



Headlines

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Letter from Louisiana

In February I went to Mardi Gras in New Orleans. The floats were amazing and the atmosphere was great!! The parade I was at lasted about 3 hours, with themed floats going past throwing beads, stuffed toys, candy, flowers, headbands and ornaments into the crowd.

Through the school year I played tennis for my high school team. We practiced twice a week and played twice a week, and in April we participated in Regional Champs. I lost my first game, meaning I got out, but that wasn't too disappointing, because the girl who beat me went on to the State Final.

Prom was in April, and was a lot of fun, although far too expensive!! It's the norm here for girls to spend around \$300 on a dress, \$200 on hair and makeup, \$100 on accessories...plus money for the ticket, photos and the bus...all in all a very costly night!! Being a thrifty New Zealander I managed to save some money by only buying the basics...which I'm glad about!!

In April we also took a class trip to New Orleans, where we spent the day in the French Quarter writing journals and short stories....it was so much fun!! Definitely wish we could do that back home.

School finished on May 17th and we're now officially on summer break!!

During the school year I won the 12th Grade spelling bee, and came 3rd at the Parish finals. A poem I entered in a writing contest won honourable mention, and has been put through to the state competition. Also a short story I wrote won a competition, so is now going to be published in a University Journal...something I'm quite proud of considering the other people who entered were 18-19 and I'm only 16.

The weather around here has been perfect...warm (27-32 degrees usually), clear skies and humid...I didn't like the humidity at first, but now I'm starting to get used to it. I've been learning a lot about the Cajun culture, from their expressions to food to traditions. I've made some very good friends, who I'm dreading leaving behind in July!!

Courtney Grundy

Student Exchanges

If you are interested in finding out more about student exchanges you can talk to Mrs Ruzich about exchange schemes or you can look three of them up on their web-sites:

AFS: www.afs.org.nz STS: www.sts-education.co.nz

EF: www.ef.com/highschool



The Birds, the Bees,

your Brain & the Law

Senior Health Day '09

On Monday, 15 June, Year 12 & 13 students are involved in the Senior Health Day. There are a series of 5 speakers that the students will rotate around during the day.

1. **Brainwaves, a presentation....**with our guest speaker **Judy Bailey.**
2. **The Pitts**, talking about keeping good mental health.
3. **Auckland Sexual Health Service**, talking about being sexually healthy and responsible.
4. **Rainbow Youth**, talking about sexual diversity.
5. **Youth Law**, looking about rights and responsibilities for young people.

Kaipara College wishes to thank these organisations for their willingness to be available and to present at our Health Expo.

Usual bell times for the day operate and uniform is required by Year 12's as normal. Any questions or concerns please contact Mrs Shelling, Health Co-ordinator 420 8640 Extn 830 .

Teacher Only Days Coming Up

There are two teacher only days coming up. Both are related to the introduction of the new National Curriculum. Although the school will be open on both days, we ask parents to keep their children at home.

Friday, 19 June

Wednesday, 24 June

SPORTS NEWS

DRAW: Starting Friday 12 June

BASKETBALL (Boys) Friday 12 June
Senior Boys v Westlake B NSEC 2 9.00pm

RUGBY Saturday 13 June
1st XV v Hato Petera Kaip 1 12.00pm
5th Grade v Birkenhead Kaip 1 9.30am
6th Grade v Albany JHS AJHS 1 10.40am
7th Grade v Rosmini 1 Kaip 1 10.40am

NETBALL Saturday 13 June
Senior 1 v Rangitoto 3 Court 6 9.45am
Senior 2 v Carmel 2 Court 6 9.00am
Senior 3 v Long Bay 6 Court 11 12.45pm
Year 10A v Pinehurst 2 Court 11 10.30am
Year 10B v Rangitoto 23 Court 13 12.45pm
Year 9A v Birkenhead Court 13 9.00am
Year 9B v Northcote 3 Court 22 9.00am

FOOTBALL (Boys) Saturday 13 June
1st XI v Long Bay Kaip 1 10.00am

WATERPOLO Sunday 14 June
Sen C Grade v Long Bay Divewell 5.30pm

FOOTBALL (Girls) Wednesday 17 June
1st XI v Kristin Kaip 1 4.00pm
2nd XI v Wentworth Kaip 2 4.00pm
Junior v tba 4.00pm

BADMINTON Wednesday 17 June
Kaipara Cox v tba 3.30pm
Kaipara Mix v tba 3.30pm

BASKETBALL (Girls) Thursday 18 June
Senior Girls v Rangitoto B Ct 2 AUT 4.45pm

HOCKEY Wednesday 17 June
Boys 1st XI v Long Bay 2 Kristin 5.00pm
Thursday 18 June

Girls 1st XI v tba
Friday 19 June
Girls 2nd XI v Kristin Crown 2 5.00pm

RESULTS: Starting Wednesday 3 June

HOCKEY Wednesday 3 June
Boys 1st XI v Rangitoto 4 2-0 loss

Thursday 4 June
Girls 1st XI v Rangitoto 2 2-0 loss

Friday 5 June
Girls 2nd XI v Takapuna 11-1 loss

BASKETBALL Thursday 4 June
Senior Girls - no game

BASKETBALL Friday 5 June
Senior Boys v Glenfield 80-55 loss

RUGBY Saturday 6 June
1st XV v Kingsway 10-6 win
5th Grade v Takapuna 22-10 loss
6th Grade v Westlake 3 22-10 win
7th Grade v Westlake 1 99-0 loss

NETBALL Saturday 6 June
Senior 1 v Rangitoto 3 21-18 win
Senior 2 v Carmel 2 28-20 loss
Senior 3 v Long Bay 6 30-6 loss
Year 10A v Pinehurst 2 26-12 win
Year 10B v Rangitoto 23 11-9 win
Year 9A v Birkenhead 19-15 loss
Year 9B v Northcote 3 17-12 win

FOOTBALL (Boys) Saturday 6 June
Boys 1st XI v Henderson default loss

WATERPOLO Sunday 7 June
Senior C v West Spr 6-3 loss

FOOTBALL (Girls) Wednesday 10 June
1st XI v Rangitoto 2 14-2 win
2nd XI v Glenfield 2
Junior v Westlake

BADMINTON Wednesday 10 June
Kaipara Cox v Waitakere 5-0 win
Kaipara Mix v St Doms 5-0 win

Thursday, 2 July

Careers Expo & Parent Report Evening

Community Careers Expo
12 Noon until 7 pm
Every body is welcome
Hangi at 3.30 pm

Meet your child's teachers
& visit the Careers Expo.
4 pm & 8 pm
Appointment sheet with
reports – mailed shortly

Reminder: "Play Hard, Play Fair"

Sticking to the Fair Play Code is important because it allows us to go hard at supporting our team without putting down the opposition.

It means:

No abuse and no swearing directed at our opposition.

We are a Fair Play School

COMING UP

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| 19 June | Friday | Teacher Only Day 1 |
| 24 June | Wednesday | Teacher Only Day 2 |
| 2 July | Thursday | Parent Report Evening |
| | | Careers Expo |
| 3 July | Friday | End of Term 2 |
| 20 July | Monday | Start of Term 3 |

For careers, scholarship and contact information see either Ms Couch or look on the
Kaipara College web-site under Careers www.kaiparacollege.school.nz