower North Island.

Natasha Smith is off on the Spirit of New Zealand which will be sailing from Auckland on the 1st August 2011.

Natasha will also be presented the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award by the New Zealand Governor General around the same time as her trip on the Spirit of New Zealand. Well done.



**MAKOURA COLLEGE  
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS  
THURSDAY**

**3.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Clean plastic bags required for the uniform shop please**



### STAGE CHALLENGE

Held on Friday 27th May at the Queens Wharf Events Centre



*It was a fantastic day and the core group of committed performers can be very proud of their achievement. It was a great concept, great set, original choreography and winning best sound track.*

#### MAKOURA COLLEGE SCORE BOARD WEEK ENDING 4.6.11

<b>RUGBY</b>	<b>MAKOURA 1ST XV V CHANEL COLL MAKOURA JNRS GAME</b>	<b>WIN 43-15 DEFERRED</b>
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	<b>MAKOURA 1ST XI BOYS V KURANUI MAKOURA 1ST XI GIRLS V WAI COLL</b>	<b>WIN 3-2 LOST</b>
<b>BASKETBALL</b>	<b>MAKO YR 10 BOYS V MIS MAKOURA GIRLS V KURANUI GIRLS</b>	<b>LOST 23-20 WIN 58-4</b>

#### MAKOURA COLLEGE SPORTS DRAW WEEK 11/611

**28.5.11 Netball:** 10.30am Ct 1 Makoura A V Trevs I  
12pm Ct 4 Makoura B v Wai Coll B2 12.00pm Ct 6 Sol-  
way A v Makoura Dev, 1.00pm Ct 8 Kura Teina 9 v SMS  
Jnr B

**11.6.11 Rugby:** 11.15am Makoura 1st XV v Wai Coll  
2nd XV @ Makoura 10.00am Makoura Jnrs V Rathkeale  
@ Makoura

**9.6.11 Football:** Makoura 1st XI girls vs Kuranui @  
Kuranui

**11.6.11 9.00am** Makoura 1st XI Boys vs Wai Coll  
Smokey Joes @ Makoura



### Athletes with Disabilities

On Wednesday 1 June 2011, our team of students competed at the College Sport Wellington Cross-country Champs at Upper Hutt, Trentham Memorial Park grounds.

Our team of Athletes with Disabilities, consisting of John Campbell, Amy van Wijk, Matthew Campbell, Robert Warren and Sheldon Betteridge, with the assistance of Natasha Smith, Sports Headgirl and Manager Mrs Gaylene van Wijk. We also took another student from Wairarapa College Matthew Blathwayt who was part of our squad travelling. It was a wonderful day, and everyone competed 200%.

Approximately 60 AWD runners, and Year 9 Girls all raced 2kms around the Trentham Memorial Park grounds. Our best effort came in the form of John Campbell placed 3rd overall, Matthew Blathwayt 4th and Amy van Wijk 1st in her age group. An awesome effort overall from our students who thoroughly enjoyed the day and put in a grand effort representing the school at this Wellington event. Keep watching for more events for our AWD, remember its about the desire to compete and the commitment to participate, a thankyou to students for giving their best. We look forward to more events for the future.

**Gaylene van Wijk, Sports Co-ordinator**



Back row: Matthew Campbell, Matthew Blathwayt, Front Row: Sheldon Betteridge, Robert Warren, John Campbell and Amy van Wijk



Matthew Campbell

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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.

### 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.**

### SCHOOL SOCIAL

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2011

\$2.00 ENTRY

TIME: 7.00PM—10.00PM  
COLLEGE HALL



### 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>

