



TERM DATES

Term 3 Monday 21 July to Friday 19 September
Term 4 Monday 6 October to 10 December

calendar

September

5 Friday
Culture Concert - 7.00 pm
8 Monday
NCEA Training Day – School closed.
19 Friday
Term III ends

October

6 Monday
Term IV commences
7 Tuesday- 13 Monday
Senior Examinations
27 Monday
Labour Day – School Closed

PARENT INTERVIEW EVENINGS

The **parent/teacher interview evenings** were a great success. We hope that parents were able to make contact with all of their children's teachers. A very small number of staff were unable to attend because of illness and if parents still have concerns to discuss with those staff members, special interviews can be arranged. Phone the office (576 9039) to arrange a suitable time.

UNIFORM SHOP DAYS/ TIMES (during term time only)

*Tuesdays 12.00 to 2.00 pm
and 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm*
Thursdays 12.15 pm to 2.00 pm
School uniform can only be purchased from the college Uniform Shop. Other items are **not** acceptable.

Fundraising Opportunity

Harcourts in Howick and Pakuranga will donate \$250 to our college if you refer a customer to them and they conclude a successful property sale (special conditions apply.)

Just phone Jodi at the College (576 9039) or Martina at **Harcourts A1 Realty Ltd MREINZ** (538 0138) if you know someone who requires real estate service.

TROPHIES

It is now time to return trophies to school so that we can prepare for this year's prize givings. They do not have to be cleaned before being returned. Please return to the college office.

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NEWSLETTER

This Issue:

- ? **NCEA Training Day** – School closed
- ? **Exams for Seniors**
- ? **Survey of Parents**

Although it's only the start of spring, the academic year for our senior students is rapidly approaching the very important end point.

Our school examinations start in week one next term and the external NCEA Bursary exams start in week six, 12 November.

This really is the sharp end of the year for students and their focus should be clearly on those examinations. Since practice does make perfect some subjects will also run an additional practice exam, and in other subjects there are extra tutorials and holiday sessions planned. School, however, can only do so much and while parents can't study for their children, they can have a major impact on final success by reinforcing the messages that they get at school – **study is vital.**

Examination success will not come without a determined effort. All over NZ students will be reducing their work commitments, cutting back on social activities and getting down to serious revision. Let's make sure that we are giving our students the best possible chance to succeed.

NCEA Training Day – School Closed

School will be closed for an NCEA Training Day on
Monday, 8 September.

September '03

EXAMINATIONS FOR SENIORS

- ? These will take place for Years 11, 12 and 13 students, starting in the first week back in Term 4. (Tuesday 7 October to Monday 13 October).
- ? Attendance at school exams is **compulsory** for the entire exam time, whether or not the student has entered the subject for NZQA exams later in the Term.
- ? Students are given exam leave during exam week when they are not actually sitting their exams. (A small number of students have lost this privilege and will be required to attend school at all times. They will be notified individually.).

SUBJECT SELECTION FOR 2004

- ? Year 10, 11 and 12 students will be receiving *Course Booklets for 2004* and *Guide Pamphlets* which they must refer to when selecting their subjects/courses for 2004. These decisions are extremely important because they relate directly to career planning. We urge all parents/guardians to spend time with their children helping to make informed course/subject decisions.
- ? Next year all qualifications will be NCEA qualifications. Note that students **must achieve** a reasonable level of attainment before being admitted to a higher level of study. Many students may find that they are required to repeat courses because they have failed to achieve at a high enough level.

NZQA EXAMINATION FEES

The deadline for payment of NZQA fees through the college has passed. Parents will now need to deal directly with NZQA in Wellington. Students must apply to Mr Bull or Mrs Williams in order to get the appropriate application information. Students have until 1 October to make direct entries to NZQA.

STUDENT SUCCESSES and SPORTS' RESULTS

Congratulations to

Lawn Bowls Secondary School Championships – Girls pairs won, singles won 2 out of 3 games. Pairs won 15-6 against St Kentigern and the Singles won 13-2.
Basketball – Girls Lost 11-56 to McAuley and 20-41 to Hillary College.
Junior Boys – Won 70-32 in a playoff and lost 30-34 to Pukekohe. **Senior Boys** lost 28-54 to Otara.
Soccer – Senior Girls – lost 0-5 to Aorere and drew 2-2 with Papatoetoe.
Boys – 1st XI – Drew 2-2 with Kelston, lost 2-5 to Kings College and 1-2 to Selwyn.
2nd XI lost 0-1 to St Kentigern, won 2-0 against Rangitoto, **Juniors** drew 3-3 with Auckland Grammar and won 3-0 against Green Bay. **Junior Girls** – Purple team lost 2-3 to Pakuranga and drew 1-1 to Otahuhu., Orange lost 0-3 to Pakuranga Blue.
Hockey. Girls – lost 1-2 to St Marys, 0-6 to Lynfield, Boys – won 11-0 against Avondale, 5-2 against Auckland Grammar and 5-0 against Aoera
Rugby 1st XV – Won 25-12 against Auckland Grammar, lost 3-32 to Penrose, **U15** team won 29-12 against Penrose and 17-10 against Aorere and lost 12-19 to Tangaroa.
Badminton B team lost and doubles team lost 13-15 to Howick
Gymnastics Tumbling Championships- Boys C grade - 1st, Girls Novice B – 4th.
Our thanks once again to Village Cinemas, Highland Park, for continuing to give complimentary tickets for our 'Players of the Day'.

Congratulations to our former students

Purva Joshi (Dux 2002) – 1st in class- Medical Biology 1st semester course.
Nandita Carvalho (Runner up Dux 2002) at Engineering School in Auckland – has gained a scholarship with Beca Carter- potential to make an outstanding contribution to the engineering profession.

SURVEY OF PARENTS OPINIONS

We are going to conduct a survey of parents on two important matters to ensure that we are meeting the needs of most students and parents:

1. Whether or not we should issue *Course Booklets* to all students, or make the information available on our *web site* and have some hard copies available in the library and tutor groups.
2. The time of our parent/teacher interview evenings. Do we provide appropriate times where we are able to meet with the maximum number of parents/guardians?

Note: The surveys will be conducted by asking a random sampling of parents. If you are selected for the survey we would appreciate you taking the time to complete the questionnaire and returning it to us.