

MOUNT MAUNGANUI COLLEGE

Introduction

Student Leadership

A very important development has happened in the college over the last three or four years in respect to student leadership. As we have expanded the roll and increased the number of student leaders over this period, more students are now seeing this as a wonderful opportunity to develop their leadership skills, grow in confidence, and to give something back to their school community.



In the last week, thirty year 12 students have put their names forward for student leadership positions in the college for 2008. On the Thursday and Friday of the first week, each student had to address the whole teaching staff as to why they should be chosen as a student leader at Mount Maunganui College.

The calibre of these students is excellent. It is a real pleasure to listen to our staff commenting on the tremendous quality of our senior students. Selecting 2008's student leadership team will be a difficult task given the large number and quality, but who is complaining?

Academic Success

This term races to its conclusion for the senior students and their focus must now be solely on achieving their external achievement standards. Parental support is crucial in ensuring that students succeed in these examinations. Know what subjects, what standards and when the examinations are on. Put a timetable on the fridge or in some obvious place and refer to it daily. Set up a study programme with your child and encourage less social activity.

At this time most courses have been completed and the focus at school turns to revision and practice for the external examinations for Years 11, 12 and 13 students. We need the support of parents to ensure that each student finishes the year successfully. It is important to remember that all NCEA certificates will be endorsed with "Achieved", "Merit" or "Excellence". This will inevitably mean a ranking process will take place when students apply for jobs and courses. Students must strive to do their best.

Science Schools

Congratulations to Jason Haines and Kevin Fray on being selected to attend the science schools over the summer holidays. There is extremely strong competition for these positions from throughout the country and the boys have done well to be chosen. Jason will go to the University of Auckland School and Kevin to the Hills Laboratories Science School at the University of Waikato.

Academic Achievement

At the beginning of the year our senior students were told that an added incentive would be arranged to further encourage academic excellence. At each year level, a computer was offered for a draw for a group of top students based on their grade point average and credit pass rate at the end of term three. Added to this, two ipods were offered at each

level for a draw by all students achieving a one hundred percent pass rate up to the end of term three. At Year 13, we have eleven students, at Year 12, thirteen students and at Year 11, fifty-seven students, who have achieved a one hundred percent pass rate.

The top achieving students who will go into the lap top draw are:

Year 13:	Year 12	Year 11
Mark Darbyshire	Hayden Beard	Jessica Aiken
Stephanie Fagan	Torrin Bright	Kerryn Drever
Sarah Gordon	Tracey Carter	Joshua Homer
Alex Hitchmough	Kevin Fray	Amy Lean
Sam Lake	Jason Haines	Hannah Martin
Michelle Mayo	Emma-Rose Luxton	Gabriella O'Meara
Zak Meyers	Chloe Mackie	Simran Poonia
Claire Murphy	Vicky Nelson	Kris Roberts
Laura Rishworth	Jessica Walley	Jessie Smith
		Christie Yule

Congratulations to Ex Students

Congratulations to the following ex students from Mount Maunganui College who have graduated from Victoria University with five year degrees or honours:

Rochelle Francis	LLB(Hon)
Jason McGarvey	BCA (Hon)
Joshua Mouldey	LLB
Kellyanne Tong	BA (Hon)

Awards Evenings

We are fast approaching the series of awards evenings for 2007. These celebrate the academic, sporting and cultural achievements of our students. I strongly urge all parents and students to support these evenings to share in the successes of our students.

24 October, 7.00pm – Sports Awards

Acknowledges the sporting achievements of our students and the announcement of the Crimson Awards (top honours in a particular sport) and the high achievement and Sports Girl and Boy awards for 2007. Guest speaker is Dean Wise, an ex Mount Maunganui College student who held many of the college athletics records. He has represented NZ in athletics and won an American Scholarship. He is currently working with the NZ Police Force.

30 October, 7.00pm-Cultural Awards

This is always an entertaining evening with the best of the performing and visual arts of the year on show. This has always been a very popular awards evening to celebrate the success of our students across a wide range of cultural activities. Crimson Awards are made to top performing students and the Performing Arts Person of the year is announced.

13 November, 7.00pm – Academic Awards

The most formal occasion of the year rightly celebrates the academic achievements of our students. Our guest speaker is Riri Ellis, and ex Head Girl of the college who recently gained her PhD. The evening is climaxed with the announcement of the top academic students, the Proxime Accessit and the Dux for 2007.

Put these dates in your diary and accompany your son and daughter to these awards evenings.

Terry Collett
Principal

Sports Report

Last term of the year and the summer sport teams are rolling out with Volleyball about to start, Waterpolo and cricket for our teams.

- Excellent performance from Adam Grierson from our golf class who took out the senior men's club champs at the Omanu Golf Club in the holidays. Great effort for the 17-year-old student.
- Nicholas West and Luke Van Veen were over at the Royal Melbourne Show in the holidays in the NZ U21 Wood chopping team and they paired up to take a 4th in the championship double hand saw and Nicholas got a trophy in the 14-17 yr Underhand saw. The team from NZ went down 3-0 to Australia but with a young team this year they showed good foundations for the future.
- Joseph Kayes had great performances at the Surf Lifesaving pool champs getting Gold in the 100 M U19 Manikin with fins event and a silver in the 100M Medley Rescue. Candra Hansen won 2 silver medals in relay events in U19 division and Cara Ryan, a year 9 student, also won a silver and bronze in relay events in U14 division.
- Erin Weston had a heart wrenching national Trampoline meet, as she had to watch from the side. Erin won silver on the first day in the Jnr International Synchro and on championship day she pulled her shoulder in warm up and managed to pinch the nerves and displace her vertebrae, Ouch. The season is over for Erin and she wont be going to Worlds in Hawaii.
- The school hosted a rugby and netball team from Perth in the holidays and had a great day with the boys U15 Rugby Team having a very exciting game, with Mt winning 39-29 and the Netball girls cleaning up in the Netball by a 70 goal margin.
- Thankyou all for an awesome winter season and we look forward to the 2008 season. If you would like to register an interest to helping with a sports team in a coaching or managing role for next year please contact Terry Cochrane, Sports Office.

SPORTS UNIFORMS:

URGENT REMINDER : Please check in those dark corners of your rooms and unearth any outstanding school sports uniform please. They are now all overdue and a letter requesting replacement for missing uniformss will be sent out shortly to individual students.

Important Sports Dates

- 24 October.....Sports Awards 7pm - Hall
- 28 November Friends of the College

Andrew's GAP Year at Bangor

A GAP year tutor programme at Bangor Grammar School, Northern Ireland has kept Andrew Beard occupied this year. The opportunity for new challenges and working within their P.E. department has proven to be an invaluable experience "They were awesome guys to work with – a laugh a minute." His job was bet described as sports assistant. He went on all sorts of school trips, took PE classes, cricket practices and did general chores for everyone.

Andrew enjoyed a cricket season with Bangor Cricket Club during the summer break finishing with a little travel to compete in the Denmark Xterra event (triathlon). Gaining second place in his age group. Andrew has now been offered a place in the Xterra World Championships in Maui, Hawaii at the end of October.



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is on 15 October at 7pm. This is a good oppotrtnity for all parents to keep up to date with what is happening at Mount Maunganui College and to support functions organised by the PTA.

All parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend. Meetings are held in the staffroom. Enter through the back entrance by the Dean's Block.

Important Dates:

- Monday 15 October PTA Meeting - 7pm - Staffroom
- Thursday 25 October BOT Meeting - 7:30pm - Boardroom
- Monday 22 October LABOUR DAY
- Wednesday 24 October Sports Awards
- Tuesday 30 October Performing Arts Awards
- Tuesday 13 November Academic Prize Giving

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