

Newsletter 2 (Term 3) – 15 August 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are well and truly into Term 3 and the school has been busy with all manner of sports and other extracurricular activities. Classroom programmes are also in full swing and I have had the pleasure of visiting several classrooms recently and was impressed with the excellent attitude of the students and the quality of their work.

On Wednesday 6th August our annual **Senior Student Options** evening was held. The evening had presentations from the senior management about the option subjects available at Huanui College, the subject pathways and the requirements to enter tertiary education. Roger Franklin-Smith from CIE also gave an enlightening presentation on the big picture of the Cambridge curriculum and the latest information from CIE international. After the presentations, parents and students were given the opportunity to meet with heads of department to discuss their option choices for next year. The option forms should now all be returned and the timetabling team will begin the tricky process of generating a timetable.

We are a young school and the subjects and qualifications offered at Huanui College are always under review and we will respond to the needs of our community. To that end, we will introduce NCEA level 2 English next year for a few selected students, but Cambridge remains our main curriculum with most senior students studying only Cambridge subjects.

As part of Roger’s presentation he presented some data from **Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)** for the Year’s 2000 and 2012. New Zealand’s drop has been significant but it is interesting to note that independent schools which offer assessment systems such as Cambridge above and beyond NCEA still rank high and are shown as the bold values in the second table.

2000

	Reading		Maths		Science
1	Finland	1	Hong Kong China	1	Korea
2	Canada	2	Japan	2	Japan
3	New Zealand	3	Korea	3	HongKong- China
4	Australia	4	New Zealand	4	Finland
5	Ireland	5	Finland	5	United Kingdom
				7	New Zealand

2012

	Reading		Maths		Science	
1	Shanghai- China	1	Shanghai- China	1	Shanghai- China	
2	Hong Kong- China	2	Singapore	2	Hong Kong- China	
3	Singapore	3	Hong Kong- China	3	Singapore	
4	Japan	4	Chinese Taipei	4	Japan	
5	Korea	5	Korea	5	Finland	
	13	New Zealand	23	New Zealand	18	New Zealand

New Zealand Independent Schools

The Government has a goal of an 85% pass rate at level 2. This could be achieved by schools raising the expectations of students or offering an easier pathway to the level 2 standard. Here at Huanui College, we are only interested in the raising student expectations. To improve chances of success in the exams in the senior school it is important to get the fundamentals in place much earlier. To that end the Maths department will be focussing on all students mastering their basic facts by the time they finish Year 8 and there will be regular basic facts mastery tests to monitor students’

progress. Mastering their basic facts gives students a solid foundation to work from when they encounter more challenging Maths in senior school.

Last week we had the annual **Maths week** and the school **Mathex**. Thanks to Maths department on a well-run week. This week it is the **International Languages Week** which culminates in a mufti day this Friday. Senorita Peredo has lots of fun activities planned including some Salsa dancing at lunchtimes – Ask your children for a demonstration after school one day?

Also last week was the **OPC fundraiser concert** for OPC. Thank you to all the parents and friends of the College for your attendance and the teachers and parents for their organisation of the event. What an amazing, talented bunch of students we have here at Huanui College.

To finish this week I want to make a brief mention of our **Get 2 Go** teams which ended up with a 2nd, 5th and 8th place in the recent regional qualifier event held in Whangarei. Coming 2nd again is hard to take but it will again provide extra motivation for next year's event.

Peter Ackers - PRINCIPAL

The Huanui College bands **Take 2** and **Riptide** took to the stage at the Bee free Youth Concert in Kerikeri on Saturday 2 August, performing amongst 25 other Youth Northland Bands. **Take 2** received a prize and commendation for their original song Too Slow and **Riptide** were chosen to receive a workshop from The Band Swamp Thing who were one of the headlining Acts of the Festival.



Take 2

Harriette Baxter(Vocals), Zoe Espie(Vocals), Merlia De Ridder(Vocals), Mana Harding(Drums), Katene Cotton(Bass), Tatiana Peita(Keyboard), Adam Roycroft(Guitar)

Riptide

Ben Lee-Johnson (Piano), Emma Forbes (Keyboard), Willow Koller (Vocals), Ciara O'Halloran (Vocals), Shenae Gardner (Vocals), Jimmy Hamlet (Vocals), Adam Roycroft (Guitar), Harry Lewin (Drums), Katene Cotton (Guitar), Tatiana Peita (Keyboard) and Lorenzo Ear (Bass).



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS: Congratulations to.....

... **Cailyn PRISK** has been selected to umpire the Under 13yrs McGrath Tournament (hockey) in Rotorua in October.

ASB SPORTS AWARDS:

ASB Award Nominations are coming up fast so can parents please email the sports department with any sporting achievements from 1 Nov 2013 to 24 October 2014. This is for Years 9-13 students who have achieved/or been selected at a Northland or National Level in their chosen sporting code.

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TeenAg Club

Huanui College is setting up a **TeenAg Club** this term and would like to invite any year 9-13 students and/or parents interested in finding out more, to come along and hear Casey Huffstutler from Young Farmers NZ tell us all about how to begin. This will be held on Thursday 21 August 2.20pm. More information can be obtained by emailing michelle.codlin@hc.school.nz.

ADMINISTRATION:

Phi Wilson

Lost Property: Despite repeated requests for students to put their belongings in their bag when not wearing them, we are still having instances where clothes have been left and then picked up by the wrong student and taken home. Can I ask whoever is doing the laundry in your home to have a quick look at Huanui College items to make sure that the article is in the right home. If you find any runaway items, please send them along to the office and we will make sure the correct owner gets them, no questions asked! At the present time, I have parents of 3 students trying to locate their child's jumpers and therefore save themselves the expense of a new one.

Monica Booth (Yr 13) recently represented the College at the inaugural **National Council of Women's 'Young Womens'** evening. Senior students from schools in the North were invited to deliver a presentation on a topical issue affecting young women. Monica made us proud (and emotional!) with a moving speech on Body Image and the pressures put on women today to be the 'perfect' size 8... There were many comments made later as to the sensitivity and clarity of her presentation. She and the other speakers, from a variety of schools, were each presented with flowers and a Paper Plus voucher in recognition of their efforts.

Photo shows Monica in the centre.



CIE Examination Administration

Vernice Young Assistant Principal

All students sitting the CIE Checkpoint, IGCSE and AS/A2 level examinations received their examination entry slips on Thursday morning. It is imperative that these are checked again by students to ensure that they are correct. Students are now in a position to plan their study timetables to ensure that they have covered all of the work before the final examinations. Students are to please see Mrs. Young if they have examination clashes. These clashes will be handled internally and require strict supervision. The times of the examinations for most of the examinations will appear on the entry slip. There are a few examinations which our school has the flexibility to decide on the dates. The dates are indicated below.

Examination	Code	Date	Time
Checkpoint English	1111	14 October 2014	9am
Checkpoint Mathematics	1112	15 October 2014	9am
Checkpoint Science	1113	16 October 2014	9am
Information Management – Paper A	0417/2	13 October 2014	1.30 (2.5hours)
Information Management – Paper B	0417/3	20 October 2014	1.30 (2.5hours)
Spanish Speaking	8685/1	24 October 2014	9.30am
IGCSE Art	0400/1	13 October 2014 – 15 October 2014	3- 4 hours on each of the three days (max of 8 hours for exam).

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: Michal Pearse 0274 6890192) **for times and costs.**
Bass Guitar: John Fraser 021 446 699

A BIG THANK YOU to John Benton for gifting a piano to Huanui College. The Music Department is very excited about the new addition and it is going to be put to good use in the fund raising concert for OPC. Wonderful sounds of piano music are already wafting around the music rooms. Many thanks once again!

Huanui Lacrosse Team 2014

BACK: Hannah Pevats, Samantha McBeth, Ashlee Greenhalgh, Summer Campbell, Hayoon Seo, Catherine McClure, Reka Norman, Ella Rankin (V.Capt), Sarah Gover.

FRONT: Holly Cook (Capt), Zoe Dykzeul. Coach/Umpire: Miss Cole



RESULTS: Played in the Auckland Secondary Schools championship for the first time, having never seen or played in a game before. They lost their first couple of games against Mt Roskill and Avondale College3: 2 – 3 and 0 – 2 respectively. In their third game they Won 10 – 0 against Western Springs, which put them against Avondale College2, who they beat 2 – 1. Their last game was against Auckland Girls (AGGS), who beat them 1 – 0 but it was a well fought out game, which could have gone either way.

The main aim of the day was to see how the sport was played, experience the different playing positions (we had three brave volunteer Goalkeepers – Ashleigh Greenhalgh (pictured), Holly Cook and Summer Campbell) and establish the sport of Lacrosse as a sport option for the girls in the future. At the end of tournament Huanui College was recognised by the officials for their participation.

The top shooter was Ella Rankin with 4 goals.

It is hoped this team could compete for the Northland Lacrosse Trophy, currently held by Whangarei Girls, early next year.

SPCA CUPCAKE DAY – Monday 25 August!

Take part in the sweetest fundraiser of the year and help your local SPCA fight animal cruelty.

Monday August 25th is Cupcake day for SPCA. Bake some cupcakes and bring to school on that day to be sold at lunchtime. All money raised goes to Whangarei SPCA

Prizes for Most Creative, Most Nutritious and Yummiest cupcake suitable for a dog to eat. Our guest judges will announce winners Monday lunchtime.

So get baking and remember to bring along money to purchase some tasty cupcakes for our fundraiser.

For more info and cupcake recipes refer www.spcacupcakeday.co.nz or Ella M, Kezia, Shenae Yr 10



After an early start due to the road works on SH1, the Year 11 Business Studies class drove down to Auckland for an enterprising trip to the Tip Top factory and Ellerslie Printing Press; our thanks to Andrew Gordon and Ken McBeth who drove the vans to Auckland. The purpose of the trip was to observe the production processes in each of these businesses. We learnt many fascinating facts about running a business and the different processes involved in producing ice-cream – the huge amount of raw materials – cream & sugar – required is amazing – huge tanks full of swirling liquid! The liquid is then semi-frozen before the final yummy ingredients are added to the mixture. We also saw how mechanical problems can hold up a process and create a lot of waste product.

Apparently the pigs of the Hawkes Bay area really enjoy all the waste products of the production process! The best part, of course, was sampling the ice-creams at the end of the tour.

At the Ellerslie Printing Press we were able to witness first-hand the printing of the Saturday supplement for the New Zealand Herald. We watched a few robots carrying the huge 1 ton reels of paper that are fed through the printing press. We were also lucky enough to see the change-over of one reel to the next – mechanization in this process is necessary due to the weight of the reels. The newspaper supplements literally fly across the roof of the enormous building before being wound into a circle which then un-winds to insert the supplement into the actual newspaper. This is a tense environment to work in as the deadlines are important – a hold up can mean that some papers are not delivered in a timely fashion to the readers. The Northern Advocate is also produced at the Ellerslie Printing Press. Many students asked interesting questions during the tours, with Fynn Allen-Cooke and Lucy Johnston asking questions which deserved chocolate prizes! Matthew Gordon summarised the Ellerslie tour very succinctly while thanking our tour guide. The lunchtime stroll around Silvia Park was an added bonus!



Science Fair 2014

Fi Boorer (H.O.D.) and Science Dept Staff.

We were absolutely delighted by the standard of this year’s Science Fair.

The following students have been selected to go to the Central Northland Science Fair on Monday 25th August. *We will be giving out our internal Huanui College Science Fair awards in assembly on Wednesday 20th August (Highly Commended, First in Category and Overall Bests!). If you would like to attend the assembly to see your child receive an award, the assembly runs from 0845-0900, and we would be delighted to see you. They do not know what sort of award they will be getting, so it will be a surprise for everyone!*

Year 7: Vincent van Mulert Carvell, Hajun Seo, Rutu Hebbal, Brodan Stokes, Amelia Hori-Elliott, Gregory Hamlet, Sam Snushall

Year 8: Brooke Senescall, Troy D’Anvers, Tyla Bowering, Finn Cook, Ben Blackley, Harriet Baxter, Jayde Reynolds, Ruby Reed, Zhana Campbell, Merlia de Ridder

Year 9: Kayla Sinclair, Tom Johnston, Malcolm Young, Shaun Prinsloo, Letty Hamlet

Year 10: Lagi Paul, Louisa Goedeke, Ella Rankin, Ella Short, Greer Manderson, Summer Campbell, Zac Miller Waugh, Maddy Parker, Jessica MacMenigall, Justine Milina, Holly Cook, Lydia Baxter

Seniors: Harry Lewin

TEAM PHOTOS:

We will be taking photographs of all teams on Thursday 28 August. A list of teams will be distributed to the students involved and an order form sent home for you to pre order.



IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES – TERM 3, 2014 (Please be aware that some dates may be amended or added to, as required.)

August

- 18 – 22 International languages Week
- 19 NSS Netball Tournament – Whg Netball Centre (all day)
- 22 Junior Speech Finals commencing 1.20pm
- 22 Mufti – Wear International clothes – Gold Coin collection

September

- 1 – 6 Hockey Tournament, Levin
- 5 Merchant of Venice Show (Akld)
- 8 – 12 **EXAM WEEK** (Y11 – 13)
- 13-14 Duke of Ed Bronze (Y10)
- 19 Pehiaweri Marae visit
- 21-26 OPC (Y10)
- 23 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Y11 – 13) 3.30pm to 7.30pm
- 26 Boostrix (Y7)
- Term 3 ends.

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