

Pakuranga College Auckland, New Zealand



Newsletter for International Students, their Caregivers, Homestays and Parents

Term 3, 2011

Welcome to the Pakuranga College Newsletter for International Students, their homestay families and caregivers.

This year we are delighted to have had International Students from 17 different countries at Pakuranga College. Students have come from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, India, Japan, Malaysia, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. We extend a warm welcome to our very first students from Colombia, India and Italy. At present we have 110 International Students, our highest number for many years.

A big thank you to our homestay families for opening your homes to our students! We really appreciate the high quality home life you provide to help our students feel comfortable and happy in New Zealand.

Internal School Exams – 6-14 September

Internal exams for senior students in Yrs 11-13 will take place between 6-14 September. Students will be on study leave during this time. International students are expected to sit these exams.

Important End of Year Dates

Please make a note of the dates below. During NCEA external exams in November, senior students will be on study leave and will only attend school to sit their exams.

Event	Date:
Term Holidays	Oct 10-21
Labour weekend	Oct 22-24
Term 4 Begins	Oct 25
NCEA Exams	Nov 10-30
Sign out day for Yrs 11, 12 & 13	Nov 30
Sign out day Yrs 9 & 10	Dec 7



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Start Up – Term 1 2012

The first day of Term 1 is Wednesday 1 February 2012. Starting times for each year level will be published in the local newspapers. Students must not return later than this. Senior students must see their Dean in the week before school starts to confirm their 2012 options.

Homestay Family Holiday Travel

It has been a particularly cold winter and although this takes some adjusting to after the warmth of the northern hemisphere, many of our students had the opportunity to check out the ski fields with their host families over the past few weeks. Fortunately everyone has returned uninjured after enjoying the beautiful slopes of Mt Ruapehu. Thanks to those families who have taken their students along to enjoy the opportunity of skiing and snow boarding.



With a further term break not too far away please keep in mind that students are not permitted to travel on holiday around New Zealand by themselves or with other students. If your student wishes to travel without you (host family) please contact Adrienne Tate (027 2944925) or Mrs Berry (5347159, extn 753).

Organised & Approved Trips

There are companies who run trips in the October school holidays and during November/December. Students can go to the North Island, the South Island, Australia or Fiji. If any students are interested please tell them to come and see Mrs Berry or Mrs McCrindle in the International Office. For detailed information, please look at the following websites:

- Intuition www.intuition.net.nz
- NZET www.nzet.co.nz
- Learning Journeys www.learningjourneys.co.nz
- NZ Direct www.nzdirect.co.nz
- High School New Zealand Ltd www.studenttours.co.nz

Three Strikes and You're Out – Internet Copyright rules

A new government policy comes into effect from September. There will be harsh penalties imposed on internet account holders found to be downloading copyright protected material. Please make sure you are aware of what your student is accessing via the internet. Some families have elected to have restrictions placed on the access to certain websites. If you choose to do this please contact our homestay co-ordinator, Adrienne Tate Ph: 0272944925. She can give you the contact details of an IT technician who can assist you with putting these restrictions in place.

School Information

School information can be accessed on our website www.pakuranga.school.nz including our fortnightly newsletter.

Illness / Accident

In cases of serious illness or accident please inform the school immediately, followed by a note on the student's return to school

Driving

International Students are not allowed to drive a car while enrolled at Pakuranga College. It is illegal for any students to travel as passengers in cars driven by drivers holding a "learners" or "restricted" licence.

Insurance

Most of our students are insured through the school with Southern Cross International Student Care. This is a very comprehensive policy and covers **loss and theft of property** as well as **medical costs**. If students need to go to the doctor they should bring their paid invoice to school and we will help them to make a claim.

Change of Homestay

Students may not change homestay without the knowledge of the college. Please let us know if your student needs to move.

Student Care

You are responsible for your student for the school year, including holidays. Students should not be left alone in the house overnight, particularly for weekends. The homestay caregiver is responsible for the student at all times. If you have to travel overseas let us know so we can find a temporary homestay, or please make arrangements for another person to stay in the house to act as caregiver while you are away and let us know the details.

NEWSFLASH – RUGBY WORLD CUP - Great opportunity



We are very excited that the Rugby World Cup will soon be coming to NZ. Many of our International Students have expressed a desire to watch the All Blacks play in this, so Pakuranga College International Department has purchased tickets for the All Blacks v’s France match at Eden Park on Saturday 24th September at 8.30pm. This should be a very exciting game as we all remember France knocked the All Blacks out of the last Rugby World Cup!

A teacher will accompany the students to the game – travel will probably be by school minibus/rail to and from Pakuranga College. The International Department will subsidise the cost of the tickets but we would ask students to make some contribution.

We need to know which students would like to go to this game with us. Please return the signed form (below) to Mrs McCrindle in the International Office by Monday 29 August. If the number of students exceeds the number of tickets then there will be a selection process.

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Yes, I would like to request a ticket to the World Cup game: All Blacks v’s France Saturday 24 September

Name:


Homestay:

Date:

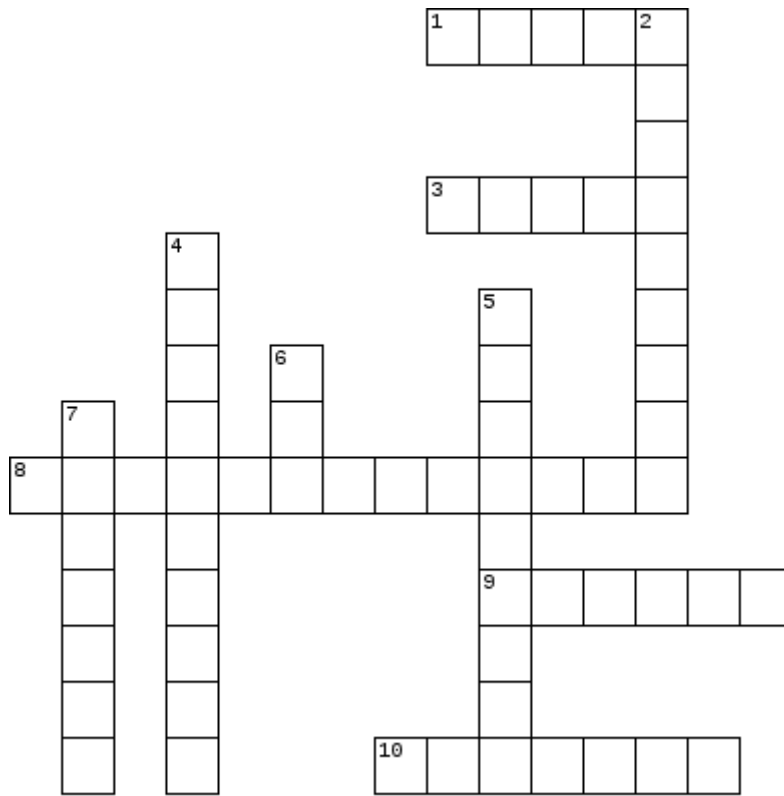
Return to: Theresa McCrindle, Administration Manager – International Students
Pakuranga College, Pigeon Mountain Road, Half Moon Bay, Auckland 2012

Or email details to: tmccrindle@pakuranga.school.nz

PLEASE RETURN BY TUESDAY 30 AUGUST

Have fun with the World Cup Rugby Crossword on the next page..... 

Rugby Crossword



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Across Clues

1. Number of players in scrum
3. Awarded for knock on
8. How long a game of rugby lasts
9. Throws ball into line out
10. Overall control of the game

Down Clues

2. Ball must travel this distance after restart from half way
4. Another name for a linesman
5. Puts ball into the scrum
6. Scores five points in rugby union
7. Number of players in team of rugby union team