



Term 1 Week 7 Thursday 19 March 2010

Bulletin # 7

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Richard Vallance

It was with sadness that the College received the news of the recent death in Rotorua of Mr Richard Vallance, a member of the Trinity Schools' Trust Board in the late 1980's. We extend our sympathy to his widow, Fiona, and family.

We thank all those who attended last Thursday's Swimming Sports and congratulate staff and students for their time and participation. The boys of Halberg House, champions on the night, have every reason to feel proud of their swimming prowess.

The staff in-service day focussed on Strategic Planning and enabled some stimulating discussions to take place. Extended time for departmental planning was also most welcome.

The big contingent which travelled north to Hawke's Bay to play tennis and cricket against Lindisfarne College did not win the fixture but once again were commended for some fine performances on and off the field.

Rathkeale, St Matthew's and the Senior College are being marketed at the Central Field Days in Fielding this week. I helped to man the stall on Thursday and it was excellent to catch up with a large number of the wider School community: past pupils along with parents past and present. Our current families are our best advertising agents and we hope you feel able to recommend the school to others who may be interested.

The newly formatted Parent/Teacher interviews swung into operation on Thursday evening. Again we hope Parents have found the new booking system advantageous and thank those families who attended.

On Sunday the Friends' Association Trail Bike ride will take place in the Whangaehu Valley, east of Masterton. Details have already been distributed but we do thank all involved for their fundraising efforts on behalf of the College and hope the event is well supported.

Looking ahead to Week Eight of the term, you will notice several big events listed. The Tongariro Field Trip, the Sports Fixture against Hutt International Boys' School, Intercollegiate Swimming and the Year 12 Camp will all represent a great deal of organisation and will provide some outstanding opportunities and experiences.

Irrespective of those events, classes will keep everyone busy and many seniors will face important assessments as the term draws to a close.

**Grant Harper
Deputy Principal**

There are two good things in life: freedom of thought and freedom of action.

W. Somerset Maugham

Around New Zealand Air Safari

Classic Hits Around New Zealand Air Safari
The skies above Wairarapa will thunder next week as 64 aircraft descend on Hood Aerodrome to kick off the Classic Hits Around New Zealand Air Safari. There will be a huge range of flying machines on display from the latest European gyrocopters to a World War Two flying boat. The event is being organised by Flying NZ Airsports Ltd and two lucky people will win free flights from the Wairarapa Ruahine Aero Club.

Date: 27th March 2010
Time: 2pm to 5pm
Location: Ardmore Aerodrome
Cost: Free

For more information please contact Karen Groome, event manager

Winter Uniform

All shorts and shirts (for Year 9, 10 & 11 boys) are now in stock at the Uniform Shop. Please ensure your sons uniform needs are met as soon as possible. Sports uniform and dark green winter shirts for Year 12 & 13 boys will be in stock by the end of the term.

Green Rugby Jersey

These are now in stock at the Uniform Shop. All boys who either have a rugby jersey on order or who are playing rugby and have not yet ordered a jersey need to see Mrs McBride as soon as possible.

Parents Be Aware

Presentation for parents and caregivers by Barry Taylor, Wairarapa DHB.

Sponsored by Rotary Clubs of Wairarapa.

This free presentation offers all parents the opportunity to get a better understanding of what is going on in a young person who is feeling sad or overwhelmed by life events and offer practical and easy hints on how to be there in a supportive way.

Dates and Venues:

Monday 22 March-Makoura College 7.00pm

Tuesday 23 March- Kuranui College 7.30pm

Wednesday 31 March-Wairarapa College 7.30pm

Sports Results and Programme – 19 March 2010

Cricket Results

Sat 13 Mar Jun A vs Wai.Coll. C Won

Sun 14 Mar 2nd XI vs Wai.Coll. Colts dnp

14-16 Mar 1st XI vs Lindisfarne Lost by 51 J Holmes 3-9, 7/88

H Greenwood 4-14

H Clinton Baker 42 and 30

M Stringfellow 57

16 Mar Colts vs Lindisfarne Lost by 66 runs G Deans 47

Jun B vs St Matts 1st XI Lost by 1 run

Tennis Results

16 Mar Senior Top 8 vs Lindisfarne Lost 11 – 1 A Williams won singles

Junior Top 8 vs Lindisfarne Lost 8- 3 J Walsh, P Sathanan, F

Donald won singles

Cricket Programme

20 Mar Jun A vs Jun. B At Rathkeale 9.00 am

23 Mar Colts vs HIBS At HIBS 10.00 am

Tennis Programme

23 Mar Jun Top 8 vs HIBS At HIBS 10.00 am