

Kuranui Korero

8 March 2017

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

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

HONOURS ASSEMBLY

It was wonderful to see so many parents and families at our very special Honours Assembly where we celebrated our highest ever number of students achieving NCEA level 1, 2 and 3 endorsements.

To gain a merit endorsement students must achieve 50 credits at Merit or better and to attain an excellence endorsement, students must achieve 50 credits at Excellence level. Merit endorsement earns a silver badge and excellence earns a gold badge. We are hoping for even greater numbers of endorsements at all NCEA levels this year.

MUSIC SUCCESS



Year 13 student, William Taber, has been selected for both the National Youth Orchestra and the National Secondary Schools' Orchestra.

Both selections are an enormous honour for William who will play upright bass in both orchestras.

The National Secondary Schools' Orchestra comes together for a week of workshops and performances in the April holidays and the National Youth Orchestra has workshops in Wellington in July before a performance in Wellington and another in Auckland.

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

After a thick mist burned off mid-morning our annual athletics championships took place under beautiful clear skies.

No records were broken this year but the participation of students in track and field events was noticeably up on last year.

To get into the mood of the day most students dressed in their house colours.

The top house for the championships was... RUAMAHANGA!

In second place was Aorangi, 3rd was Tararua and Wairarapa were 4th.



Aorangi v Tararua battle it out!

– just one of the interhouse tug-o-war competitions held during the lunchtime break

KURANUI COLLEGE JACKETS

With the cooler weather approaching, the Board of Trustees has asked the college to publicise what is and is not acceptable as a uniform jacket.

The uniform policy states that the jackets must be “plain black or dark blue with no coloured logos”. The Kathmandu or Fairydown black shell or puffer jackets are acceptable, as are the black jackets sold by Argyle online for \$99. We also suggest the black Match Outdoor Jacket from the Warehouse at \$69 as an affordable alternative.



The jacket below is that sold by Argyle online



All of the above images are acceptable jackets.



These black fabric “hoodies” are NOT acceptable.

BECOMING CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE

For just over two years we have been working very closely with academics from Waikato University to help us to become more culturally responsive in the way that we teach. Becoming culturally responsive means that we are working hard to understand better how the students in our classes learn and deliberately bringing the culture of our students into our lessons.

Becoming more culturally responsive is primarily aimed at raising the achievement levels of Māori students but we have quickly realized that what works well for Māori students works well for all students.

To increase our understanding of Māori culture the whole teaching staff has been attending weekly before school Tikanga workshops for the past two years.

We have been learning waiata, haka, aspects of tikanga such as powhiri, a deeper understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi and some Te Reo Māori.

TIKANGA

This year we have decided to teach Tikanga to all Year 9 and 10 students:

- We strongly believe that every New Zealander should know about the culture of the original inhabitants of this country.
- As a government school we have a legal obligation to honour the Treaty of Waitangi which established that New Zealand is a bicultural society in which the cultural practices of Maori are to be preserved and honoured.
- Te Reo Maori is one of the three official languages of this nation and we are required to teach it and encourage it because it has become seriously endangered over the past 150 years.
- Over one third of the students at Kuranui College are Maori and they need to see that we treat their culture and their language as importantly as we do that of our British based pakeha culture.

Within the Year 9 and 10 Tikanga course, Ms Murphy will be teaching a blend of social sciences, arts and languages. She will share the original stories of this region, the story of The Treaty of Waitangi and what has happened since the signing. She will teach students some Te Reo, waiata, haka, a little about original Maori art and she will teach students about how to take part in a powhiri. This last aspect is very important for us as a school because we often use powhiri to welcome important guests to the college and all of us should be able to take part and know what to do.

As educators, we firmly believe that for New Zealand to become a truly bi-cultural society in which all cultures are honoured and treated equally, it is essential that our young people learn about our second biggest culture and our second official language.

EXTENSION OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of competitions open at the moment for keen writers, speakers or future planners, with some great prizes up for grabs.

Writers might like to enter the Charles Brasch Essay Competition (closes 23rd March), the Commonwealth Essay Competition (closes 1st May), the National Poetry Schools Award (closes 3rd July) or submit poetry or creative writing to the Starling Magazine, a magazine specifically designed to showcase high school students' work. Senior speakers might be interested in the Race Unity Speech Competition or the Lion's Speechmaker Competition. The 2017 Future Transport Competition is also now open (closes 30th June). Investigate local transport challenges, create solutions and share your ideas as a playable game, narrative or presentation.

If any of these opportunities sound like your kind of challenge, look them up online or see Ms Butler-Peck for more details.

SUNSET CINEMAS

Sunset Cinema screens NZ and international movies on the first Friday of each month at the Carterton Events Centre.

They want to make their films more accessible to students, so they're offering \$5 teenager tickets (pay at the door with ID), or bring a group of 5 for \$20 entry.

Photography students: May's doco is on brilliant NZ photographer Marti Friedlander.

French students: June's film is Elle S'en Va, starring Catherine Deneuve.

Music students: September features a NZ doco on Auckland concert pianist Flavio Villani.

Animation students: October's animated film is based on the lauded graphic novel Persepolis. The film schedule is here <http://www.sunsetcinemacarterton.com/2017-films/>

CHROMEBOOKS

A Chromebook laptop is an ideal device for students to use in all aspects of their learning at college. Chromebooks are app based and do not have disc drives, fans and lots of unnecessary software. They operate using Google and every document created on a Chromebook is automatically saved to the users' Google Drive in the clouds. For writing, researching and creating presentations a Chromebook is ideal for students of any year level.

“SCHOOLEDUPIT”



It is wonderful to see that nearly every Year 9 student has a laptop device and that they are bringing them to school. This will mean that their teachers are now able to plan with certainty and are regularly using them in their lessons.

We are however very aware that many Year 10 students do not have access to devices and as a result their teachers cannot plan to incorporate digital learning in their lessons. This year many parents of Year 9 students bought their child's device through Greytown based supplier, SchooledUpIT. I now recommend parents of Year 10 students consider doing the same. SchooledUpIT will supply an Acer Chromebook with a specially strengthened case, a neoprene sleeve on a personalized payment plan to suit your budget, the device couriered free to your home all for \$499.00. SchooledUpIT are based close to the college and will provide a speedy back up service.

Go to www.cranium.schooledupit.co.nz or phone Barbara on 027 567 9500.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWS



Our 2017 international students l to r:

Mana and Miu from Japan, Julia and Raquel from Brazil, Megan from the Netherlands, Pedro from Brazil, Ina from Germany, Lili from Austria and Takuma from Japan.



Our amazing Japanese international students shared some sushi making skills with our Brazilian exchange students and others. Their precision and focus on the correct preparation of the rice was an eye opener for some students. It was a great way to bring the class of different nationalities together and get to know each other.



GREYTOWN LITTLE THEATRE

Greytown Little Theatres next production is 'Quartet' which is a comedy by Ronald Harwood about four opera singers who have come to the end of their careers. Cissy, Reginald and Wilf are living in a home for retired artistes, when they are joined by Jean, Reginald's ex-wife. Sparks begin to fly when Jean is asked to join the trio in performing one of their old successes, the quartet 'Bella Figlia del Amore' from the opera 'Rigoletto' to celebrate the birthday of Giuseppe Verdi.

You've seen the movie now come and see the play which is, to quote Ronald Harwood, "a triumph of old age". 'Quartet' is directed by Margaret Jesson, with a cast of familiar faces - Bronwyn Steffert, Linda Voice, Stefan Van Trigt and Bernard Vose.



The show runs from 22 March - 1 April, 8pm at Greytown Little Theatre and on 26 March there is a matinee at 4pm.

Book your tickets at The Good Mood Company, Main Street, Greytown – 06-304 9108

HAERE RA – FAREWELL TO...

- International student Takuma Ishioka who returns home to Japan next week

Geoff Shepherd
Tumuaki – Principal

HĀKINAKINA - SPORTS

Cricket - Our 1st XI Cricket lost to Rathkeale Development Colts in their first match and will play Rathkeale 1 at Rathkeale on Saturday.



Kuranui Junior Cricket celebrates

Our Junior Boys began the season with an excellent win over Wairarapa College. This was followed by a narrow loss to Makoura College. Last night Kuranui played Rathkeale at home, Kuranui lost by 17 runs. Rathkeale batted first and scored 92/5 which they defended with tight bowling. Coach Bevan Morland said the boys attitude at both trainings and games has been awesome and thanked the parents for their support and members of the 1st XI for their assistance.

20/20 Central Region Qualifying match - Kuranui will play Waiopahu College on Monday 13th March with a 12 noon start at home with the winner going on to play in the Central Region Finals in Palmerston North. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to come and support the team.

Swimming - 10th March- Kuranui Swimming Sports will be held at the Greytown pool with the first race starting at 9.15am. Parents/caregivers and spectators are most welcome to attend and if you have a spare hour or so, feel free to come and do some timekeeping!

Pre-Season Boys' and Girls' Rugby Training - Mondays 3.30-5.00pm for all players. Meet by the rugby field and bring a drink bottle. Sessions are taken by Stacey Grant (Wairarapa Bush RDO).

Kuranui Athletics Day - A huge thankyou to our Kuranui staff, student helpers and our Chief Judge Sylvia Maunder for your contributions to making our athletics day a success. 2016 Kuranui Athletic Champions:

- Under 14 Boys: Ricochet Radcliffe
- Under 16 Boys: Caleb Freeman and Connor Turton
- Under 19 Boys: Lincoln Williams and Brock Loader
- Under 14 Girls: Amelia O'Connell
- Under 16 Girls: Maike Smolnicki
- Under 19 Girls: Megan Ooms

Results from the Wairarapa Secondary Schools Athletic Championships

Brock Loader	1st Triple Jump, 3 rd Long Jump -Senior Boys
Aaliyah Keys	2 nd Long Jump, 2 nd Triple Jump, 3rd 200m –Junior Girls
Jeni Davidson	2 nd High Jump, 3 rd 800m –Senior Girls
Amelia Butcher	2 nd Intermediate Girls 400m
Alisha Hovell	2 nd Senior Girls 400m
Kahlan Delamare	3 rd Junior Girls High Jump
William Southey	2 nd Junior Boys Javelin
Vaughn Snell	3 rd Senior Boys 1500m
Jasmine Nelson	3 rd Junior Girls 100m
Hazel-Claire Rippey	2 nd Junior Girls Discus
Amelia O'Connell	3 rd Junior Girls 800m
Connor Turton	3 rd Intermediate Boys 800m
Anthony Rowe-Penny	2 nd Intermediate Boys 3000m
Luke Rodger	3 rd Junior Boys Triple Jump.
Junior Girls relay team	2 nd Placing
Senior Boys relay team	2 nd Placing
Senior Girls relay team	3 rd Placing

Many thanks again to our Kuranui Staff, student helpers and Mr Michael Rowe-Penny for his help on the day on the shot put event.

Croquet - Our annual event against Rathkeale College took place once again on the beautiful greens at Masterton Park with former Kuranui College teacher Mr Neil Williamson organising the event. This year we took our International Students to learn to play this wonderful game and I am sure they will be champions once they return home!

With just Sam Clouston and Corban van Manen returning from last years' team, it was always going to be an up-hill battle to win the 'Trophy', but our team never gave up.

Sports News

Don't forget to check the Sports Notice Board daily to catch up on the latest news. Got sports news? - Let us know by forwarding and information and photos to Mr Yee: yeed@kuranui-college.school.nz

Mr Donald Yee
Sports Co-ordinator