



Newsletter 4 (Term 2) – 28 June 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is hard to believe that it is now Week 8 of Term 2 and the school holidays are only two weeks away. The cold weather recently has certainly brought home the fact we are definitely in the middle of winter.

The mid-year exams are now over and teachers have been returning marks to the students during this week and also very busy writing reports. At Huanui College, we have a policy of not returning exam scripts to students to take home as the exam resources for some subjects are limited and it is important to ensure the integrity of the exams. Teachers, however, are going over the exams in class and it is really important that students take good notes on the areas of the exam in which they identified a weakness. I know some parents can be anxious about their child's result in a particular exam and would like immediate feedback from the teacher. I ask that, unless absolutely necessary, to please wait until the reports are issued at the end of the term so you get a full picture of how your child is progressing in a particular subject and that you also make use of the Parent-Teachers interviews being held in Weeks 1 & 2 of Term 3.

Last week we had a special assembly where Louis Paul delivered the speech that gained him first place at the Nga Manu Korero speech competition at the end of Term 1. Natsuko and Shintaro Fushida-Hardy performed the piece from Hamlet which won them the Northland Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition. It was inspirational for our students to see first-hand the performances given by Louis, Natsuko and Shintaro and a great opportunity for them to perform for their peers. At the end of Louis' speech there was a rousing haka and waiata performed by some of Louis supporters and whanau. It would be great to see a Kapa Haka group formed here at Huanui College and if there are any keen parents or friends of the College that would like to be involved, please contact me at school.

In the previous newsletter, I spoke of *grit* being a quality that we would like to instil in our students here at Huanui. This week, I would like to focus on the Huanui College value of "Developing resilience". Again I went to trusty Wikipedia which had two definitions, and as much as I appreciated the Physics definition, the other one applies here: "*The ability to recover quickly from illness, change, or misfortune*". Some students may be disappointed with their exam results, but being resilient means that you bounce back from that disappointment and re-focus your efforts in the second half of the year.

I have identified 10 things that, between school and home, can help build resilience in our young people. The points are not new, but are still very valid:

1. Make connections with other people
2. Help your child by having him or her help others
3. Maintain a daily routine.
4. Take a break from worrying
5. Teach your child self-care
6. Move toward your goals
7. Nurture a positive self-view
8. Keep things in perspective and maintain a hopeful outlook
9. Look for opportunities for self-discovery
10. Accept that change is part of living

I trust everyone connected to Huanui College has a pleasant weekend.

Peter Ackers - PRINCIPAL

ADMINISTRATION:

Phi Wilson

A reminder please to parents and students – the School day starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.05pm. Arriving late to school can be very disruptive to staff and pupils already in class. Your help in remedying this is appreciated.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

Congratulations to.....

... **Kelsey EATON** had her 1st Cap for Women's Northland Hockey League vs. North Harbour at North Harbour, Sunday 23rd June 2013. Exciting and competitive game losing 3/2 to North Harbour.

... **Pippa BENTON** (Gold Medal – Step 6), **Zoe ESPIE** (Gold Medal – Step 5), and **Ruby REED** (Silver Medal – Step 4) are all winners at the Open Club Gymnastics Competition held in Whangarei 2 weeks ago.

SPORT

Callum Mather

Huanui College Pistol Shooting Team

If your child is interested in learning Pistol Shooting there is an opportunity to start a 10 week programme beginning on the 20 July in Manu from 4:00-5:00pm Thursday afternoons. The cost for the 10 weeks is \$10. Please contact Mr Mather by email for further information.

I would also be interested to know if there are any students who would be interested in sailing and whether this is an activity we could organise through the **Whangarei Sailing Club**. Again please contact Mr Mather by email if your child is interested.

On Thursday Matt Wakelin, Brett Plant, Marnix Post and Mathieu Poot competed in the **Northland Secondary Schools Rock Climbing competition**. They climbed well all day up some difficult and very challenging climbs and I think all the boys showed real determination and effort all day. Matt Wakelin was the stand out performer who won the fastest up the rope competition beating the eventual winner by .1 of a second.

Extra-curricular activities: If your child is representing the School at an official NSSSA or WPSSA sporting event during the school day then they may either wear to school their full school uniform or their Huanui College tracksuit with their PE Gear underneath. They are to return home in the same clothes they wore to school. Students unless otherwise informed will always participate in their Huanui College PE Uniform. Very often events start late or finish early so it would be good if they were prepared for first and sixth period of the day.

Huanui College Hockey for 2014

(Michele Codlin – 1st XI Team Manager)

Huanui College is proud to be able to offer its hockey players in Year 9 and above, the opportunity to represent the school in the High School Age Collegiate Competition in 2014. This competition consists of teams mixed in ages from Years 9-13. We currently have an alignment with the Mangapai Hockey Club which allows us the flexibility to have a Huanui Team under their guidance and support with coaching, equipment and uniforms. That link has also meant that the Mangapai Hockey Club's major sponsor, Morris and Morris Funerals sponsored our 1st XI Team to the tune of \$5000 to travel to Tournament in 2012 and they have again agreed to sponsor our 1st XI Team in 2013.

In 2013 we have a Div 1 team which is made up of our 1st XI Tournament players, and a Div 3 team.

In 2014 it is envisaged that the school will have a 1st XI Tournament Team, 2nd XI, both playing in the Collegiate Competition and a Year 7/8 team brought together for an interschool exchange. Great expectations!

Netball Results from 22nd June Promotion/Relegation Round.

Marie Cadman

Both Huanui Silver and White were playing to be promoted. Huanui White won one of their two games, and they stay in Section 3.

Huanui Silver won both their games and are **PROMOTED** to A Res 1. Our Silver team scored 60 and 65 goals in these games - a fantastic achievement! This reflects the hard work the team and coach, Tamara Heremaia are putting in this season. Well done everyone!!

This weekends Netball Draw:

Friday 28 June: 5.30 pm at Kensington Stadium - Huanui Silver v WGHS 2

Play offs and Finals for this ANZ Collegiate Challenge will be held at Kensington Stadium on 12 July.

Saturday 29 June - Kensington Park

10.50 am Huanui Black v KIS 6 Ct 8

11.45 am Huanui White v TAS Int 2 Ct 3

1.40 pm Huanui Blue v WGHS 10-4 Ct 9

2.35 pm Huanui Silver v Takahiwai 2 Ct 2

ART TRIP

Carolyn EVANS



On Thursday, June 13, the Years 10 and 11 art classes attended the NZQA Top Art Exhibition at the Kiwi House, Whangarei. Two Year 12 art students had the special privilege of attending the open evening with fellow staff members. Top Art is an annual touring exhibition featuring NZ Year 13 Art portfolio's which achieved the top marks in NZ for 2012. The exhibition covered design, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture disciplines. This trip provided an opportunity to gain an understanding to see outstanding work at student level and a deeper understanding of what is required to achieve such results.

A very big thank you to Mr Hamlet and Ms Cole for attending the trip and for aiding in transport. It was very much appreciated.



40 Hour Famine Activities:

Many students from Huanui College participated in a variety of 40 Hour Famine activities on the Famine weekend of 7-9 June. Last year the school received a Silver Award for the funds collected during the 2012 Famine. The proceeds of this year's Famine will go to the people of Papua New Guinea. Some of our students decided to wait until after the school exams to do their Famine!



On Saturday 22nd June and Sunday 23rd June three Huanui College students **Liam Seeley, Richard Young and Louis Poot** teamed up with **Megan Burns**, from Tauraroa Area School, to complete a 40-Hour-Famine cycle. They cycled for 26 hours – 2 hours on the bike and 2 hours rest. The cycle took place in the business of Kim Reyburn, 'My Bike' on Cameron Street. The students are very grateful to Kim for her support of their Famine fundraiser. The students were

also supported by a number of their parents as well as visitors to the shop who dropped a few dollars into their collection box. The students raised over \$500 in total and were hoping to raise \$1000. The on-line donation line is still open <https://www.worldvision.org.nz/portal/famine/search.aspx?q=richard%20young> if you would like to reward these students for their excellent effort.

WIDER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

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

Guitar lessons: Mr Meredith has some spaces for extra students. Phone 4343459 for further info.

Free Vision Screening: For all school aged children at OPSM Whangarei in the Strand Arcade from 15 to 25 July.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Margaret Crichton

The cookbook from last year's 7 & 8 students will be arriving in school soon and are offered for sale for \$20 per copy. It's jam packed (pardon the pun) with yummy recipes and photos of the students working in their cooking classes as well as stunning, creative art work showing a variety of recipes.

An initial order of 140 copies has been made.

Payment can be made by cheque or cash to the School Office or by internet banking 02-1244-0055221-00 with Cookbook as reference and child's name. **Hurry now – and secure your copy!**

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

July

- 2 Mufti
- 5 NSSSA Teams Squash, Senior School Ball
- 8 - 12 Life Ed Programme
- 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)

Don't stay in Friday night 13
September - join us for the

HUANUI COLLEGE
FRIENDS AND FAMILY
QUIZ NIGHT

Rob Harte M.C. for the
night

HUANUI COLLEGE CONTACT EMAILS:

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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 they attend.

Tutorial Timetable: **Tuesday** Junior English, Graphics, Art
Wednesday Maths (Junior and Senior)
Thursday Senior English, Art

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

September

FRIDAY 13TH

Huanui college friends and

family are holding a

**QUIZ
NIGHT**



Don't stay indoors

Come dressed to kill

Friends and family are

welcome to compete.

Denby Golf Club, 7pm.

Be there, or be **SCARED**