



Newsletter 2 (Term 1) – 21February 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It has been a busy couple of weeks at Huanui with camps, expeditions, excursions and swimming sports. Apart from the upcoming athletic sports, most of these projected activities are now complete and students will need to ensure they are focussed in class on the main reason why they are at school, which is school work.

Year 7 & 8 Camp

Unfortunately, I was unable to make it to camp this year but I have been delighted to hear all the positive comments and see lots of smiling, but tired, faces returning last Friday afternoon. I do sympathise with parents when their child comes home from camp with ideas about the purchase of a motorbike! 'The Farm' has an excellent programme in a wonderful location and I would like to thank the staff at The Farm, the Huanui College staff that were involved and the excellent parent help for making the 2014 Camp a wonderful success.

Year 9 Surfing and Adventure forest

I did manage to visit the Year 9 groups at the Adventure Forest and it was pleasing to see how these students were bonding and involving the new students to that year level. The surfing was another great day although there were some sunburned faces when they returned to school. It was pleasing to see this excursion inspired some Year 9's to join Mr Towey's Wednesday after school surfing group.

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Trek

Mrs Boorer, with assistance from Mr Seeley, took our Duke of Edinburgh gold students on a trek down the Hillary Trail in the Waitakeres near Auckland. Students were complimented on their behaviour by the locals and they are well on their way to their gold award. Thank you to Mrs Boorer and Mr Seeley.

Swimming sports

The swimming sports were again a great success and thanks, in the first instance, must go Mr Mather for his excellent organisational skills. Students were all well behaved and there were some standout individual performances which will be detailed later in this newsletter. Swim training can be very lonely and hard work and it is pleasing for the students that train for hours, to demonstrate their talent. The House competition was a bit of one way traffic with Sheppard winning by a long margin. It will be interesting to see if the other houses can pick up their game and challenge Sheppard in the remaining House events in 2014. The house competition is a very important part of the school culture and as well as competing for their houses in the competitions such as sports and academic activities, it is really important that you support your house by cheering your house mates in their races.

The swimming and athletic sports are official school days and I believe that all students can compete in at least one event on both days, unless they are sick or injured. While they are not competing it is important that students are seen to support the competitors from each of the houses and appreciate and congratulate sporting excellence, much like we do with academic excellence at Huanui College. I would appreciate support from parents on both of these days to ensure their child's attendance, as this is very important to the school.

Head of the Harbour rowing

Our rowing crews travelled to Lake Pupuke last weekend for the Head of the Harbour secondary school rowing regatta. This was the first school regatta for our rowers and they again performed well with some great results. The Eddie Brownie/Ben Monaghan duo were our outstanding crew of the day winning Division 1 U-15 double sculls and a close second in the Novice U-18 double sculls. Lucy Johnston and Ashlee Greenhalgh were first in Division one in the Novice U-18 Girls double sculls and placed third in the U-16 Division One double sculls. Honor Hamlet and Sophie Short placed second in Division Two Novice U-18 double sculls and third in Division One U-17 double sculls. Next is the North Island secondary school champs at Lake Karapiro and I wish our crews all the best for that important regatta.

Community Service details

As mentioned in the first newsletter we are expecting all students at Huanui College to complete some community service during 2014. There is a letter going home with all students today outlining details. We would like students to come up with their own ideas and possibly their own placements. We would expect many students to complete their community service on the Teacher only day at the end of this term (17th April), although they have the full year to complete some service. We welcome any ideas for community service from parents and caregivers. For more details contact Ashlee Cebalo on Ashlee.cebalo@hc.school.nz

Form Teacher contact details/ Homework diary

Your child's Form teacher is your first point of contact with the school and any concerns you may have regarding your child should be directed in the first instance to their Form teacher. All students have also been issued with a Homework diary and it is expected that all students use that diary to record their homework and other school events. The Form teacher will be checking homework diaries weekly and it would be appreciated if you could check and sign your child's homework diary on a weekly basis.

Meet and Greet next Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30pm

Next Wednesday we will be having a meet and greet for new and existing parents where you have a chance to meet your child's teachers and catch up with what they have been up to at Huanui College in the first few weeks of the term. This is a BYO event but nibbles will be provided.

Peter Ackers - PRINCIPAL

DUX and Top-of-Class calculations at Huanui College

Year 7 – 8	Average of English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies
Year 9	Average of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Graphics.
Year 10	Average of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and one best option subject.
Year 11	Weighted average of best six (6) IGCSE subjects
Year 12	Weighted average of best four (4) AS level subjects
DUX	Weighted average of best three (3) A2 level subjects

Please note that students with fewer than the minimum number of subjects will not be considered for top of class in Years 11 – 13.

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

In response to the many queries, below is a list of the days for Term 1 and the venue. Costs remain the same at \$10 per week. Please collect your children at the times stated :

AFTER SCHOOL TUITION: 3.30pm to 4.30pm!

Tuesday: AS Maths only Mr Waenink

Wednesday: Maths Mr Waenink and Mr Dodd
Art Ms Evans
Business Studies Mrs Young

Thursday: Year 7 English and 9H Mrs Irwin
Art Ms Evans
Graphics Ms Cole
Year 10 Mrs Topper
Spanish Srta Peredo

AFTER SCHOOL PREP: 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

Tuesday: Mrs Boorer Science Room

Wednesday: Andy Thomas Science Room

Thursday: Erica Lyons Science Room



'The launching' – different ways to takeoff!



A selection of photos taken by Images Naturally at our Swimming Sports on Tuesday 18 February. Congratulations to Sheppard House took out the line honours, followed by Blake, Ngapua and Hillary.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS: Congratulations to.....

... **ELLA RANKIN** has qualified as a surf life saver. Ella trained over summer and successfully passed her qualifying exams in the pool, sea swim, first aid and written papers. Ella is the youngest qualified surf life saver at the Ruakaka surf life club and she will continue to patrol at this club and on occasions at other surf clubs in the North.

... **ETHAN LEWIS** crewed on his father's Racing Yacht, a "Flying Fifteen" at the "Ocean Bridge" Sail Auckland Regatta the first weekend of February 2014. This is NZ's only International Yachting Federation Regatta that gives Olympic sailors points towards their international rankings.

The Flying Fifteen is not an Olympic class but is an International Class.

... **GILLIAN KENT-SMITH** and **PAIGE MASSEY** both of whom represented New Zealand in Australia for a Showcase Dance Competition. They were part of a team of 11 and achieved 3 x Golds.

... **TIA HOLYOAKE** has been selected in the NZ U-16 Mixed Polocrosse team which competes in Australia in April this year.



Introducing.....

Kia ora koutou,



Ko **Cathy Senescall** tāku ingoa, nō Turangi ahau. Ko Ngati Pākehā te iwi.

My name is Cathy Senescall and I am teaching Year 7, 8 and 9 Music and Te Reo Māori this year. I am Pākehā by descent but grew up as a youngster around many Māori communities. Wherever we lived, our family were embraced by the locals and we were privileged to have felt their beautiful wairua. I am a second language learner and although not fluent in Te Reo, I have been learning for some time. I will be a lifelong learner of Te Reo! I have a diploma in Te Ara Reo through Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and I took my teacher training via the Huarahi Māori specialisation through the University of Auckland in Whangarei.

My other passion is music, I have been fortunate to grow up in a family where music was abundant. We didn't have money for special lessons or training, however it was always the rich experiences of inclusion that inspired me. I believe that music should happen in a non-competitive environment where children with varying skills levels, whether advanced or basic, can freely participate through movement, singing, body, percussion and learning the practical skills of playing instruments such as the ukulele, guitar, marimba, xylophones and bongo drums. I have taught the ukulele for a few years at Ngunguru School and enjoy playing it myself, along with the guitar and the piano.

Outside of school life I love gardening (when there is time), horses, surfing (although I'm not the flashiest) and farm life. My family is the great joy of my life and I am blessed to be surrounded with a big one up here in Northland.

Nā reira tēna koutou, tēna koutou, tēna koutou katoa!



Erica Lyons

Erica is a first year teacher and is one of our new science and biology teachers. While obtaining her teacher training in Australia, Erica very cleverly secured a 6 week practicum at Huanui College which enabled us to see her at work. She impressed us so much that when she applied for one of our vacancies, we gladly interviewed her and she subsequently won the position.

Erica moved back to New Zealand from Australia in January.

Erica has a background in biomedical and forensic science, working for the Police prior to leaving NZ.

Mark Waenink (no photo available at this stage.)

Mark is a Dutch Canadian who has been a Mathematics teacher for over a decade. He is dad to three young children and is married to a lovely local Kiwi girl, Jenny. He enjoys exploring the great outdoors and quality competitions from team sports to European designer games. He will contribute Maths Corner to this newsletter on a frequent basis.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT REQUESTS!!

Piano wanted! If anyone knows of a piano in reasonable condition looking for a home, the music department would welcome your phone call or email cathy.senescall@hc.school.nz

Keen Carpenter or Woodworkers - This is a project for you! We would dearly love to have at least 1 (or 2, if possible) Marimbas as part of our music department resources. If you were at last year's showcase you would have seen one being played by three of the Year 7 students. The marimba is a wonderful instrument making music accessible for all. I have a manual on how to make them and apparently they are reasonably easy!! So, if you would like to be part of a small group of volunteers and think you'd like to leave something lasting for the school, then please contact me ASAP on cathy.senescall@hc.school.nz

MATH CORNER:

Mark Waenink : HOD Maths

The **Maths Guild** occurs every Tuesday in either Room 4 or 5 for an additional chance to ask for some quick help. All Year 7, 8, and 9 students have received some homework through Mathletics. If you are having difficulty accessing Mathletics using your internet browser at home, try updating Adobe Flash player.

The Newsletter Puzzle..... Four people have to cross a long, narrow and dangerous bridge in the dark. They have one torch between them, which must be used on the crossings. One or two can cross at a time, but not more than two. One of them can cross in 1 minute, one in 2 minutes, one in 4 minutes, and one in 10 minutes. What is the shortest elapsed time for them all to cross the bridge? Submit your answer with reasoning to Mr Waenink to be in to win a prize.

SPORTS:

TWILIGHT V BALL

Any students from years 7-13 who are interested in playing twilight 5 aside netball on a Wednesday night, come and see Mr Redfearn for a permission slip. You do not need to have played netball before to participate.

NETBALL – YEARS 9-13

Trials for school teams will be held on Tuesday 25 February 3.30-5pm at Huanui College.

There will be a fitness test for all year 9-13 netball players on Thursday 20 February in the Gym.

NETBALL – YEAR 7-8

Trials for school teams will be held on 6 March 3.30-5pm at Huanui College.

WIDER COMMUNITY

The Vaccination dates for HPV have been informed us by the Health Department and are as follows:

YR 8 Girls – HPV 1 May 15th

YR 8 Girls – HPV 2 July 23rd

YR7 Students (All) - BOOSTRIX: September 26th

YR 8 Girls - HPV 3: Dec 4th

These will take place at Huanui College on the allotted days.

France Badham, the Public Health Nurse, will be talking to all Year 7 students and Year 8 Girls, in two separate sessions, on Monday 24th February about immunisations. The students will bring information sheets home on Monday afternoon for parents to read.

Kamo Junior Rugby is holding its Rally day on Saturday the 1st of March at the Kamo Rugby Clubrooms, Butler Place, Kamo.

JBN to JB3 from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm (5 to 9 years old)

JB4 to JB9 from 12.30 to 1.30 pm (9 to 16 years old)

Coaches & Managers Welcome

Any question please phone or txt Murray Mortimer on 029 7525970.

Marist Junior Rugby

This 2014 Rally will be held at the Marist Clubrooms on the 20th February 2014 from 3.30 to 6pm. All new players will need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. Registration and weigh in will occur before being assigned a team. Contact Gary Younger on c/p 021467514 if you can't make it or have any questions.

Kamo Rugby and Squash Club: If you think you might like to play squash this year come to the Kamo Rugby and Squash Club, Butler Place, Kamo for three free 'Have a Go' nights - Monday 10, 17 24 March 3.30 to 5.30pm.

Racquets provided, just wear appropriate clothing and bring clean footwear (bare feet won't be allowed).

Junior club nights run in terms 2 and 3 on Monday nights. Enquiries to F Moselen 4370730 or

fiandmoose@xtra.co.nz or Vanessa Jennings brassington@xtra.co.nz

Drama Classes available:

TUE - Whangarei 3:30 lower primary
4:30 upper primary
5:30 - acting and speaking & Theatre in Action

WED - Ruakaka 3:30 lower primary
4:30 upper primary
5:30- acting and speaking & Theatre in Action

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ITINERANT MUSIC TEACHERS:

Piano: Carol Martin 4377 401 or 021 837 740)
Guitar: Dave Meredith 4343 459 pr 0273 832 633) **Please contact these music teachers direct**
Violin: Sam Winterburn 4365 700) **for times and costs.**
Bass Guitar: John Fraser 021 446 699)

YEAR 9 AND 10 'COFFEE AND CHAT' GROUP to take place at MOKABA (town basin) Friday 14 March 12 - 2 pm. Parents welcome.

HUANUI COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS:

The Huanui College Swimming Sports saw all our competitive and non-competitive swimmers racing against each other for recognition and house points. It was a fabulous day which was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants and supporters alike. Congratulations to Sheppard who won the House competition by amassing a total of points higher than the other three houses combined.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top three for their respective age groups.

U12 Girls	1	Mia Gordon
U12 Girls	2	Emma Forbes
U12 Girls	3	Sarah Baradell
U12 Boys	1	Rufaro Manjala
U12 Boys	2	Greg Hamlet
U12 Boys	3	Hamish Manderson
U14 Girls	1	Madeline Gordon
U14 Girls	2	Olivia Lengyl
U14 Girls	3	Moetara Matariki
U14 Boys	1	Toby Lengyl
U14 Boys	2	Tomas Ashford
U14 Boys	3	Matthew Harrison
U16 Girls	1	Emma Wickham
U16 Girls	2	Laura Martin
U16 Girls	3	Justine Melina
U16 Boys	1	Matthew Gordon
U16 Boys	2	Louis Poot
U16 Boys	3	James Hamlet
U18 Girls	1	Sophie Short
U18 Girls	2	Honor Hamlet
U18 Girls	3	Georgia Young
U18 Boys	1	Liam Seeley
U18 Boys	2	Richard Young
U18 Boys	3	Patrick Winton

There were a number of records smashed on the day which follows ...

EVENT	NAME	YEAR	TIME
U12 Girls 25 Fly	Gordon, Mia	2014	16.19
U14 Boys 25 Fly	Lengyel, Toby	2014	14.32
U14 Girls 25 Fly	Gordon, Madeline	2014	14.47
U16 Boys 25 Fly	Gordon, Matthew	2014	13.37
U16G Girls 25 Fly	Martin, Laura	2014	14.87
U12 Girls 25 Back	Gordon, Mia	2014	18.46
U12 Boys 25 Back	Gulick, Snapper	2010	17.17
U14 Girls 25 Back	Gordon, Madeline	2014	15.53
U14 Boys 25 Back	Lengyel, Toby	2014	15.47
U16 Girls 25 Back	Wickham, Emma	2014	16.18
16 Boys 25 Back	Gordon, Matthew	2014	14.39
U18 Boys 25 Back	Seeley, Liam	2014	19.38
U12 Girls 50 Back	Gordon, Mia	2014	38.85
U12 Boys 50 Back	Gulick, Snapper	2010	37.31
U14 Boys 50 Back	Lengyel, Toby	2014	32.81
U14 Girls 50 Back	Gordon Madeline	2014	34.18
U16 Boys 50 Back	Gordon, Matthew	2014	30.40
U16 Girls 50 Back	Wickham, Emma	2014	34.87
U18 Boys 50 Back	Seeley, Liam	2014	44.21
U12 Girls 100 Back	Gordon, Madeline	2014	115.00
U12 Boys 100 Back	Gulick, Snapper	2010	119.23
U16 Boys 100 Back	Gordon, Matthew	2014	106.40
U12 Boys 25 Breast	Manjala, Rufaro	2014	21.00
U12 Girls 25 Breast	Gordon, Mia	2014	19.09
U14 Girls 25 Breast	Madeline Gordon	2014	17.50
U14 Boys 25 Breast	Gulick, Snapper	2010	18.84
U16 Girls 25 Breast	Martin, Laura	2014	18.42
U16 Boys 25 Breast	Gordon, Matthew	2014	16.88
U18 Girls 25 Breast	Short, Sophie	2014	20.49
U18 Boys 25 Breast	Patrick Winton	2014	18.74
U12 Boys 50m Breast	Gulick, Snapper	2010	45.20
U12 Girls 50m Breast	Hayley Donovan	2011	50.94
U14 Girls 50 Breast	Madeline Gordon	2014	39.19
U14 Boys 50 Breast	Lengyel, Toby	2014	38.97
U16 Girls 50 Breast	Martin, Laura	2014	40.44
U16 Boys 50 Breast	Gordon, Matthew	2014	35.60
U18 Mixed 50 Bre	Winton, Patrick	2014	43.60
U12 Girls 100 Breast	Gordon, Mia	2014	130.41
U12 Boys 100 Breast	Manjala, Rufaro	2010	133.55
U14 Girls 100 Breast	Moetara, Matariki	2014	126.37
U14 Boys 100 Breast	Lengyel, Toby	2014	119.44
U16 Girls 100 Breast	Martin, Laura	2014	127.94
U16 Boys 100 Breast	Gordon, Matthew	2014	121.07
U12 Girls 25 Free	Ahlers, Caitlin	2013	15.56
U12 Boys 25 Free	Gulick, Snapper	2010	14.20
U14 Girls 25 Free	Madeline Gordon	2014	13.58
U14 Boys 25 Free	Toby Lengyl	2014	13.64
U16 Girls 25 Free	Wickham, Emma	2014	13.81
U16 Boys 25 Free	Gordon, Matthew	2014	12.44
U18 Girls 25 Free	Short, Sophie	2014	1.00

U18 Boys 25 Free	Richard Young	2014	16.28
U12 Girl 50 Free	Gordon, Mia	2014	34.57
U12 Boys 50 Free	Gulick, Snapper	2010	31.08
U14 Boys 50 Free	Gordon, Matthew	2013	27.19
U14 Girls 50 Free	Gordon, Madeline	2014	29.53
U16 Girls 50 Free	Wickham, Emma	2013	30.54
U16 Boys 50 Free	Gordon, Matthew	2014	27.31
U18 Girls 50 Free	Short, Sophie	2014	36.34
U18 Boys 50 Free	Luke Cullen	2014	31.71
U12 Girls 100 Free	Gordon, Mia	2014	116.63
U12 Boys 100 Free	Gulick, Snapper	2010	107.16
U14 Girls 100 Free	Gordon, Madeline	2014	105.81
U14 Boys 100 Free	Lengyel, Toby	2014	112.13
U16 Girls 100 Free	Wickham, Emma	2014	107.70
U16 Boys 100 Free	Gordon, Matthew	2013	58.97
U18 Girls 100 Free	Short, Sophie	2014	121.41
U18 Boys 100 Free	Richard Young	2014	130.80

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES – TERM 1, 2014 (Please be aware that some dates may be amended or added to, as required.)

February

26 Meet and Greet the Teachers 6.30pm (Nibbles provided)

Mar

7 Huanui Athletics Sports Day
 21 Progress Reports issued
 25 A – L Parent Teacher interviews
 26 M – Z Parent Teacher interviews
 28 Snr Art trip to Hungry Creek

Apr

2 Jnr Maths Competition
 15 Univ of Akld Liaison talk with Y13
 17 Teacher only Day
 18 Good Friday

May

5 Term 2 Commences

HUANUI COLLEGE CONTACT EMAILS:

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

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