

MOUNT MAUNGANUI COLLEGE

Introduction

On 13 September we start our internal examinations for the Year 11 to Year 13 students. These exams are extremely important for a number of reasons. In the first instance they give our students the opportunity to prepare themselves for the external examinations in November. Secondly they provide the chance for students to gain further credit towards the completion of their NCEA qualification.

It is very important that from now until the end of the senior year, students focus solely on the completion of their academic qualifications. It is always disappointing for students to miss out on completing their NCEA level qualification by a few credits, or not completing the necessary literacy and numeracy requirements for NCEA level 1 and University literacy requirements for literacy at level 2.

Another incentive has been added to the assessment mix with the recent changes to NCEA, which will see the certificates being awarded with an endorsement, which is as an Achieved, Merit or Excellence Certificate pass noted on the certificate. It is important for students to consider how their certificate may support their future learning goals and the extra effort to achieve at the higher levels will pay off, especially when they apply for courses that have a limited entry.

The school and families must combine forces to ensure that our students achieve the best possible outcome over the next two months.

Tamara and Students off to Japan

Congratulations to Tamara Williams, teacher of Japanese, who has won a place for herself and 10 students to travel to Japan as part of the AFS JENESYS programme. Mount Maunganui College will be one of six schools within New Zealand to participate in this programme. AFS will cover all travel and accommodation expenses. Senior students will go through a selection process to see who the lucky 10 students will be.

Royal Overseas League Speech Competition

Emma Rose Luxton has followed up her very successful Tauranga Festival performances and recent speech examination results with a well-deserved 2nd place in the Royal League's Speech Competition. This was a strongly contested competition with excellent speeches being presented by the other competing Tauranga schools. Emma-Rose gave a somewhat "cheeky" perspective on parenting.

*Terry Collett
Principal*

Hosting an International Student

Has your family thought about hosting an international student?

Throughout the year Mount Maunganui College welcomes students from Germany, Italy, Hong Kong, Korea and Brazil. We also welcome short term students from Japan. These students look forward to living with local families. For \$200 a week, we expect a single room and all meals. But more importantly, we want them to feel part of your family.

For more information, please call Freda Furniss at Mount Maunganui College Tel 5753096 extn 836 between 10am and 1pm or by e mail fredaf@mmc.school.nz

Guidance Counsellor

There will be another Guidance Counsellor available at the college until 16 November. Mrs Charlotte Van Lith is a training counsellor from the BOP Polytechnic completing her final year of study.

She will be available Tuesday-Friday during school hours or by appointment and before or after school.

Parents are welcome to contact her at the college if they wish to discuss any concerns they may have.

Students, feel free to call in or make an appointment.

Search for the Stars

The regional final of the National Search for the Stars Competition was held at Mount Maunganui College on Tuesday, August 21 and was very successful not only for the organisers but also the contestants. Sophie Evans was the organiser of the contest and with her team did an excellent job of managing an exciting and challenging contest that included student teams from several other schools in the Bay of Plenty. The outcome of the competition saw Mount Maunganui College take 1st place in Dance (MC Hip Hop - Alex Hitchmough, Sophie Evans, Josh Rangitaawa, Lance Westrupp, Mason Hohepa., Taylor Williams, Sara McCafferty, Chloe Liddy, Lucy Evans, Jessica Aiken, Emma Aiken). 1st place in the Cultural Funk section, as well as 1st place in the Singing section (Olivia Mackenzie). These students have an opportunity to go forward to the National Final Contest in October.

The Arts Collection

On September 4, a showcase of performing arts talent will be given at Baycourt. The Dance, Drama, Music, Art and Maori Departments will provide performances and displays of their quality work. This has always been an exciting event in a perfect environment. Also the very successful Stage Challenge team will present this years winning challenge of 'What's up, Universe?'.

TEACHER'S INDUSTRIAL ACTION

At present all PPTA union members will be on strike on:
WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER this means school will
be closed on that day.

Please keep your children at home. If this changes
we will notify students on Tuesday. Thank you for your
support. Buses will not be operating on 12 September.

Art Department Request

Do you have half empty tins of acrylic paint cluttering your garage that you no longer have any use for?

The Art Department can take them off your hands.

We will be using the paint for future stage props and large-scale murals.

Please deliver cans to main office or ring the Art Department if you have any queries 575 3096 Ext 831.

BE WISE REVISE - NCEA REVISION GUIDES

The Be Wise. Revise series of NCEA revision guides are designed to help your son / daughter prepare for the NCEA exams. Pearson Education will give our school 15% of the value of your purchase. Please ensure you nominate the correct school at the checkout. Visit www.bewise.co.nz

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is on 10 September at 7pm. This is a good opportunity 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.

SUBJECT FEES

Reminder that subject fees are now overdue for payment.

Sports Report

- For all those teams who have finished their season, please return ALL uniforms to the sports office immediately or straight after the last game of the season. If you still have fees outstanding for the sport season please get them paid to the office. Thank you to everyone for their help this season and to the students for competing each week for the school, you have all done a tremendous job.
- The fundraising auction was well received, with some real bargains going out the door on the night. Thanks to all the sponsors, supporters and helpers.
- Four of our top performing sport students attended a days seminar run by sport BOP called 'Chasing your Dreams' This was presented by guest speaker Steve Gurney and several other well known sports specialists. The students all came away with lots of new ideas and direction of how they could reach their goals.

Sporting Achievements

- Danny Tonga and John Latailakepa have been selected in the U18 BOP Rugby Team who will be playing a series of competition games against the upper North Island Unions.
- Kiwi Bianca McLeod-Ohia has made the WBOP Gold Rep Team who will be travelling to Invercargill for Nationals next month.
- Kelly Nathan competed in the National Winter Special Olympics and came up trumps with 2 Gold medals and a Silver medal. He was the youngest competitor out of a field of 90 and has now qualified for the International Special Winter Olympics in Idaho in 2008. Kelly won his Gold's in the Slalom and Super G event and Silver in the giant slalom. He competed in the Novice Division Two Section.
- Harbourside Netball came up with the initiative to have Saturday Netball for special needs students this year. The students were taught the rules and how the game is played, and with other neighbouring school students the "No exceptions" programme has been a huge success with our students buzzing about the opportunities they have had to play Saturday sport and compete against other sides. The talk on Monday mornings is all about the game on Saturday, and thanks to Stevie Heath, their teacher who has had them practising at lunchtimes, the build up come Friday is overflowing with enthusiasm and the game plan for the next day. Congratulations to our students who have played in this Saturday league and all the support from staff and families.

- Erin Weston won the A grade trampolining SS Champs and Anya Duyvestyn placed 2nd in the Grade B Tramp. Anya also placed 2nd overall in the individual gymnastics and her team won Gold. In the Auckland Champs Anya again had a great performance to get 2nd overall against 51 other competitors. Anya has been selected for the Bay of Plenty Gymnastics Team.
- Sarsha Greig has been selected for the U14 BOP Girls Soccer Team.
- Mount College Golf Team placed 2nd in the annual Eagles Golf Day behind Te Puke.

Important Sports Dates

8 September 7's Rugby Opotiki
 9 September SS Skateboarding Champs
 16 September PTA Golf Day
 17 September Year 9 and 10 Girls / Boys Day

House Points

Kotuku 8792
 Huia 8080
 Ruru 7700
 Takahae 7693

Gap Year Au Pair Programme to the USA

If you:

- have good babysitting experience
 - hold a New Zealand licence
 - love travel and childcare
- then visit: www.ark-international.co.nz

Mount Maunganui College Annual Golf Tournament

This extremely popular Golf Tournament is to be held 16 September at the Mount Maunganui Golf Course. It is the major fundraiser for the PTA and is an ideal opportunity for you to play on one of New Zealand's best courses. We will have an extensive prize table and the day is a great opportunity to get a group together for a fun day out. Interest can be registered at the College office or by telephoning Terry Cochrane 575 3096 ext 845.

We would like to invite businesses to sponsor one of the holes at a cost of \$200 with free entry for one adult, and would also welcome any spot prizes. We look forward to seeing you there. Mark it on your calendar.

Important Dates:

Monday 10 September PTA Meeting - 7pm - Staffroom
 Thursday 13 September Senior Assessment Begins
 Thursday 27 September BOT Meeting - 7:30pm - Boardroom
 Friday 21 September Last Day of Term 3
 Monday 8 October First Day of Term 4

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