



Awatapu News

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From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Students

Tena koutou katoa

This is the final newsletter for the year. You will find enclosed information about the end of year procedures for senior and junior students, including the dates for the various ceremonies. I look forward to celebrating student successes with you over the coming weeks.

NCEA external examinations begin next Thursday so all senior students should now be spending homework time revising their notes for the exams they are sitting. It must be the top priority for the next three or four weeks until they have completed their exams. This is especially important due to the short amount of class time senior students have had this term.

Year 13 students who are sitting Level Three exams will need strong results in order to ensure they can gain a place in the course of their choice next year. For students in Years 11 and 12, success in the external exams will also determine whether they can continue on to the next Level in the subjects of their choice, as well as enabling them to complete the qualification they are aiming for.

The high levels of youth unemployment mean many students will return to school because of a lack of work opportunities. At all levels, from job seekers to university bound students, there is an increased competitiveness where those who have achieved at school will take precedence over those who haven't. I continue to constantly remind our students that their school work requires their best effort at all times. I look forward to seeing strong results for our senior students in January.

Junior students have sat their end of year school exams this week. This gives them an opportunity to experience a formal exam situation as well as being assessed on their progress during the year. For Year 10 students, the results may affect their class placements for next year as they move into NCEA Level One. For Year 9 students the exams will help them to set their academic goals for Year 10, their last chance to consolidate their learning base before

entering the senior qualification years.

Staff News

As always there will be some changes to the staff next year. Mrs Angela Cameron, Mr Barry Chisholm and Whaea Dianne Wilson have all been on leave this year. Mr Chisholm will now formally retire after a long and successful teaching career; Mrs Cameron is seeking new experiences and Whaea Dianne is continuing as a Manutaki for the He Kakano project. Ms Kelly Pfeffer is also leaving to teach in another school. All of these teachers have had a long association with our College and we wish them all the best for the future.

Ms Anna Kelly has completed her one year contract and will move away next year. We wish her all the best for her future teaching career and thank her for an excellent job done this year. Ms Earl has also been here on a one year contract while Mr Dobson has been on study leave. I thank her for the excellent job she has done. Mr Crawford and Whaea Georgina Parker have been with us for a further year and we may see them again. Mrs Kim Hokianga will remain on maternity leave for terms 1, 2 and 3 next year having given birth to a daughter recently. Mrs Liz Warburton Taylor has now given birth to her second child. Ms Shani Ross will complete her most recent part time position as Mrs Kelly Newton will return full time in 2012.

With the change to vertical forms in 2012 the current Deans responsibilities will end this year, although all will remain on the teaching staff. I acknowledge the dedication each has brought to the care of the students in their year levels: Mrs Bardell and Mr Turpin (Year 9), Mrs Povey and Mr Waaka (Year 10), Mrs Scott and Mr Boddy (Year 11), Mrs Bennett and Mr Boyack (Year 12) and Ms Williams and Mr Howarth (Year 13).

Conclusion

We will celebrate an amazing range of achievements over the next few weeks. This has been a challenging year in many ways, but the vast majority of our students have simply got on with striving to achieve to the best of their ability.

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I thank the staff for their hard work and dedication, their unfailing professionalism and the care they have for the well-being of our students.

As parents and caregivers you have continued to work in partnership with us to support the success of your sons and daughters. It has been a delight to see so many former students remain involved with our school this year, managing or coaching teams, and I thank all of them for their commitment to the College. This has been a very positive year and I remain very proud to be the Principal of Awatapu College.

May you all have a relaxing summer and I offer you my best wishes for Christmas. I'm looking forward to another successful year for our students in 2012.

Tina Sims
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Hayleigh Murphy on gaining third place in the Level One Section of the Secondary School Furniture Awards

ICAS ENGLISH RESULTS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the ICAS English Competition. There were many pleasing results, with four students in particular standing out.

Jake Godfrey, Liam Scott and Samantha Tothe placed in the top 10% of students for their respective tests nationally, while **Kara Macdermid** was outstanding placing in the top 1%.

Year 9

Participation Awards

Caitlyn Bartosh, Anneminke Buwalda, Thomas Debenham, Paul Grigg, Hana Karipa, Paige Parker, Sarah-Paige Sturm, Louise Todd and Danielle Westwood

Credit Awards

Andrew Hawkes and Brittany Stratton

Distinction Awards

Jake Godfrey

High Distinction Award

Kara Macdermid

Year 10

Participation Awards

Panayota Dowrick, Tori Feekes, Caitlyn Marsh and Hannah Pretious

Credit Awards

Malina Hargreaves, Edward Hills, Tessa Ibell-Pasley, Malama Iगतia and Phoebe Morrison

Distinction Awards

Liam Scott, Samantha Tothe

MANAWATU SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS

This year Awatapu College had seven nominees for the Manawatu Secondary School Sportsperson of the Year Award

Tegan Roffe- Speedskating

Ruawai Te Rata- Badminton

Alice Onland- Tae Kwon Do

Itavai Iगतia – Touch Rugby

Shane Mihaere – Speedskating

Orlando Karepa – Athletics

Kara Macdermid - Athletics, Mountain Biking & Cross Country.

These students represented Awatapu College in a manner that we are proud of –they accepted their awards with the dignity and pride that is fitting for the level of success that they have achieved.

Special congratulations go to Tegan, Ruawai, Alice and Kara who were all code award winners for their sports – Kara for all three of the codes that she was nominated for.

We are very proud that Awatapu College students continue to achieve at this outstanding level.



NATIONAL SIDE CAR CHAMPIONS

The sidecars became a bit of a major group undertaking in the latter parts of term 2 and through term 3 with most of the Trades Students doing a bit.

The majority of the work was done by **Antony Ladd, Ari Christensen and Angus Pearson**, who put in a lot of weekends and evenings as well a large part of their holidays. As Hannibal Smith says "I love it when a plan comes together" - their efforts did not go to waste.

The three were joined by **Jaden Hardy** who was the swinger for Antony at the National Secondary Schools Mini Moto Grand Prix held at Manfield in the second week of the term 3 holidays where the four totally dominated the sidecar class.

They were on pole after practice and never relinquished 1st and 2nd place with a dominant display of superior speed and manoeuvrability. The starts did not always go well but superior speed and engineering always got them back to the front of the field. They won the points competition held over three races and finished 1, 2 in the final. Awatapu College's Antony Ladd and Jaden Hardy are now the holders of the Sidecar Shield for 2011, the first school to wrestle the trophy from FAHS in the history of the event.

Thanks to Mr Dowrick, Mr Nevin and Mr Harris for their support.



A WORDS WORTH

Now that we have nearly reached the end of the year it is time to make a last effort.

Here is some advice about what to do on Exam day.

- Have a decent breakfast and arrive at the exam early.
- Take admission slips, pens and approved equipment only into the exam.
- Read through the paper carefully before you start.
- If you get stumped on a question, don't panic. Take a deep breath, have some water, stretch and if you still cannot do it, move on to the next question.
- Manage your time.
- A blank answer booklet will be recorded as not attempted rather than not achieved.

Students in these last few weeks should be doing increasing amounts of study. Listen to them as they explain what they have learnt, as explaining helps to learn it.

When the exams are over, encourage your students to read for leisure.

- Give a book for Christmas.
- Share articles from the Readers' Digest, the Sunday magazine section of the paper, or some other weekly publication.
- Visit the library and have a family book borrowing session.
- Discuss what has been read on websites if your student prefers ICT.
- Keep communication with your student going to foster interest in the outside world.

Teacher Only Day

Monday 21 November 2011

This is a Ministry of Education provided day for teachers to continue working on the new programmes for Level Two NCEA in 2012. NCEA exams will continue, but there will be no classes for Years 9 and 10.

AWATAPU SENIOR SPORTS AWARDS

The Annual Awatapu College senior sports awards were held recently with a great representation from our top athletes, their coaches and managers and their ever supportive parents and caregivers.

Athletes were awarded certificates for achievements in three categories: the most improved player, the most valuable player and the most outstanding Athlete.

It is wonderful to see the depth of talent that we have here in the Senior school at present – and to hear of the achievements and successes of our top performing athletes in each code.

Special mention must be made to **Eilish Tipper** who was awarded the **Outstanding Service to Sport Award** for her work with the promotion of, and the continuation of, the Golf Croquet team, and for her service to Netball umpiring. Eilish was awarded her Netball NZ Centre Umpiring badge earlier this year.

Souleymane Cissoko was presented with the **Dave Whittle trophy** for top goal scorer for the 1st XI Boys Football team by ex- staff member Mr Whittle himself.

Rob Stretch – coach of the U15 Boys Rugby team was awarded the **Coach of the Year** title for his dedication to the training of our young rugby players. Well supported by **Joe Crawford and Dave Nevin** our players were very lucky to have such a hardworking management team behind them.

Team of the Year was presented to the **Yr 12 Social Netball team** for their commitment to the sport and for their outstanding results this season. Coached by **Natasha Yarrall**, managed by **Ms Pfeffer** and umpired by ex- student **Ashly Maxwell** they too have been well supported by the Awatapu Community.

Guest speaker for the evening was Ryan Weisenberg – Coach of the Manawatu Jets Basketball Team. An interesting and highly amusing speaker Ryan advised our students to always remember three key things – be enthusiastic, be competitive and to remain patient – rewards come to those that persevere – good messages for us all to remember.

Katelin Little sang beautifully to round off the evening, and the PTA ladies coordinated their usual outstanding supper for us to enjoy.

Congratulations to all the athletes who were awarded prizes on the evening – and to all of the students of all year levels who have represented Awatapu College this year on the sports field.

FAREWELL TO:

Awatapu College would like to say goodbye to the following international students who are leaving us this term. We have enjoyed hosting you at our school and wish you all the best in your future undertakings.

Gustavo Casacio (Brazil)
Kai Hing Chan (Hong Kong)
Ron Chang (Malaysia)
Nelson Cheong (Hong Kong)
Seung Hyung Hong (South Korea)
Maho Kito (Japan)
Zhengkang Luo (China)
Seong Ho Moon (South Korea)
Saemi Park (South Korea)
Faar Nonnatee (Thailand)
Ashley Ragusa (USA)
Airi Sawai (Japan)
Mizuki Tsurugasaki (Japan)
Thanh Binh Vu (Vietnam)
Carol Werneck (Brazil)

Awatapu College Year 13 Art Folio Exhibition

Monday 7 November 2011

10 am to 3 pm

Awatapu Library

The Year 13 Painting, Photography, and Design students invite you to view an exhibition of their external folio boards.



PN HERITAGE TRUST SECONDARY SCHOOL HISTORY COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Everlyn Sahamie**, winner of the Year 12 Prize for her entry on the Sir Geoffrey Peren Building and **John Freeman**, for his highly commended entry on Wharerata. Well done.

LANGUAGE COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to the following students who excelled in the online Foreign Languages "Language Perfect World Championships":

Gold Medallists

Charlotte Austin

Ella Austin

John Dones

Credit

Wanhua Su

Storm Blockley-Powell

Hayley Bartosh

Silver

Ricky Kim

Jessica Gamble

Bronze

Steph Hunt

Esther Maxim

Congratulations to the following students who excelled in the International Assessment of Language Competence exams:

Japanese Certificate 3

Charlotte Austin (Listening - Distinction and Reading - High Distinction)

Alice Onland (Listening - Distinction and Reading - Distinction)

Jelena Rakonjac (Listening - Distinction and Reading - Distinction)

Steph Hunt (Listening - Distinction and Reading - Credit)

Kate Donnelly (Listening - Credit and Reading - Credit)

Harrison Faumuina (Listening - Credit and Reading - Credit)

Wanhua Su (Listening - Credit and Reading - Credit)

Japanese Certificate 2

Anucha Sathanont (Listening - High Distinction and Reading - Credit)

Hayley Bartosh (Listening - High Distinction and Reading - Distinction)

Rory Robinson (Listening - High Distinction and Reading - Distinction)

Jake Reid (Listening - Distinction and Reading - Distinction)

Jessica Gamble (Listening - Distinction and Reading - Credit)

Morgan Young (Listening - Distinction and Reading - Credit)

Esther Maxim (Listening - Credit and Reading - Credit)

McKenzie Milne (Listening - Credit and Reading - Credit)

David Mock (Listening - Credit and Reading - Credit)

Japanese Certificate 1

Malina Hargreaves - High Distinction

Anna McKean - High Distinction

Ella Austin - Distinction

Nicole Buys - Distinction

Phoebe Morrison - Distinction

Sam Tothe - Credit

Karly Kimura - Credit

French Certificate 3

Charlotte Austin (Distinction for Listening/Reading)

Kate Donnelly (Credit for Listening/Reading)

French Certificate 2

Storm Blockley-Powell (Distinction Listening and High Distinction for Reading)

Ella Austin (Credit for Listening and Distinction for Reading)

Shaun Mahoney (Distinction for Listening and Credit for Reading)