



**Term 1 Week 2 Friday 12 February 2010
Bulletin # 2**

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After a second week, the school has settled into routines well. A very agreeable Year 9 intake, well complimented by a number of new boys at other levels, have adapted to Rathkeale life in a very reassuring manner and most already look very much at home here. No doubt the boarders in their midst will have tales to tell of last weekend's activities including use of the recently upgraded Matapihi ropes course and the ascent of Rangitumau.

All boys were involved in athletics standards on Tuesday from 11.00am. This was a very busy, hot time during which the boys excelled in both effort and attitude. Well done!

Further excellence was encountered when the school received the 2009 academic scholarship results. A total of twenty scholarships were awarded to last year's Year 13 students (9 boys and 11 girls). This is a fantastic achievement which will be further detailed in the Principal's newsletter.

The group of Tennis and Cricket players who visited from Wanganui Collegiate School early in the week provided some very useful competition. The tennis was 6 all but was won by Rathkeale by one set on count back. The 2nd XI lost whilst the 1st XI fought back well on the second day to achieve a very satisfactory draw.

Next week holds something for everyone. On Monday afternoon it is hoped that all Year 9 and 10 boys will carry several rocks from the river to the chapel. This will be their contribution to the stone wall around the forecourt and will be part of the ongoing school tradition involving river rocks.

The Senior College will encounter their first school social event on Monday evening. The annual Dessert Dance will endeavour to mix the girls and the boys in both year groups up in such a manner as to enable new acquaintances to be made. Buses will transport everyone to and from Rathkeale and therefore cars are to be left at St Matthew's. All school rules apply to the evening. Those who are not attending need to have let Mr Harper know to avoid being charged.

On Thursday evening the International students will have a BBQ. A cross section of Asian countries is represented by our 18 foreign students who constitute a highly valued part of the school community.

We will again welcome Bishop Tom Brown. Bishop of Wellington to the College on Friday when he commissions the School Prefects at 10.00am. The parents of the prefects have been invited to attend this significant event.

Whilst many boarders will enjoy an Exeat at the end of the week the 1st XI Cricket team will travel north to the Waikato for games against St Pauls' Collegiate in Hamilton and St Peter's School in Cambridge. We wish them well and hope that pleasing results are forthcoming.

**Grant Harper
Deputy Principal**

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Results and Programme – 12 February 2010

Cricket

Results

Sat 6 Feb Jun yr 10 vs Jun. Yr 9 Won by 30 runs

Sat 6 Feb 2nd XI vs Wai.Coll. 3rd XI Lost by 40 runs M McKenzie 5 catches G Deans 50 no

Sun 7 Feb 1st XI vs Wanganui Collegiate Drew

2nd XI vs Wanganui Collegiate Lost

Programme

Sat 13 Feb

Jun A vs Jun. B @ Rathkeale 10.00 am

Sat 13 Feb

2nd XI vs Chanel @ Common noon

Tennis

Results

Sat 6 Feb 2nd Team vs Opaki Lost 0 – 9

Sun 7 Feb Rathkeale vs Wanganui Collegiate

Drew 6 – 6 Won by a set

Programme

Sat 13 Feb 1st

Team Masterton @ Rathkeale 1.00 pm

2nd Team vs Martinborough @ M'borough 1.00 pm