



COLLEGE NEWS

KAIPARA

Term One 2011

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From the Principal's desk

Our NCEA results continued to be pleasing. 70% of Year 11 students passed Level 1 NCEA, 75% of Year 12 students passed NCEA Level 2 and 53% of all Year 13 students passed Level 3. Many of our Year 13 students are studying at a mixture of levels and only a quarter of them are full academic Level 3 students. They all passed their Level 3 and 85% of them passed University Entrance.

It is a common experience for our students to find that they can finish two NCEA Levels in the one year at Year 12 or 13. In fact in our Year 13 group last year 93% of them had Level 1 and 91% of them had Level 2.

Our best results were in the Scholarship examination. This is a straight out competitive exam with the top 3% of students taking a subject being given a scholarship pass and the top 0.3% being given an outstanding pass. We had one outstanding pass and four Scholarship passes. Our success rate was outstanding!

The first term of this year has been very busy, especially in the sports area. Our Dragonz crew continue to be top in Auckland and our Waka Ama crews have begun to climb up the national rankings with some very respectable results at Nationals for a school so new to the sport. Our Touch players have also made the Nationals for the first time for many years. You can read the full sports achievements of the term inside.

Bullying has been much in the news lately. Each year, in the middle of this term, we run a series of workshops in form time designed to raise student awareness of the damage that bullying can cause and what they can do to stop it.

The College has long made it clear that we do not tolerate bullying and we have clear procedures for working on these problems when they occur. We would like to believe that we

have no bullying but the fact is that it does exist. Our commitment is that once we become aware of bullying we will do everything we can to fix the problem. Our worry is that we do not see all bullying.

By its very nature much bullying, especially if it involves text and social media, is covert and specifically designed not to be noticed by teachers. Bullies are quite good at using the "don't nark" culture to protect their behaviour. To reduce and perhaps to remove bullying we need a culture of mutual protection. That is, any bullying activity should be discretely reported by fellow students, by senior students, by teachers and most of all by parents so that we can work to fix the problem.

I would rather fix the bullying and correct the behavior than have to remove a student from school. But I want to be clear with everyone, including the Ministry of Education, that while we will work hard to change a bully's behavior we won't keep dangerous children at school.

A recent letter from the Minister instructed schools to fix bullying and ensure a safe environment. At the same time the Ministry voices its disapproval of the use of stand-downs and suspensions for serious disciplinary offences. This I see as simple hypocrisy. If the Government wants to keep children in school despite serious misbehavior, and wants schools to be safe places it must pay for the specialist work required. This is not a teacher's work in the same way that treating tuberculosis is not a teacher's job.

We are confident we have good systems. We want to be told whenever there is a concern about bullying. We will try and fix the behaviour but we will not keep dangerous students at school.



John Grant



NCEA: Five Scholarships

Four Kaipara College students won Scholarship awards in the NZQA Scholarship examinations. Scholarship is a competitive examination paper that the students sit in November in addition to their NCEA exams. The top 3% of Year 13 students in each subject in New Zealand will be awarded a Scholarship. The very best will be awarded an Outstanding Scholarship.

Our four students have achieved at the highest levels in New Zealand in six subjects. The success rate of our students entering the examination in 2010 was well above the national average.

The Scholarship winners (left to right) were:

Yuki Maehara

Scholarship in Physics

Outstanding Scholarship in Mathematics with Calculus

Courtney Grundy

Scholarship in English

Charlotte Clouston

Scholarship in Phys Ed

Oliver Meadows

Scholarship in Biology



College Drama Group Wins

Otago University runs a national competition as part of the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival. There are two sections; student directed 5 minute excerpts or 15 minute teacher directed excerpts. Five Kaipara College students won the student directed section at a regional competition and won the right to compete in the National Finals in June. The piece from "Much Ado About Nothing" was directed by Hannah Horsfield and starred Michael Brown, Samantha Miller, Keria Paterson and Troy Studholme.

Drama

We welcomed a new Drama teacher to the College on the last day of Term 1 to replace Melody Mendonza who taught Drama at the College for four years and has left to pursue other interests. Kimberly Muncaster is taking up her first teaching position having completed her BA and teacher training at Waikato University majoring in Theatre Studies. She has been involved in theatre around the Waikato area for a number of years.



Students Leaders 2011



The Student Leaders for 2011 are (left to right) Kothar Esau, Salote King, Yuka Terada (International Student Leader) Evie Aldridge, Matthew Elcoat, Wade Cozens, James Cox (Deputy Head Boy), Oli Taylor, Madeline Shelling (Head Girl), Justine Waterson, Chris Kelly (Head Boy), Charlie David, Mikaela Law (Deputy Head Girl), Keisha Bradley and Tayla Rees (Student Representative to the Board of Trustees).

The team accompanied by Deputy Principals, Joan Ruzich and Bruce Greenbrook, attended the Halogen Foundation's annual Student Leader Day at the Logan Campbell Centre. Three made a particular impact on our Leaders. Jehan Casinader with his story of his passion for journalism and the impact it can have. Pat Buckley with his points about how to make good decisions and the way choices, good and bad, shape your life. Even though it was the second time our Leaders have heard Pat, they thoroughly enjoyed his contribution. Zane Scarborough who spoke humorously and engagingly about positive attitudes in exercising good leadership. He stressed the courage it takes, and the importance of not being afraid to do what's right.

School Donation

& Subject Fees

Thank you to all parents and care-givers who have paid the subject fees and invoice and who have made the school donation. Your support is very much appreciated. It is still not too late to pay! You can even direct credit the school. The Account number is 12 3139 0002717 00

Thank you!

Form Class Photos

Form Class Photos are on display in the Student Centre. They can be ordered from there at a cost of \$13 each.

Uniform Matters

Seniors choosing to wear the new uniform must have all garments correct at the beginning of the new term.

Girls are reminded that the new skirt must be worn at knee length. Students who have the skirt shortened may be required to purchase a new one.

Families are asked to make use of the break to purchase new school shoes where needed. (Flat soled, black, polishable and lace-up. Shoes not boots please.)

College Uniform Shop Hours:

Monday & Thursday: 8.00 – 9.00am

Tuesday & Friday: 1.30 – 2.30pm

This is the term that was...



New Year 9 students started College

Year 9 students and their parents were welcomed to the first day of College at a powhiri. This began two days of activities aimed at teaching the newbies how secondary school, and Kaipara College in particular, works. After two days of meeting their teachers, learning rules and routines there was a competition in the pool. 9MO were victorious!



and were taught anti-bullying practices

Each day for a week form classes have been examining the issue of bullying. There have been discussions and activities led by senior students that have the classes examining what bullying is, how it affects people and the steps that can be taken to prevent it and deal with it. The recent publicity on television about incidents of bullying gave the programme extra relevance this year and the news reports have been widely discussed in the meetings.



An environmental group started up

Kaipara F.I.T.E or Footprints in the Earth, is a mixture of passionate students from all year groups attempting to make a change towards sustainability in our school. With the goals of continuing and improving the recycling system at Kaipara and eliminating the rubbish problem, the Kaipara F.I.T.E organisation has a challenging year ahead! The group is led by Ingrid Worrall, Madeline Shelling, Kothar Esau, Jasmine Sawyers-Mullen, Tayla Rees, Chelsea Sheehan, Georgia Roud Cochran and Ms Maybury.



A Year 9 chess team started up



Four Year 9 students have a strong interest in Chess. Under the guidance of the coach, Paul McDonald, they play competitively in interschool tournaments. Their first competition in College colours was at Silverdale Primary where they placed 5th. They said that they felt a bit rusty having not played for awhile and they are looking forward to their next tournament in May. The team is: Truman Smith, Michael McKenzie, Alex Holman, Kumaa Jayachanthiran.



A red 'n' black mufti day supported Christchurch people



Year 13 Biologists and 10AK students visited the Liggins Institute

Year 13 Biology students visited this research laboratory attached to the Auckland Medical School. They had the opportunity to carry out complex procedures including isolating genes and gel electrophoresis. They also spoke with Associate Professor Andrew Shelling and two PhD students. This gave them a real insight into the work that is being carried out at the institute and also allowed them to discuss the educational pathways that lead from Year 13 studies to work as a research scientist. A few weeks later 10AK also visited to experience the professional science environment.



Musos performed at Arts Festival

At the Auckland Arts Festival Avalon Hewitt performed two of her own songs "Treading Water" and "When Stars Collide" and College Head Boy Chris Kelly teamed up with musos from other schools to play in the Band of Strangers alongside New Zealand funk rock band Supergrove.



and Stage 3 of the building begins

It is time to say good bye to the English block that sits along the Rautawhiri Road front. After a long wait for Ministry approvals, somewhat delayed by the work needed to pull all the lines of funding together, work has started on the next stage of the College redevelopment. Contractors Watts & Hughes began work last week and by the time students and staff return for Term Two the old block will be demolished. Over Terms Two and Three new blocks will arise in front of the Library (Information Technology), along the road front (English, Careers and student services) and wrapped around the Hall and Music department (Drama room, music practice rooms and a replacement staff room). By the time we get to prize-giving and NCEA exams the facilities should be in operation.



That was the term that was

Term
One
Sports
Round
Up



Swimming Champions



The College swimming championships were decided in the pool early in the term. Champions:

- Senior Boys: Sam Young
- Intermediate Boys: Billy Bowman
- Junior Girls: Michelle Freshwater
- Junior Boys: Kevin Calis
- Intermediate Girls: Kate Young
- Senior Girls: Madeline Shelling

Athletics Championships

A record field of 210 students participated in the College Athletics Championships: Champions:

- Senior Boys: Charlie David
- Senior Girls: Keisha Bradley
- Intermediate Boys: Logan Sagar
- Intermediate Girls: Sally Young
- Junior Boys: Jarel Hemehehema
- Junior Girls: Oriwia Marshall

North Harbour Athletics

A team of 48 competed at a very high level against all Harbour schools. Nine of our team qualified for the Greater Auckland Championship. They were:

- Jarel Hemehehema: JB High Jump and 200m
- Niko McIntyre: JB Triple Jump and 300m
- Autumn Fenton: JG Javelin
- Oriwia Marshall: JG Javelin
- Harry Hulston-Adcock: IB Javelin and Shot Put
- Jamie Masters: IG Javelin
- Sam Haven: SB High Jump
- Ashley Flood: SG High Jump
- Keisha Bradley: SG Triple Jump

North Island Athletics

Four students represented North Harbour at the North island Secondary School Championships in Hamilton. Harry Hulston-Adcock was 3rd in the IB Javelin, Jamie Masters was 17th in the IG Javelin, Oriwia Marshall was 8th in JG Javelin and Jarel Hemehehema 4th in the JB High Jump.



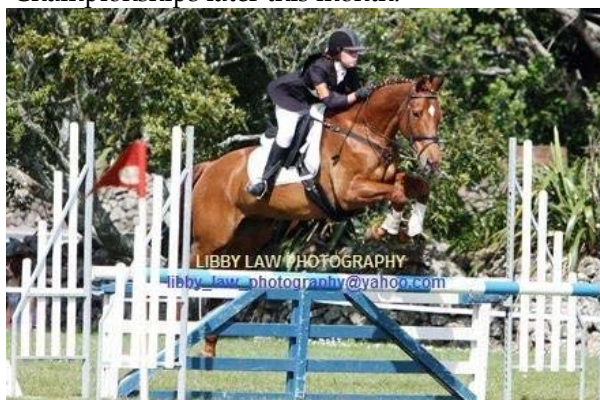
Tennis Champions

The College Tennis championships have been held in Term 1 this year. The Champions are:

- Senior Girls: Jamie Masters
- Girls Doubles: Jamie Masters & Salote King
- Senior Boys: Armand Claassens
- Boys Doubles: Armand Claassens & Campbell Batt
- Mixed Doubles: Armand Claassens & Salote King
- Junior Boys: Jayden Spencer
- Junior Girls: Maygan Rollinson
- Boys Doubles: Jayden Spencer & Jayden Anderson
- Girls Doubles: Maygan Rollinson & Taiaroa Paterson
- Mixed Doubles: Maygan Rollinson & Josh Allen

Equestrian

Seven riders competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Ribbon Day equestrian event. Team captain, Jasmine Sawyers-Mullen, won the title of Reserve Champion on the Flat in the Novice Hack category. Kayla Erceg, Natalya Weekes, Emmaus Foster, Jessica Crack, Bridget Fisher and Tanya Merkulov also had a successful day, taking home ribbons in a variety of colours. Darryll Cole and her mount, Donaufurst, (photo) won selection to represent the Waitemata-Rodney district at the New Zealand Pony Club Eventing Championships later this month.



Challenge Shield

The Interform Shield was on the line twice this term; in swimming relay and in the 4 x 100m track relay. Competition was fierce from some of the Year 9 and 10 Form classes, especially 10AK, 10TA, 9MO and 9 RM, but the competitions were won by Form class IF each time. The IF team was: Michael Skirrow, Ashley Flood, Sally Young and Wade Cozens.

Dragon Boating



*Auckland
Champions
Again!*

Waka Ama

The College has been increasing its involvement in Waka Ama over the last two years. This year 38 crew members competed at the Auckland and at the National Championships.

Auckland Results

U16 W12 Mixed Final	3rd
U19 W12 Mixed Final	2nd
U16 Boys W6 Final	4th
U16 Girls W6 Final	4th
U19 Girls W6 Final	Kaipara 1 6th Kaipara 2 3rd
U19 Boys W6 Final	Kaipara 1 1st Kaipara 2 5th

Rankings after National Championships

U19 Boys 250m W1	Wade Cozens	15
U19 Girls 250m W1	Madeline Shelling	14
U16 Boys 250m W6		12
U16 Boys 500m W6		26
U16 Girls 250m W6		17
U19 Boys 250m W6		40
U19 Boys 500m W6	Kaipara Red	24
	Kaipara Blue	28
U19 Girls 250m W6	Kaipara Red	13
	Kaipara Blue	46
U19 Girls 500m W6	Kaipara Red	27
	Kaipara Blue	42
U16 Mixed 250m W12		8
U19 Mixed 250m W12		13



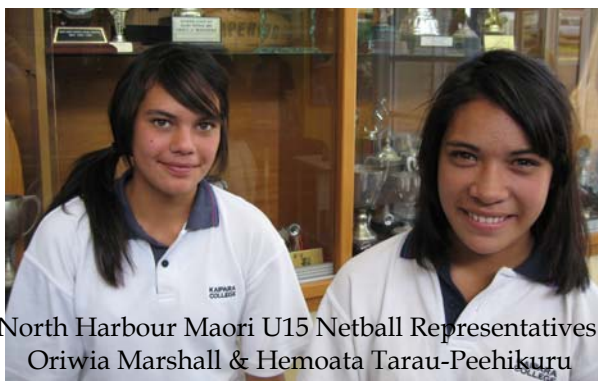
Touch Team for Nationals

The College Mixed Touch team narrowly qualified for the Greater Auckland Tournament after Northcote withdrew. At the Regionals the team really stepped up and after a bad start went through to finish 3rd in Auckland and to qualify for the Nationals for the first time for a long time. The team is: Billy May (Captain), Keisha Bradley, Piri Paraone, Jamie Masters, Tre Sinisa, Kothar Esau, Tai Fenton, Jarel Hemeheema, Te Reo Paraone, Sam Wight, Shaun Stead-Hill, Oriwia Marshall and Madeline Shelling.

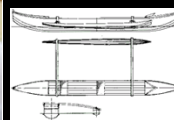


Touch Reps

Three Kaipara students played for North Harbour U15 in the National Provincial Touch Championships in Palmerston North in March. Oriwia Marshall's team won the title while Jarel Hemeheema and Piri Paraone's team was 4th. Piri was selected for New Zealand again!



North Harbour Maori U15 Netball Representatives:
Oriwia Marshall & Hemoata Tarau-Peehikuru



IMPORTANT DATES

2 May	Monday	Start of Term 2
6 June	Monday	Queen's Birthday weekend
7 June	Tuesday	Senior assessment week begins
14 June	Monday	Senior Health Day for Years 12 & 13
24 June	Friday	Reports posted
7 July	Thursday	Parent Report Evening
15 July	Friday	Last day of Term 2

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