



Newsletter 1 (Term 4) – 25 October 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are now into the last term of 2013 and we have a busy few weeks ahead before the Christmas holidays.

I would like to reflect briefly on the Showcase that happened on the last day of last term. It was really well organised by Mr Seitzer and MC'd by student Louis Paul. All the acts again illustrated what a talented bunch of students we have here at Huanui College. The inter-house singing competition was great and congratulations to Ngapua in taking out that competition.

Prefect applications for 2014 closed at the end of last term and I am really pleased with the quality of the applicants and the thought they put into their applications. I will be conducting interviews with the applicants over the next few weeks and a Leadership Day will be held after the exams are finished. Following that, a panel of teachers and I will select the Prefects and Head Prefect for 2014 and these will be announced at the first school assembly of 2014.

The Cambridge external exams have started for the Year 11 and 12 students and these exams continue through to the 29th November. We understand that the Cambridge exam session is protracted and can be hard for students to study in a productive way at home. To that end, I would again reiterate that we are providing a supervised study room at school as well as tutorials with individual teachers. As usual if your child is attending school either to sit an exam or for supervised study, they must be in full school uniform.

Sun smart/ Litter

The new term has bought the arrival of the sun and it is timely to mention that the school has a sun smart policy and students should be wearing their school cap if they are outside in the sun for any length of time either during breaks or PE lessons. Huanui College caps are available from the school office. Of course the caps should always be removed when inside. There is also sun block provided in the foyer for students to freely apply. This term the staff will be actively encouraging students to be sun smart and awards will be given out at assemblies for students seen doing the right thing. As well as sun smart we are also focussing on keeping the school litter free. Intentionally, the school has no rubbish bins, meaning that any litter is due to students bringing it to school and not taking it home with them. We will be encouraging and checking that students are taking their litter home with them over the next term and again there will be rewards for students doing the right thing by being proactive and picking up litter around the school without being asked to by a teacher.

Te Reo Maori being offered at Huanui College

As the school grows we are able to offer more subjects and an opportunity has arisen for us to offer Te Reo Maori as a language option in Year 7 – 9 next year. The proposal is that students will be able to choose between Spanish and Maori as their language option in these year levels. We are currently looking at this as a possibility for next year and I am very interested in feedback from parents. We will be having a parents meeting shortly, but if you have any discussion points, please email me.

Prizegiving

This will be held on the last day of term which is 5 December commencing at 10am sharp. All students are required to attend this, including our seniors. Naturally, it is our time of celebration and acknowledgement of our students. I would like to formally invite all parents and family members to join us on this day.

Peter Ackers - PRINCIPAL

Thank you very much to the parents and caregivers who are parking on the roadside away from outside the school administration office. Please continue to do so between the hours of 2.30pm and 3.30pm daily.

ADMINISTRATION:

Phi Wilson

Summer Uniform: Term 4 sees a seasonal change in uniform footwear. It is also Cap wearing weather (most of the time). These are for sale at the office. ONLY Huanui College caps may be worn to and from school. After the sandal saga last year, it has been decided that parents may choose where they purchase their summer footwear from. A reminder that the footwear must be **Black Roman Sandals ONLY**. Hannahs Footwear often has sales with *buy 1 pair, pay 50% for 2nd pair*. Perhaps parents can pair up with other parents to help alleviate costs.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS: Congratulations to.....

... **Harriette BAXTER** competed in the Tennis Northern Spring Champs and won the Girls 12U Consolation final and was runner-up in the main draw final of the 12U Doubles.

Mangapai Hockey Club Prizegiving. (Didn't we do well !!)

... **Jakob WEBB** - Player of the Year

... **Ethan CODLIN** – Player of the Year

... **Hannah WEBB** – Team Spirit

... **Ashlee GREENHALGH** - Player of the Year Reserve women

... **Liam MORTIMER** - Most Improved Collegiate Div 1 player

... **Daniel DAVIS** - Most Consistent Collegiate Div 3 player

... **Kahu ROSS-HOSKINS** - Coaches Choice Collegiate Div 3

... **James AGNEW** - Most Improved Player

... **Dylan CODLIN** - Most Promising up and coming player

...**Pippa BENTON** competed in New Zealand Gymnastics Nationals held in Napier and gained 5th place overall in Step 6 Division 1 including 1st equal on vault.

...**Tom PARKER, Malcolm YOUNG and Robert BULL** were selected for the U12 Northland Representative Team that competed in the 60th Weir Rose Bowl Football tournament held in Cambridge during the holidays. The standard of competition was very high with rep teams from North Harbour, Auckland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty included. The Northland Boys played 7 games over 3 days managing to keep most of the games to a close score, and showed their improvement by winning their last pool game 5-1.

... **Victoria KERR** achieved a mark of 97% and was nominated by the examiner to attend the NZAMD scholarship awards in Wellington in the first weekend of November, despite several months of non dancing through injury. This is the second year in a row that she has been nominated for this award.

... **Malcolm YOUNG** - Player of the Year at Marist Football – Grade 13!

SPORTING NEWS:

By the time you receive this newsletter, the finalists will have been announced by Sports Northland, but for your information, these Huanui College students have been selected as finalists in the Northland Secondary School Sports Awards.

Ashlee Greenhalgh (Triathlon)

Lorenzo Ear (Karate)

Dylan Codlin (Hockey Official)

Tia Holyoake (Polo-cross)

Shania Kennedy-Lowe (Tae Kwon Do)

Zhane Shortland (Basketball)

Cameron Hill (Motor-cross)

The awards Dinner is to be held on Thursday, October 31 at the ASB Stadium.



MANGAPAI HOCKEY CLUB PRIZEGIVING

Some pics of our successful students at the prizegiving. Top left clockwise: Dylan Codlin, James Agnew, Ashlee Greenhalgh, Pippa Benton and Liam Mortimer.



***And speaking of trophies.....
Are there any parents who would like to
donate one towards our ever-increasing
list of prizewinners. These can be for either Academic or Sporting.
Please contact Phi, if you are interested.***

WIDER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Maunu School Country Fair to be held on 2 November 2013 from 10am to 2pm, corner Austin Road and SH14. Lots of parking and eftpos available. All welcome – the more, the merrier!

Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving -

Just a reminder about our Open Day this Sunday over Labour weekend should any of your students wish to return or join us this season as Lifeguards, trainees or for Junior Surf. We welcome all returning and new members and look forward to a safe, fun and adventure filled season. If joining as a lifeguard the membership fee which includes full training is \$50 for the year. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries. Debbie Fong DDI 09 433 0303

Horse Trek fundraiser for Matarau School

2 hours, *walking only*, grass hills and smooth tracks, great views. Lead-rein riders' loop also available. \$30 incl lunch. Raffles \$2. Only 7 mins from Kamo. 10 am Sat 16 Nov 2013. Registrations close Weds 13 Nov. For more info and registration form email: ajet@farmside.co.nz or ph Alina 027 343 7447.

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 Y11 & 12 English, Graphics, Y9 – 12 Art, Jnr English see Mrs Irwin first.

Wednesday Maths (available Weeks 1 to 4)

Thursday Y10 English, Y8 English see Mrs Irwin first, Y9 - 12Art

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

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Vicki HAVERKORT – H.O.D.

Problem Challenge

This year our Years 7 and 8 students have participated in the Problem Challenge. This competition has been offered to schools throughout New Zealand since 1991 and has been organised by John Curran and John Shanks from the University of Otago Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Our Year 7 and 8 Maths teachers, Mr. Dodd and Mr. Lewis, have created opportunities for students to develop good problem solving techniques in class by encouraging them to practise and learn such simple strategies as guessing and checking, drawing a diagram, making lists, looking for patterns, classifying etc. The problems posed in the challenge encouraged these sorts of skills.

Children participating in the competition attempted to answer five questions in 30 minutes on five problem sheets, which are done about a month apart. They did the problems individually but they shared their answers and strategies in small groups afterwards.

All children taking part will receive a certificate of participation from their Maths teacher. Those in about the top 10% in each year will receive certificates of excellence and those in the next 25% or so will receive certificates of merit.

The following students are to be congratulated on their achievement:

Year 7

Pippa Benton	MERIT
Robert Bull	MERIT
Tatiana Peita	MERIT
Callum Smith	EXCELLENCE

Year 8

Malcolm Young	MERIT
Laetitia Hamlet	MERIT
Nathan Xu	MERIT
Tom Parker	MERIT
Aidan Davies	MERIT
Jameela McLean Saad	MERIT
Tomas Ashford	MERIT
Jacob Monaghan	MERIT

MUFTI DAY

Our last Mufti Day for the year will be held on Friday 1st November and the theme is Halloween. The intent is to dress in fun mode rather than horror and there will be prizes for the best dressed which will be judged by student council and staff. This will be the first Junior School run Mufti Day and our Junior Student Councillors are keen to see that the Mufti Day is well patronised. Funds from this day (Gold Coin donation) will be going towards the School Library Books.

HUANUI BUSINESS GROUP PLACED THIRD IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

The Community Enterprise Programme organised by the Young Enterprise Trust encourages students to identify a local charity or not-for-profit organisation. They work with the organisation to identify an issue, and the students then work in teams to create a plan to solve the problem.

A group of students from Huanui College, Lauren Kenrick, Lucy Johnston and Shana Gordon (pictured right) worked with the Whangarei Group of the Riding for the Disabled, together with Whangarei Roofing and Bricks to plan a project to convert a shed into a feasible building for a second-hand shop.



The big news is that all this hard work has paid off for the girls as they have been awarded the **third prize in the national competition**.

This means that the Young Enterprise Trust will pay \$500 towards the total cost of the building of the roof for the shed. The work done by the Whangarei Riding for the Disabled for the community are invaluable and the girls feel proud to be a part of a project of this nature.

The girls worked very hard to generate ideas for fundraising as well as the requirements for the shed conversion. They will hold [held] a sausage sizzle at a equestrian event at Barge Park, mufti day at school and a raffle. Sausages are kindly donated by Tikipunga Export Meat Warehouse. The girls sought help from local businesses to collect worthwhile prizes for their raffle. Gail Bowering of JD Jewellery Design has been very supportive of the girls' efforts. Not only has she sponsored the first prize in the raffle, a \$1000 jewellery design voucher, but she also sponsored the printing and design of the raffle tickets. The rest of the first prize consists of an artwork print by Steve Moase, an Exquisite Cake by Karen Gordon and a trip for two on the Perfect Day Ocean Cruise – totalling \$1998 in prizes. The second prize in the raffle is an artwork by Steve Moase, vouchers from Belissimo, Zion Wildlife Gardens, Strand Hair Salon & Reva's, as well as artwork by Len & Candy Kay, jewellery from Joyce Palmer and Colin Brown, and finally a mosaic kitchen notice board by Sue Brown – totalling \$1085 in prizes. The girls are very pleased with the support that the Whangarei Business community have given them in the preparation for the raffle. These prizes are well worthwhile and the tickets cost only \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00. There are a limited number of tickets for sale – you may have seen the girls selling the tickets outside New World. The raffle is being drawn on 1 November 2013, with the closing date 31 October 2013. Please stop in at the College if you would like to buy some tickets, on a first come-first served basis.

Vernice Young – Business Studies

Tech Cadets

We have started a new programme at Huanui College with a goal of boosting the number of people who can answer IT related questions for staff and students.

Every Thursday in the computer room, we will be running training sessions, sometimes led by me and sometimes by other students. Tech Cadets is a chance for those students who wish to expand their knowledge in the area of Google Apps, Microsoft software and hardware and then pass on that knowledge around the school.

I am looking forward to working with the boys and girls who have signed up at the moment. More are always welcome.

Mr Chris Lewis – I.C.T.

RESULTS FROM

This week students will receive certificates for the *International Competitions and Assessments for Schools* (ICAS). Each student that participated receives a Certificate which is awarded on the following basis:

AWARD	FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL IN EACH STATE OR COUNTRY
High Distinction Certificate	the top 1% of participants
Distinction Certificate	the next 10% of participants
Credit Certificate	the next 25% of participants
Participation Certificate	for all remaining participants

Congratulations to the following students who gained Credit, Distinction or High Distinction:

Year 7

Rufaro Manjala	Credit in English
James Fox	Credit in Spelling
Tomas Ashford	Credit in English, Distinction in Spelling, Distinction in Mathematics
Aidan Davies	Credit in Science, Credit in Mathematics

Year 8

Benjamin Lee-Johnson	Credit in English, Credit in Spelling, Distinction in Computer Skills
Liam MacMenigall	Distinction in Mathematics
Jameela McLean Saad	Credit in English, Credit in Spelling
Luka Radford-Park	Credit in Science, Credit in Computer Skills
Malcolm Young	Credit in English

Year 9

Keegan Hagen	Distinction in English, Credit in Mathematics
Laura Martin	Credit in Mathematics
Zachary Miller-Waugh	Credit in Science, High Distinction in Computer Skills, Credit in Mathematics
Ella Short	Distinction in English, Credit in Science, Distinction in Mathematics

Year 10

Scott Wallace	High Distinction in English, Credit in Writing, High Distinction in Science, Distinction in Computer Skills, Distinction in Mathematics
Daniel Davies	High Distinction in Science, Distinction in Computer Skills, High Distinction in Mathematics
Tobias De Ridder	Credit in Mathematics
Reka Norman	High Distinction in Science, High Distinction in Mathematics

Year 11

Christopher Bull	Distinction in Science, Credit in Mathematics
Nicholas Moffat	Credit in Computer Skills, Credit in Mathematics
Patrick Winton	Credit in Science, Credit in Mathematics
Richard Young	High Distinction in Science, Distinction in Mathematics

Year 12

Shintaro Fushida-Hardy	High Distinction in Science, High Distinction in Mathematics
Michael Zhang	Distinction in Science, Distinction in Mathematics

Last Thursday (17th), thirteen students from Huanui College attended a rehearsal for the Kiwileles Ukulele Festival. For two hours, the wonderful sounds of ukuleles and enthusiastic voices filled the room and gave students just a small taste of what it will be like at the big festival in Auckland.

Well done to the following students for participating so well at the rehearsal, Maya Harold, Hanna Webb, Tyla Bowering, Ruby Reed, Brooke Senescall, Hamish Manderson, Jack McDiarmid, Finn Cook, Isabel Wrack, Tatiana Peita, Kallan Brookes Owens and a special mention to Harriette Baxter and Jayden Howe for getting up and performing without very much notice! Huanui College was very well represented!



We now look forward to Auckland and the chance to play with approx 3000 other students and top NZ performers. Please come and see Mrs Senescall on a Monday or Friday to collect a letter to take home regarding festival information. The festival will be held from 11am to 4pm at the Trusts Stadium, Waitakere, Auckland on Saturday the 30th of November. Visit the following website for more information. <http://www.nzukulelefestival.org.nz/home.html>

Remember it's not too late to join in with the group practices held Friday lunch times in Room 15. Students who play the guitar are welcome to come along and join in with us too.

Happy strumming!

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES – TERM 4, 2013 (Please be aware that some dates may be amended or added to, as required.)

October

28 Labour Day – no school

November

1 Final Mufti Day for 2013

5 – 8 Years 7 – 10 Exams

25 – 29 Activities Week, Y9 Camp

29 Final IGCSE and AS level exams

December

2 New Enrolments (2014) Taster Day

2 Years 7 & 8 Trade Fair

3 Years 7 & 8 Athletics

4 Year 8 – Red Cross course

5 Reports to Parents – **Last Day of school for 2013**

6 Teacher Only Day

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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Head of Science:	fiona.boorer@hc.school.nz
Head of Maths:	vicki.haverkort@hc.school.nz
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A reminder to our parents that the Lunch Box Club deliver delicious lunches to our school on Mondays. You may access the menu on:
www.thelunchboxclub.co.nz