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Principal's Comments

No. 19 Thursday 30 June 2011

Coming up:

SENIOR REPORTS AND ASSOCIATED MEETINGS

It is intended that all students in Years 11 to 13 will receive reports towards the end of next week. Interview booking sheets will be issued at the same time. The associated report meetings will be held on the afternoon of **Tuesday 12 July between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.**

Students in the junior school will be unaffected by these meetings and will attend school throughout the day as usual. Buses will run as normal on the day.

However, in order to accommodate the report meetings on that day, **the normal timetable will end on that day at 12.30pm for senior students. Senior students will be permitted to leave school after this time so long as they have signed permission from their parents or caregivers.** Permission slips will be issued at the same time as the reports and should be returned to school no later than Monday 11 July. Naturally enough, we want as many senior students as possible to attend the report meetings with their parents.

Interviews will be of ten minutes duration each. We ask parents and caregivers to make bookings and not to turn up "on spec", since this disrupts the timings of interviews for those who have made bookings.

At Last Friday's Assembly:

AN AFTERNOON OF EXCELLENCE

Last Friday afternoon, representatives from each House made their presentations at assembly of our Term 2 Virtue, namely: *EXCELLENCE by aiming high and having high standards.*

Five weeks prior to this, the staff of each House selected the form to make the presentation to represent their House; those chosen were Kauri 2 (Mr Joynt), Rimu 1 (Mrs Sheehan) and Totara 1 (Mrs Fordyce). Five weeks of planning and rehearsals led up to this eagerly awaited event.

Since the judges for the Virtues Inter-House Competition have already conducted their deliberations, the comments made here cannot have any impact on their decisions.

Kauri 2 presented a fascinating kaleidoscope of examples of Excellence, through little cameo sketches integrated with images of famous people who achieved Excellence in a variety of fields. The evolution of the wheel theme was full of interest, with links to Henry Ford and to a firm in Manukau City that produces precision engineered wheels that are exported to prestige motor car and motorcycle manufacturers around the world. The audience was very taken by the *excellent* re-creation of an open fire without the use of flame and Ethan Wallace's brief but *excellent* playing of the didgeridoo.

Rimu 1 chose to use a mock classroom environment to provide examples of behaviour and achievement that tested the definition of Excellence. Clever use was made of 'Excellence' signage constructed jigsaw-like as each sketch unfolded. Although the length of the presentation detracted from its overall impact, the finale, in the form of a filmed basketball game was superbly shot and edited. Brad James played a ham-fisted 'unco' (a la Charlie Chaplin) in the first take and then a Breakers-like star in the second.

Totara 2 based its presentation largely around a single image of a giant pinball machine and what that might symbolise in relation to how individuals act out their lives. The merging of human 'pinballs' and 'buffers' on the stage with the giant pinball projected onto the cyclorama produced a real WOW factor. The colourful set design was superb and the actors could be heard from the rear of the auditorium. The clever link between on-stage activity and illustrative school-based incidents projected onto the big screen worked well, particularly with the use of associated multi-choice questions to further engage the audience. Few will forget Danyal Fitzgerald's superb acting in the scene where he battled to solve a technology problem.

It was pleasing to see that all three vertical forms recognised that the most important ingredients in achieving Excellence are having the right state of mind and a willingness to strive; hence the corollary to the virtue *by aiming high and having high standards*.

Thank you to all students and staff involved in these presentations. Thank you also to those parents and friends of the school who attended. We appreciated your support.

Stephen Fordyce

From the Board Chairman

Serving on the Board of Trustees for Ruawai College can be a very rewarding job, with the ultimate responsibility for the quality of education experienced by the district's young people, as well as taking part in such enjoyable events as the annual prizegiving and end-of-year staff functions.

The five parent trustees are a means by which parents, caregivers and community personnel can access those in a governing role, rather than through Mr Fordyce who serves in the dual roles of Board Secretary and Principal. Our trustees are very generous with their time and for this I am very thankful.

However, there are less rewarding occasions, such as occurred last week when the discipline committee met to discuss the suspension of a

student who had been caught with alcohol at school. This is an example of the unpleasant side of the job which, thankfully, does not occur all often. This meeting took some three hours for trustees to consider the situation and evaluate the effects of our decision on the school's students, teachers and, of course, the student in question and the student's family. These can be agonising occasions for trustees.

I should make it clear that Mr Fordyce, once he has made the decision to suspend a student, furnishes a report on the incident that has prompted the suspension, and which is made available to the student's family and to the committee members, but he is not a member of the discipline committee, nor does he participate in the decision.

At Ruawai College, we are fortunate that the disciplinary committee is only called into existence on rare occasions.

I have been a member of the committee on the handful of times that it has met during the last nine years. Some might say that we take a very hard line but, I believe, we expect our students to observe the clearly stated rules regarding banned substances at school. Trustees work very hard, along with our Principal, teachers and support staff to create a safe and effective learning environment. I would welcome any feedback from parents on the subject.

On a more positive note, the board is trialling a new method of receiving subject reports from HODs. (Previously, subject heads had reported to a monthly BOT meeting, one per meeting, on a two-year schedule.) Over the last two Mondays, trustees have met for three-quarters of an hour with each of six subject heads. Discussions have focused on student achievement, professional development, emerging trends and new resources.

I cannot speak for my fellow trustees, but I found the direction that Mrs Carolyn Fordyce (HOD English) took a most intriguing one. I discovered that the needs of a modern teacher of English can be just as technologically advanced as in the more traditionally based technology subjects. Laptops, multi-media projectors, instant internet access and

even an in-school intranet are becoming tools of choice, if not of necessity. Mrs Fordyce put forward a very compelling argument, by way of illustration, that may well encourage the board to take further interest.

This will be my last report for Term Two. I wish all students, staff and trustees a cool mid-winter break. My son, Kevin, and I are looking forward to a week in the hot pools capital of New Zealand, Rotorua.

John Blackwell

DATES

Term 2 Week 11

Monday and Tuesday July 11 - 12

- Year 12 Kiwi Host

Northern Wairoa Agriculture Calf Club

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Wednesday 13 July at 7:30pm

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The University of New South Wales run a competition testing mathematical skills in a range of contexts. All entries must be in by the last day of term, Friday 15 July. The competition is held in August, and is open to all Year 7 – 13 students. The PTA is generously subsidising the fee, so the cost to students is just \$4.00.

See your Mathematics teacher for an entry form.

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If you are unable to get to the Library but would like something to read, please ring me and I will make arrangements for a delivery.

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NEW, NEW, NEW...

Taking the Leap by Suzanne Weyn- One of Taylor Henry's best friends at Wildwood Stables, Daphne Chang, is a brilliant rider. It comes as no surprise when she gets the offer of a lifetime from Ross River Ranch, Wildwood's toughest competition, but it could also mean the end of Wildwood Stables.

Dirt Bomb by Fluer Beale- Jake's life is sweet. He's got no money and doesn't have a mobile, but he's got two best mates; Buzz and Robbie. Buzz is generous and doesn't mind buying stuff for his mates. Jake wouldn't change a thing. Then Robbie has the idea of the century: rescue the old wreck from the ditch and make it into a paddock basher. Yes! Buzz, however, puts a spanner in the works by saying he's not paying for it all. Even stevens or no deal. Robbie gets a job. Jake refuses. It's just not his style to work for a boss, but he desperately wants to drive that car, and the others are going to go ahead without him. The summer holidays are looming ahead of him in a desert of boredom and friendlessness. He needs a game plan...

UFO : Unavoidable Family Outing by Dave Hackett- A crazy road trip adventure, narrated by Boy, whose Morris Minor driving father has decided to take the family on a driving holiday to Cape York. Madness ensues after a kidnapping and extortion attempt, car breakdowns, weird bearded men and a detour to Tamworth.

Nightstorm and the Grand Slam by NZ Author Stacy Gregg- It's the final Pony Club Secrets adventure for Issie and Storm - can they become the youngest team to win the triple Grand Slam ever? Don't miss the explosive finale to this bestselling pony series.

Reviews from Wheelers Books www.wheelers.co.nz



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Saturday night - watch Blues vs Reds
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takes all. Prize for nearest half time
score. A great fun night!

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale- Macrocarpa firewood \$70.00 per metre delivered in Ruawai. Phone 439 2325.

For Sale- XL Bodyglove $\frac{3}{4}$ wet suit \$50.00. Mens medium Wave Length aqua vest \$50.00. Mens medium snow pants \$40.00. Single skis in bag \$100.00 each. Wakeboard without bindings with bag and aqua vest \$200.00. Motocross gear (gloves, boots, safety vest) in trundle bag offers. Phone 439 2959 evenings.

For Sale- Baby bassinet, old fashioned style with plastic coated cane in metal frame, with gathered net skirt, mosquito net and mattress. Very good condition \$39.00. Phone 439 2324.

Library Website Ideas

Things that happen on the internet in 60 seconds:

www.go-gulf.com/blog/60-seconds

Great site for girls reading suggestions:

<http://readergirlz.com/issue.html>

NetSmartz (<http://www.netsmartz.org>) provides internet safety sites for youth and teens. They use games and cartoons to teach kids and real life video stories for teens.

Yahoo Kids (<http://kids.yahoo.com>) links to family-friendly sites that kids will like. It is very interactive, sometimes educational and generally entertaining for kids.

International Wolf Center (http://www.wolf.org/wolves/experience/wolves_online.asp) allows you to watch, research and track wolves in Ely, Minnesota with streaming video and telemetry. (What's telemetry? Log on and find out.)

Discovery.com (<http://www.discovery.com/>) provides videos, games and quizzes that complement their TV programmes and programmes from sister channels such as Animal Planet and the Travel Channel.

Discovery Education (<http://school.discovery.com>) is also a good site.

A Puzzle a Day (http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson336.shtml) is an article that links to several brain teaser web sites where you can print off worksheets or let you child work online.



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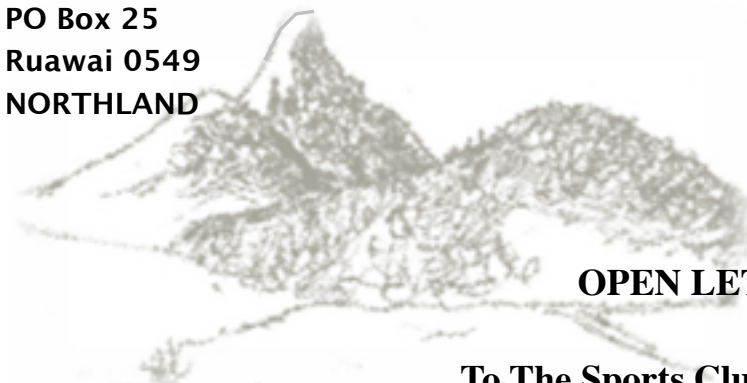
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Ruawai Rugby Draw

JMB

Friday 1 July

At Ruawai vs Paparoa

U7, U9 at 5.00pm

U11 and U13 BYE

IMB

Saturday 2 July

U14 Ruawai vs Dargaville High School, at Dargaville 10.30am

U16 BYE



Northern Wairoa Netball

Draw for Saturday 2 July

JUNIOR DRAW

The draw for the following two weeks has allowed for the top Year 5 teams to come and play at the DHS courts against the Year 6 teams. The remaining Year 5 teams will play games against the Year 4 grade...*(non-competition, no points involved). Competition games continue for all other teams that do not have a * beside them.

Dargaville High School

Round 1 - 9.00am

Ct 2 DIS Thrillers vs Ruawai Raiders

Round 2 - 9.50am

Ct 1 Ruawai Breakers vs DIS Warriors

Ct 3 *TNT Titans vs *Ruawai Jr Jetz

Dargaville Intermediate School

Round 1 - 9.00am

Ct 2 Ruawai Blue Angels vs St Joe's Sparks

Ct 3 *Ruawai Diamonds vs TK Aroha

PLEASE NOTE:

- All games are 10 minute quarters, 2 minute quarter time, 3 minute half time.
- Please ensure you are providing an umpire for your teams. Umpires are not provided therefore you need to arrange someone suitable to umpire when your team is playing.

SENIOR DRAW

Congratulations everyone, we have made it through the promotion / relegation round. This week's draw includes *4 promotion / relegation games to finalise the grades for the championship round. All other teams are playing non-competition games this week (no points involved). **GOOD LUCK!**

Dargaville High School

Round 1 - 11.00am

Ct 1 (S MCLEISH / M TOPIA)

Ct 2 *Ruawai Jr A vs *DHS Sr B (K BRYERS / S BEATTIE)

Ct 3 (M BIRCH / T BRISTOW)

Ct 4 Jetz Gold vs Kaihu Just Us (A LAMBLY / R HURIWAKA)

Round 2 - 12.00pm

Ct 1 Jetz Blue vs Bulls (J MCKENZIE / C TAYLOR)

Ct 4 (H BLUNDELL / D WILSON)

Ct 5 Ruawai Social vs DHS Sr C (TLC x 2)

Round 3 - 1.00pm

Ct 1 *Jetz Red vs *Western Sharks Black (M Edwards / M Chapman)

Ct 2 Ruawai Sr A vs DHS Int A

(P POWELL / J MCKENZIE)

Congratulations to Jetz Red who have won the promotion/relegation round in the Premier Reserve grade. Good luck for your promotion game this Saturday!

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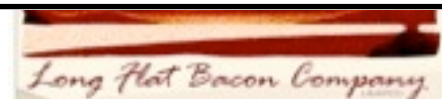
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