

RATHKEALE COLLEGE

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COMING EVENTS:

26 August - Intercollegiate
Wearable Arts (Makoura)

27 August - Founders' Day

28/29 August - Exeat

Week 7 - Tournament Week

7 Sep - Interhouse Cross Country
(Rd1)

9 Sept - 7.00pm Winter Music
Concert

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS:

Theatre Sports group win

Jonty Blundell - Member of NZ
Delegation to Model UN (The
Hague)

Jamie Peryer-Fursdon & Greg
Bentley in Clay Bird shooting

Yr 9 Matharapa win by Eddie
Barnett, Ryan Sheehan, Anan
Kraisakdawat



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comprising Hadlow School, Rathkeale College
and St Matthew's Collegiate School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends

We are a small school, but we do offer a range of activities that I hope will add to a boy's experiences and allow opportunities for achievement. For many, time will show that some school experiences will become enduring memories and highlights of a lifetime.

I commend our students who embrace the opportunities that are available and I thank our staff, parents and members of the Rathkeale community that make these possible. I thank our supporters and hope that they continue to derive a great deal of satisfaction and enjoyment from watching school activities.

For many of our boys, their experiences are vestigial and their talents still emerging, but I hope that there are some things that will endure and assist them in future sporting and cultural activities.

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS

Term III school assemblies have focused on the guest speakers in the school. It has been a privilege to hear the messages given by Colonel Martin Dransfield on his experiences in leading New Zealand missions in Afghanistan, Andy Barron sharing with us his personal euphoria as a member of the All Whites team at the Football World Cup in South Africa and, most recently, St Matthew's old girl, Catriona Williams, speaking to us about leading the Cat Walk Trust's work to raise funds for Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) research.

Additionally, our Year 13 students have come together with their peers from all Wairarapa schools to listen to the life and times of Olympic champion board sailor Barbara Kendall and Atlantic rower, adventurer, author and business strategist, Kevin Biggar. I thank the Masterton Trust Lands Trust for providing the support that has allowed our Year 13 students to be exposed to these inspirational people.

There are a number of common themes in the messages we have heard from all these speakers. For them to have achieved what they have, and for others to do so, is only possible through sheer commitment and hard work. That is commitment to setting goals, commitment to forming positive relationships and working hard to achieve both. I hope that in some way our students have been inspired by their messages and I also hope that life at Rathkeale reflects, at least to some extent, what these people see as paramount in the attitudes of achievers.

ACADEMIC

Excluding the school trial examination period in Term IV, only seven weeks of class time remain before our senior students commence their NZQA examinations. Despite the academic year being interspersed with a variety of events, the expectation that school work comes first remains paramount. With careful planning it is possible to keep up to date and remain abreast of study. Whether this is an outcome depends on the priority students place on learning.

For many of our leavers, decisions have to be made in regard to next year. There is much to consider and I thank Mr Moffitt for the personal support he is providing for students and the advice he is providing through the Careers Newsletter. No doubt the advice of classroom teachers and deans is also sought.

Universities have provided schools with information regarding scholarships and course entry pre-requisites. These vary, but now, most degree course entry requires a level of NCEA Level 3 performance in excess of University Entrance requirements. Information varies from an Open Entry stance taken by Canterbury University to the 239 points aggregate set by Auckland University for entry into the Health Sciences course. A general minimum set for entry to non-specific degree course is 120 points (the equivalent to 30 Excellence or 40 Merit or 60 Achieved credits at Level 3).

Students studying at Year 12 also need to be reminded that entry into University accommodation and acquisition of University Scholarships in 2012 will be dependent on a Level 2 performance in 2010. For example, students gaining NCEA Level 2 with Excellence in 2010 will gain a \$5000 scholarship to attend Victoria University in 2012. Other specific information is available.

Academic achievement remains a priority and we have been considering ways to determine how we can emphasize the importance of this to students at all levels. To advance this priority, mid-year examinations in core subjects for junior students have been introduced and these took place last week. We were very pleased with the response to these and the manner in which they were approached by the students. For most, it was the first time they had ever sat an examination and we hope the practice places them in good stead for the future.

STAFF

Mr Russel Ogilvie has made an immediate impression at Rathkeale College. After suggesting that he speak for five minutes at assembly on how he came to be at Rathkeale, he proceeded to spend 30 minutes describing what life was like in Dubai. We were all captivated by the idiosyncrasies and disparities that existed in United Arab Emirate culture.

Two new tutors, soon to be joined by a third, have arrived from the UK. Mr Peter Hemmingway and Mr Will Kelleher have found favour amongst the student body and are enjoying their involvement in all aspects of school life. We all appreciate their assistance and I trust their time at Rathkeale will be an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Mr Charles Bevan, brother of Rhys who was with us last year, will arrive next week.

Mr Patrick Hectors started in his position as the Alliance Catering Manager earlier in the month. He joins the team after a previous association with Alliance (Spotless) and comes with an extensive background in the catering industry. It is timely to thank Justin Ross and the Alliance team who have done a wonderful job since Kerry Cartmell left in April. The meals this year have been commented on and to suggest that the improvement has occurred because of the new kitchen, would overlook the skill and ability of our new chef. Nino Walters has brought a new dimension to the menu and, by all accounts, the food the students receive is fantastic. We really do appreciate the efforts that are being made to make the food so flavoursome and appealing.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS

A welcomed development on returning to school at the beginning of Term III, was the area that had been laid in front of the Dining Room. The new pathways are very functional and will prove to be much more so in the future when the upgrade to the front of school can be completed. We are indebted to the Friends' Association for making this possible. The completion of stage I of the upgrade will take place in the September holiday period when the intended seating, lighting, and feature wall will be constructed and the intended garden planted.

The contractors, Riggs Zschokke Ltd, are making very good progress on the interior upgrade of Cranleigh House. The upstairs area has been rebuilt and now features larger rooms and new common spaces. The major structural work has been completed downstairs. The next three months will see rapid progress and completion of a very attractive and functional student boarding environment.

Over the holiday period our own maintenance people have undertaken another project to enhance the college. The junior toilet block has been upgraded and is now more in keeping with what might be expected.

During the winter months, the new Senior College Centre has provided a comfortable place for Senior College students to gather and socialise. The flexibility of use intended for this space has proven very useful this term and the recent Old Boys' function in association with the Lindisfarne visit has provided one example of this.

FRIENDS, OLD BOYS AND COMMUNITY

As has been noted previously, the school is indebted to the Friends' Association for their ongoing work. The numerous activities they engage in have allowed them to raise funds to provide huge support for the school. In addition to the student resources they have already provided, they are determined to see the entire Stage I of the central school upgrade completed. I urge our community to support the Friends' Association activities in whatever way possible. Preparation for the annual Christmas Fete is in full swing and any assistance would be appreciated.

The annual Lindisfarne Exchange took place earlier this term and was followed by a very enjoyable function for old boys, parents and friends from both schools. The function hosted by the school and Old Boys' Association was appreciated by those present and follows a similar occasion after we hosted Wanganui Collegiate last year.

I am delighted that John Taylor, second Headmaster of Rathkeale College, and his wife Sarah have accepted an invitation to be with us at our final assembly for Term III and to join us at House Music that evening. I am sure that many old boys and Rathkeale families will look forward to this occasion and the chance to meet with John and Sarah again.

STOP PRESS

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 25

1.00-3.00PM

TEACHERS WILL BE ATTENDING A PAID UNION MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST 1.00-3.00PM.

DURING THIS TIME CLASSES WILL BE COVERED AND STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT SCHOOL

ACHIEVEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

July 2nd was the culmination of Sir Peter Blake National Leadership Week and the "Red Socks Day" was embraced by the boys. Our own Blake House has been endorsed by Lady Pippa Blake and at our final Term II Assembly, House Master Mr O'Gorman and Leaders, Jianli Bremner, William Bartlett and David le Fleming, made their contribution by highlighting the significance and the work of Sir Peter Blake. We thank them for their efforts.

The biennial Yachiyo Shoin visit to Rathkeale College was another overwhelming success and during their three week stay, the two staff and 33 students could not speak highly enough of those who made provision for them. I would like to thank Liz Eaton and Bridget Percy for their magnificent work in arranging a very substantial programme, the tutors for a stimulating teaching of ESOL and to the home stay families for providing an enriching experience for our visitors. Yachiyo Shoin would welcome a visit from any member of the Rathkeale community at any time. Congratulations to Tony Hobbs-Turner who will be spending Term I, 2011, as an Exchange Student at Yachiyo Shoin.

To have two students from the Senior College chosen for a 16-member New Zealand delegation to International Model United Nations convention in The Hague in January is notable. Jonty Blundell and Ferne Cheetham (St Matthew's) are excited about the prospect and I am sure they will add value to the team.

The Wynberg High School Exchange programme is an important relationship between our two schools. Sam Smith has been chosen to attend Wynberg High School in Term I 2011. Sam's "partner" in the exchange is Justin Els who is spending Term III of this year at Rathkeale.

Other achievements and highlights include:

Clay Bird Shooting

North Island Secondary School Championships and Waikato Gun Club Meet

- *Jamie Peryer-Fursdon* - Waikato Open High Gun Winner and North Island Skeet Shooting title
- *Greg Bentley* - Waikato Junior High Gun Winner and North Island Single Barrel winner
- *Greg and Jamie* - North Island Skeet Shooting Team winners

Josh Hopkirk, Jim Aitken, Jamie and Greg recording a number of maximum points in Single Barrel and Single Rise competitions. Jamie winning the individual competition at Central Hawke's Bay

School Exchanges

Tenacious performances of 1st XV and Colts Rugby teams vs Lindisfarne and all Hockey and Football teams involved in the Scots exchange

The performances against Wanganui Collegiate. The encounters were very even and all exciting to watch. In particular

Football – 1st XI 3-2 loss and Junior XI 7-1 win

Hockey – 1st XI 3-3 draw and Junior 4-3 win

Rugby – 1st XV 13-15 loss and Colts 12-12 draw

- *Jonathan Sloan and William Bartlett* tied for 1st (2nd on count back) in the Southern North Island Bowls Pair Championships. They have qualified for Secondary Schools' finals in December.

- Wairarapa Representatives:

U15 Hockey *Fraser Dymond, Josh McKay, Phil Arkell, Ryan Tonkin*

U18 Hockey *George Falloon, Jonathan Sloan, Adam Birchall,*

U18 Rugby *Oka Pharadoncharoen, Tafa Tafa, Harvey Mason, Cameron Sims, Jacob Warren*

- The team effort of *Mac McCardle, Dipen Patel and Benj Arnopp* in the early stages of the 2010/2011 Wellington Robotics competition
- Theatre Sports Group (*Ben Emerson, Zac McLennan, Jack Redley and Michael Pearson*) win in the Inter Collegiate Competition
- *Jonty Blundell* – NZ Association of Language Teachers' Excellence Award (Japanese)
- Year 9 Team (*Eddie Barnett, Ryan Sheehan and Anan Kraisdawat*) overwhelming win in the Matharapa Mathematics competition
- *Zac Emerson and Sean Peerless* – members of a Trinity Schools' jazz band placed second in an ensemble section of a regional band competition band
- *Josh Reid and Zac Emerson's* performances as members of combined school groups at the Recent Regional Rock Quest finals

LOOKING AHEAD

Major events through to the end of Term III are noted below. Other activities and events are outlined in the calendar and are advised in the weekly bulletins available on our website www.rathkeale.school.nz/weeklynewsletter. As always, parent support is always welcomed and very much appreciated.

27 August	<i>Founders' Day Assembly (8.30am) and Cocktail Function (5.30pm)</i>
30 August - 3 September	<i>Tournament Week for 1st XI teams Hockey (Levin) and Football (New Plymouth)</i>
1 – 3 September	<i>Colts Rugby U15 Tournament at Hastings</i>
9 September	<i>Winter Music Concert: 7.00pm</i>
10 September	<i>Subject Information Evening: 4.00 - 6.00pm</i>
24 September	<i>House Music: 6.30pm (Nb in Term Calendar late rehearsal times during Week 10)</i>

I wish you all the best for the remainder of Term III.



W J Kersten
Principal

Administration

Attendance – I remind parents that requests for departure from school before the Term's end are not expected and that we wish all students to participate in the House Music competition at 6.00pm on September 24th, the last day of Term III. From the school's perspective, the last teaching day of the term and associated activities are important in the life of the school and we expect all students to participate and contribute.

Communications – Please be aware the Weekly Bulletin and Newsletter are emailed home to known addresses and posted on the College website every Friday. See www.rathkeale.school.nz/whatson. Hard copies are also given to the boys and are available from the school office. The website also contains sports draws and results, times for itinerant music lessons and important future dates.

Influenza – Thankfully, we have not been brought to our knees and student attendance has not suffered significantly. However, one or two students and staff have been severely affected and we need to be reminded of the need to remain away from school if flu-like symptoms become apparent. Please be mindful of the need to stress the importance of personal hygiene to your son in order to minimise the risks of exposure.

Uniform / GST Price Increase - All uniform prices will increase with the change in GST from October 1st. For those wishing to beat the GST increase most summer stock will be available at the Uniform Shop by the 10th September. Summer uniform is to be worn from the beginning of Term 4.

Chaplaincy August

We have continued with our exploration of Christian values and will complete this by the end of the term. There are now eight values that have been expanded upon during Chapel time and these are available on our web-site. It has been useful to be able to follow up on what is explored, as the way RE classes are set up provides the opportunity to deviate into topical issues as they arise.

We welcomed Archdeacon May Croft as our celebrant for our recent Eucharist service and she was impressed by both the demeanour of the boys and the way they participated in this special service. One of the moving parts of this time is the

way that the boys approach the lighting of candles.

Emphasis is given to the fact that the candles are lit for a reason. It may be for themselves, for someone special in their lives, for friends for whom they are concerned, or an event that is significant for them. Whatever the reason, to see 150 tea-candles flickering as the service draws to a close is a heart-warming experience.

As we approach the annual House Music event, it is always a source of interest to see what houses choose for their hymns. They do have to stay within the area of availability in hymn books, but once again the choices show the diversity of our student body and do not reflect any choice or influence from the Chaplain!!

Ray Coats
Chaplain

Stepfamily Research

- Are you part of a re-partnered family, blended family, or stepfamily?
- Have you been living together for at least 5 years?
- Do you have a child aged 9 to 16 years living with you?

The Roy McKenzie Centre for the Study of Families at Victoria University is carrying out a research study on stepfamilies (sometimes called blended or re-partnered families). We want to understand how these families deal with the challenges of forming a new family.

We need your help!

We need to talk to parents, stepparents and children about their experiences of family life. You could be married or living together. We would like to talk to people with a range of experiences. All discussions will be strictly confidential. We can arrange to talk to you at a time and place to suit you.

Before you decide, why not talk to us –
Dr Jeremy Robertson (04) 463 6831 e-mail
jeremy.robertson@vuw.ac.nz

Further information is available at - <http://psych-research.massey.ac.nz/cherubs/>

Matharapa

Week 4 was International Mathematics Week. As part of this annual event three year 9 and three year 10 teams took part in the Wairarapa Maths competition (Matharapa) at the town hall on Monday.

In year 9 there were 17 entries and "Eddie's Crew" comprising Eddie Barnett, Ryan Sheehan, Anan Kraisdawat from Rathkeale came 1st with 129 points. The second team scored 79!! A crushing win. Our other two year 9 teams were placed 4th (Gaffer's Gang) on 77 and 7th Chop Suey Chow on 73 points.

Eddie's Crew won every round, but were only eligible to take prizes for the first round – to give other teams a chance!

The Year 10 teams did not fair quite as well with the teams placed 5th, 8th and 11th on 69, 58 and 46 points respectively. The winning team from Kuranui scored 103 points. There were 18 entries in Year 10.



Music Department

Rathkeale students performed very well at the regional final of this year's Smokefree Rockquest competition, held in the Masterton Town Hall on Saturday 24 July. Months of preparation had taken place for this event and the hard work was very evident in the high standard of performances from all boys who took part. Despite lively and engaging performances of their two songs, the Yr 11 band of Marin Tuckwell, Oliver Stewart, Chris Wagg and Sam Smith were not chosen to go forward to the finals. Josh Reid (Yr 10) and a group of four girls from St. Matthew's did very well to win the people's choice vote on the night and therefore a chance

for selection for the finals, but the honours went to a combined band of Rathkeale's Zak Emerson (Yr 9) and 3 boys from Wairarapa College who won the event. They won a substantial cash prize and a place in the national finals of the competition. Congratulations to all the boys who took part.

Zak Emerson (Yr 9), Sean Pearless (Yr 10) and Yuzuka Okamoto (Yr 13) spent last weekend away in Hastings as members of the Wairarapa Youth Concert Band, taking part in the 2010 KBB National Concert Band Festival. This year the band achieved a Silver medal as it continues to develop the high

standard of its performance.

Preparations for this year's House Music Competition are well under way and this promises to be another closely fought night. With just five weeks to go, the boys are working hard on the house items and also the small group performances. Some very good musical leadership is evident from the house music captains and others who are assisting.

A musical date for your diary: the school Winter Concert will take place at 7pm at Rathkeale on Thursday 9 September. Do come along and support our musicians!
Adam Gordon - HOD Music

Year 13 Agriculture Trip to Hawke's Bay

On the 11th of August, a cold frosty morning Year 13 Agriculture students headed off to Onga Onga in Hawke's Bay. This trip was interesting as we learnt about the "The Steyning" farm and the business that they supply their beef and venison too.

Rathkeale parents Tim Aitken and Lucy Robertshawe are deer farmers who also rear weaned bull calves for 18 months to bring in extra income. Recently they won the Farmer of the Year for Hawke's Bay. This was achieved by their awareness of the environment. There are a total of 1,290 deer and 148 bulls on the 317ha property (278ha is farmed with livestock). They grow chicory and plantain with red and white clovers for finishing the deer before slaughter. He calls this his "high octane pasture".

These deer are under a schedule to the business First Light set up when the market opportunities for deer had diminished due to a crash in the market. The scheduled supply has brought some stability for the farmers and given a steady income for those in the First Light group. The farmers now supply this business with venison and wagyu beef (marbled meat).

The grass cover is important as grass doesn't grow from June to September. They have pit silage over summer to create cover for the winter time and sugar beet is experimented with as feed for the deer over the winter months. They have oats which are fed to the bulls over the winter months. Maize is also used for the deer and bulls.

For the farms to be supplying First Light they must pass tests for their breeding, meat quality and possess a diagram of each deer's ancestry so that the meat sold to the consumer can be traced back to the farm of origin. Culling is set on Monday and Tuesday of the week. The butchering/packaging is done on Wednesday and Thursday with loading into a container on a Friday ready to board the ship the following Monday morning. After two months on the boat it is sent to final packaging for the retail market before it is sold to supermarkets and to the consumer. Venison and wagyu is also sold to restaurants such as the Peter Gordon chain. The environmental impact the farm has is minimal as they use RPR based fertilizers and have settlement dams to reduce the nutrients and soil run off. This is done as the breeding hinds over winter on a feed pit and have a paddock for most of the winter. This means that the paddock loses soil in heavy rain. This is the reason for the sediment ponds and the native bush used to reduce carbon emission (methane) as well as for bird observation stations (duck shooting). A total of 8ha is set aside for re-generation of bush. Streams are also fenced off for protection of the environment. The total land that is available under dams, shelter belts, lanes and yards is 31.4ha. They want to improve this filtration system with another dam on the boundary.

We had the most incredible weather, fantastic hosts and a very great, informative day! Thank you very much to our hosts – Tim and Lucy.

by David le Fleming

Secondary School Clay Target Shoot and North Island Secondary School Clay Target Championships

Secondary School Clay Target Shoot event at Waikato Gun club, Friday 2nd July:

Two Rathkeale teams competed in this event with 41 teams in total.

As teams they didn't perform that well, but individually there were some great results.

Jamie Peryer Fursdon won the High Gun with a maximum score and Greg Bentley won the Junior (under 14) High Gun and finished 5th overall.

It was a good warm up for all the boys at a beautiful set up at the Waikato Gun Club.

North Island Secondary School Clay Target Championships, Saturday 3rd July:

The day started later than planned because of very thick foggy conditions.

In the Single Rise, Jamie and Greg shot the maximum score and got into the shoot off, in which they didn't shoot that well.

In the point score the 1st team had a very disappointing result. All the boys shot below their normal scores and didn't even finish in the top ten.

In the single barrel, Jamie, Greg and Josh Hopkirk shot the maximum score. For Josh it was the first time he made a shoot off.

Greg did exceptionally well and won the shoot off for the single barrel.

The second team with Daniel Warren, Daniel Marfell, Connor Hourigan, Ryan Dewes had a great experience. They are missing the consistency, but improved a lot over the two days.

A separate event on Saturday was the Skeet. Sean Hourigan and Jim Aitken shot as a team and did not do too badly. They hadn't shot a lot of skeet this year.

Jamie and Greg did very well as a team. They won the event out right and Jamie won the shoot off and became the North Island Individual Skeet Champion.

Overall it was a fantastic two days with lots of competition - a good experience for the boys with some great individual results.

There was a lot of parental support as well, which was much appreciated.

Results of the School Exchanges in Term 3

Lindisfarne College at Rathkeale (27 July)

Rugby: 1st XV lost 28 – 35
2nd XV lost 0 – 25
Colts lost 5 – 22
Hockey: 1st XI lost 3 – 14
Jun. Drew 0 – 0
Football: 1st XI lost 2 – 6
U-15 lost 0 – 2

Scots College

Seniors at Scots (2 August)
Rugby: 1st XV lost 5 – 44
Hockey: 1st XI drew 2 – 2
Football: 1st XI lost 2 – 4

Juniors at Rathkeale (2 August)

Rugby: Colts lost 12 – 48
Hockey: 2nd XI lost 3 – 4
Football: U-15 lost 1 – 2

Wanganui Collegiate at Collegiate (18 August)

Rugby: 1st XV lost 14 – 16
Colts drew 12 – 12
Hockey: 1st XI drew 3 – 3
2nd XI lost 0 – 3
Jun won 4 – 3
Football: 1st XI lost 2 – 3
2nd XI lost 3 – 6
U-15 won 7 – 1

Friends' Newsletter – August

With the continued support for school projects and students, this year's funds raised from the Christmas Fete will focus on completing stage one of the quad area outside the newly upgraded dining room.

Christmas Fete

20th November 2010

Over the last few months the Friends have started the organisation of our annual Christmas Fete. The Fete Committee has a great time putting this together each year and although a lot of work is involved, we all find it very rewarding with a fantastic outcome. Each year this day grows with the number of stallholders and visitors on the day and the amount of money raised increases too.

This year's Fete co-ordinator is Phoebe Deans, please contact Phoebe if you have any queries on 06 378 0414. Every year we have some amazing raffle prizes given to us by parents and community members. This is a huge saving to the committee when we do not have to buy our prizes. So a big thank you to those who have helped. This year's first prize is from the award winning ladies of *The Tora Walk*. The raffle book sales will start soon. Please support this.

If you can contribute prizes for the Tombola and the Quick Fire raffle, please contact Andrea Foster on 06 378 0545.

The food stalls on the day will be the traditional South African Braai, venison steaks, seafood snacks, curry puffs, gourmet rabbit burgers, pig on the spit, to the sweet treats, all contributed by the parents. Again to those that can help with supply of food, thank you. If you can help in this area either with supply or on the day cooking, putting food together etc., please give Vinny

Schofield 06 370 3855 or Maria Chandler 04 528 6533 a call.

We also have the Devonshire Tea garden in front of old school house where you can relax with a cup of tea or coffee, with a great selection of slices, cakes etc. If you can help, please contact Tracie Donald on 06 308 9987. We always have a Cake stall so for those home chefs who love baking, we will need those yummy cakes & slices again this year. If you can help please call Sharon McKenzie on 06 377 5821.

Book stall: it's time to spring clean and empty out the closet. So we will look forward to seeing your old books & magazines. Please get in touch with Chrissie Kershaw 06 379 6012.

Finding new Stallholders is challenging but very interesting when you see what crafters and other cottage industries are on offer. It's amazing what people sell and do. Having the right cross section and variety of stalls is very important to us. We would like to encourage parents to be stallholders, a great way of making a little extra money before Christmas. If you know of a new stallholder, please contact Sue Sims on 06 307 8108. Advertising this event is probably our biggest upfront cost. It is money that needs to be spent wisely to have the greatest impact. This year we will be using signs (6), Lifestyle magazine, rural delivery flyers and radio. If you are able to help with advertising, e.g., Internet databases etc., please give Judy Howard a call on 06 378 7490.

Used Clothing Stall: Last year for the first time we had this stall run by Ange Meredith and Anne Clinton-Baker. This was a huge success, a great way to spring clean your wardrobe. Contact on Anne 06 372 7850, Ange 06 372 3445.

Please pencil Saturday 20th November into your diaries. See you there.

Hamish Sims, Chairperson, Rathkeale College Friends'





RATHKEALE/ST MATTHEW'S SENIOR COLLEGE

NEWS

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- 7 Sept Lincoln Course Planning
- 8 Sept Massey Course Planning
- 9 Sept Canterbury Course Planning
- 10 Sept Auckland Course Planning
- 10 Sept Yr 12 Careers Day
- 10 Sept Subject Information Evening



Drama Productions

The major production, 12th Night or Whatever finished a critically acclaimed six night run at the end of Term Two. The actors managed to remain healthy throughout, and delivered some fine performances. Mention must be made of Patrick Jennings who had the lead role, Sir Toby Belch, and whose development throughout rehearsals was significant. Patrick only joined Drama class half-way through last year and had no experience. Holly Swallow was another student who really stood out for me in the challenging role of the fool, Feste. Much of Holly's dialogue consisted of fairly complex Shakespearean word play and she worked very hard to convey the meaning to the audience. Our thanks again must go to Michael Wilson who wrangled with the script to make it more accessible to the school community and those who directed.

Something new this year for our Year 12 production, directed by myself... I decided to stage the play 'Fold' in the Wesley Wing at Aratoi in the second week of Term Three, and to restrict entry to people over the age of sixteen. The play, by well known New Zealand playwright Jo Randerson (Daughter of Bishop Randerson) is a dark satire on middleclass values and needed a smaller, more intimate venue than Rathkeale can provide. The space worked very well and we had a full house, most of whom appreciated the black humour and the political points the play made. Some members of the audience were a little taken aback by the style and the content but theatre cannot always be a safe, comfortable experience and it is part of students' theatrical education to explore plays and ways of staging plays which confront the audience. It seems we were successful in that.

Joanne Simpson - HOD Drama

Music Department News

On Wednesday 4 August a large group of musicians performed at a Lunchtime Concert held at St. Luke's Church in Masterton. Under the direction of Kiewiet van Deventer, 'Viva Camerata' sang a set of three pieces; 'Sforzando' performed a song

featuring Jess Finucane as the soloist and this concert was the occasion of the first performance by the recently re-formed Junior Choir. This group of boys from years 9 and 10 are to be congratulated for their effort. It was very nice to receive a thank you card from the concert's organiser thanking all the students for taking part, but

also congratulating them on the high standard of their performance. Well done to all!

A musical date for your diary – the school Winter Concert will take place at 7pm at Rathkeale on Thursday 9 September. Do come along and support our musicians!
Adam Gordon-HOD Music

SUBJECT INFORMATION EVENING

FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

4.00–6.00PM

RATHKEALE TRUST HOUSE

THEATRE

**For all Year 10, 11 & 12 students and
their parents/caregivers**

Displays and information about all subjects on offer to students in 2011 will be available.

The following Tertiary Providers, Services, & Training Organisation will be in school all day and a number will remain for the Information Evening:

Navy, Army, Air Force, Police,

Massey, Victoria, Canterbury, Auckland, Lincoln, Otago Universities,

Weltec, UCOL, Taratahi,

New Zealand Institute of Sport, BCITO, PIHMS, Wairarapa DHB,

Travel Careers and Training,

Sir George Seymour, Wairarapa Workforce Trust, Natcoll