



## Newsletter 4 May 09

### INTRODUCTION

It is a pleasure to welcome our students back for term two of this year. This will be a busy term with Internal Examinations for our students (Juniors 3-4 June, Seniors 1-3 July), Stage Challenge, School Ball, Lynfield Exchange, many tertiary institution visits for Year 13 students, two teacher only days and of course, the full range of winter sports teams competing in their various codes.

On the 27 May, and the 5 June, Teachers will be working to come to terms with the new Curriculum. The previous Minister of Education in the Labour Government allocated these two days to schools across the country. The first of these days will be a combined secondary schools day, with schools from across the Bay of Plenty working in their subject areas on ways that they can implement the new curriculum. The second day will be used by teachers working within their individual schools, fitting the changes required into their programmes of learning.

With senior examinations happening in the week prior to the school holidays, it is important that parents diary these dates and make sure the good revision is happening in the homes of our senior students. Success only comes with hard work and our students need every opportunity to take stock on their progress throughout the year. These internal examinations are an important milestone in measuring progress and in ensuring a strong end of year result in NCEA.

It was disturbing to read the headline in the BOP Times, "Brutal School Fights Filmed" and to see pictures of students fighting in a Tauranga school's grounds, that were posted on YouTube. This type of behaviour that denigrates other students reflects appalling lack of judgement by students, a total lack of respect for others and it is bullying of the worst kind. It also highlights the importance of parents being very vigilant about what their children are doing on the home computer, as these postings and the viewing of these clips, are more than likely done on the home computer. I would encourage all parents to make it your business to know what your children are viewing and communicating on the home computer, after all, it is your home and your computer. If parents have any concerns about any kind of inappropriate communications being sent or seen on their family computer, I would ask that you do not hesitate in contacting the college to discuss your concerns.

#### New Staff:

We welcome to the college two new staff members this term, and welcome back another two. Pip Tinning-Sherwin joins the English department from John Paul College in Rotorua, Alisa McGonagle is teaching dance and comes from Matamata College, Karen Barber rejoins the English Department, Stephanie joins the Art Department.

#### School Ball:

The school ball is the major social event of the year for our Year 12 and Year 13 students. It is important that everyone is able to enjoy and remember this special occasion. Students and parents are asked to sign the code of conduct, which clearly outlines our expectations for student behaviour for the evening. I would like all parents and caregivers to give the staff of the college their full support in ensuring that students do not over indulge in alcohol prior to the ball, and that they understand that the ball is held on the condition that no post ball function is organised. The choice is simple, if students and or parents find that they cannot support the code of conduct, then it makes sense that that student does not attend the ball.

#### Congrats to ...

- Josh Pow for having his piece titled "Dreaming in Harmony" published in the New Zealand Herald on Tuesday 5 May.
- Jacinda Mitchell for winning a Digital Camera for the Editor's Choice Award in the NZ Herald.
- Alex Hitchmough - By achieving in the top 15% of students at the University of Waikato, Alex has been invited to join the Golden Key International Honour Society. Golden Key is the world's premier collegiate honor society, recognising outstanding academic achievement and connecting high-achieving individuals locally, regionally & globally with lifetime opportunity, reward & success. Membership is by invitation only.

Terry Collett  
Principal

### THANK YOU

Thank you to participating business for their great support towards the fundraising for the college's motocross team. The total raised \$2,400 has paid for the team riders' pants and shirts.

Congratulations to:



Blue Steel Buildings have their logo printed on the team shirts. All other sponsors will be displayed on the information board which will be taken to every race meeting.

### PTA

Thank you to Tina Yule, Associate Principal, for the Principal's report and a overview of the events happening at the school.

The PTA have an enjoyable community event up our sleeves and more information will follow.

**Next meeting Monday 25 May 2009** - 7pm in the staffroom.

A warm welcome to parents. This is a good way to meet other parents, be involved in your college and be regularly updated on what is happening in the college from the Principal.

Guest speaker: to be confirmed.

### SCHOOL HEALTH

A reminder to parents that sick students should not be sent to school. It is unfair to all to have them in a classroom. The college sickbay is not able to cater for students who should be home resting.

Please contact the college if your child is to be home sick.

### COUNSELLING

#### Alcohol & Drug Education / Counselling

Recently there have been changes to this service offered through the college. Toughlove Tauranga is now offering this service at school each Thursday from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Donald Welsh is the lead worker for this service and he has a degree in Counselling, and a professional membership as well as experience in the field of alcohol and drug education and counselling. Toughlove works in pairs and Donald is usually accompanied by Lietta Powell who leads the Youth Services Team at Toughlove.

Toughlove is available to help students with their issues and appointments can be made through the Guidance Counsellors or the Student Health Co-ordinator. Parents can access services either through the school or telephoning the Toughlove office 571 1503.

## TOOLBOX COURSE

### Parents Inc (Practical Solutions for Parents)

Parenting Teenagers Toolbox Course - 11 May  
58 Campbell Road, Mount Maunganui  
\$67.50 one parent  
\$90 couple (subsidys available)  
Six weeks in total, free manual and one  
year's subscription to Parenting Magazine.  
Contact: Amanda Sloan 575 2911

## SPORTS NEWS

Welcome to Term 2 and the start of a busy winter sports programme. We have a record 13 Netball teams taking to the courts each weekend, 5 Rugby Teams, 2 Hockey Teams, 5 Soccer Teams and 5 Basketball Teams. It is fantastic to have so much support for college sport and we would like all team members to wear our school colours with pride and represent us with a good attitude of fairplay, integrity and play hard as team members to make your coaches, parents, supporters and school proud of you.

This term we have our annual sports exchange with Lynfield College where our top sports team play Lynfield for the prestigious trophy. This year we are the hosts and we will be calling on families to billet a student on Sunday 21st June. This is a Sunday night and the teams will be playing matches that evening at the Mt Action Centre and also on the Monday before they travel home. There will be no social function this year.

If you want to know details of the school sports teams draw week by week and results this can be found on the school website. This is updated as draws and results become available. The web address is [www.mmc.school.nz](http://www.mmc.school.nz) For any news or enquiries regarding sport this season please contact the sports office, Terry Cochrane ph: 575 3096 ext 845.

### Fundraising Event

The Boys 1st XV are travelling to Australia this year and for a fundraising event they are hosting an evening Dinner/Dance/Auction at Omanu Golf Club on Saturday 13th June from 6.30pm. The dress code is formal and there is a great band booked for those who want to boogie the night away. The guest speaker for the night is the legendary ERIC RUSH so don't miss out on this exciting night. Tickets are limited, so get a group together, tables of 6, and contact Mark Inman on 0274 799 866.

NB: If anyone would like to sponsor or donate prizes for the auction side of the evening this would be greatly appreciated.

### Important Dates

15 May Multisport Rotorua  
16 May Ultimate Frisbee: Otc  
17 May Kaimai Classic Multisport  
19 May Golf – Kawerau  
20 May BOP Cross Country, Waipuna  
10 June Indoor Rock Climbing Snr  
17 June Indoor Rock Climbing Jnr  
17 June Waikato Cross Country  
21 /22 Lynfield Exchange (We Host)

### School Surfing Champs

These were held in the last week of term in amazing conditions which really tested our surfing students and was a huge challenge for them to get out in the surf to compete. The swell was running with a 4-5ft solid wave and the day was very impressive as a spectator.

- Bodyboard - 1st Liam Whareaitu, 2nd James Collins, 3rd Connor McCashin, 4th Kennedy Dromgool
- Longboard - 1st Nicklas Jappe, 2nd Philipp Eller, 3rd Amon Rimene
- Girls Champ - 1st Demi Hewitt, 2nd Erika Dive
- U18 Boys - 1st Sam Guthrie, 2nd Thomas Hardwick, 3rd Ben Burggraaf, 4th William Cooper
- U16 Boys - 1st Nathaniel Coleman, 2nd= James Elder and Sam Aiken, 3rd Danyon Halse
- U14 Boys - 1st Josh Taylor, 2nd Luca Cressy, 3rd= Connor Pearson and Jake Collins

### In the News

- Congratulations to Luke van Veen and Nicholas West who have made selection in the NZ U21 TIMBERSPORT Team to compete at the Royal Melbourne Wood Chop Show in September in a 3 race series against Australia.
- Year 11 student Tayla Blanchard has been named in the NZ U15 MAORI NETBALL squad for her second year.
- BOP Secondary schools SWIMMING held in Rotorua. Simone Couvee was 1st in Jnr girls 50m Backstroke, Michael vander Zanden 2nd Int Boys 50m Breastroke, Michael Bryant 3rd Jnr Boy 50 m Breastroke and Hannah Meredith 3rd Jnr Girls 50m Butterfly.
- Four of our students competed in the SURFING BOP Scholastic Team and played an integral part in the BOP's win for the title. Todd Doyle finished 1st in U16 boys and Sam Guthrie won the U18 Long Board, Tom West was a finalist in the Body Board and Demi Hewitt made the finals of the U14 Girls.
- The National FOOTBALL tournament held in Napier saw the U16 BOP/Waikato girls team take the title, Sasha greig was part of this winning team and the U15 girls team with Trudi Greig, Ashley Cochrane and Adrianna O'Meara finished 3rd behind Mainland team from South Island. The U14 team with Simone Couvee finished 5th.
- The Secondary School SURF LIFESAVING Teams event was held at Mt Maunganui and we entered 2 U19 teams and 2 U16 teams. Each team had 10 members and had to have 3 novices (Non Surf) students. The event was very close and exciting with our Mt College U16 Team Dolphin winning the U16 division. The U19 team Sonic finished 2nd.
- ROUND THE MT RELAY, an annual teams running race around the base track of Mt Maunganui was held in last week of Term 1 with Mt Mixed Jnr team, Tori Abrahams-Townsend, Hannah Scown, Lewis Hart and Michael van der Zanden, finishing 1st, Snr Mixed team Owen Miller, Liam O'Toole, Laura Karow and Kelsey Carter coming 2nd and Snr Boys Levi Sherwin, Andrew Duvall, Liam O'Toole and Owen Miller, 2nd place.
- Luke Larsen, Caleb Oakes and Thomas Steele competed in a Papamoas surfboat in the U 19 division with a Te Puke student finishing 1st in Open men's surfboat Ian Porteous Memorial, 2nd North Island U19 Champs, 1st BOP U19's and 3rd Nationals in Gisborne. Great results for first year rowers.

## CAREERS

### Calendar of Events May / June 2009

4 May	Otago Uni and Otago Polytechnic Information Days
6 May	Pasifika workshop (yr 9-13)
8 May	Waikato University Open Day (Yr 13 trip)
11 May	NZ Broadcasting Liaison visit 10.00am
12 May	Tertiary Awareness Day/Evening – Yr 11 from 11.30am Yr 12 & 13 – 5.00-6.30pm students and parents/caregivers
19 May	Workchoice Day – Fonterra, MAF, TrustPower Limited
25 May	StudyLink at senior assembly 9.45am
9 June	Inzone Bus – Career Information Tool
11 June	University of Auckland Liaison visit 10.00am
17 June	Otago Uni Law Presentation – Tauranga (venue tba) 1-3pm
18 June	BOP Polytechnic Open Day (Yr 12 trip) Otago Uni Health Presentation – Hamilton (venue tba) 12-1.30pm
24 June	Army Careers Day (offsite)

### Tertiary Awareness Day/Evening

Yr 12 & 13 students and PARENTS/CAREGIVERS are encouraged to come and speak with Tertiary Providers who will be in the Hall from 5pm-6.30pm.

### DreamCatcher

[www.dreamcatcher.school.nz](http://www.dreamcatcher.school.nz)

Years 10-13 have been introduced to DreamCatcher which is a career development application. Parents/Caregivers and students are able to work with DreamCatcher at home and explore a variety of career pathways. Through the link to Career Services, students are able to discover the skills, qualities, academic requirements, possible employers and training providers necessary for their possible future pathways.

## WINTER UNIFORM

**Students not wearing the correct uniform will have the item confiscated or the student will be sent home to correct the incorrect uniform item.**

## IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 12 May.....Cross Country  
Wednesday 20 May .....Talent Quest  
Monday 25 May.....PTA Meeting - 7pm  
Wednesday 27 May.....TEACHER ONLY DAY  
Wednesday 27 May.....BOT Meeting - 7pm  
Wednesday 27 May.....Teacher Only Day  
Monday 1 June .....Queen's Birthday  
Friday 5 June .....TEACHER ONLY DAY  
Saturday 6 June.....School Senior Ball