



### Newsletter 4 (Term 1) – 22 March 2013

#### Message from the Principal

The last couple of weeks have brought home to me what a real family we have here in our school community. The Picnic under the Puriri fundraiser for Vynka and her family was a wonderful day and really well attended. It was great that the College grounds could be utilised in such a special way.

A couple of weeks ago, Eru Kapa-Kingi came to my office saying that several Year 12 boys would like to start a fundraising exercise of their own for Vynka. The effort that those boys made in raising the money was exceptional and the head shaving assembly was good fun as illustrated by the photo in this newsletter. I would also like to thank the students of Huanui College who were prepared to put their money where their mouth is and front up with a gold coin to encourage Mr Hamlet and myself to get our heads shaved along with the boys. Many thanks to our hairdressers Kerry Griffin and Rebecca Agnew for their time, skill and the blunting of their clippers. At this stage, the exercise has raised in excess of \$2000 which is an amazing effort and all credit should go to those Year 12 boys.

The day before the Picnic was the annual Operacado event organised by our school neighbours, the Kennaways, and Opera North. This was held here in Glenbervie and several of our students volunteered to assist people from the parking area. As reported earlier, our very own Monica Booth was performing too. It was pleasing to receive a letter from Richard Kennaway from Opera North commenting on the 'assistance of a group of charming, helpful and polite students.' Those students certainly epitomised the 'Huanui Way'.

Anzac Day this year will be during the holidays and Huanui College will be taking part in the services for that day. Students and parents should contact Mrs Viv Smith at school if they would like to be involved. Leading up to Anzac Day, the Whangarei RSA ran a speech competition and Sophie Short represented our College. She produced a moving speech about the contribution NZ women made to the war effort in WWII and was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the competition.

Sir Peter Blake Youth EnviroLeaders' Forum, now into its 10<sup>th</sup> year, is run in partnership with the Ministry for the Environment. Each year, 50 young environmental leaders (Year 11 – 13 students) are selected to represent their regions at the five day Forum, which aims to address topical environmental issues facing New Zealand, and to help delegates develop strategies to address them. Our very own Kelsey Eaton has been selected to attend this event which will be held in Christchurch from 28 April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Places at the Forum are fully funded – including flights, accommodation, food and field trips, and we look forward to hearing about Kelsey's experiences when she returns.

Progress reports were distributed last Friday and Parent Teacher interviews were held over Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. We realise the importance of these interviews and that is why we have spread them over two days. The efforts by staff are to be commended. It is worth noting that unlike Primary School teachers, who have a maximum of 30 parent interviews, some teachers at Huanui teach upward of 150 students and if only half of them want interviews, that is still approximately 80 time slots. We do our best to accommodate all parents and if any concerns were raised during the interviews, please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange an extended interview.

As this will be the last newsletter before Easter, I hope everybody in the Huanui College community has a pleasant break over that holiday period. Please be aware that the College is also closed on the Tuesday following Easter.

**Peter Ackers – PRINCIPAL**

## ADMINISTRATION:

Phi Wilson

**UNIFORM:** Several discrepancies are creeping into everyday dress at Huanui College already and we are asking parents to be vigilant in their child's dress: **Please see excerpt from school regulations below.**

### **STUDENT APPEARANCE:**

#### **Boys**

Huanui College expects hair to be trimmed so that it does not fall on or below the collar, and must also be off the face. Extreme colouring of hair and extreme hairstyles will not be permitted. No jewellery is to be worn. Facial hair is not permitted. Regulation footwear must be worn at all times in the appropriate manner i.e. no walking on the backs of sandals.

#### **Girls**

Huanui College expects hair to be well groomed and tied back from the face and off the collar with navy blue or black clips or ties. Extreme colouring of hair and extreme hairstyles will not be permitted. Make-up, including nail polish, is not permitted. A single plain gold or silver stud in each ear lobe is permitted, but no other jewellery is permitted. Regulation footwear must be worn at all times in the appropriate manner i.e. no walking on the backs of sandals. Skirts worn at knee length (minimum).

**Winter Shoes:** Unless you contact the office, all new students to Huanui College this year will be fitted with the leather Delta Black lace-up shoes. The cost has been held for the 4<sup>th</sup> year at the original price of \$92-30. Long socks for Boys are still \$15-00 a pair. Girls have the choice of black long socks or black tights – both of which we have a limited supply in stock already. All other students should approach the office for sizing for winter shoes asap.

**Track Suits:** Sizing is still taking place next week and we would like to make an order after this.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

### Congratulations to.....

... **Sophie SHORT** who was placed a very close second in the Cyril Bassett R.S.A. Speech Competitions with her speech on 'the Role of NZ Women at home during WWII.'

This was Huanui College's first foray into Senior Speech and we are intensely proud that only one point separated Sophie and the eventual winner Rachel Boyd (WGHS). Su-yong Seo of KHS was third.

... **Zhane SHORTLAND** who was selected to travel to St Peters in Cambridge to play in a tournament as part of the Northland Women's Basketball team and they came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

... **Monica BOOTH** who sang beautifully with internationally acclaimed singer Kawiti Waetford at Operacado.



## LETTER FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE TEAM FOR HUANUI COLLEGE:

The new Public Health Nurses for your school are Taryn, Becky and Joolz. We are available to all children and parents/carers, for concerns you may have regarding your child/children's health and wellbeing. We visit the school twice a term, however you can contact us directly on 0800 223 358 (option 3 or 5) or 021 272 2991/3. Mon-Fri 8-4.30pm.

It is time to build on basic protection by having your child immunised. Your Public Health Nurses are making arrangements to deliver education sessions to the Year 7 classes for the combined Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Whooping Cough) vaccine. Consent/ non-consent forms will also be given out at this time. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

For queries or further information contact Becky Butel or Taryn Marris (Public Health Nurses) on 0800 223 358 (option 3 or 5).

## COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

Vernice Young – H.O.D.

**Fly Higher in Business – a motivational evening for interested parents and students.**

The New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants (NZICA) is delighted to invite you and your students to attend the 2013 Northland “Fly Higher in Business” event. Fly Higher in Business is a motivational evening for students, parents, teachers and career advisors. The event is designed to provide a fun and informative way of highlighting a career in Accounting, as a Chartered Accountant. It covers the career pathways, types of jobs and the exciting opportunities a career in Accounting offers. You will be able to ask questions and listen to the panel of young successful accountants from across the professional spectrum.



**What:** Find out what being a Chartered Accountant is really like. Meet our Panel, listen to our Guest Speaker, talk to some of Northland’s top Chartered Accountants and ask any questions about this career path.

**There will be complimentary dinner and spot prizes up for grabs throughout the evening.**

**Who’s invited:** All interested year 10-13 students and their parents/caregivers, teachers and career advisors.

**Where:** ARC Security Lounge, Toll Stadium, 51 Okara Dr, Whangarei

**When:** Thursday the 18th April, 2013 from 5pm to 8.15pm

*Please email Vernice Young [vernice.young@huanuicollege.school.nz] if you are interested in taking your children to this event and I will make a booking for the school.*

**Hair cuts in support of Vynka! At the Friday 15/03/13 School Assembly, 14 senior students and Messrs Hamlet and Ackers had their hair cut (almost shaved), in support of Vynka Short (middle back). Sponsorship, in excess of \$2000 was raised to help Vynka’s family fund further medication for her condition. Two mothers – Kerry Griffin and Rebecca Agnew were the hairdressers on the day.**



## SPORT

Callum Mather

**2013 Northland Secondary Schools Track and Field Championship** was held on Wednesday 13 March. Twenty five Secondary Schools from Northland competed at the new ASB Sports Arena, Kensington. Huanui was well represented with 23 athletes entered. Our students proudly took away 13 places. Thank you to Callum Mather who was our official at Discus, our manager Evan Hamlet, and parents who transported and supported our athletes. Well done to everyone.

Jnr Boys Long Jump	2nd	James Martinac
Jnr Boys Discus	3rd	Rivez Reihana
Open Girls 3000m	3rd	Ella Harold
Jnr Boys 800m	3rd	Louis Poot
Jnr Girls 200m	3rd	Paige Massey
Jnr Boys 200m	3rd	James Martinac
Jnr Girls 1500m	2nd	Ella Harold

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Jnr Boys 1500m	3rd	Cam Hill
Snr Girls 1500m	2nd	Honor Hamlet
Jnr Girls 300m	3rd	Louisa Goedeke
Inter Girls 400m	3rd	Kelsey Eaton
Jnr Girls 100m	2nd	Paige Massey

**WPSSA Swimming Championships 2013** held on 12 March at Whangarei Intermediate School.

Huanui College was represented by Tomas Ashford. Tomas competed well, coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200m Freestyle Relay and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Boys 50m Breaststroke.

**Maggie Dixon Yr 7&8 Rippa Tournament** held Wednesday 20 March at Tikipunga Sports Ground. Huanui College was represented by two teams at this popular event. Huanui's A Team won all their games (10-1, 12-1, 11-2) and have a good chance to come in the top three of the tournament. Our B Team had a good competition winning one game (6-1) and



losing two games only by one point (5-4, 8-7). Players of the Day were: Rivez Reihana, Zoe Espie, Pippa Benton, Ethan Codlin and Nathan Xu. Thank you to our Manager/Coach Mr Mather and the parents who transported and supported our little Rippa's on the day.

### **AFTER SCHOOL TUITION AND AFTER SCHOOL PREP:**

A reminder to parents that After School Prep is from 3.30pm to 5.00pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and Tuition from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Students are to **register** at Reception **each day** they are using this service. The cost is \$10 per week regardless of how many times per week. Parents **must** collect their children before, or at, the times stated.

### **WIDER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

**Kamo Rugby Squash Club Junior Club nights** for 8 years and up, run on Monday nights from 18th March, and throughout terms 2 and 3, from 3.30 to 5.30. New players are welcome to come and 'Have a Go' on Mondays in term one. Just bring clean shoes - we have racquets available to borrow. There will be no junior squash on Easter Monday, or during the school holidays. A series of 'Small-Nix Squash' sessions for 5 - 7 year olds will be held in term 2 (Friday nights - dates to be confirmed). Enquiries welcome - email Fiona Moselen [fiandmoose@xtra.co.nz](mailto:fiandmoose@xtra.co.nz) or phone 4370730.

**Marist Soccer Club** still have a few spaces still left for players aged 11 and 12. If you are keen to try soccer for the first time, or want to come back to soccer, please call Phil Tasker on 470-0567.

**IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES – TERM 1 2013** (Please be aware that some dates may be amended or added to, as required.)

**March**

- 27 NSSSA Tennis
- 27 Sausage Sizzle – Science Heritage Garden
- 29 Good Friday

**April**

- 1 Easter Monday
- 2 Easter Tuesday – no school today
- 4 Show Jumping
- 5 Puppy Appeal (Foundation for Blind) – red bikkie day- (MUFTI – Wear **RED!**)
- 18 Shakespeare Festival – K.H.S.
- 19 Term 1 last day

**TERM DATES FOR 2013**

T1	30/01/13	-	19/04/13
T2	06/05/13	-	12/07/13
T3	29/07/13	-	27/09/13
T4	14/10/13	-	05/12/13 (6/12/13 is a Teacher Only Day)

**HUANUI COLLEGE CONTACT EMAILS:**

Apart from sending emails to [admin@huanuicollege.school.nz](mailto:admin@huanuicollege.school.nz), probably the easiest way to contact a staff member is by email as listed below:

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Admin/Finance/Enrolments:	<a href="mailto:phi.wilson@huanuicollege.school.nz">phi.wilson@huanuicollege.school.nz</a>
Assistant Principal:	<a href="mailto:vernice.young@huanuicollege.school.nz">vernice.young@huanuicollege.school.nz</a>
Head of Languages Faculty:	<a href="mailto:viv.smith@huanuicollege.school.nz">viv.smith@huanuicollege.school.nz</a>
Head of Science:	<a href="mailto:fiona.boorer@huanuicollege.school.nz">fiona.boorer@huanuicollege.school.nz</a>
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TIC Technology:	<a href="mailto:margaret.crichton@huanuicollege.school.nz">margaret.crichton@huanuicollege.school.nz</a>
Asst Mathematics:	<a href="mailto:patrick.dodd@huanuicollege.school.nz">patrick.dodd@huanuicollege.school.nz</a>
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## 2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Welcome to the 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). For over 30 years, ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific Region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS in 2013.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 7 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. The tests can be an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report can be useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses. **However, since they reflect the Australian Curriculum, the Science Department would like to point out that the Science tests are more a test of data handling ability, not of the syllabus material that we cover in the Cambridge Curriculum. For this reason, the Science Department do not recommend that you enter your child for the ICAS Science Examination, as our own internal and external examinations will give a more accurate reflection of their ability in Science.** However, if you would like your child to participate, you are of course at liberty to enter them.

All students receive a **certificate** and an **individual student report** indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

Your child can now prepare for ICAS and other skills-based tests with EAA's new Practice Online series. Practice Online is a series of ten interactive online tests designed for school children in Years 7 to 12 developed by our team of subject experts. Each child that participates receives a comprehensive individual report detailing their overall results and their performance in each area assessed. Practice Online is now available for Mathematics and will soon be available for Science and other subjects. For more information please visit the Educational Assessment Australia website at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

Dates of the competition and the entry fee per student are outlined below. Note that an administrative fee of 50c per paper has been added. This is to cover the costs of postage and administration. **Please return the permission slip and entry fee by: Friday 5<sup>nd</sup> April 2013.**

*Vicki Haverkort*

### ICAS Competition Coordinator

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

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*Child's Name* *Class*

to participate in the following 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

The entry fee per student is as follows:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Skills – 21 May 2013 (NZD9.00)<br>(NZD9.00)                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Science – 5 June 2013   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing – 17 June 2013 to 21 June 2013 (NZD20.00)<br>2013 (NZD9.00)              | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics – 13 August |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English – 31 July 2013 (NZD 9.00)  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling – 18 June 2013 (NZD11.00) <b>(Spelling open to YEAR 7 &amp; 8 ONLY)</b> |  |

Please find enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ *Amount* entry fee.

**Please return the permission slip and entry fee by: Friday 5<sup>nd</sup> April 2013.**

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Name of Parent/Guardian  
Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian