



Newsletter 2 (Term 2) – 30 May 2013

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Winter has finally arrived with a vengeance and the drought has well and truly broken. We are now set for the constant rain that besets Whangarei at this time of year. With the change of seasons it is worth mentioning the uniform rules. All students should be in their winter uniform and their school jersey should be at least in their bag if required. If your child is still feeling cold I suggest they wear a vest or singlet under the school shirt or blouse as long as it does not protrude below the sleeves of the blouse or shirt. It is now also permissible to wear the school tracksuit top to and from school to keep the rain off. This must be taken off when the child arrives at school. Several students have asked about a school scarf and the student council will be looking into that addition to the school uniform. Until a school scarf is sourced, a black or navy blue scarf will be permitted to be worn to and from school, but not at school.

Examinations

Yes, they are nearly upon us and this will be the last newsletter before the exams in Week 6 (10 – 14 June).

Exam timetable is attached.

As students approach the school examinations this term, students need to ensure that for each subject they have a full set of notes, outline of what content will be covered in the exam and examples of questions with model answers. These formal exam sessions for all students from Year 7 to 13 are very useful preparation for the external exams at senior levels.

Examinations are an integral part of Huanui College with Year 7 students sitting exams for the first time and Year 12 students having their eighth lot of exams. I know there will be many nervous Year 7 children and parents as the exams approach but being well prepared is an excellent antidote to nerves, and once in the exam do your very best, no matter what questions come up and remember everybody at the college is going through the same as you.

ICT Issues

Year 11 and 12 students are now allowed to bring their own device to school and the Teacher Only day this Friday, among other issues, will be looking at how this facility can be fully utilised in all curriculum areas.

While on the subject of ICT, many of you may have seen the TV News item on 15 May highlighting the destructive effects of the ask.fm social media site. The anonymity this site encourages, the ease with which anyone can post derogatory and harmful comments and the widespread misery this has caused to many young people, were emphasised by this news item. The only way to avoid the harm that this site can cause is not to go on it. I advise parents to speak to your children and point out this fact.

Quote of the Week

“The best possible way to prepare for tomorrow is to concentrate with all your intelligence, all your enthusiasm, on doing today’s work superbly today. That is the only possible way you can prepare for the future.”

Dale Carnegie

Wishing you a safe, happy and relaxing Queens Birthday Weekend,

Peter Ackers – PRINCIPAL

Cambridge International Examination and University Entrance
Information Evening for Years 10, 11 and 12 parents
5 June 2013 at 6pm

ADMINISTRATION:

Phi Wilson

Huanui College Open Evening: Any prospective parents of new enrolments are invited to attend this Open Evening on 6 June at 6pm. If you are aware of anyone who is considering educating their child at Huanui, please inform them of this and they can contact Phi on 4591930 or by emailing: phi.wilson@huanuicollege.school.nz to register their interest. (Please see attached flyer).

Student Absences: Thank you to those parents who are vigilant in informing the school when their child is away through illness or other. If you are sending an email to your child's form teacher about absences etc, please also c.c. a copy to admin@huanuicollege.school.nz and this is then relayed to the school office. The school roll is marked by teaching staff by 9.30am each morning and it is only after this time that the administration staff are able to contact parents for non-reported absences. Understandably, it can be quite disconcerting for parents, and teachers alike, to not know the whereabouts of a student at any given school time.

Student Lateness: There is a growing trend for students being dropped off, or arriving late, at school after the bell has signalled Form Time or Assembly at 8.40am. This is proving disruptive to Assembly and often is the cause of missed notices. Obviously, we are aware that there is often a bus or transport problem, but apart from that, please ensure your child arrives in good time before this bell.

Fire Drill: A recent Fire Drill was held at the College where assembly points and duties were practised and honed. The students were impressive in their assembling in the correct place and all students accounted for in less than 8 minutes! However, it also highlighted some un-thought of scenarios – for instance, if vehicles are driving into the school at this time, you will be re-directed away from the buildings area and we will also account for construction staff next time who are on the site and not leave them to their own fate!

Evacuation/Lock Down Drill: This is next on the agenda and procedures are being finalised for this as we speak!

SCIENCE FAIR REPORT

Fiona Boorer – HOD Science

We have got to that time of year most of you know (and love!). Yes, it's SCIENCE FAIR time!

As you may recall from previous newsletters, Huanui has made quite a name for itself at the Science Fair in previous years, so – no pressure there then!

Year 7 will shortly be taught about how to do investigations, and about the Science Fair in general, so if this is your first experience, don't worry! Other year levels will have shorter reminders. If your child is not in Year 7 and is new to the school (and especially if they've never participated in the Science Fair) please get them to talk to their science teacher.

This year, as last year, the Huanui College Science Fair will be compulsory for Years 7-10, and Years 11 and 12 are invited to enter (there are not many entries above Year 9, so a project can do quite well in the higher Year categories!). Year 11 and 12 have a different structure for their entries (basically a PowerPoint), and I would advise any of them to see Mrs Boorer before starting.

The Science Department are letting you know early, so that the students can, if need be, take the last 3 weeks of term after the examinations to do some, or even all, of their projects. This is because we are aware that some of you will be taking advantage of the holiday to go away. There will be no other Science Homework during the last few weeks of term for Years 7-10. Students can also take time in the holidays to do their projects.

If you are unsure about the process, may we direct you to the Science Fair Website:

(http://www.centralnorthlandsciencefair.co.nz/Central_Northland_Science_Fair/Welcome.html). You are also welcome to contact any of the Science Teachers. Year 7 students have a section of their workbook (at the back) giving details and you might like to read it though with them. Year 8 had the same material in their workbooks last year, but we will issue shorter instructions to Year 8-10 after the examinations to remind them.

In outline, students must bring in their completed projects on **Tuesday 30th July** (this is the second day of Term 3). They will be judged by our expert panel over the next two or three days, and the winners of our own Fair will be announced at the end of that week. The winners will be invited to submit their projects to the Northland Science Fair which starts on **Monday 26th August**. More details will be given later.

Advertisement:

The Science Department is looking for a laboratory technician to support our ever growing department. Science is seen as a definite strength here at Huanui, and we are looking for someone to enhance the department. Hours will be flexible, and by negotiation. This will be a term-time, school hours only position. It would suit someone with an interest in science.

Please contact admin@huanuicollege.school.nz for a job description and person specification

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

Congratulations to.....

...Louis POOT who has come back from injury to successfully gain 1st place in U-19, 2nd Overall in the Missionary Trail course of the Northern Crossing recently. It was a 13km mountain bike ride, 30km road ride and 8km run. His time was 2h 4m 31s.

...Dylan CODLIN who continues to improve in his Hockey umpiring career with a recent promotion to umpiring Premier Womans Grade games. He will be umpiring at the National U18 tournament in the next holidays.

Sir Peter Blake Trust Youth Enviroleaders Forum:

Kelsey Eaton – Year 11

During our most recent school holidays I flew off to Christchurch to be a part of the Sir Peter Blake Young Enviroleaders Forum (YELF). This event brings 50 young New Zealand secondary students together for a range of activities and lectures on fresh water, resource management and the Christchurch city re-build.

The Sir Peter Blake Trust runs this event once every year, this year being its 10th anniversary. The Trust looks to the future: aiming to help New Zealanders make a positive difference for the planet through activities that encourage and inspire environmental awareness and leadership in action.

Being put in several of these new and exciting situations such as rafting the Rakaia River, having collective, intensive discussions about fresh water management and learning from guest speakers I gained a bond with my fellow YELFERS that will stay with me for a very long time.

I had opportunities to further develop my leadership and speaking skills through creating and presenting ideas as well as sharing opinions on water and resource management. Throughout this week fresh water management was one of the hot topics. We YELFERS were lucky enough to meet with The Ministry of the Environment for Canterbury. They informed us of the work that they, and a local farmer Colin, have been doing over the past twelve years to improve the water quality of Harts Creek. It was fantastic to see the progress of the creek's water quality and that these two groups are working together to improve our NZ water ways.

As a result of this whole experience the best thing would have to be meeting all the brilliant and inspiring people such as Hamish Carter (face of YELF Trust), Hannah Prior (Event Coordinator), the many Chaperones and of course the 49 other students . I have gained a fantastic network of like minded and positive people. I feel confident and inspired about my future.

Kelsey Eaton

WIDER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

HUANUI COLLEGE - WORLD VISION – 40 HOUR FAMINE



Your child will have received a World Vision 40 Hour Famine booklet from the World Vision Team (Kelsey, Callum, Richard and Lynlee). We understand that there are many different activities being planned by our students who will be going: "Hard out for the Hungry". Your support in their activities is appreciated. The guidelines below (found on the World Vision website) will help you to ensure that your child is safe during the famine. There are many

alternatives to fasting for the famine including: No Technology or No Talking. This year students can ask for sponsorships online, but they can still collect 'hard cash' from their sponsors. We will let you know when this money needs to be returned to school. Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any queries please contact Vernice Young (vernice.young@huanuicollege.school.nz)

WHY SHOULD MY CHILD DO THE 40 HOUR FAMINE?

<https://www.worldvision.org.nz/portal/famine/resources.aspx>

It raises funds to fight poverty, hunger and injustice by helping children in need of food, health care, water and education. This year's fundraising is for the inhabitants of **Bougainville, Papua New Guinea**. It gives participants a global perspective and the opportunity to help others in their global community. It's fun – awesome Famine events take place all over New Zealand in the lead up to and over the Famine weekend, 7 – 9 June! It promotes compassion by giving up something, for the sake of others in need

GUIDELINES IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING WITHOUT FOOD FOR THE FAMINE:

11-13 years: maximum 20 hours (8pm Friday -4pm Saturday)

8 - 10 years: maximum 20 hours only skip one meal (eg. 6pm Friday - 2pm Saturday)

If your child is under 8 years old, unwell, diabetic, on medication, playing sports over the Famine period, or has any other dietary or food problems, we recommend choosing an alternative challenge instead of the 'No Food Famine.

Youth Music Concert

Orchestra and Brioso Corde, (senior string group) are holding a fund raising concert towards their trip to Rotorua. St. John's church 7pm 16th June, 2013. Music will include Summer by Vivaldi, Highlights from King Kong, Video Games live, Overture to Semiramide and Chamber music performances amongst many others.
Tickets: Adults \$15, Students \$5 under 13's free.

Friends & Family Huanui College:

Held a successful AGM and the following officers were elected to the Parent committee:

Chairperson: Michele Codlin
Secretary: Janet MacMenigall
Treasurer: Sharleen Gardner

Their next meeting will be held on 17 June and if you have any suggestions, ideas, information etc please either contact them directly or you can send an email through Phi.

Did you know..... Lara Hoult will be performing with her hip hop crew future crew on Good Morning TV1 (weather section) with Sam Wallace at the Town Basin on Monday the 4th June.

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

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, Huanui College Open Evening
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

HUANUI COLLEGE CONTACT EMAILS:

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

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Asst Mathematics: patrick.dodd@huanuicollege.school.nz
Asst Science (Physics): Avinesh.prakash@huanuicollege.school.nz
Asst Admin/Absences: office@huanuicollege.school.nz

Below: Ripa Rugby: 4 wins : 9-2, 17-2, 8-2, and 5-4. Excellent attitude... capably captained by Rivez...Great team players.



Brooke Senescall (below) and Ethan Codlin (right – Y7 & 8 Winter Sports Hockey



(Below): Grace Pevats U-14 Division Winner for 2nd event of 2013 Northland Scholastic Surfing Series held at Baylys Beach.



Huanui College Girls School Futsal Comp at Kensington Park 28/5/13

Versus	WGHS U14	Won	3-0
"	WGHS U16A	Lost	1-0
"	WGHS U16B	Lost	5-0
"	Dargaville HS	Won	5-0
1 st play off vs	Dargaville HS	Won	5-0
2 nd play off vs	WGHS U14	Won	3-2

The Boys two teams are currently playing their Futsal matches today (30 May 2013) and the only result I have to hand is that the B Team have been knocked out by a very strong WBHS team.

However, our A Team is playing their final in their grade and result not yet to hand.