

Kuranui Korero

23 March 2017

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

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Family Learning Conferences

The first Family Learning Conference for the year will be on Wednesday April 12.

Family Learning Conferences are an important opportunity to discuss your child's learning together with them and their Mentor. This year we are devoting the whole day to FLCs. No classes will operate and we will be asking you to book a time which is convenient to you and your family.

We understand that childcare of young children could be an issue while you are in your FLC so we will have a well supervised crèche for you to use.

Transport to and from the college could also be an issue so we will make our two college minivans available to pick you up in Featherston, Martinborough and Carterton.

In addition to extending FLCs to twenty minutes we are also going to ask that this year your son/daughter takes the lead in the meeting. We will give all students lots of help before the FLC so that they will feel comfortable talking to both you and their Mentor about how their learning is progressing, what their goals for the rest of the year are and what support they might need.

We will send out more detailed information shortly.

Achievement Reporting

Since 2015 the college has not issued formal written reports. Instead we regularly publish achievement grades and comments on the KAMAR parent portal.

By now all students should have received at least one assessment grade in each of their subjects and you should be able to see these grades via the portal.

For Year 9 and 10 students achievement in all subjects is recorded at national curriculum levels and further subdivided into basic (b), proficient (p) or advanced (a).

Year 9 students should be achieving at or about level 4 of the national curriculum and at Year 10 they should be beginning to achieve at level 5.

Year 11 to 13 students' achievement is measured by NCEA and is recorded as N (Not achieved), A (Achieved), M (Merit) or E (Excellence).

Teachers are required to write meaningful comments to accompany each achievement grade. The comments should talk about how well the student is mastering the area of study and should also give the student helpful advice about their next steps they need to take to improve their learning.

Head of Senior College

Shortly our Head of Senior College, Mrs Chelsea Fenwick, will take maternity leave.

We have appointed Mr Josh Hutchings to take over the Head of College position until Mrs Fenwick returns from leave.

Mr Hutchings will have to reduce the number of classes he is currently teaching and we are in the process of appointing a qualified Physical Education teacher to take over two of Mr Fenwick's classes.



KC International students in Wellington last week

Last week all of our international students attended a function in Wellington where all of the regions' international students were welcomed. There were about 500 students at the function.

Swimming Successes

Congratulations to Lachlan and Amelia O'Connell who competed at the recent NZ Div II swimming championships. Lachlan was 4th in the 200m breaststroke, his Masterton relay teams got two 4^{ths} and a 5th and overall he achieved six personal best times.

Amelia O'Connell was 4th in the 400m individual medley, 5th in the 50m breaststroke, 6th in the 100m breaststroke and 6th in the 100m individual medley. She also achieved 8 personal best times overall.

Congratulations to you both on these outstanding achievements!

Competitions

There are a huge number of competitions open at the moment for keen writers, speakers or future thinkers, with some great prizes up for grabs. If any of these sound like your kind of challenge, look them up online or see Ms Butler-Peck for more details.

- Writers might like to enter The Sheila Winn Shakespeare essay competition (closes 11th April), The New Zealand Sexual Health Society essay competition (closes 25th April), 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) and the Greytown RSA ANZAC essay competition.
- Senior speakers might also be interested in the Lions' Speechmaker Competition.
- Love solving problems? Year 9 – 13 girls might like to sign up for Tech Girls - a competition designed to inspire a new generation of girls to change the world through the power of technology.
- 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.

Congratulations Danielle

Danielle Turton has been selected for the New Zealand Football (NZF) National Talent Centre (NTC) to be held at Rathkeale College in Masterton this April. Essentially this selection places Danielle in the top 32 players in her age group nationally!

The NTC programme has evolved this year from three regional centres to one national centre, catering for all players across the country and delivering a high quality programme over the four day residential camp.

The programme was introduced in 2010 and was aimed at exposing identified youth, boys and girls, to the foundations of the U17 World Cup development programmes.

Coaching staff from New Zealand Football and local Federations will be present throughout the week to deliver the programme.

The camps will run in the April School Holidays at Rathkeale College in Masterton.



Danielle Turton in action at the National Age Group Tournament

St John Achievements

Year 11 students Hayden Tankersley and Zoe Edwards have been awarded the Grand Prior award, the highest award that a St John cadet can receive.

Hayden and Zoe have been working towards this goal for seven years, a relatively short timeframe for this achievement, and will have the official presentation at Government House where the Grand Prior badge and parchment will be presented by the Prior of St John in New Zealand, the Governor General.

Fab Feathy Project

Featherston residents, come along to a community potluck dinner in the ANZAC Hall on Sunday 2nd April at 5pm.

This is an opportunity to meet other community members, share ideas, enjoy live music and learn about the "Fab Feathy" project.

Bring a plate to share.

Go to the Facebook page **Fab Feathy Community Potluck Dinner** for more information

Theatre Achievements

AJ Southey has recently been awarded the Greytown Little Theatre Youth Development Grant of \$1000 to foster the arts in the youth community. AJ will be putting this grant towards his attendance at the eight day National Youth Drama School to be held in Napier during the school holidays.

AJ has been awarded this grant in recognition of his involvement and skills in both backstage and onstage production for the theatre over the last eight Greytown Little Theatre productions.



GLT President, John Gilberthorpe, AJ and Vice President, Victoria Ross

From the School Nurse

Have fun and stay safe outdoors.

Autumn may be here but we're still getting lots of long sunny days. It's a great time to get outside and be active. If you're playing sport or simply spending time in the great outdoors, take care to avoid accidents and injuries.

Here are some tips:

Protect those toes – wear covered footwear when you're out walking or playing backyard sport.

Be water safe – take care when jumping into rivers and swimming in the sea.

Wear sunscreen – a hat, sunglasses and insect repellent to avoid sunburn and stings.

Check it out – watch where you're walking or climbing to avoid cuts and sprains.

Warm up – before sports games or exercise and cool down and stretch afterwards.

Keep hydrated – drink water before, during and after sport or physical activities, particularly if it's hot.

Got an injury? Your family doctor or medical centre nurse can treat a lot of sprains, wounds and other injuries. Call them first to see if they can help before heading to ED.

Paul Ifill Football Academy Holiday Programme

Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th April 2017, 9am – 12pm

Venue: Trust House Memorial Park Turf, Masterton

Head Coach: Paul Ifill

Group 1: 9 – 11 years Group 2: 12- 14 years

\$40 per day or \$100 for 3 days

Telephone Enquiries: 06 370 1300

Register online at <http://www.paulifill.com/holiday-programme-registrations.html>

Learning Disabilities Association Seminar



March 25, 10am- 4pm at the Wairarapa Community Centre, 41 Perry St, MASTERTON.
Cost: am \$10 pm \$10. Morning and afternoon tea and coffee are provided.
Ring or email Pauline to book: 06 3708032 ldawairarapa@gmail.com

Programme:

- 9.40 Welcome
- 10.00 Matthew Strawbridge - What everyone should know about Dyslexia and other Specific Learning Disabilities
- 12.00 Lunch
- 1.00 Carolyn Silverwood Ed. Psych - Overview of Learning Disabilities – what Parents and Teachers might see.
Jo White LDANZ Assessor: Auditory Processing Disorder - What is it and how does it affect learning?
- 2.00 Short Break
- 2.10 Carolyn Silverwood – What to do if you suspect a Learning Disability
Jo White – Learning Disabilities Association’s approach and the role of assessment for planning and teaching

Matt, Jo, and Carolyn will answer questions at the end of their sessions. There will be a general question time at the end of the day.

Whakamihi - Congratulations to...

- Danielle Turton for making the NZ Football National Talent Centre programme.
- Fabian Sinclair who has been appointed as a Student Leader for 2017.
- Hayden Tankersley and Zoe Edwards for achieving the Grand Prior’s award from St John.
- Amelia and Lachlan O’Connell for their wonderful swimming achievements.
- AJ Southey for being awarded the Greytown Little Theatre Youth Development grant.

Haere Mai - Welcome to...

- Mrs Kerri Bowling who will shortly take over Mrs Fenwick’s English classes.

COMING EVENTS

23 - 24 March	Level 3 Geography field trip to Castlepoint
27 March	Level 2 Biology field trip to Mataikona
28 March	All Year 12 students - RYDA driving safety programme in Masterton
3 April	Level 3 Out and About kayaking assessment
5 - 7 April	Level 2 Out and About tramp in the Tararuas
12 April	Family Learning Conferences for all students
14 April	Good Friday, school holidays begin!
2 May	Kuranui Cross-Country
11 May	Intercollegiate Cross-Country at Solway Showgrounds, Masterton.

Geoff Shepherd
Tumuaki - Principal

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

Hākinakina – Sports

Swimming Records SMASHED!

A total of 6 records were broken at the 2017 Kuranui College Swimming Sports.

Amelia O'Connell broke 4 records in the Under 14 girls Section:

1 Length Freestyle in 17.78s in the heats. (Amelia's own record broken last year in 17.84s).

2 Lengths Freestyle in 38.83s (previously held by T. Gray 38.86s in 2001).

2 Lengths Breaststroke in 50.15s (Amelia's own record broken last year in 50.78).

2 Lengths Backstroke in 46.61 (previously held by K. Simmonds 47.87s in 2009).

Lachlan O'Connell broke the U16 Boys 2 Lengths Breaststroke in 46.48s (previously held by S. Pepper 47.15s in 2010).

Gavin Hosnell broke the 1 Length Butterfly in 17.36s (previously held by J Edge 17.44s in 1994).

A huge thank-you to everyone who helped on the day to make our annual event a success.



*Kuranui Swimming Record breakers:
Lachlan O'Connell, Gavin Hosnell and Amelia O'Connell*

2017 Kuranui College Swimming Champions

U14 Girls- Amelia O'Connell

U15 Girls- Ruby Fairbrother

U16 Girls- Megan Appelman

U14 Boys- Ceejay Dennes

U15 Boys- Keegan Culkin

U16 Boys- Lachlan O'Connell

U19 Boys- Gavin Hosnell

Congratulations to the following students who are selected to represent Kuranui at the Intercollegiate Swimming Championships to be held on Wednesday 5th April at the CLM Genesis Energy Recreation Centre in Masterton.

Come and support our swimming team. First race starts at 6.30pm!

Girls

U14: Amelia O'Connell, Melanie Redfern, Charlotte James, Astrea Morison

U15: Isla Alexander, Isabella Walker, Ruby Fairbrother, Mishanna Labett

U16: Danielle Turton, Meghan Appelman, Izzy Wisler, Ashley Pugh

Boys

U14: Ceejay Dennes, Brian McCarthy, Sam Clouston, Henry Isaacs

U15: Connor Turton, Ben O'Neill, Kirby Bradbury-Mills

U16: Lachlan O'Connell, Keegan Culkin, Koby McCarthy

16+: Gavin Hosnell, Liam Labett, Cameron Wilson, Remy McDonald

Cricket - The Kuranui 1st XI faced Wairarapa 2nd XI in bitterly cold conditions on Saturday. It was a close game demonstrating some great batting (especially from Toby Wilkinson who got 40) but finishing in a loss for Kuranui. Wairarapa College showed some great fielding and batted first and achieved 154/7 with Kuranui chasing but all out for 120. There was great support for both teams on the sideline – blankets, puffer jackets and hats were required!

Wendy Turton



Toby Wilkinson in action for Kuranui

Winter Sports Teams- With many teams' trials still in progress, an update of teams will be published next week.

Mr Donald Yee

Sports Co-ordinator