



# COLLEGE NEWS

# KAIPARA

Term Three 2011

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## From the Principal's desk

Secondary schools have been standing on the sideline while the Government has a serious argument with primary schools about National Standards. It does seem that the government has taken a sledge hammer to crack a nut. Nobody would argue that we couldn't do better but that is a long way from a nation wide imposition of an unproven system for raising educational achievement levels.

Before any government can implement change in policy it generally indulges in a period of sustained criticism of the existing policy. Is the diagnosis that educational achievement in New Zealand is deficient fair and reasonable? Well, no. One only has to look at the PISA data released by the OECD to see that New Zealand's educational system does very well. This data is gained by testing students in the participating counties in literacy, mathematics and science. In the league tables New Zealand is consistently near the top of the table; usually in the second tier and well ahead of any other English speaking countries.

What we do have is a long tail of students whose achievement needs attention. Logic would suggest that what is needed here is some targeted intervention. But instead we get broad brush criticisms, a telling off that lowers morale throughout education and the imposition of failed market place type policies.

There is one intervention that works for the countries in the very top tier, the ones we should aspire to join, and that is better focused, needs driven, locally managed investment. School Boards and school staff know what needs to be done and how to do it. So how about a thanks from the Government to the teachers of New Zealand for consistently having New Zealand students among the best in the world and some rational, rhetoric free, plans to invest in the areas which we all know need support.

Everybody has been struggling with the longer second and third terms created by the shifting of the Term 3 holidays to suit the Rugby World Cup. We have been working with the students to ensure that their progress is not hindered by these changes.

Normally we would have five weeks in Term 4 to get all our seniors finally ready for NCEA exams. This year everyone has to be largely ready by the end of Term 3.

Thanks to the hard work of staff and the focus of many students we will have a significant number of them very close to the credit requirements for their NCEA certificates by the end of this term leaving those facing NCEA exams with these holidays and two and half weeks next term to complete their preparation.

We have welcomed the warmer, more settled weather more eagerly than usual because this term has been particularly trying with the building project taking away the center of the school and depriving of us of sheltered walk ways. I have appreciated the cooperation of students and staff with the disruptions, the power cuts, the loss of water and computer networks as the heart of the school is reconstructed. I don't think we have missed a single cable, pipe or conduit as we demolished the original buildings of the school. Progress with the project is on track and we will have the Hall back in operation for the NCEA examinations and all the new facilities will be ready for the start of the new year.

Our intention is to invite former students, families and the community into the school for an open day when the whole project is finally finished near the start of next year.

*John Grant*





## Award Evenings

The shortened last Term has played havoc with our awards ceremonies. Whakamana Taiohi Maori has been held in the last week of this term. The award ceremonies scheduled in Term Four are:

### Music Awards

**Tuesday, 1 November**

**Helensville War Memorial Hall**

The senior Music students produce an evening of performance and mix it up with awards for a range of interesting contributions to music in the school.

### Sports Prizegiving

**Thursday, 3 November**

**Helensville Primary School Hall**

The night that marks the achievement of the school's sports men and women. Including the prestigious awards of the James Skipper Memorial Trophy and the Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year.

### Senior Academic Prizegiving

**Wednesday, 9 November**

**Helensville Primary School Hall**

The night of Academic Awards. This is the top night at the College for academic success. See the Subject and Faculty Awards. Hear from the Head Boy and Girl and acknowledge the Dux.

### Junior Prizegiving

**Wednesday, 7 December**

**Kaipara College Hall**

The last day, mid-afternoon display of work and performance from the Year 9 and 10 students combined with their awards for work and achievement.

*See you at one, or all, of them!*



## NCEA

The NCEA examinations begin on Thursday, 10 November at 2.00 pm. Each student will have their own examination timetable. Pin it up on the bedroom wall or stick it on the fridge now!

The NCEA Examination timetable can be downloaded from the College website: [www.kaiparacollege.school.nz](http://www.kaiparacollege.school.nz) on the NCEA page.

Students will be released for these examinations on Wednesday 10 November after the Senior Academic Prize-giving.

### Student Illness

If a student is ill during the examination period and misses an examination, parents should contact the school immediately. A doctor's certificate is needed to deal with missed examinations.

Students must remember to bring their entry slip and the equipment they need to deal with their examination paper.

## Building Progress



The new buildings are on schedule to be completed ready for use next year. In fact the Hall, Drama room and staffroom should be available for the start of the NCEA exams in early November. The student services block will be ready shortly after and the English and Computing classrooms by the end of November.

The Student Leader team decided to install a time capsule in the new buildings so Head Boy Chris Kelly and Mikaela Law climbed the scaffold and 'buried' it in the steel beams of the roof. It contains a snap shot of Kaipara College in 2012 for their grandchildren.

## Academic Trophies

Would all students who have academic trophies, please return these to the College at the start of Term 4.

*Kaipara was at the opening weekend of the World Cup*



The College kapa haka team was one of four high school kapa haka groups selected to perform as the waka crews paraded to Queens Wharf. In the crush of people the blue shirts stood out and the passion of the College haka respected the waka and impressed the crowd. The performance was captured by TV1. So focussed was everyone that we don't have a picture of the performance! They were pretty popular too, several times later in the day they performed spontaneously for people near by; a flash mob haka!



Two College senior rugby players were invited to Captains' runs. Dureece Hohepa attended the Captain's run with the Australian team on Friday. Jonathan Trask was with the French team and he was very impressed with the intensity level of the team's work at training



Two Kaipara students officiated during the opening ceremony of the Australia-Italy match. JJ Phillips led out the Italians behind flag bearer Rebecca Beattie.

*Whakamana celebrated the achievements of our Maori students*

Whakamana Taioho Maori was held in the last week of this term due to a short Term four. Whanau filled the Helensville Primary School Hall to celebrate the achievements of all Kaipara students of Maori descent and those who have contributed to Te Ao Maori at the College. The evening was organised by Whanau Atahai and MC'd by its chairman, Wikiriwhi Ratima.

What a great, joyous, loud and happy night it was. There was clapping and cheering, singing and haka tautoko as the awards progressed. Helensville Primary School's kapa haka was magnificent and earned a huge cheer from the crowd. Former student TK Paraone spoke about determination and his appreciation for education that had been highlighted by his tour of duty in East Timor. Head Girl, Madeline Shelling made an inspirational address and the night closed with the College kapa haka followed by kai.

This is the term that



The top awards are Taumata Awards for students who have excelled in particular areas of the school. The winners were:

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Duke Hemana       | Sport                      |
| Tre Sinisa        | Sport                      |
| Shaun Stead-Hill  | Sport                      |
| Billy May         | Sport                      |
| Kimberley Waters  | Art                        |
| Kothar Esau       | Te Reo Maori               |
| Tori Crosby       | Academic & Support         |
| Te Reo Paraone    | Cultural                   |
| Jacob Lawes       | Academic & Support         |
| Taryn Stead-Hill  | Cultural & Leadership      |
| Madeline Shelling | Sport, Cultural Leadership |
|                   | Academic                   |

*Congratulations!*

Taumata winners: Te Reo Paraone, Taryn Stead-Hill, Jacob Lawes, Madeline Shelling, Tori Crosby & Kothar Esau



This is the term that was...



*The Musicians were in Europe and*

Thirteen students accompanied by four College staff spent the holidays in Europe on a musical tour that started in the sixteenth century in Vienna and ended in the twentieth century in London. The group had a very knowledgeable guide who added to their enjoyment. The conclusion: Great trip! We're off again in two years time!

*students from Japan were here*



Fifteen students from Semboku High School in Osaka, Japan, visited the College on a two week cultural tour. They were accompanied by their English teacher, Yumiko Kawano. They spent mornings at College improving their English and attending some College classes with their Kaipara buddies. Afternoons were for visits around the local area.



*Ten Year 10's undertook the Journey,*

Ten Year 10 students have completed a challenging journey by bike, foot and kayak from the Treaty grounds at Waitangi to the wharf at Helensville. The trip was designed to test their stamina, mental toughness and develop leadership, self reliance and self confidence. It was sponsored by the MSD and run by Adventure Specialties who had two outdoor education experts on the trip accompanied by College Youth Worker Kelly Brown.



*parents were fed in pursuit of credits and student teeth were looked after*

Food & Hospitality students continued their rigorous assessment with a task that required them to serve lunch to their parents. In most cases mothers gave their children's food a critical appraisal and helped teacher Trina Smith with her marking.

For the last five weeks the Lumino bus has been parked up by the Whare Ako while the crew treat our students' teeth. They've been busy, too; working until 4.30 on the last day.



*Performing Arts students notched up several excellent achievements*



*Song writers were busy...*

This year our Music students have written and recorded 119 songs in the year so far. There have been successes in the Matariki competition and in Rockquest. The success continued with three of our students Johnny Stewart, Joy Young and Natasha Clayton, being among the highly commended songs in the Auckland Council "Launch Your Lyrics" competition. In the Play it Strange competition Liam Emtage made it through the thousands of entries to the top 40 and to a place on the annual Play it Strange CD. Part of the "Play it Strange" competition is a peace



songwriting challenge. Samantha Cox, Sam Sinnott, Courtney Pirie, Natalie Hess and Hannah Horsfield took five of the six Highly Commended awards. Hannah's singer /song writing skills have earned wins already this year and she made it to the final round of the TVNZ programme's "Good Morning" competition and to perform at Christmas in the Park in the Auckland Domain.

*there was a Film Award and the Drama students produced "The Revenge*



Written in 1983, *Revenge of the Amazons* is Wellington playwright Jean Betts feminist re-working of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The College drama students performance was a hit with the audience on its opening night in the Helensville School Hall. The cast's confidence with their roles and with their lines was a feature of the performance which has Shakespearean language mixed with modern dialogue. There was not a weak performance through the night and characterisation was strong so that the audience was quickly drawn into the mid-summer night's dream.

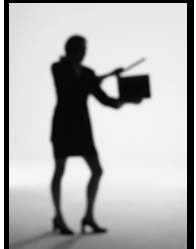
The Youthtown Best Short Film Competition for 2011 saw Year 13 Media Studies students Tamara James and Shaquille Wasasala script, produce, film, direct and edit a film called, "Shadow" which won four top awards:

- Best Film
- Best Cinematography
- Best Script
- Best use of the Prop

And a \$2,000 voucher from Harvey Norman. You can find the film on Youtube.

*ASB Award Winners*

Jacob Lawes and Megan Patterson are the winners of the inaugural ASB Community Bursary award. The awards celebrate outstanding community involvement by Year 13 students from across New Zealand. Along with recipients from schools across the Auckland region, they attended an Award luncheon in the city on September 27.



That was the term that was

Term  
Three  
Sports  
Round  
Up



**Netball**

**North Harbour Secondary Schools Competition**

- Senior 1      2nd Premier Flight grade
- 8th overall
- 3rd Rodney Competition
- 7th C Grade UNISS Tournament

This year Senior One decided to step up to Premier Grade Netball in the North Harbour competition. They surprised themselves at just how well they have done this season, coming 2nd in the competition. It doesn't surprise us because we knew how competitive and hardworking the members of this team are!



- Senior 2      5th College 3 Flight grade
- 8th overall
- Senior 3      6th College 6 Flight grade
- 12th overall
- Year 10A     4th College 5 Flight grade
- 8th overall
- Year 10B     5th College 11 Champ grade
- 11th overall
- Year 9A      3rd Junior 3 Champ grade
- 4th overall
- Year 9B      5th Junior 4 Flight grade
- 10th overall

**Rugby**

**North Harbour Secondary Schools Competition**

- 1st XV        2nd place 1B grade
- 8th place overall

The 1st XV lost a well fought game against Northcote College at the Stadium on Friday night despite making most of the play. It was a great team effort in front of lots of supports. Top hakas, too!

- 3rd Grade    5th place 3B grade
- 11th place overall
- 5th Grade    Champions 5B grade
- 6th place overall



**5B - Champions**

An unbeaten season came to a fitting end with the 5B team beating Orewa at Kaipara on Saturday. Excellent team work from a committed bunch of guys!



- 7th Grade     5th place 7B grade
- No place overall because of
- dispensated players

**Girls Football**

**North Harbour Secondary Schools Competition**

- 1st XI        4th U19 Championship Grade



- 2nd XI        1st place Shield competition
- 7th place overall Senior B Grade
- Junior        3rd place Bowl
- 5th place overall Junior B Grade

**Boys Football**

**Auckland Secondary Schools Competition**

- Under 15    2nd place 14B West Grade

**Basketball**

**North Harbour Secondary Schools Competition**

- Senior Boys    3rd place U19 Boys Grade
- Senior Girls    9th place U19 Girls

**Hockey**

**North Harbour Secondary Schools Competition**

- Girls 1st XI    7th place 2A grade
- 13th place Rosemary O'Brien
- Tournament - Auckland
- Girls 2nd XI    6th place Grade 6

## Waterpolo

Juniors played in the Waitakere winter league. The results have not yet been finalised.

## Badminton

### Waitakere Secondary Schools Competition

Senior Team 13<sup>th</sup> place

## Surfing

The College Surf team, Milly Crewe, Blake Haven, Harry Hulston-Adcock, Max Ashworth and Jed Hodge competed in the Raglan Area School Invitational. Milly Crewe came 8th and Blake Haven came 9th overall. The other team members were mainly new to the experience of competitive surfing but they relished the challenge. In the last of the Tri Series events Milly Crewe has won a position to represent the Under 14 Girls and Blake has won a position in the team for the Under 14 Boys.

## Badminton Champions

Senior Boys	Clay Taylor
Senior Girls	Jamie Masters
Senior Boys Doubles	Tai Fenton & Beau Cornish
Senior Girls Doubles	Kate Young & Sally Young
Senior Mixed Doubles	Wade Cozens & Kate Young
Junior Boys	Dylan French
Junior Girls	Autumn Fenton
Junior Boys Doubles	Jayden Anderson & Dylan French
Junior Girls Doubles	Oriwia Marshall & Autumn Fenton
Junior Mixed Doubles	

## Representatives

The winter sports season has produced a large number of provincial & district representatives:

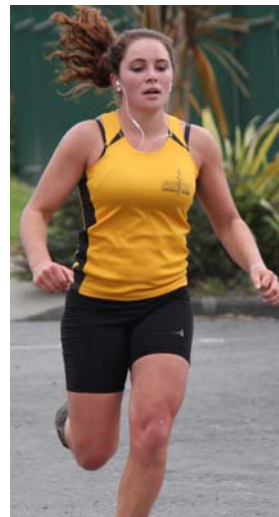
Stephen Dempsey	NH U14 Rugby
Jarel Hemeheema	NH U14 Rugby
Stanley Muru	NH U16 Rugby
Piri Paraone	NH U16 Rugby
	NZ U15 Boys Touch
Billy May	NH U18B Rugby Team
Tre Sinisa	NH U18B Rugby Team
Duke Hemana	NH U18B Rugby Team
Jess David	North Reg U17 Football
Taiaroa Paterson	NH U15A Hockey
Milly Crewe	AKSS U14 Girls Surf
Blake Haven	AKSS U14 Boys Surf
Keisha Bradley	Auckland Junior Women
	Outrigger Canoe Team
Kothar Esau	Auckland Junior Women
	Outrigger Canoe Team

## Road Race

**Winner: John Renall (second year) 30m.06s**  
 2nd equal were Sam Logan and Josh Allen (1st = Juniors home) 30m.24s  
 4th place was Croco Diel 31.54s  
 5th place Rick Scahill 32.04  
 6th place Levi Shelling (1st Year 9 boy) 32.31  
 7th place Clae Usher 32.52s  
 8th place Connor Jensen 32.52s  
 9th place Scott Holden 33m 12s  
 10th place Joshua Keane 33.29

## Girls

**Champion Girl - Madeline Shelling - 35m 19sec**  
 2nd Kothar Esau - 36.22s  
 3rd - First Junior Girl - Anna Lawton 39m37s  
 4th Sally Young  
 5th Keisha Bradley  
 6th Rebecca Beattie



## Skiing Gold Medal

Ariel Knight won a Gold Medal in the Giant Slalom event of the Special Olympics in Cardrona last week.



## Ten Pin Bowling

Five Kaipara students competed in the Ten Pin Bowling Tournament on Tuesday. As well as having a great day out they won first place in their division.

The team was:  
 Kit Young, David Smith, Tate Pichon, Ariel Knight and David Lincoln.



**IMPORTANT DATES**

24 October	Monday	Labour Day no school
25 October	Tuesday	First day of Term4 Senior Speech Contest
1 November	Tuesday	Music Awards Evening
3 November	Thursday	Sports Prize-giving
9 November	Wednesday	Senior Academic Prize-giving Senior students released for NCEA Exams
10 November	Thursday	NCEA Exams begin
22 November	Tuesday	Junior end of year exams begin
7 December	Wednesday	Junior Prize-giving Last day of the Year

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