



Newsletter 3 (Term 2) – 13 June 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Phew-What a week! With the wild weather arriving to coincide perfectly with the exams, Tuesday was a challenging day. I would like to thank teaching staff, support staff, parents and students for their hard work, flexibility and support on the day. Weather events like these offer an opportunity to review our systems and I appreciate any feedback.

Weather notwithstanding, exams were completed this week and I was impressed with the way students approached them, especially the Year 7's, as this was for many their first experience of formal examinations. Teachers have now begun the task of marking and writing of reports. Results will be given to students next Wednesday 18th June. Reports will be issued on the last day of the term and parent interviews will be in week 2 of Term 3. I know many schools no longer have mid-year exams but we believe that the results of these exams give a good indication of progress and guide the teaching and learning in the second half of the year. A disappointing result now means there is enough time to turn it around with some focussed hard work.

Success in examinations and sporting contests is quite often down to discipline and I don't mean the detention type of discipline, I mean self-discipline. It is an important attribute needed to achieve any type of personal excellence, athletic excellence, or otherwise outstanding performance.

What is self-discipline?

It is the ability to control one's impulses, emotions, desires and behaviour. It is being able to turn down immediate pleasure and instant gratification in favour of gaining the long-term satisfaction and fulfilment from achieving higher and more meaningful goals. To possess it, is to be able to make the decisions, take the actions, and execute your game plan regardless of the obstacles, discomfort, or difficulties that may come your way.

As personal excellence is something we aspire to at Huanui College, having self-discipline is the way our children can achieve their personal excellence.

Student Teacher Placements: Huanui College has, over the past 3 years, accepted beginning teacher placements in most subjects and as a result, is fast becoming a school of preference for beginning teachers in which to hone their skills.

These beginning teachers have all added to the fabric of Huanui College, bringing with them fresh ideas and ways of looking at classroom teaching. They have also added to the extra-curriculum activities by coaching teams, helping Duke of Ed walks etc. It would be fair to say that Huanui staff has certainly added to their education also by helping them learn classroom management skills, best teaching modes etc. They have all, without exception, commented very favourably on their time spent at Huanui College – both staff-wise and student-wise. We are proud to nurture new teachers.

Quote of the Week: "With self-discipline most anything is possible"- *Theodore Roosevelt*

Peter Ackers – PRINCIPAL

New Enrolments: This time of the year, is when we start to make room in the filing cabinets for next year's new enrollees. If you know of anyone who is interested in attending Huanui College, please direct them either to our website: www.hc.school.nz or directly to Phi at admin@hc.school.nz

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS: Congratulations to.....

... **Ella RANKIN** for attaining Honours in Mod1 Grade 6 Speech NZ.

ROCKQUEST 2014

M Copeland

On Sunday the 8th of June, seven of our talented students, collectively known as the band 'Take 2,' took the stage at the Forum North for the Northland Regional Heats of the Smokefree Rockquest. **Take 2** were the second of 19 bands to perform and set the bar very high for the bands who were to follow. The audience knew it too, and the cheers that erupted as the band launched into their first chorus helped to dissolve some of the nerves they were experiencing.

Take 2 looked and sounded amazing and I was immensely proud of them. It was no surprise when the band was announced as one of 10 bands who had gained a place in the Northland Regional Finals. The comments I heard from members of the audience confirmed that they were one of the standouts on the night. The Northland Regional Finals are on Friday, July 4th.

Make sure you come along to support them on Friday, July 4th so you can tell all your friends that you knew them before they were famous!



Take 2 are: Tatiana Peita (keyboards), Adam Roycroft (guitar), Zoe Espie (vocalist), Mana Harding (drummer), Harriette Baxter and Merlia De-Ridder (vocalists) and Katene Cotton (bass).

ADMINISTRATION:

Phi Wilson

Traffic Safety: To help identify the danger spot, two orange cones have been set up outside the office footpath. Please do not park between these cones. The safest option is to park by the stone wall and have your child meet you, or pull in to the byway by the other classrooms. The most dangerous parking place is 20 metres either side of the big rock at the entranceway. Thank you for your consideration.

Staff Contacts: The last page of every newsletter has the staff members' contact details – email addresses. If at all possible, please use this mode of contact as the classrooms do not have telephones in them.

Whangarei Youth Advisory Group

Four Huanui College students are part of the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) for Whangarei. In the photo: Head Girl Sophie Short, Year 11 student Sarah Gover, and Year 12 student Richard Young. Absent is Year 12 student Kelsey Eaton who is also Deputy YAG chair.

These students are invited to take part in policy discussions that relate to their peers and other youth matters. Their opinions have helped pave the way for youth projects which are now part of the Whangarei scene.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT - RESULTS – WEEKS 4, 5 and 6

Football Results:

Girls: 1-3 loss to Okaihau

Girls: 4-3 WIN over Ruawai

Boys: 16-0 WIN over Okaihau (Duncan Ross 3, Brett Plant 3, Rob Bull 4, Shaun Prinsloo 2, Malcolm Young 2, Fabio Sapparelli 1, Own Goal 1).

Boys: 2-1 loss to Tauraroa Area School

Hockey Results:

Collegiate Div 1: 2-2 DRAW with WBHS (James Agnew 1, Patrick Winton 1)

Div 3: 0-2 loss to WBHS

Year 7-8 A: 0-3 loss to KIS 1st XI girls

Year 7-8 B: 0-2 loss

Netball Results:

Huanui Silver : 25-25 Draw

Special thanks to Whangarei Backpackers for arranging and sponsoring team bags.

Huanui Blue:

Thanks to Hill Construction for sponsoring team bags.

Huanui Navy: 25-15 Win

Thanks you Airzone Ltd for team bags.

Huanui White:

Thank you to CoolRay for sponsoring team bags.

Huanui Black: 20-17 Win

Basketball:

Year 7-8:

Senior Boys:

Junior Boys: 20-30 loss to WBHS

Girls: 18-26 loss to Whangaruru

Rugby:

Players from **Huanui to make the 2014 Grizzlies Team for the Taniwha Cup.** A great effort by Huanui. We have a future 1st XV here!

Dylan Hook Callum McKay Tawa Holyaoke Mana Harding Baxter Skudder

NSSA CROSS COUNTRY:

Huanui College proudly fronted up to Barge Park with 35 runners, and while we have only printed those who came in the first 10 of their particular age group/category, all 35 of them deserve a big pat on the back for their sterling efforts. Thank you also to those parents who supported their children by being there and also for helping with transport.

Results:

Year 7 & 8 Boys	Greg Hamlet	4 th =
Year 7 & 8 Girls	Mia Gordon	1 st
	Caitlin Ahlers	7 th
Year 9 Boys	Malcolm Young	2 nd
Year 9 Girls	Letty Hamlet	10 th
Under 16 Girls	Ella Harold	2 nd
Under 19 Boys	Matthew Young	3 rd
	James Hamlet	9 th
	William Ackers	10 th
Under 19 Girls	Honor Hamlet	7 th

HUANUI COLLEGE 'GAME OF THE WEEK'

A new initiative has been considered by Mr Redfearn (Sports Academy Manager) to put nominate one of our school teams to be the **game of the week** where we encourage all our school students and parents to go along and support by cheering and urging our players on. Any photos would be welcomed by Phi for newsletter input.

This week, the **game of the week** is:

**1st XI Football – Wednesday 18 June, 3.30pm at Huanui College
(Semi-Final)**



Years 7 & 8 Boys Cross Country Team



Senior Boys Field at the Cross Country

Open Day: Huanui College Tuesday 24 June : 1.30pm to 3.00pm
All welcome to take a walk around the school, see the children and staff at work.

Open Evening: Huanui College Wednesday 25 June : 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Presentation by Principal, Staff and Founder plus activities organised for any students who attend.

YEAR SEVEN BIRD ART

(Ashley Rouse – Student Teacher)



After the Winter Sports day was cancelled on Tuesday 10th of June, the Art department was thrilled to have the opportunity to have the Year Sevens in for some impromptu painting lessons. The students each got a mini-canvas, where they painted individual interpretations of birds. Using only earthy brown and ochre tones, the students produced wonderful, and very different paintings in a short amount of time. This was a lovely way to meet our new Year Seven student Shreya, and to create a large flock of beautiful canvas artworks. Well done, Year Seven :)



WIDER COMMUNITY

Free Rock'N'Roll Lessons (for the month of June). Each Friday night at 6.15pm at the Rock n Roll club Rooms, Riverside Drive. Contact Jo on 4362406 or 0221063885

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	

After School Tuition and Prep: Students are welcome to take advantage of the After School Tutorials and Prep that are listed below. The cost remains at \$10 per week for however many nights your child uses the services. It is vitally important that if your child is doing a Tutorial that you collect them by 4.30pm. Prep students are to be picked up by 5.00pm. Please don't be late, it intrudes on staff personal time.

<u>After School Tuition:</u>	Tuesday	Year 11 English	Mrs Smith
		Year 8 and 9U English	Mr Copeland
		AS Maths	Mr Waenink
	Wednesday	Maths	Mr Waenink and Mr Dodd
		Art	Mrs Evans
		Business Studies	Mrs Young
	Thursday	Art	Mrs Evans
		Graphics	Mrs Cole
		Year 10 English	Mrs Topper
		Spanish	Srta Peredo
		Years 12 & 13 English	Mrs Smith
<u>After School Prep:</u>	Tuesday	Mrs Boorer	Science Room
	Wednesday	Mr Thomas	Science Room
	Thursday	Miss Lyons	Science Room

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES – TERM 2, 2014 (Please be aware that some dates may be amended or added to, as required.)

June

- 16 ICAS Writing
- 17 ICAS Spelling
- 19 Red Cross presentation – Year 8.
- 21 Senior School Ball
- 24 Huanui College Open Day – 1.30 pm to 3.00pm. (Prospective 2015 enrolments)
- 25 Huanui College Open Evening – 6.00pm to 8.00pm. (Prospective 2015 families)
- 26 Mataariki Celebrations
- 27 Red Cross presentation – Year 8.
- 30 BP Business Challenge – All Y11 and Y10 Business;

July

- 1 - 2 BP Business Challenge – All Y11 and Y10 Business;
- 2 Last day of Term. Reports are issued.
- 3 Teacher Only Day

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