

Kuranui Korero

11 March 2016

"Be the best you can be" "Whāia te iti kahurangi"

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

FAMILY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Family Learning Conferences for all students will be held over the evenings of the 12th and 13th of April. FLCs are 15 minute conversations with you, your child and their Mentor Teacher. The Mentor Teachers are the people in the college who know your child, their learning and their achievements best. They will have Year 9 and 10 asTTle literacy and numeracy diagnostic data to share with you as well as goals all students have set for themselves.

By the end of March we will have sent you an FLC appointment time. If it is inconvenient you can contact the college and ask for it to be rescheduled.

FLCs are a very important opportunity for you to be involved in your child's learning. I hope to see you on the 12th or 13th of April.

DIGITAL LEARNING SURVEY

We need to hear your thoughts on the way the college is and should be using computers and other electronic devices in students' learning. Please take a few minutes to take our online survey and give us your feedback.

To go to the survey click on this link or type it into your browser:

<http://goo.gl/WbnAnF>

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

FREE FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING FOR Kuranui College STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN 2016

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation, registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants.

We would like to invite students and families to a FREE Information Evening in Wellington on Tuesday, 22nd March, 2016. The session is being held at the Victoria University of Wellington, Pipitea Campus, Room GBG04, Old Government Buildings, 23 Lambton Quay, Pipitea and starts at 7:00pm.

Students can find out more about our exchange programmes to over 25 countries, listen to former exchange students share their experience and learn about our scholarships and discounts on offer in 2016. Please note that the deadline for scholarships and early bird discounts is 31st March for programmes departing between October 2016 and March 2017.

We offer scholarships and discounts worth over \$100,000 to students each year. These include 3 x Language, 3 x International Affairs, 2 x Indigenous and 3 x Digital Video Scholarships and 2 x Volunteer and Community Involvement Scholarships.

"You come back a different person, with so much more confidence & you feel that you can conquer the world" Jessica, Semester Programme to Italy

Visit www.studentexchange.org.nz or call 0800 440 077 for more information

LEVEL 1 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Tramp:

On 15 February the Level 1 Outdoor Education class went to Mount Holdsworth to participate in a tramp. The tramp was an eye opener for some of the students and a great experience for all. The Outdoor Education students are currently being assessed on their responsible behaviours which they had an opportunity to demonstrate on the tramp. The students were split into groups and learnt how to read signs/symbols throughout the bush, including maps of the track. Before leaving on the trip, the students were expected to write about safety precautions that they would take and make their own lists of what equipment was suitable to bring and what wasn't. The tramp was a great success and was enjoyed by all the students who participated in it.



Mountain bike:

Only a few weeks later, on 4 March, the class went on a mountain bike ride over the Rimutaka Incline. This was a big test for those students for whom this was their first real big biking experience. It was a great opportunity for students to push their comfort zones in a safe environment, due to the in-class work the students had done around self-management strategies. During the trip the students were taught how to apply emergency brakes, how to communicate properly and use the correct terms during a mountain bike ride and how to read parts of the track to make it safer for all the students. The mountain bike was a success, and was a great experience for all of the students.



BOT ELECTIONS

WE NEED YOU! This is a further reminder that triennial BOT elections are being held in June 2016.

Now is the time to think about how you can contribute to your school community. We welcome interest from parents, caregivers or community members who can offer some time to assist in a governance role on the Board of Trustees.

Schools are self-managing organisations and their boards need energetic, motivated people with a variety of skills to help guide and support them in a governance role.

Our current Board members have all offered to share their experiences with you and answer any queries you may have before you make any commitment to become involved. If you would like to discuss the role with one of them, contact the Board Secretary, Jo Crimp at crimpj@kuranui-college.school.nz and she will pass on relevant contact details.

BOYS UNIFORM SOCKS

The Board of Trustees has recently made an amendment to its policy regarding boys' uniform socks. As the summers can be very hot, it seems appropriate to remove the requirement for socks to be knee length.

Any length of plain navy blue socks may now be worn. Socks must be worn with shoes but must not be worn with sandals.

“CHALK ABOUT”



Scenes from Curious Seed's performance of "Chalk About"

On Tuesday all Year 9 students watched "Chalk About" a show performed by the British theatre group Curious Seed as part of the New Zealand Festival.

Christine and Niels performed a show all about filling in your identity. They communicated mainly through chalk drawings and dances. It was interesting to watch them play out stories through dancing, and they earned a lot of laughter from the audience by doing so. When we first walked in they had a blackboard floor and they were drawing on it with chalk. Once everybody was seated they introduced themselves. They then told us that they had asked some kids what they wanted and didn't want to see in a play. After that they demonstrated what the kids hoped for, which made a lot of fun and confusion. Then they told us that that's not what they were going to show us.

After their introduction, they began the real thing. They interpreted a short story of their lives through the dances and chalk drawings and interacted with the audience by putting a humorous twist to their stories. Although it was interesting, it was also quite confusing and quite challenging - but that made it very entertaining.

Written by Amelia O'Connell and Aaliyah Keys

MR HALL'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Mr Hall takes the judging seriously The line-up of sponges and bacon and egg pies!

The staff celebrated Mr Hall's 65th birthday by holding a sponge and bacon and egg pie bake-off! Mr Hall is very well known on the staff for his love of sponge cake and bacon and egg pies so today he was the judge of the bake-off competition. For the record the winner of both the best sponge and the best bacon and egg pie was Madame Thompson!

GREYTOWN SPORTS SURVEY

The Greytown Sports Action Group is asking all Greytown residents to give their views on a proposed "sports hub" at and adjacent to the college where most of Greytown's sport might be based.

Please take 5 minutes to click on this link to complete the survey.

<http://goo.gl/forms/TNs3bq5XGt>

TRADES ACADEMY

We have over 40 students enrolled in 3 different Trades Academies this year, Taratahi (PITA), U-Skills (UCOL) and Weltec. This is a great opportunity for students to learn skills in an area or trade they are interested in while also gaining credits for National Certificates and NCEA. The credits can also lead to a Vocational Pathways award. In short, a number of different qualifications are available.

Each one of these places costs approximately \$3000.00 and is fully funded by the government. This reflects the value that the government places on these highly sought after places. The students who have been selected, interviewed and gained places need to respect this opportunity.

It is important that the student attends every week, and does not just decide not to go. If there is an emergency or health situation where the student cannot attend, please let us know the day before if possible by ringing the school office, 06 3049116 or texting Sharon, the administrator for trades academy on 027 3819572. Most of the tutors have also asked students to text them if they have to be away.

The credits in these academies are trade specific and very beneficial for gaining employment or places in further training. Any questions, please phone Di Banks on 0276643383.

CAREERS

The university liaison visits are underway. At this stage, I would encourage students in both Year 12 and 13 who are keen on University to attend at least one or two of them, if not all. They are general overviews at this stage. Later in the year, they return for specific course planning.

We have had visits from Auckland and Massey so far, with Waikato University on Monday 14th and Victoria on Wednesday 16th. Otago are coming later in the term.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or need more information. I am also happy to meet with parents to discuss future plans. There are so many opportunities, it is sometimes overwhelming.

My email is banksd@kuranui-college.school.nz

NETBALL DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

Netball Wairarapa are holding a Young Players Development Academy for Years 9-13 in the first week of the school holidays, 20-21 April.

This academy will offer skill development in all netball specific areas, as well as generic tuition for all round athlete development.

We are also fortunate to have the expertise of Irene vanDyk, Sandra Edge and Pelesa Semu to run some of the sessions.

The course costs \$60 and registrations close with Netball Wairarapa on **8 April**.

If you are interested please get a registration from Miss Russell.

NGA MIHI NUI KI A (CONGRATULATIONS TO) ...

- Jordan Mackie (Year 13 in 2012) who now has a commercial pilot's licence - helicopter
- Walter Taber (Head Boy in 2015) who now has a private pilot's licence - fixed wing

COMING EVENTS

- 14 March – Level 1 Outdoor Education caving trip
- 15 March - SWSWAG Hui at Kohunui Marae at 5.30pm
- 21 March – Shakespeare Assessment performances 6.30 in the auditorium
- 23 March – Intercollegiate Swimming Sports
- 25 - 29 March – Easter Holiday
- 5 April – Sheilah Winn Shakespeare festival at Rathkeale College at 7pm
- 13 – 15 March – Level 3 Geography trip to Tongariro National Park
- 30 March - Level 2 Lead trip to Adrenalin Park and Level 1 Outdoor Education abseiling trip
- 12 and 13 April - Family Learning Conferences for all students

Geoff Shepherd

Tumuaki - Principal

HĀKINAKINA – SPORTS

Rugby Training - Tuesdays 3.30pm-5pm, all players to attend.

Boys Football Trials - Thursday 17th March @ 3.30pm. Meet by the Kuranui football field.

All players must bring a light and dark coloured shirt and a drink bottle.

Boys and Girls Hockey Training - Thursdays 3.30-5.00pm on the turf. Please bring your sticks.

Intercollegiate Swimming Team - Congratulations to the following who have been selected to represent Kuranui College at the Wairarapa Secondary Schools Swimming Championships in Masterton during the day on Wednesday 23rd March:

Amelia O'Connell, Ruby Fairbrother, Isla Alexander, Mishanna Labett, Meghan Appelman, Izzy Wisler, Danielle Turton, Ashley Pugh, Rosie Isaacs, Alice Roberts, Brooke Lloyd, Pierce Aarsen, Ben O'Neill, Connor Turton, Henry Isaacs, Lachan O'Connell, Keegan Culkin, Mack Regnault, Gavin Hosnell, Lorenzo Hewison, Cameron Wilson, Liam Labett, Joseph Redfern and Jayden Wilson.

Congratulations - to Brock Loader on winning the Wairarapa Secondary Schools Senior Boys triple jump title in Masterton yesterday. Brock will now compete in the Wellington Secondary School Championships next week. Good luck Brock.

Mr Donald Yee

Sports Co-ordinator

Whakatauki

“Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei”

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain



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Open to staff, parents, whanau and friends – Help the college prosper as much as the pupils!

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