



MOUNT MAUNGANUI COLLEGE

Success with Integrity
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INTRODUCTION

It has been very pleasing to see how quickly our students have all settled in to the new year and have become focused on their work. It is our intention to continue with our goal of lifting the learning culture of our students so that they become “confident, connected, lifelong” learners. (New Zealand Curriculum). To this end we are trying to instil in our students the notion that “There is No Choice But Success”, every student must achieve to his or her potential. There has become a renewed urgency about this as well, as the world reels from the effects of the economic recession. And this is not to frighten our students, but to encourage them to draw on all of their resources to ensure that they will do well into the future, and be proud of their achievements.

On February 20 we acknowledged our top academic achievers in NCEA in 2008 in an Academic Colours Assembly. We want to acknowledge the success of our students and to remind them that the focus of their time at school is the achievement of their academic goals. We want to encourage more of our students to challenge themselves to strive for excellence.

We are very proud of our students who gained scholarships in 2008. This is the highest academic award that can be achieved in the secondary education system, and the 13 scholarships was a wonderful increase on the 5 from 2007. I congratulate these students and also thank their teachers for the extra support that they gave their students working towards their scholarship examinations.

Coming up this term are many sporting events. Swimming Championships were held last week, this week the athletics sports day at the Tauranga Domain, and we have many students competing in surf life saving, triathlons, volleyball, basketball, timbersports and cricket. There have been many successes by our students in these events and it is always a positive feeling to see them approaching their sport with enthusiasm and excitement. We cannot underestimate the value young people get out of their sport, faced with the challenge of pushing themselves to their personal best, and the encouragement and support they get from their team, coaches and managers.

In a few weeks time parents will receive an interim report followed by parent teacher evenings. This report gives an early indication of how well your child is doing, and I encourage all parents to make the most of the opportunity to speak to the teachers on the parent teacher evening. Your child’s success is a team effort between child, home and the college, and I encourage all parents to make the most of every opportunity to ensure that we achieve the best for your son or daughter.

Scholarship Results:

Congratulations to the following Scholarship Winners for 2008:

- Kevin Fray (Dux)
 - Chemistry
 - Statistics with Modelling
 - Mathematics with Calculus
 - Physics
- Elizabeth Youard
 - English
 - Biology
- Emma-Rose Luxton
 - English (Outstanding Performance)
 - History
 - Drama
- Jessica Walley
 - Physical Education
- Vicky Nelson
 - Biology
- Jason Haines (Proxime Accessit)
 - Chemistry
 - Statistics with Modelling

University Scholarships:

A number of our students have won scholarships to universities for 2009 and beyond. Knowing how competitive these scholarships are, we are very proud of our students and their achievements. Congratulations to:

- Elizabeth Youard:
 - Alumni Scholarship University of Otago – Course fees for Health Sciences
- Hayden Beard:
 - University of Waikato Vice-Chancellor’s Prize for Academic Excellence
 - Sir Edmund Hilary Scholarship-University of Waikato
 - Students Leavers’ Scholarship-University of Waikato
- Tineke Duyvestyn
 - Massey University Design Award
- Chloe Mackie
 - University of Victoria Scholarship

Media Students Make Mark

Learning at School took on a whole new meaning this week for Abbey Poulter, Abbey Yule, Stevie Spraggs, Alex Bradford and James Reid. These five students from Mount Maunganui College worked as Media Crew for three days at the Rotorua Convention Centre at an ICT conference for teachers. The girls worked tirelessly to collect the perspectives of as many delegates and trade representatives as possible, along with video footage and still shots for newsletters and presentations. The boys 'manned' a video camera in the main venue to record all the keynote and spotlight presentations. Although this work was a steep learning curve and very challenging for the students it created new opportunities and skills for them that they have brought back to school to share with their classmates. A major highlight was their interview and newly formed friendship with MP and member of the select committee for Education, Aaron Gilmore. Aaron will no doubt be hearing more from these students in the future.



PTA

A well attended first meeting for the year and it was encouraging to see new and enthusiastic parents join us on this occasion.

We were privileged to have a tour of the new A block and see some of the latest technology in the media and design areas.

Next Meeting: **23 March 7pm** in the College staffroom with our new Head Students introducing themselves.

Our AGM will be held in conjunction with our monthly meeting. This is the time to offer your valued skills to our committee! Feel free to ring Jenny 5740474 if you have any questions.

Look for our link on the college website.

SPORTS NEWS

The final day for winter sports registration is this Saturday 7th March in the school Hall from 10am to midday. All payment options will be available, eftpos, chq, A/Payment and cash. Trials and team musters will be taking place over the next couple of weeks and it is so important that students watch the Sport Noticeboard for notices, Listen carefully to daily notices and if they are unsure ASK in the sports office which is open daily at Interval and Lunchtime. If you as parents have any concerns regarding sport please do not hesitate to telephone on 5753096 ext 845 and speak to Terry Cochrane. Thank you to those wonderful people who have responded and have put their hands up for helping with a managing or coaching role. We are very grateful.

Student ID photos are going to be taken next Tuesday 10 March in the school Hall. Classes have been timetabled and all the school will be having their photos taken at this time. It is optional if you want to purchase a student ID card. These are used for buses, movies etc.

This year the **ID \$5 PAYMENT MUST** be made by the end of Tuesday 10 March to be able to get the ID cards processed. Students can start making payment in the usual way at the main office in the payment slot. There will be NO money taken after this day and if you miss the cut off you will need to contact Photolife directly to make arrangements to process an ID card for you.

SWIMMING SPORT RESULTS:

Although this is a low-key event at school all the school swimming stars were out in action with three records broken this year. Josh Homer the 100m Snr Boys Breaststroke, Mason Pickering Jnr Boy 33 Butterfly, Danny Kayes Int Boy 33 Butterfly

SNR Boys: 1st Joshua Homer, 2nd Owen Miller, 3rd Jordan Hills

Snr Girls: 1st Brooklyn Reardon- Nikara, 2nd Amanda Knox, 3rd Christie Yule

Int Boys: 1st Danny Kayes, 2nd Callum Knox, 3rd Michael van der Zanden

Int Girls: 1st Rebecca Parkes, 2nd Cara Ryna, 3rd Ashley Cochrane

Jnr Boys: Mason Pickering, 2nd Ross Cowdrey, 3rd Michael Bryant

Jnr Girls: 1st Michaela Aitken, 2nd Simone Couvee, 3rd Alex Sefton

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRIATHLON CHAMPS OHOPE:

This year we had a junior girls' and boys' team which both finished in 3rd place, members were Simon Smith, Danny Hart, Michael Bryant, and Tiari Townsend, Tori Abraham-Townsend and Kahleia Josephson. Individually Ross Cowdrey finished 3rd in the Jnr boys and Laura Karow was 2nd in the senior girls. Also competing in the Junior boys as individuals were Jackson Edwards and Sam Durrant. The school Triathlon Champs are this weekend on Sunday 8th in conjunction with the UCAN2 Triathlon at Coronation park.

SURF LIFESAVING RESULTS:

In total 65 medals were won by some of our students at the BOP Senior Champs at Waihi Beach. Cara Ryan and Ashley Cochrane both collecting nine medals each. Ocean Athletes, the National Champs for U14's has just finished with some awesome results:

- U13 medallists: Danny Hart 1 silver 1 bronze, Hannah Scown 2 silver, 1 bronze, Tori Abrahams-Townsend 1 gold, Kahleia Josephson 1 gold, 1 silver
- U14 Medallists: Ross Cowdrey 1 Gold, 2 silver, Danny Kayes, 4 Silver, 2 Bronze, Mason Pickering 1 Bronze, Ashley Cochrane 1 Gold, 1 silver 2 bronze, Michaela Aitken 1 Silver, Simone Couvee 1 bronze. The highlight event being the Diamond race where Ashley Cochrane and Ross Cowdrey won the gold medals and National Titles.
- Senior nationals where many of our students compete are in Gisborne next week.

IN THE NEWS:

- Rebecca Parkes and Danny Kayes have both made the NZ U15 Girls and Boys Waterpolo Team.
- Rockclimber, Dez Fineron was 2nd in expert grade at National Bouldering series in Waitomo.
- Surfer Sam Guthrie won the 4th series of the Hyundai Longboard series in CHCH and is leading the U18 men's and is 6th in the open men's divisions. He has 2 comps left in the series in Whangamata and Port Waikato.
- Owen Miller placed 10th in the U19 Contact Triathlon series and competed in Australia last weekend where he raced really well and was the 6th NZ'er to finish in the U19 division. Owen still may make the age group champs for NZ, which are held in Australia.
- The boys and girls volleyball teams are continuing with their weekend qualifying rounds to gain places to go to Nationals.

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1:

7 March	Final Day Winter Registration - School Hall
8 March	School Triathlon Champs - Coronation Park, Mt Maunganui
10 March	School Photo IDs
11 March	BOP Athletics - Tauranga Domain
14/15 March	Volleyball Finals
15 March	Snr BOP Touch - Rotorua
19/20 March	BOP Cricket Champs
21 March	Waikato Athletics - Hamilton
22 March	Zonal Touch
23 March	BOP Duathlon Champs - Tauranga
25 March	SLS Secondary School Champs - Shark Alley (all helpers welcome).

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive the College's monthly newsletter by email please send an email with this request to:
principal@mmc.school.nz

STUDENT MESSAGES

Please note that the college office staff cannot deliver lunches, messages or other property to students unless in an emergency.

Parents are to ensure that students are aware of any items being left at the office for collection in advance.

TUITION AVAILABLE

Children's painting and drawing tuition with artist Paula Knight. Pencil, pastel, watercolour and acrylic painting. Also enquire about adult classes - phone 542 3455 or 029 602 4108.

LEADERS REQUIRED

Volunteer Programme Leaders - YMCA

If you are keen or would like further information call Keeley or Carl at YMCA Tauranga - 578 9272 ext 708.

FREE COUNSELLING

Introducing Ingrid Proctor (BA Couns MNZCCA)- Alcohol and Drug Counsellor / Educator.

Ingrid is a full time counsellor / educator at Get Smart Tauranga Drug & Alcohol Services. She will be coming into the College to run a clinic every Friday starting 13 March to give free counselling, support, information and education to students, whanau and friends.

This is a free confidential service and you can make an appointment to see Ingrid by going through the Guidance Counsellor or Health Nurse.

If you have any questions please approach Ingrid on Friday or alternatively she can be contacted at Get Smart Tauranga, 17th Avenue, 53 The Village, 571 3712 or txt her on 027 461 2510 between 8am-4:30pm Monday to Friday.

TECT

TECT (Tauranga Energy Consumer Trust) Grants

In the next few week TECT will be surveying consumers as to how they distribute their funds. Presently 80% is returned to consumers and 20% is distributed to worthy community groups. This is a really important survey and I would like to encourage all parents to support the status quo.

Most years Mount Maunganui College and many of the local schools have received funding from TECT to support learning programmes. For instance in 2009 Mount Maunganui College has received \$31,000 to support ICT developments in the College. The 20% that TECT distributes back into the community allows for many groups to continue their activities and thereby strengthen the community as a whole. Supporting the status quo is supporting our schools and our communities.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 10 March.....Student ID Photos
Monday 23 March.....PTA Meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 25 MarchBOT Meeting, 7pm
Thursday 9 AprilLast Day of Term 1