

# Kuranui Korero

10 June 2016

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

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

## COMMUNITY OF LEARNING

Last month the Minister of Education, Hekia Parata, agreed to allow the schools of the Southern Wairarapa, including Kuranui College, to form a Community of Learning. Over the last eighteen months the Ministry of Education has been encouraging schools across New Zealand to cluster together and form Communities of Learning.

*"A Community of Learning (COL) is a cluster of schools that come together to raise the achievement for children and young people through sharing expertise in teaching and learning; supporting each other and forming around students' usual pathway from primary to secondary.*

*The schools will form themselves into Communities and set shared goals based on information about their students' educational needs. Each Community of Schools develops a plan and works together with its wider community to achieve its goals, and share its goals and share its success."*

Shortly we will join with eleven of our local primary schools to begin to set achievement goals and to establish a plan of how we will work together for the good of all of our students.

Later this year, as our plans for the COL take shape, I intend inviting parents and caregivers to meet with me to learn more about what our COL will look like and how it will help the learning of all students in the region.

## ACHIEVEMENT REPORTING

Parents, remember that you are able to track your child's achievement progress by logging on to the KAMAR Parent Portal. Via the portal you should be able to see achievement with up to date grades and comments for both junior and senior college students.

I ask teachers to put in a minimum of two grades and comments each term so that you and your child can track their achievement.

Via the portal, you can also view your child's attendance and the college's daily notices.

If you have forgotten how to access the portal, contact your child's mentor teacher or email [office@kuranui-college.school.nz](mailto:office@kuranui-college.school.nz).

## PARENT / SUBJECT TEACHER INTERVIEW EVENING

The Parent / Subject teacher interview evening will be held on Wednesday 29 June from 3:45pm – 8:00pm in Ruamahanga block.

Parents; this is your opportunity to meet with your child's subject teachers to get feedback and share information on their progress.

The School Interviews online booking system will again be operating and booking access will open on Friday 17 June. We will email you instructions on how to make bookings.

For those without internet access, a paper booking sheet will be mailed home allowing you to make your appointments by a request to your child's mentor teacher.

Alternatively you can phone the Principal's PA, Jo Crimp, on 3049116 Ext 702, and she can make online bookings on your behalf.

## SEMESTER ONE

On Friday 17 June the first semester of our restructured senior curriculum ends and on Monday 20 June, semester two begins.

Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be issued with new timetables next week.

## 2016 NZQA ENTRY FEES

These are now due for payment. There has been no change from last year; fees are still \$76.70 per student. If students qualify for financial assistance the fee is reduced to \$20. Application forms for financial assistance are available from the college office or can be downloaded from the NZQA website.

## NATIONAL SHEILAH WINN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL



*Adam Carlisle, Egan Tearle and Grace Voice  
on stage at the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington.*

26 students, Ms McLellan, Mike Buckham and Mary Phillips spent last weekend in Wellington at the National Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival together with students from 46 other NZ schools.

Our students performed their 15 minute scene from “The Winter’s Tale” in the Michael Fowler Centre and were very well received by the audience.

At the prizegiving ceremony at the end of the festival Kuranui were awarded two awards from a total of 8 we were eligible for. Jessica Buckham received the “Outstanding Delivery of Text” award and Egan Tearle received the award for outstanding characterization.

## THE TEENAGE BRAIN – WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Wairarapa REAP is bringing adolescent brain expert, Nathan Mikaere-Wallis to the Wairarapa to speak to parents and educators.

Nathan is an entertaining and very engaging speaker who uses the latest research information to help parents understand why their teenage children act and behave the way that they do. He will also give practical suggestions and strategies to help parents support their teens as they deal with their journey to adulthood.

Nathan will be speaking at the Featherston ANZAC Hall on Monday June 20 from 7- 9pm. Entry is free and supper will be provided.

## DECLARATION OF PARENT AND STAFF BOT ELECTION RESULTS

### Parent representative votes:

Name	Votes
CLOUSTON, Andrew	61
CORDWELL, Belinda	113
DELEGAT, Vanessa	68
HUNTER, Martin	94
O'CONNELL, John	83
PATTEN, David	81
TIPOKI, Reuben	95
Invalid Votes	3

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

CORDWELL, Belinda

HUNTER, Martin

O'CONNELL, John

PATTEN, David

TIPOKI, Reuben

### Staff representative election:

As there was only one nomination, I hereby declare Victoria WISH duly elected.

J Crimp

**Returning Officer**

## UNIFORM NEWS

The Student Council is investigating the possibility of having a cardigan as an optional warm top for girls.

They have looked at two samples supplied by Argyle and have chosen their preferred style. Argyle can supply the pictured zip up garment for a little over \$100.00 in any colour combination.



The Council are now asking for feedback from female students regarding the cardigan. They want to know whether or not girls would opt for the cardigan and what colour combination they prefer.

If the survey of students brings a positive response, we will then survey parents for their opinion.

## BUILDING UPDATE



*The construction of our new Arts Suite is progressing well.  
The steel framing is now up and the concrete foundations and floors are being poured.*

## BON VOYAGE

Recently, the Year 9 French class had a farewell party for Kareshma. They took the fry pans outside (so as not to set off the fire alarms), and made crêpes. Favourite toppings were maple syrup and fried bananas with orange juice. Mr Shepherd was invited to sample a crêpe cooked by Rhys Bretherton. "Not rubbery at all" he said, "soft and fluffy – très délicieux!"



## HUI AT HURUNUI O RANGI MARAE

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June from 5:30 – 7:30pm, teachers and whanau from all over the southern Wairarapa will meet at the Hurunui o Rangi Marae in Gladstone for another of our twice a term hui.

Teachers from early childhood, primary and secondary schools from Carterton south have met twice a term since 2014 at one of the regions four marae or one of its twelve schools. The hui began as a part of Ngati Kahungunu iwi's roll out of its education plan for the region.

At the school based hui teachers have shared strategies they use to engage children in learning and in particular how they use the local stories to give a context to that learning. At the marae based hui each marae has welcomed visitors in powhiri, shared a meal and given talks about aspects of their marae and its history.

Parents, families, you all most welcome to attend the hui at Hurunui o Rangi Marae on Tuesday. The hui will begin with a mihi whakatau and then after soup is served to all visitors the children of Gladstone and Carterton Primary Schools will be displaying their Matariki based art works.

## STAGE CHALLENGE

This year our student devised, choreographed and directed Smokefree Stage Challenge production was “Tere te Tapahi” with which we won the raw section of the Napier Stage Challenge competition.

“Tere te Tapahi” explores the disappearance of our ancient kauri forests and warns that the wholesale destruction of our forests will also lead to the destruction of mankind.

Year 13 student, Georgia Wilson, came up with the idea of “Tere te Tapahi” and almost singlehandedly choreographed, organised and directed the whole show. Georgia was supported by Charlotte Penman, Tommy Laybourne and a wonderful group of students.

The six minute performance begins in pre European times and shows the strong connection Māori had with the pristine native forests. Pakeha settlers arrive and do deals with the Māori and suddenly the forests begin to be cleared and destroyed.

By the end of the six minutes the destruction of the forest has led to environmental breakdown and mankind is in trouble.

Now we have to wait to see how well our performance ranks against other raw performances around the country.



## THE FUTURE OF OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CONSULTATION

The Local Government Commission has kicked off public consultation in the Wairarapa. The purpose of the engagement is to ask the public for their views on six options for future council organisation. The engagement programme includes print and radio ads, and series of public meetings and drop-in centres in the five Wairarapa towns.

Copies of the information booklet, the consultant's report, and access to an online questionnaire are available at [www.lgc.govt.nz/the-reorganisation-process/wairarapa/](http://www.lgc.govt.nz/the-reorganisation-process/wairarapa/)

Day/date	Drop-in centres (10.00am - 4.00pm)	Community meetings (7.30pm start)
Tues 21 June	Carterton District Library	Carterton Events Centre
Weds 22 June	Greytown Town Centre	Greytown Town Centre
Thurs 23 June	Martinborough, The Village Café	Martinborough Town Hall
Tues 28 June	Featherston Information Centre	Featherston, ANZAC Hall
Thurs 30 June	Masterton District Library	Masterton, Solway College Hall

Kay Baxter

**Lead Adviser – Reorganisation**

**Local Government Commission Mana Kāwanatanga Ā Rohe**

## NEW ZEALAND SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

We are currently reprinting and reframing the photographs that we have of past Kuranui students who have represented New Zealand as a sports person or sports official.

If you know of a past student who should be recognised in this way, we would very much like to hear from you so that we can include them in our display.

Once the portraits have been restored we will be displaying them in the college foyer.

## WAIMARIE PAI (GOOD LUCK TO)...

- Our two bands Simplicity and Damp Galaxy who are performing in the Wellington regional Smokefree Rockquest competitions on Sunday afternoon at Hutt Valley High School.

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

- Georgia Wilson who was awarded with a special **Kuranui Mana Award** at assembly this week for her outstanding choreography and direction of Stage Challenge

## NGA MIHI (THANK YOU TO) ...

- All of the parents and families who helped out with both Stage Challenge and the Shakespeare Festival. Our students and staff value your support.

## HAERE RA (FAREWELL TO)...

- Mrs Jean Clarke who leaves shortly to begin a teaching position in China. Best wishes Jean – we will miss you!

Geoff Shepherd

**Tumuaki - Principal**

## HĀKINAKINA – SPORTS

### Hockey:

Kuranui Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI - Won 1-0 against Chilton St James. This was a match between the winners of both pools, with the winner gaining promotion to the Premier 2 Grade in the Wellington Secondary Schools Competition. This game was a step up from the previous pool matches, with both teams playing a more controlled game. Both Courtney Yee and Amber Spicer controlled the midfield well while Alarna Sweeney made some magnificent saves in goal. Striker Ellie Luccock scored the winning goal with 10 minutes to play.

Kuranui Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI - Lost 1-0 against Rathkeale Rams. Despite playing with just 10 players, the boys put in a huge effort and created many scoring chances. Cameron Wilson was named player of the day with his solid defence.

Kuranui Mixed Team - Lost 2-4 against Rathkeale Renegades.

### Rugby:

Kuranui 1<sup>st</sup> XV –

Won 21-19 against Rathkeale 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, won 54-0 against Wairarapa College 3<sup>rd</sup> XV.

Won 22-12 against Makoura. There was a great display of open running and exciting college rugby on a very cool Wednesday evening. Both teams displayed courage and commitment on attack and defence, duly appreciated by the equally committed and enthusiastic supporters for both sides.

Well done Kuranui, you all had an awesome game, showing heart and composure to beat a quality opposition, keep it up!



*Joseph Redfern, ball in hand, in a fine return after a lengthy injury spell.*

Kuranui U15 Rugby –

Won 26-17 against Rathkeale Green. Despite being down 7-12 at halftime, Kuranui maintained the pressure with Joseph Te Naihi and Hoeroa Hohaia each scoring 2 tries, with Player of the Day Caleb Freeman kicking three conversions, two of them from difficult angles.

Lost 5 -74 against Rathkeale White. Kuranui didn't start the game well and was down 0-52 at halftime. A team talk by co-coach Dylan fired the boys up with Lorenzo Hewison scoring straight after the whistle. Kuranui never gave up and showed great heart to the very end. Manu Didsbury was Player of the Day for his consistent effort around the field and his many telling runs.

Lost 0-50 to Makoura. Despite the one sided scoreline, Kuranui put in a much improved performance and challenged the opposition try-line on many occasions. The second half was outstanding as Kuranui kept Makoura scoreless for a large part and only fell away in the last 5 minutes. With mounting injuries the players dug deep and put their bodies on the line time and time again.

## **Football:**

Kuranui Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI - Won 7-0 against Wairarapa College 2<sup>nd</sup> XI.



*Brock Loader in action for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football Team*

Kuranui Boys 2<sup>nd</sup> XI - Won 2-1 against Chanel College Development.

Kuranui Boys 3<sup>rd</sup> XI - Lost 0-5 against Wairarapa College Gold

Kuranui Girls - Drew 3-3 against Chanel 1<sup>st</sup> XI.

## **Netball:**

Kuranui A - Lost 26-29 against Cory's Lansdowne.

Kuranui Maroon - Lost 16-18 against Wairarapa College Masters.

Kuranui Blue - Lost 6-27 against Wairarapa College Senior Red.

Kuranui Junior A- Lost 12-14 to Chanel College Diamonds. This was a very close game. It took time for the girls to find their rhythm, but once they did, they played the ball nicely through the court to finish with some fine shooting at the end. Annabell Shields was Player of the Day with her energy around the court creating lots of defensive turnovers.

## **Basketball**

Kuranui Rockets - Lost 34-45 against Makoura Junior Boys.

Kuranui Jets - Lost 10-34 against Wairarapa College Junior Boys.

A huge 'Thank-you' goes to Arjun Pathmanathan and Matiu for taking on the role as coaches for the team.

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