



Newsletter 5 (Term 4) – 9 December 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have come to the end of a busy and successful year at Huanui College. The school Prizegiving last Thursday was an excellent way to celebrate the successes of our students and to reflect on the progress the school has made in 2013. I would like to congratulate all the prize winners, and also congratulate the students who were named as Prefects in 2014 and in particular the Head Prefects Sophie Short and Eru Kapa- Kingi with the Deputy Head Prefects Honor Hamlet and Dylan Codlin. I look forward to working with all the prefects next year.

As I mentioned at prizegiving, it is interesting to reflect after 4 years where Huanui College is placed. I do believe that Huanui College is not only of benefit to the students that attend the school, but also to all of the Whangarei school community. Huanui College provides choice in education in Whangarei and choice is a good thing. Choice implies competition and competition improves quality and service.

To quote William Glasser “We almost always have choices, and the better the choice, the more we will be in control of our lives”

At Huanui College we offer the Cambridge International Examination (CIE) curriculum as we believe that it is robust and prepares our students well for their further tertiary study and employment. The New Zealand curriculum and the NCEA assessment system have a different emphasis with a lot more internal assessment. The choice is for parents to decide which curriculum suits their child and choose a school accordingly. It is interesting that a recent article in the New Zealand Herald shows several universities concern about how well prepared for tertiary study NCEA students were. I have no such qualms about students that graduate from Huanui College with Cambridge A levels.

The focus for the school was academic over the first few years, but living in Northland and in particular the location of the school, we believe in a holistic approach to education. It has been really encouraging over the last couple of years to see how the opportunities for students outside the classroom have increased and we are proud of the fact that we are developing the whole student. This year we have produced, thanks to Mrs Irwin, a magazine of photographic moments telling our stories of 2013 camps, sports, the arts, celebrations, creations – each page encapsulating just some of the activities students have been involved with. These images give us a timely reminder of just what happens here at Huanui College. The magazine will be out in the first week of 2014 at a cost of \$15.

On Saturday I made a trip to Mercer where two of our new rowing crews were racing for the first time. Both crews did amazingly well in tricky conditions on the Waikato River. Lucy Johnston and Ashlee Greenhalgh had a couple of seconds and Ben Monaghan and Eddie Brownie had a second and a fourth. Coach Simon Koller was pleased with the efforts of both crews. On the way back to Whangarei I attended the ICAS medal award ceremony at Auckland University. Our very own Zac Miller Waugh achieved a first equal in New Zealand in Year 9 Computing, which is an outstanding effort. It was a proud family and principal that were there to share the moment with Zac. Well done!

The end of the year can also bring to a close some working comradeships and I wish to thank Avinesh Prakash for his year with us as TiC Physics. Avinesh is returning to Auckland to be nearer his family - very understandable. Our second leaver is well known to all of us, and we are hopeful it is only for a short time. Vicki Haverkort, HOD Mathematics, is taking Maternity Leave for 2014. We will see her again in 2015. Thank you both of you for this year.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff of Huanui College for their support and professionalism in what has been an exciting and eventful first year of Principalship. I could not have done it without your help for which I am very grateful.

This is the last newsletter for the year and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Powhiri on 29th January 2014. Till then I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and enjoyable holiday break.

Peter Ackers - PRINCIPAL

Student Achievements and Prizegiving Accolades

Vernice YOUNG – Asst Principal

On Wednesday 4 December we acknowledged a number of students who realized significant achievements. The first group was the Year 10 Innovations Class - Dairy NZ national third prize winners. Emma Wickham, Tia Holyoake, Sarah Gover and Jayne Stafford each received a \$60 I-tunes voucher from Susan Stokes, the Dairy NZ representative who drove up from Hamilton to present their prizes. She spoke of the importance of the Dairy industry to the New Zealand economy and how there was a serious shortage of students entering the agricultural industry in the areas of Science and Mathematics. Many of our students achieve well in the area of Science so perhaps some of them should be investigating the future career options in the Dairy Industry. The Commerce Department also received \$500 from Dairy NZ, which was much appreciated by Mrs Young.

The second group of winners were the Year 7 & 8 Trade Fair winners. Everyone who attended the Trade Fair will agree that the students excelled at creating a market which was vibrant with many different products and services on offer. The winners of the different categories are as follows:

Best Themed Stall	Tropical Treats
Best Themed Collection of Products	Kiwiana
Most Innovative Products	Unnamed One
Best Stall Overall	J.E.E.K.S



The accolades continued for our students at the official Prizegiving on Thursday 5 December. Many sports and subject prizes were handed out on the day. We are very proud of these achievements and to all students who set and achieved their own personal goals during the year.

Sports

Kenrick Family Cup for Sportswoman of the Year	Ashlee Greenhalgh
Gilbert Family Cup for Sportsman of the Year	Brett Plant
Sayes Family Cup for Commitment to Sport	Dylan Codlin
Short Family Cup for Best House for 2013	Sheppard

Special Prizes

Huanui College Irwin Cup	Excellence in External Dramatic Performance	Shintaro & Natsuko	Fushida-Hardy
Huanui College Irwin Cup	Excellence in Drama	Junior Shakespeare Group	
Huanui College Oratory Cup	Top Speech Maker	Benjamin	Lee-Johnson
Boorer Family Science Cup	Excellence in Junior Science	Holly	Cook
Sayes Family Science Cup	Excellence in IGCSE Sciences	Richard	Young
Benton Family Cup	Excellence in Mathematics	Shintaro	Fushida-Hardy
Hales Family Cup	Excellence in Languages	Shaun	Prinsloo
Irwin Trophy	Excellence in English	Georgia	Young
Phi Wilson	Team Cup	Year 9 Debating Group	
Sayes Family Commerce Cup	Excellence in Commerce	RDA Riding for the Disabled	Community Project
Eric Lee-Johnson Cup	Excellence in Senior Art	Jessica	Meadows
Whangarei Falls Holiday Park	Endeavour Cup	Liam	Seeley
The Foundation Principal Bell-Booth Cup	Leadership and Dedication to the College	Eru	Kapa-Kingi
Hamlet Family Cup	A student exemplifying the College motto: 'Vincit qui se vincit'	Emma	Wickham
Huanui College Advisory Board Cup	Citizenship and Service to the College and its Community	Georgia	Young
G & M Young	Senior Diligence	Tipene	Kapa-Kingi
Principal's Trophy	Junior Diligence	Lydia	Baxter

Top Academic Prizes

Wallace Family Cup	Year 7 Top Academic Student	Harriette	Baxter
Mellor Family Cup	Year 8 Top Academic Student	Shaun	Prinsloo
Dykzeul Family Cup	Year 9 Top Academic Student	Madeleine	Parker
Martin Family Cup	Year 10 Top Academic Student	Reka	Norman
Spire Chartered Accountants Cup	Year 11 Top Academic Student	Richard	Young
Huanui Trophy	Year 12 Top Academic Student	Shintaro	Fushida-Hardy



GROUP PHOTO OF HUANUI COLLEGE SPECIAL PRIZE WINNERS - 2013

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS: Congratulations to.....

...**Liam SEELEY** won the 14 and under Northland tennis champs singles in the weekend with his partner Cam Hick and also won the 14 and 16 combined doubles.

...**James MORTIMER** was second in the 16 and under singles and also second in the combined doubles with partner Campbell Johns.

...**Mathieu POOT** scooped the pool at The Mt Tiger Archery Club Prize giving recently with the following awards: Northland Junior Open championship, Junior National IBO series, Mt Tiger Indoor match play competition 2013, Mt Tiger Junior Mens 2013 and Junior Bowhunter.



Brooke Senescall flanked by Isobel Wrack and Jack McDiarmid who represented Huanui College at the NZ Ukelele Festival in Auckland recently.

Of special mention is the Huanui College Banner which was made by one of our parents at extremely short notice – Jan Boyce-Bull.



Zac MILLER-WAUGH : ICAS award winner for Y9 Computing with Principal Peter Ackers at the Medals Evening in Auckland.

ITINERANT MUSIC TEACHERS:

In case you may not know, the itinerant music teachers at Huanui College do have some vacant spots in their schedules, and are also in the throes of setting their 2014 time slots. See below for the teacher's contact details:

Samantha Winterton: Violin and Viola lessons.

Beginner cello also possible. (Phone: 4365 700)

Carol Martin: Piano (Phone: 4377 401)

Dave Meredith: Guitar (Phone: 4343 459 or 0273832633 caramellow@xtra.co.nz) – also available over the summer break for private tuition.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES – TERM 1, 2014

(Please be aware that some dates may be amended or added to, as required.)

January

29 School commences at 8.45am. Powhiri for all new students and staff.

February

6 Waitangi Day – no school.
11 – 14 Year 7 Camp
Year 8 Camp
Year 13 Gold Duke of Ed Practical
18 Swimming Championships

March

7 Athletics Day
28 Senior Art trip to Hungry Creek

April

2 Jnr Maths Competition
17 T.O.D. School end of Term 1.
18 Good Friday

