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14 June 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

School Boards and PPTA members have been notified that upcoming planned industrial action has been put on hold and there will be no rolling strikes or student year groups sent home at this stage. The union and Government appear to be close to a settlement but this must be rectified by the union members (teachers) and that may require a stop work meeting one afternoon at a later date.

Tuesday this week, Year 13 student Breana Harvey raised \$450 by shaving her lovely long locks off. 'Shave for a Cure' is an inspiring way to help raise funds for research and provide vital care and resources for the 2,500 people living with blood cancer. Next Thursday evening there is a school social organised that will raise further funds for this cause.



Today our first group of Year 8 students (8BY) head in to Deep Cove for three nights followed by class 8CL on Monday morning. This is an amazing slice of Fiordland to experience and we wish all our students an enjoyable time on this excursion. Many thanks to the parents/caregivers who are also attending these camps.

Each year the school is allocated at least one YouthMark Award for a Year 13 student of outstanding character. Due to the size of this year's class we have two awards to distribute and it is pleasing to announce that Marina Ferguson and Beth Scott will be the recipients of these when the formal evening is held in October. This has been a difficult decision to make with so many of the seniors being such positive contributors to our school, community, sports, musical, church and academic environments.

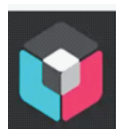


A big congratulations to our Assistant Principal Peter Wilkinson who competed in the Cairns Ironman last weekend in Australia. Pete has had the goal of completing the World Ironman Competition in Hawaii and with his time of 9 hours and 44 minutes, his personal best by 11 minutes, he gained a spot in this elite field for the mid October event. Pete has also shown our students that through having a clear goal, being dedicated to that goal and relentless perseverance, good things can be achieved. This has taken over 10 attempts to achieve. A nice touch in recognition is our Year 13 students wearing Hawaiian dress today for their Friday theme.

PB4L - Achievement Slip Draw

Congratulations to the following students and staff members for winning the achievement slip draws:
Week ending 7 June: Luke Goatley, Garoth van der Straaten, Maximus Ashman, Marina Ferguson and Mrs M Dale
Week ending 14 June: Zavana Davey, Cailee Moncur, Nikolas Shirley, Johnnie Maxwell and Mr L Joyce
Your vouchers can be collected from the office. It is good to see so many achievement slips coming in!

Gerry Ward
Principal



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Important Dates

June	14-17	Deep Cove camp - 8BY
	16-18	Tautuku pre camp
	17-20	Deep Cove camp - 8CL
	20	Crazy Hair School Social (6.30-9pm \$5 - tickets at the office)
	24	Incubator #2
	23-24	SSS Netball Tournament
	24-25	Year 13 Chemistry trip to Dunedin
	24-27	Year 9 Tautuku camp
July	1	Market Day (YES - Young Enterprise Studies & Business Studies)
	3	Incubator #3
	4	Haka Waiata Competition
	5	Last day of Term 2
	22	First day of Term 3
	28-29	Girls Soccer Tournament
	30	Ki O Rahi Tournament
	31	Campion College Rugby visit
August	1	Careers Fest 11am
	8	Year 9 & 10 Speech Competition P3 & 4
		Otago Polytech Planning 11am
		Otago University Course Planning
	20-27	Senior Exams

Education Outside the Classroom

Year 7 - Omaui Camp

Recently our Year 7 group headed off for a three day adventure to Omaui. This was a new experience for both the students and the staff as we had never been on a camp to Omaui before. We were really lucky with the weather as rain was forecast for the whole time we were there but the sun managed to come out during most of our outside activities! Once we had established our sleeping arrangements we headed off to the beach for a bit of exploring. Unfortunately we struggled to find any crabs or sealife on the beach possibly due to the rough conditions prior to our arrival but we did find out that kids are able to spread for miles along the beach in a very short space of time!

After a quick bite to eat we got into the YMCA based activities for the afternoon. Students were split into six groups and during the afternoon and the next day we rotated around the following activities - beach games, horizontal bungee, frisbee golf, scavenger hunt, archery and bush craft. It was awesome to see students supporting and encouraging each other during the tasks. The groups worked well together and were really keen to get amongst all the activities. On the last morning students managed to get packed and tidied up enough to give us plenty of time to do the Omaui Scenic Reserve walk. The whole group walked like real troopers so we managed to do the extended loop and eat our lunch on top of the world! A few students learnt a lesson or two on the walk, in particular it is not a good idea to wear gumboots and no socks while going on a bushwalk!

All in all we had a great time and the Year 7's were a great (but loud) enthusiastic bunch! Massive thanks to the YMCA crew and the awesome parents and staff that came along to make it all possible!



L to R: Nevaeh Beattie, Myah Cameron, Nina Currie, Shikira Chalmers



L to R: Brock Kelly, Jayden Allan, Lachlan Colson, Alex Hoffman

Marcia Kennedy
Teacher in Charge

Scholarships

The Gore Garden Club invites applications for the Helen Miller and Margaret (Peg) Dickie Horticultural Bursaries 2020. Applicants should be either attending Gore High School, St Peter's College, Blue Mountain College or Menzies College or be a resident wishing to study horticulture within these schools catchment areas. These two bursaries are designed to support those wishing to study Horticulture in 2020.

Email the Gore Garden Club President Anne Hunt - annehunt28@gmail.com for an application form and further details. Closing date for applications is 5th July 2019.

English Department

It has been another busy couple of weeks in our English classrooms. Senior students are continuing to work hard on internal assessments while the Year Nine and Ten students have been focusing on speeches. We have been thrilled with the creativity and sophistication of some students' work. In the junior school; one Year 10 class presented their speeches last week while the rest of the junior classes will present theirs over the remainder of the term.

Level Focus: Level One

This week we are focusing on Level One English. During the term the 101 class have completed an internal assessment that requires students to create a CD album cover that visually portrays a key idea from a text they have previously studied. This can be a challenging assessment as students must be symbolic and think of unique ways to portray their idea without being too literal. Below are some wonderful examples of these CD album covers, each of these students gained Excellence.



Maria Perriam



Renee McLellan



Kassidy Tahana-Payne

The 102 class are continuing to work on their literacy portfolios. These portfolios require students to create and gather three writing, reading and speaking pieces of evidence. This has been our main focus for the first half of the year with some students consistently working well and have created some excellent pieces. A big congratulations to **Anthony Heaps, Connor Poyntz-Roberts, Dontay Fusitua-Joass and Ethan McLellan** who have completed their literacy portfolios, the rest of the class are aiming to have theirs completed by the end of the term.

The 103 class are continuing to work towards completing their Literacy Unit Standards.

Housekeeping

A reminder to all junior students to please continue completing their homework tasks. Each week the classroom teachers will set homework which may include pages out of the homework book, spelling and reading. The expectation is that students will have completed this by the due date. Finally, ICAS exams will take place at the beginning of next term. Mrs Knapp will be asking for entries over the course of week ten Term Two and week one Term Three.

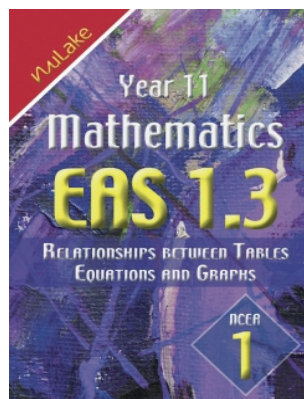
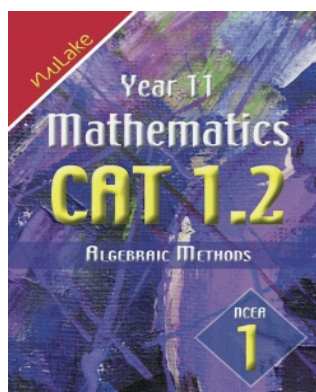
*Fleur Egerton - Teacher
(On behalf of the English Department)*

Mathematics Department

Maths 101

We have just finished our last internal assessment (Bivariate data). Congratulations to the students who have passed all internals and have achieved their ten numeracy credits.

Some students are still wanting to reassess Triangles and Bivariate Data and we are working towards that with tutorials. We have started the first of our external standards - chance and data - which will be an exam paper at the end of the year. Now is the time to think about exam resources. I have found that NULAKE study guides are really good - cost effective with plenty of practice. I have shared some of the Chance of Data revision text with students and have showed them the other two that are available for purchase. If students want to buy one the cost is \$7 each or \$14 for both. The two standards are Algebra 1.2 and Tables/Equations/Graphs 1.3. The orders need to be in by Thursday 20 June - money to the office please. These are optional - they will help (if they are used) but are not essential. You can have a look at the resources at nulake.co.nz Below is a picture of the cover of the 1.3 and 1.2 revision books.



*Pete Wilkinson
Maths Teacher*

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