

**Message from the Principal**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back! I hope everyone connected with the College is looking forward to a rewarding term. The Indian summer continued for the most part over the holiday break and I trust families took advantage of the weather and the beautiful part of the world we live in.

Just before the holidays we had our annual ANZAC Day assembly at school. This was an excellent chance for students and staff to reflect and remember those who fought for our country, especially those who lost their lives.

I wish to thank Mrs Young, Richard Young, Kelsey Eaton, Tipene Kapa-Kingi and Sophie Short for their efforts in making the assembly a success. On April 25 – Anzac Day, I accompanied a large number of Huanui students in the annual Dawn Parade which finished in Laurie Hall carpark. Several speeches were made, including our very own Sophie Short whose moving speech on the role of women in the wars was well received by the large crowd in attendance. Sophie was an excellent ambassador for the school and we were very proud of her efforts.

Other notable efforts recently by Huanui College students have been:

- Sheilah Winn Shakespeare success for the school especially Natsuko and Shintaro Fushida- Hardy (see right.)
- Junior Shakespeare festival
- Kelsey Eaton representing Huanui College and the Sir Peter Blake Youth leader forum in Christchurch
- Eru Kapa – Kingi being selected to be the Youth Member of Parliament for the Te Tai Tokerau electorate
- Several sporting successes including a strong start to the season by our netball teams
- Attendance of several Year 11 & 12 students at a Big Thinker day at Auckland University.
- Mr Lewis and some students attending a workshop on robotics at Massey University at Albany



These achievements are reported in more detail later in this newsletter. It has been said that Huanui College is all about hard work and academic success. This is important, but as the list above shows the school is more than just these two aspects and we pride ourselves on giving students lots of opportunities to take part in extra and co- curricular activities that add to the character of our students.

This term started with a teacher only day, which amongst other agenda items, featured DIVE Tutukaka Director - Jeroen Jongejans, who made an inspirational presentation to staff on the

complexities of starting an International company. We also welcomed new staff member Cathy Senescall who will be teaching junior music at the College.

Last Friday we were fortunate in having a visit from Mariameno Kapa-Kingi and some of her team from the Ngāti Hine Health Trust and the RAID Youth group, including our very own Heemi Kapa-Kingi and Tipene Kapa-Kingi. They made a lively presentation to the school on the sensitive issue of youth suicide and demonstrated the support that the RAID movement gives to fellow young people going through challenging times. It was well received by all and I will not comment on the dancing that two unnamed students did to win a free T-Shirt!

Looking forward into Term 2 are the mid-year exams that occur in Week 6 (10th June – 14 June). Term 2 is often a busy time for students with their sporting commitments. I would encourage you to spend some time with your child discussing time management and prioritising. To prepare well for the exams, students should ensure that they are present and fully engaged in each class, make the most of the teacher contact time and complete all their home work to a high standard. We also have prep and tutorials here after school Tuesday – Thursday which I encourage parents to utilise as this can take the pressure off students completing their homework at home. Specific dates below.

The best time to start is now!!!!

**Peter Ackers – PRINCIPAL**

#### **AFTER SCHOOL TUTORIALS AND AFTER SCHOOL PREP:**

A reminder to parents that After School Prep is from 3.30pm to 5.00pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and Tutorials 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.

<b>Tutorial Timetable:</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	Junior English, Graphics, Art
	<b>Wednesday</b>	Maths (Junior and Senior)
	<b>Thursday</b>	Senior English, Art

Parents **must** collect their children before, or at, the times stated.

#### **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. socks up and shoes polished.

##### **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. shoes polished and socks/stockings correct. Skirts worn at knee length (minimum).

**Senior Uniform:** This year heralds the introduction of our senior uniform for Year 12 students on. This senior uniform is not compulsory:

Long sleeved shirt and long trousers for boys

Long sleeved blouse for girls

Long sleeved shirts and blouses can only be worn when accompanied by our school tie.

Blazer

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

### **Congratulations to.....**

... **Grace PEVATS**. The first event of the 2013 Northland Scholastic Surfing Series saw the most entries received in the Girls since it started in 2010 with 11 entries from across the region. In the Under 14 Girls it was local Ocean Beach surfer Grace Pevats taking out her division.

... **Ella SHORT and Josie SELKIRK** who both received Highly Commended certificates in the 12-14 years Friends of the Whangarei Library writing competition.

... **Malcolm YOUNG** – Most Improved Junior Tennis player at Maunu Tennis Club for 2012/2013.

... **Kelsey EATON** who has been selected for the U18 Northland Womens Hockey Training squad.

...**Emma WICKHAM** competed in NZ Div 2 Swimming Nationals in Invercargill in the holidays. She swam 14 events, made 13 finals, resulting in 3 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals.

...**Zoe ESPIE, Greer MANDERSON, Madeline GORDON, Emma ESPIE, Lauren KENRICK, Lucy JOHNSTON, Zhane SHORTLAND and Jade RAKICH-TUHIWAI** who all made their respective age group Whangarei representative teams in Netball. Seven of the eight netball girls made the cut from just one of our teams and shows the calibre of their play.

... **Ella HAROLD** won the Open Women's 10k Kauri Ridge Run (Part of the Cape Brett Challenge) last Saturday . . . a tough event run over rugged terrain climbing some 350m over the course..

Ella has already had a good start to the Winter season having established herself as one of the leading runners in the Athletics Auckland Cross Country Grand Prix.

## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY – THINKER'S CONFERENCE**

**Vernice Young**

On Thursday 9 May, 13 of our students attended the Thinker's Guide to BIG Ideas conference organised by Academy Conferences in Auckland. The students were addressed by Julie Arliss [a lecturer at King's College in UK] and Jeff Hodges (MSc.Hons). The lectures that they listened to were:

- The BIG Idea in Philosophy : Cogito ergo sum (I think, therefore I am) .....
- The BIG Idea in Future Science : Nanotechnology
- The BIG Idea in Psychology : The Self Image
- Cambridge University Interview Question : "How many animals did Noah take onto the ark?" [ A BIG test in Lateral Thinking! ]
- The BIG debate : 'This House believes that Free Will is an illusion'



As can be noted from the content, their thinking was definitely challenged – they were challenged to limit the amount of negative self-talk that often goes with being a teenager. They were reminded that

self-talk, leads to self-image which affects behaviour and performance. They were also encouraged to use affirmations and to have a positive outlook on life by controlling what goes on 'inside'. Self-talk such as 'I am being made stronger by this experience' and 'Something good is going to happen today' was recommended by Jeff Hodges.

They were asked challenging questions such as "Who do you respect?" and "Has it helped to say negative things?" They were introduced to many narratives [world views] such as creationism and rationalism and were asked to question the world, not just to accept things at face value.

**Comments from the students:**

"Imagination is more important than knowledge." Heemi

"Thought provoking." Richard

"Inspiring and interesting." Mathieu

"Informative. A very worthwhile day, I would go again." Nick

**SHEILAH WINN SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION 2013**

**Denise Irwin**

This year, two groups of students entered the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition, held at Kamo High School in the last week of Term One. The brief of the event is to enter either a fifteen minute or a five minute extract from any Shakespeare play. The Year 10 and 11 students performed an extract from 'King Lear', while the Year 12 students performed a piece from 'Hamlet'. Both performances showed a great use of stage space with characterisation established well. The emotionally charged five minute 'Hamlet' performance devised by Natsuko and Shintaro Fushida-Hardy won the five minute section. This means they have been selected to represent Te Tai Tokerau region at the Wellington Festival, held over Queen's Birthday Weekend. (see photo on front page).

The Year 10 and 11 students were:

Richard Young                      Shana Gordon                      Lyvia Bowering                      Jason Booth

On Wednesday 15 May the juniors took part in the Non-Competitive Shakespeare Festival held at Pompallier Catholic School. This was a full day experience with a variety of performances concluded with an afternoon drama workshop. Our students, from Years Seven, Eight and Nine were excellent. Their performances were polished, energetic and amazing to watch. The Year Seven and Eight group performed a beautifully stylised piece from 'Romeo and Juliet'. The Year Nine students performed two pieces; one from 'King Lear', the other from 'Taming of the Shrew'. Their performances were impressive.

The Years 7, 8 and 9 students were:

Harriette Baxter	Pippa Benton	Tyla Bowering	Merlia de Ridder
Zoe Espie	Tarquin Gordon	Lucy Greig	Callum McKay
Zsofi Norman	Brooke Senescall	Nathan Green	Lara Hoult
Zhana Campbell	Chanel Edwards	Therese Nagel	
Emma Sanders	Jameela McLean Saad		
Lydia Baxter	Dougie Benton	Toby Lengyel	Ella Rankin
Ella Short	Connor Forbes		

The commitment from all the performers was brilliant ... that explains the level of work produced by them!

Finally, a big thank you to Lyvia Bowering for her support with the Year 7 and 8 students at Pompallier as well as all the parents who helped on the day!

**SPORT**

**Callum Mather**

**Autumn Junior Tennis Tournament** was held in Albany in the first week of last holidays. This top-level tournament attracts the best Juniors from around the country. Up and coming Juniors, James and Liam Mortimer had great success at this tournament. James won the Constellation Cup for U14 and Liam reached the Semi-Finals. Well done, lads.

**Huanui College Cross Country** will be held at the school on Thursday 6 June from midday. We will need adult helpers around the course on the day, so if you are interested and have some time, please contact Mr Mather [callum.mather@huanuicollege.school.nz](mailto:callum.mather@huanuicollege.school.nz)

**Huanui Silver Netball** team has been working very hard with their new coach Tamara Heremaia of Whangarei Netball Centre. Proving they are a talented team, they boast convincing wins and no losses this season. The girls have been invited to regularly play in the Indoor Collegiate Competition on Friday nights. Their first game was last Friday against KHS top team, see results below.

#### **Netball Results**

10 May Huanui Silver (38) v KHS (31)  
11 May Huanui Silver (37) v Manawanui Coll White (11)  
Huanui Blue (13) v WGHS Snr 7 (13)  
Huanui White (22) v Manaia View Inter (15)  
Huanui Black (8) v WIS White (10)

#### **This Weekends Netball Draw**

17 May Huanui Silver v Manawanui Coll Red 5.30pm WGHS  
18 May Huanui Silver v Whangaruru 2 Ct2 12.45pm  
Huanui Blue v Excellere Gold Ct 9 3.30pm  
Huanui White v M&M's Inter Ct 6 10.50am  
Huanui Black v WIS Orange Ct 8 11.45am

#### **WIDER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

*For your information, please find attached Mobile Ear Clinic itineraries and venues for Term 2, 2013, covering all of Northland.*

For all children, especially pre-schoolers, please find attached Mobile ear Clinic itinerary and venues for Term 2, 2013 covering all of Northland. No appointment necessary, just call in. Services include glue ear assessment, treatment of discharging ears, pre and post grommet checks, wax and foreign body removal.

Tues	May 7	Regent Community Clinic – By Anglican Church Mill & Kamo Rd	8.30am – 3.30pm
Wed	May 8	Tikipunga Community Clinic – Outside Paramount Medical Centre	8.30am – 3.30pm
Tues	May 14	Maunu Health Camp in Health Camp School Grounds	8.30am – 3.30pm
Wed	May 15	Kamo Community Clinic – Outside Bush Rd Med. Centre	8.30am – 3.30pm
Tues	Jun 11	Regent Community Clinic – By Anglican Church Mill & Kamo Rd	8.30am – 3.30pm
Wed	Jun 12	Kamo Community Clinic – Outside Bush Rd Med. Centre	8.30am – 3.30pm

Join Harold and the Whangarei Life Education Trust for an evening with

**Nigel Latta – The Modern Family Survival Guide.**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, Forum North**

Nigel presents an evidence-based opinion and simplifying common sense on the complexities of parenting in a modern world. Just because the problem is complicated, doesn't mean that the solution has to be.

Tickets \$35 from Ticketek [www.ticketek.co.nz](http://www.ticketek.co.nz) 09 4304244

**Orienteering:** The Whangarei Orienteering Club is running an event at Huanui College on Sunday 26 May commencing with registration at 9.45am. Costs are Adults \$10, Students \$7. Starts at 10am and closes at 12.30pm. ALL WELCOME.

## ART

Carolyn Evans

At the end of last term, our Yr 9 Social Studies classes decided to enter the Waitangi competition. They were asked to produce a piece of work that reflects on their identity. It could be written, photoboards or a painting. After deliberation and consultation they decided they wanted to come up with a very large painting that reflected on our past and how the Treaty of Waitangi represents to us our founding document. Their painting proudly represents the beginnings of our Kiwi culture. They feel we are a forward thinking country and that our beginnings represent to other countries how two cultures came together to create what we have today.

A total of 43 students worked on this piece – Kotahitanga/United (2 classes). They came up with their theme, composition, design/layout, text etc. 43 students from a wide number of ethnicity groups came together and worked as a team. They believed that their final work submitted was also their journey. Their focus was to be able to re-create the essence of what the Treaty represents – living side by side, respect, trust, making decisions together and working together to make things right.

In addition to this, one student has made the painting come to life on your phone. This is made interactive using [Layar](#). The app to view this portion is for both android and apple devices. This part of the project is now available to view by everyone by using the App – Layar. (Just scans the photo below once you have uploaded the app).

The students' entry was started and completed in the last week of Term 1. To achieve as much as they did, students needed to give up their lunch and after school time to ensure the painting was completed by the deadline. So far we have not heard back from the judges. If we win we will be sure to let you know in the next newsletter.



Well done to 9H and 9U on what I know you will agree with – an outstanding piece of work!!!



**Piano lessons** Available at school on Wednesdays with qualified teacher. Contact Carol Martin Phone 021 837 740 for further information.



Technology Yrs 7 & 8 classes making Mothers Day Gifts and cards.



Richard Young, Mr Archie Dixon and Sophie Short at Huanui College Anzac Assembly 19/4/13.

**IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES – TERM 2 2013** (Please be aware that some dates may be amended or added to, as required.)

**May**

- 21 ICAS Computer Skills
- 7 & 8 Sports Day
- 26 Orienteering at Huanui College
- 28 Futsal Girls, U-15 Boys
- 30 Futsal Boys
- 31 Teacher Only Day (no school)

**June**

- 3 Queens Birthday (no school)
- 5 ICAS Science, CIE Information evening 6 – 7pm for Years 10, 11, 12 students families

- 6 Huanui Cross Country
- 7 NSSA Squash
- 10 – 14 **EXAM WEEK**
- 12 Open Evening for prospective families
- 13 Yrs 7/8 Maths Problem Challenge
- 17 ICAS Writing
- 18 ICAS Spelling
- 21 WPS Cross Country
- 26 Sausage Sizzle (funds for Student Council)

### **July**

- 5 NSSA Teams Squash, Senior School Ball
- 8 - 12 Life Ed Programme
- 9 Mufti Day (funds for Student Council)
- 10 Careers in Science
- 11 Yrs 7/8 Maths Problem Challenge
- 12 Term 2 Ends, Issuing of Reports

### **TERM DATES FOR 2013**

T1	30/01/13	-	19/04/13
T2	07/05/13	-	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:**

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