



## Newsletter 1 (Term 3) – 9 August 2013

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term Three at Huanui College. I hope you all had some quality time with your families over the holiday break and the children are ready to go for the busy term ahead. The start of Term Three means we are well over halfway through the academic year due to the relative shortness of Terms Three and Four. Year Eleven and Twelve students only have this term to complete their courses for IGCSE and AS Levels. This means school work should be a priority and support from home would be appreciated to ensure our senior students complete a solid term of work before their external examinations start at the beginning of Term Four.

At the end of Term Two you would have received a full academic report for your child and hopefully you have had an opportunity to sit down as a family and go through the comments and results. Parent/Teacher Interviews have been occurring over these first two weeks and I hope you have made use of the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher individually. I am aware these meetings are short and if you require more time to discuss your child's progress in detail, please do not hesitate to make a mutually convenient time with the appropriate staff.

Several of our students were involved in the activities over the holiday break and special mention must go to the students that travelled to Auckland to attend a UNICEF Youth Congress. (See Shintaro's report further on in this newsletter.) Eru Kapa-Kingi travelled to Wellington as a Tai Tokerau Youth MP along with Youth MPs from all round the country and participated in a parliament session, made a speech and asked questions of MPs. Eru was a great ambassador for the school and it looks like he may have a future in politics.

The Science Fair has been in Gym for the last week and the awards were presented on Monday night. I was impressed with the overall standard of the exhibits and it was obvious a lot of hard work had gone into them. Several exhibits have been selected to represent the College at the Central Northland Science Fair which will be held later this month. The Science department are to be congratulated for their efforts in organising a successful fair this year.

Mr Hamlet and the construction team were busy over the holiday break completing the new classrooms. This new block includes 2 smaller senior classrooms and a double sized Drama/ Music room. Some classes are being run in the new block, but it will be fully operational later in the term. I know the music and drama teachers are looking forward to teaching in a space dedicated to their subjects.

**Quote for the week:** "Things do not happen. Things are made to happen." (John F. Kennedy)

**Peter Ackers - PRINCIPAL**

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

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

... **Liam SEELEY** was placed 20<sup>th</sup> overall in the **Under 20** section of the **North Island Secondary Schools' Road Cycling Championships** in Cambridge in the holidays and **Richard YOUNG** was placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the **Under 17** section. This was an excellent achievement for both boys who represented the College with pride.

... **Malcolm YOUNG** was a member of the Northern Football Federation team which took part in the ASB Jnr Futsal Nationals Festival, held in Wellington (**yes, during the earthquake!!!!**). He was top goal scorer in his team, scoring 10 goals during the tournament.

...**Rufaro MANJALA** competed in the Albany Indoor Tennis Tournament and he was runner up in the U-14 Boys Consolation Plate.

... **Zoe DYKZEUL** was runner up in the girls U-15 South Island Squash Champs and **Sam DYKZEUL** 6th in U-17 boys. Both were placed above their seedings so very well done. Zoe will be hoping for the title next year as she will still qualify for the Under 15's.

## **HOCKEY:**

... Ethan CODLIN, Cailyn PRISK and Emma SANDERS umpired at the Whangarei Inter-Association Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament last Sunday. This involved teams from Whangarei and Bay of Islands. They got fantastic comments throughout the day on their umpiring skills. What great up and coming officials we have at Huanui !

...Under 13 Hatch Cup Boys: Ethan Codlin, Jakob Webb, Liam MacMenigall, Kyle McBeth

...U13 Hatch Cup Development: Brandon Ahlers

...U13 Collier Girls: Emma Sanders

...U13 Collier Development: Cailyn Prisk, Caitlyn Ahlers

So far we have the following students who have made it into Northland Representative Hockey Teams

<b>Under 15 Boys</b>	James Mortimer	Liam Mortimer	
<b>Under 15 Girls</b>	Ashlee Greenhalgh	Emma Wickham	Adwoa Addo

## **ADMINISTRATION:**

**Phi Wilson**

**School Scarves** are available for \$25 each. The students have commented that they are exceptionally warm and nice to feel on these cold mornings.

**Scabies:** One of our parents has alerted us to the fact that their child has been tested and treated for scabies which, by all accounts, is rife in Northland at the moment. Doctors recommend that parents check their children and refer any enquiries to them. This virus is spread by hand contact. It is readily remedied with one treatment.

**Student Stationery:** A pen, a pencil, a calculator are just some of the items students need to have with them every school day. Coming to each lesson prepared is a requirement not an expectation. Could parents/caregivers please check that their child has the right equipment as this is quite often used as an excuse to not complete work.

**Change of School Dates for Yrs 9, 11 and 12 Exams:** Please note this has changed from Week 5 to Week 8 (now 16 to 19 September.)

## **SCIENCE FAIR REPORT**

**Fiona BOORER – HOD Science**

This Year's entries for the Science Fair were excellent – the event was bigger and better than ever! The standards were very high, and we had great trouble deciding the ones we would select to go forward to the Central Northland Science Fair at Forum North. In the end, we announced the results on Monday evening, giving awards for the highly commended exhibits, for our winning selections and giving an overall winner in each year. It is worth reminding you that although there are 3 main categories – Investigation, Research and Technology, there are also specific prizes for certain areas of study, and we have selected our overall winners based on their suitability for these awards, as defined by the Fair judges.

Our proposed selectees are. Zac Miller-Waugh and Connor Forbes, Holly Cook, Zahna Campbell and Sinead Hallberg, Paige Massey and Ashlee Greenhalgh, Aaron Greenalgh, Daniel Davis, Victoria Kerr, Kahurangi Ross-Hoskins, James Hamlet, Brady Woolston and James Mortimer, Ruby Reed, Louis Poot, Keegan Hagen, Isla Koller, Lyvia Bowering, Lydia Baxter, Luke Ohlson, Caitlin Ahlers, Brandon Ahlers, Ford Cameron, Shaun Prinsloo, Malcolm Young, Richard Young, Duncan Ross, Leah Selkirk and Lagi Paul. As a warning, occasionally the Science Fair tell us that they have too many entries in specific areas and we have to make adjustments to this. Mrs Boorer will advise anyone personally if this is so. We really appreciate all the effort that has gone into the production of all the exhibits, and the Science staff are very proud of all of the students.

## **UNICEF YOUTH CONGRESS and THINKERS CONFERENCE:**

Shintaro Fushida-Hardy Y12

In the first weekend of the school holidays Natsuko, Sophie Short and I attended the UNICEF Youth Congress in Auckland. Just over 50 students gathered from around the country to discuss children's rights and poverty. There were sessions with key speakers, where we learnt about everything from specific issues such as teen pregnancy in Samoa, to how to use media to your advantage and have successful interviews. On the second afternoon we had team building activities. To my surprise this was actually a team cooking competition. I enjoyed this very much despite my useless cooking skills and tears over the onions! The students from across the country were all kind-hearted and easy to talk to so I made some great friends.

Earlier this year I attended a "Thinkers Conference" at St Cuthbert's College. After listening to the lectures for a day I came back home deep in thought. As the name suggests, it taught people ideas and made us think from points of view we have never thought of. The UNICEF Youth Congress, however, was completely different. At the congress we weren't taught so much to think in a specific way, but were challenged and inspired. We all felt that we *could* make a difference in the world by working together. This was quite possibly the most motivational weekend I have ever had. We all left the congress on Sunday ready to "Be The Change".

## Term 3 Music - Year 8

Cathy Senescall

Last term, our Year 8 students learnt to play the ukulele as part of their music class. They performed two pieces at the Huanui College showcase held at the end of the term.

One of the songs performed was called 'Paradise'. Waimarie Smith, a 15-year-old student from St Peters School in Cambridge, wrote this song. Her song won the nationwide songwriting competition 'Hook Line & Singalong' run by the NZ Music Commission and was also sung by hundreds of pupils all over New Zealand during May as part of NZ Music Month. It is a beautiful song that makes links with our fantastic country and the Year 8 classes performed it brilliantly! Big thanks to Hariette Baxter for supporting the Year 8 students along with Cailyn and Christina in leading the singing. These wonderful students also learnt to sign this song as part of NZ Deaf Awareness week - multi talented!!!



We also wrote some RAP to include in the song 'Everything's Gonna Be Alright', there are some very impressive Rappers amongst you all (even Mrs Senescall managed to showcase her Rapping skills)!

A big acknowledgement is extended to all of the Year 8 students for the impressive performance and for the effort that they put into learning a new instrument. Watch this space for our up and coming Year 7 students!

(A last request for all parents of Year 7 students know that they will need to purchase a 1B\* 36 leaf (punched) exercise book for their music class asap.)

### **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 IGCSE & A Level Maths, Senior English, Art

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

### **FOOD TECHNOLOGY**

**Margaret Crichton**

**Kids Can Cook mobile kitchen** are visiting our school to work on an interactive cookery class on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. It will involve Year 7, 8 & 9 students and the cost is only \$3. Years 7&8 will pay this to Ms Crichton and Yr 9 students to their form teachers. See [www.kidscancookkitchen.org.nz](http://www.kidscancookkitchen.org.nz) for more details.

The cookbook from last year's 7& 8 students 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.

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!**

### **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.



Year 9 New Zealand Painting  
ART EXHIBITION

Currently, Year 9 have an Art Exhibition in the Foyer of the school, as shown above. In the short time that these paintings have been exhibited, the response from parents and visitors to the school has been very positive with the majority of people being pleasantly surprised with the talent on display. (Particularly, when it has been one of their own children's artwork!) If you are interested in purchasing any of the artwork, you are warmly invited to speak to Ms Carolyn Evans about this.

## STAFF CHANGES:

This term we have had two staff changes in the Support Staff Team.

**Michele Codlin** has taken on the Sports Co-ordinator duties which were the realm of **Marie Cadman**.

Marie has gained a full time administrative position and we thank her for her services to Huanui College sport. She will continue to coach Netball.

Michele has been the driving force behind our Hockey teams and has often been seen helping us in the school office, so she is on familiar ground.

**Heather Pomfrett** has been contracted to perform Laboratory Technician duties now that **Andrew Thomas** is training to become a Science Teacher. Andrew brought a wealth of knowledge to the position which we capitalised on and in return, he found a passion for passing on knowledge to our students. Andrew is currently undertaking a practicum in the Science area at Huanui College, so he will still be around for a while longer.

Heather has 25 years experience as a Laboratory Technician, so we are in good hands.

**IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES – TERM 3 2013** (Please be aware that some dates may be amended or added to, as required.)

### August

- 12 – 16 Maths Week
- 13 ICAS Maths, Yrs 7 & 8 Comp Sports Day, Get2Go Challenge
- 15 Years 7 & 8 Maths Problem Challenge
- 20 NSSSA Snr Boys Basketball
- 21 NSSSA Junior Netball
- 22 NSSSA Badminton Team
- 23 Years 7 & 8 Sports Day
- 26 – 30 OPC Y10
- 27 NSSSA Snr Girls Basketball
- 29 NSSSA Snr Basketball finals
- 30 Kids Can Cook

### September

- 2 – 6 Tournament Week (NZ)
- 4 Huanui College OPEN EVENING
- 6 Mathex Comp at WBHS
- 10 NSSSA Indiv Badminton
- 11 Yrs 7 – 10 Duathlon
- 12 Equestrian
- 13 Yrs 9 & 10 Boys Basketball, Friends & Family Huanui College Quiz Night
- 16 – 19 Exam Week: Years 9, 11 and 12.
- 17 Yrs 9 & 10 Girls Basketball
- 18 Sausage Sizzle at lunchtime (\$2 each.)
- 19 Y9 & 10 B'Ball Finals, New Enrolment Testing (4pm – 5pm)
- 20 Mufti Day – Gold coin
- 25 Parent Teacher Evening Y9, 11 & 12 – 3.00pm to 8.00pm. School closes at 2.15pm.
- 26 Huanui Showcase Assembly
- 27 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:

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@hc.school.nz">phi.wilson@hc.school.nz</a>
Assistant Principal:	<a href="mailto:vernice.young@hc.school.nz">vernice.young@hc.school.nz</a>
Head of Languages Faculty:	<a href="mailto:viv.smith@hc.school.nz">viv.smith@hc.school.nz</a>
Head of Science:	<a href="mailto:fiona.boorer@hc.school.nz">fiona.boorer@hc.school.nz</a>
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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**