

Kuranui Korero

1 April 2016

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

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

JUNIOR COLLEGE KC KAWA POINTS

In Korero earlier this month, I explained that we have developed and introduced a set of behavioural expectations which we now call **"K.C. Kawa – the way we expect each other to be"**.

K.C. Kawa is based on the college's five key values – Respect, Integrity, Empathy, Creativity and Determination.

We have blended what was our long standing Junior College Graduation system with K.C. Kawa so that now all teachers of Year 9 and 10 subjects award up to ten KC Kawa points each fortnight to each student. The ten points are based on how well they think students demonstrate the five values during their classes.

Students are shown their points tally during Mentor time each fortnight but you and they can view this tally at any time via the KAMAR portal.

Each term I will reward the students who have the most points and also those who have made the greatest upward movement in their points during the term.

At the end of the year we will celebrate students' overall point tallies during the Junior College Prizegiving.

VISUAL ARTS SUITE CONSTRUCTION

The contract for the construction of the Visual Arts Suite has been awarded to Holmes Construction Group. Earthworks will begin on Monday the 4th of April and construction should be finished by September.

The building area will be fully fenced off to prevent any accidents and no one is to go onto the site at any time.

It is important that students, staff and visitors to the college take great care when entering the college by way of East Street as there will be construction vehicles coming and going. I have asked the contractors to ensure that no deliveries be made to the building site between 8 and 8.35am and again from 3 to 3.30pm to avoid bus and foot traffic.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDENTS COACHING

Every Tuesday the students from the 3Lead PE class have been coaching at Featherston Primary School. They are coaching various sports such as netball, hockey and touch rugby for an assessment. Not only will this benefit the Kuranui students but it will help the younger students learn how to play different sports and hopefully, encourage them to start playing one of the sports they are being taught. It will also challenge the coaches mentally as they are not used to coaching students of such a young age.

SHAKESPEARE ASSESSMENT EVENING

We had our Shakespeare assessment evening on Monday. Students from Senior Theatre performed scenes they selected from Shakespeare's works which, ranged from "Henry V" to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Hamlet". They were supported by the Performance Technology students who ran the backstage, props management, lighting, sound and spotlight.

The night was a terrific success with all performers reaching at least an “Achieved” grade. We also premiered our 15 minute scene entry for the Sheilah Winn Festival of Shakespeare in Schools, “The Winter’s Tale”. Our 5 minute student directed entry for this year will be “The Merchant of Venice” performed by Nicole van Zanten and Alice Bonne.



Amber Spicer, Nicki-Marie Campbell and Egan Tearle in “As You Like It”



Grace Voice and Gavin Hosnell in “The Winter’s Tale”



Nicole Van Zanten and Alice Bonne in “The Merchant of Venice”

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is up and running for 2016. Two representatives from each of the Mentor classes are meeting every two weeks during Mentor time to discuss issues raised by students. Deputy Head Students Rosie Isaacs and Cole Freeman co-chair the council. Topics of discussion so far have included uniform jackets, a water only policy, the establishment of a Student Centre Management group, fund raising and the redevelopment of the Student Centre.

Parents, you might be interested to know that the Student Centre building was built in the mid-1990s as a result of fundraising by both students and parents.

The students now think it is time to look at upgrading the building to make it an even more attractive and useful student facility.

BIO BLITZ



Cole Freeman helping a student



Joseph Redfern in the bush

On Friday 26 February Cole Freeman, Joseph Redfern, Mathew Schofield, Spencer Davidson and I went to Pukaha Mount Bruce for an event called “Bio Blitz.”

Bio Blitz involves a group of schools meeting with biologists who then take us out into the bush with spades and containers to see if we could find a rare species of plants or bugs. We were teamed up to help students from local primary schools to find the insects and plants.

It was a pretty fantastic experience finding see-through insects and hearing what the biologists have to say and learning about how there’s more around us than we know and how that all it takes is just to stop, listen, and watch where you put your feet.

I personally would do it again and I’m sure the group I went with would agree with me. If any other students get offered to go on the Bio Blitz trip I would definitely recommend it, it’s an experience you’ll never forget.

By Corrin Renor

LOVES ME NOT WORKSHOPS

During week 10 of this term, Year 12 students will participate in the very successful Loves Me Not workshop. The Loves Me Not programme is based on the work of Lesley Elliot and focuses on developing healthy relationships as a young person. Students will be separated into smaller groups and be presented to by selected teaching staff, the Police and Stopping Violence facilitators.

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.

Letters with appointment times were mailed out yesterday. If the time is inconvenient you can contact the mentor teacher to arrange an alternative time.

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.

BOT ELECTIONS

WE NEED YOU! This is a further reminder that triennial BOT elections are being held on 3 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.

TAUHERENIKAU FUNDRAISER



Our thanks go to Femke van Steensel, Nick Ariell and Rosie and Henry Isaacs who washed, peeled, cooked and smiled their way through the roast dinner for Raroa Intermediate students at the Tauherenikau Racecourse recently.

Thank you again to everyone who donated food or gave their time to this fundraising effort.

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 NUNUI (THANK YOU) ...

- Everyone who donated on the recent mufti day. You raised \$436.90 which we have donated to the Wairarapa Pacific Islands Committee for them to use to help victims of the Fijian cyclone.

COMING EVENTS

- 5 April – Sheilah Winn Shakespeare festival at Rathkeale College at 7pm
- 12 and 13 April - Family Learning Conferences for all students

Geoff Shepherd

Tumuaki - Principal

HĀKINAKINA – SPORTS

Under 15 Rugby - The first official practice for the boys will be on Saturday 2nd April starting at 9.30am at Kuranui College. We request that one parent/caregiver also attend as we will be having a brief meeting at the same time. To be eligible for this grade, players must be under 15 as of 31st December.

1st XV Rugby trainings are now Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.30-5.30pm. We

welcome back head coach Mike Tayles and new 1st XV team manager Greg Ariell.

'A Huge Thank you' to ex Kuranui pupil Cody Linton from 'Polytan' and helpers who gave their time to lay the new artificial cricket.

Boys' Cricket - Good luck to our 1st XI Boys Cricket team who have qualified to play in the Central Districts 1st XI T20 semi-finals against Feilding High School in Palmerston North next week.

Girls Football - Practice days are Mondays 3.30-5.00pm under new coach Mr Oliver. If you are keen to play and haven't registered, see Mr Oliver or Mr Yee at the Sports Office.

Boys Football - We are looking at entering three boys teams for this coming season.

Teams will be announced shortly, following the recent football trials.

Netball Trials - Our netball teams will be announced shortly.

Girls Hockey - Trials were held last night at Clareville. Our 1st XI team will also be announced next week.

Boys Hockey - Trial date for our boys is Monday 4th April from 3.30-5.00pm on the Kuranui turf. We welcome new players and players who haven't played for a while and are keen to play again. Bring your gear along with your sneakers and a drink bottle.

Basketball - This competition starts for both boys and girls on Wednesday 4th May at Makoura/Chanel College. Information/consent forms are available from the sports office door.

Badminton - If you are keen to play competitive badminton on Mondays starting 9th May, see Mr Yee at the Sports Office.

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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