



PAKURANGA COLLEGE
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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Over the last two weeks we have been celebrating our sporting achievements with the annual sports code nights. Over six evenings we have recognised all of the students who have been involved in sport this year. In the first week of next term, Thursday 27 October, we will round-up our celebrations of sport with the sports prize giving.

This week we have also had our Spring music concert and the fashion show. The concert, organised by the music committee, was once again a wonderful event and a great showcase for the talent of our students. Congratulations to all who performed; thank you for a great evening.

The fashion show was held on Wednesday 5 October and was also a very successful event. This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to show off their design talents and creativity. This year's event also featured dance performances from the senior dance classes that contributed toward their NCEA assessment. Well done to all involved.

Normally the process of selecting the Head Students happens just prior to senior prize giving, with the formal announcement being made at prize giving. However, due to the change of the school term we have had to alter the timing. I am delighted to announce that the Head Students for 2012 are Daniel Crichton, Ben Dowdle, Devanjali Devanandan and Aimee Toms.



Ben Dowdle, Devanjali Devanandan, Aimee Toms, Daniel Crichton

Prize Giving

This year we will be going back to holding prize giving at school. Senior prize giving for years 12 and 13 will be on Wednesday 2 November at 7.00pm in the college gymnasium.

Prize giving for year 11 students will be held on Monday 7 November at 9.30am in the school hall.

Invitations will be going out to all prize winners week 1 of term 4.

Next term will be very busy and very brief for senior students. It is important for students to use the holiday time wisely. A short break and then some serious revision is needed. Senior students will have only 2 weeks of classes next term before they leave for NCEA exams.

Michael Williams
Principal

Last day for senior students before exams:

- 3 November Year 13
- 4 November Year 12
- 7 November Year 11
- 30 November Sign out for years 11, 12 and 13.

NCEA exams commence on Thursday 10 November and finish Wednesday 30 November. At the end of this newsletter is the 2011 NZQA NCEA Examination Timetable.

NCEA exam preparation classes are being held at UNITEC during the October school holidays. If you are a student needing help to prepare for your Level 1, 2, or 3 NCEA exams, these one-day classes offer another chance to lift your grades. There are a variety of courses available, however they fill up quickly. To avoid missing out, enrol now at www.stepup.unitec.ac.au

House Leaders for 2012

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as our House Leaders for 2012.

Kauri: Hayley Pipes, Lashuan Tito, Sara Volc, Ryan Dixon, Rose Guthrie, Sebastian Hartley, Sheenae Farmer, Wilson Fuata, Natalie Penney,

Matai: Megan Cairns, Kevin Ha, Sosikeni Lomiga, Cameron McCoskery, Aimee Toms, Samantha Menezes, Nicole Paton, Holly Topps, Brian Yeom,

Nikau: Aishwarya Lalhall, Devanjali Devanandan, Ishank Thakur, Seini Vanisi, TristonTan, Varun Saxena, David Lee, Francis Bridge, Tyneesha Houkamau,

Pohutukawa: Daniel Crichton, Lindsay Daniels, Audrey Poliko, Andrew Moyle, Thillak Naidu, Sally Zhu, Zeus Bhajiwalla, Hayley Overton, Kaitlin Hodgson

Rimu: Ben Dowdle, Ross Franke, Laetitia Jansen Van Rensburgh, Nicole Jensen, Kimberley Leonard, Rowan Naude, Shelby Siljeur, Nicole Hedder, Josh Maud

Totara: David Bennett, Joshua Hawkey, Nicky Jekel, Sally Davis, Sione Maama, Kirsty Michell, Tabarek Al Salim, Georgia Richards, Jessica Chiang

Option Sheets 2012

Year 9 students have received their option sheets for 2012. Please spend a bit of time during the holidays choosing subjects for next year. The sheets are due back with Social Studies teachers on Wednesday 26 October, day two of term four. All students will have a brief discussion with a Careers Advisor in weeks two and three to ensure they have included any option subject important to their future career direction.



Maths help during the break

Year13 STATS Thursday 20 October 9-11am in S2L

Year12 MAT Thursday 20 October 1- 3pm in S2L

Also a reminder of our parallel papers for sale for yr12 and 13 at \$3:50 each.

Cottage Meetings

Talking with our community is important to the College. It is important that we hear the opinions of parents and families about how Pakuranga College is working for our students and their education. We need volunteers to host a small group of parents from their street for a cottage meeting. All organisation will be done by the college. The Principal, Mr Williams, and a Board member will come along and answer any questions you might have. If you are able to host one evening please contact the Principal's PA, Shelley Ross, on 534 7159 or ross@pakuranga.school.nz

Community Education

"Spring into a new course next term." Community Education Term 4 brochure is out now and available on line. New classes starting from the first week of term. Book early to ensure your place. Ph 537-1814. As the term is a short one we have a number of one and two night workshops, lots of food and wine options".

Auckland History Teachers' Association, Year 11 History Quiz

On Thursday 18 August, Mrs Siljeur took two teams of three students (**Patrick Jones, Andrew Eaton, Sharan Randhawa, Favour Adesina, Monica Nisbet and Rebecca Ashley**) to the annual AHTA Year 11 History Quiz at Diocesan School for Girls. It was a night filled with fun, trivia and prizes!

Questions ranged from historical music to famous quotes to flag recognition. Many of the questions were great for NCEA Level 1 history revision. In between each round there were chances to snap up spot prizes for the best singers, dancers and historical impersonators. Overall the night was a huge success with our teams placing extremely well. It was a fantastic experience which we would all advocate to other history enthusiasts.

Sharan Randhawa



Andrew Eaton, Rebecca Ashley, Sharan Randhawa, Favour Adesina, Monica Nisbet, Patrick Jones

Uniforms Years 10 and 12 students – if you would like to sell your uniforms please collect a 'sale of uniform' form from the uniform shop, student centre or front reception. Uniforms to be sold must be in good order and clean. They can be handed in to the uniform shop with this form Monday – Thursday 3pm – 6pm or Friday mornings 9.30am – 12 noon.

Haiku Poetry Competition

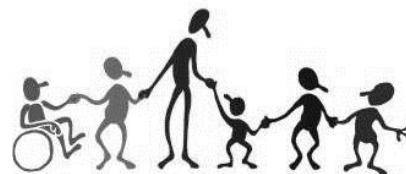
Recently the students studying Japanese in Years 12 and 13 entered a Haiku Poetry Competition. We were fortunate to have three Pakuranga College students shortlisted into the top 8 of the competition. These three students, **Julie Park**, **Winter Tolentino** and **Jenny Wang**, all took part in interviews both in English and Japanese last weekend in order for judges to decide the top students overall.

Congratulations go to Julie Park who was awarded 2nd prize in the competition. All the students' work was outstanding and the judges were very impressed with the Haikus.

Julie Park (2 nd prize)	夏休み Natsuyasumi Summer Holiday,	心の日記 Kokorono Nikki Diary of my heart,	青い海 Aoi Umi blue sea
Jenny Wang	夏祭り Natsumatsuri Summer festival ,	大きな花が ookina hanaga Big flowers are blooming in the sky	空に咲く sorani saku
Winter Tolentino	はちおどる Hachi odoru The bees are dancing,	たんぽぽゆれる tanpopo yureru dandelions are swaying,	花がさく hanaga saku flowers are blooming

Intergenerational Project

For several months four senior students from Service Council have been involved in a project organised by Age Concern Counties Manukau. This project was designed to promote intergenerational links between older people and schools with a view to the mutual enrichment of both young and old participants. Each student was paired up with a resident at Metlifecare Highland Park Rest Home and made a commitment to visit this person weekly. Age Concern's coordinator, Junior Tutageleavao, said of the students, 'They have been marvelous in touching the lives of the residents and Management team there. They have made the pilot project very successful and developed great social and lifelong skills that will see them in good stead throughout the rest of their lives.' We congratulate **Leanne Saw**, **Sanchit Bhatia**, **Sebastian Hartley** and **Brian Yeom** on the way they have fitted this rewarding community service into their already busy schedules. The Service Council hopes to continue and extend this relationship with our local rest home in 2012.



Arts Council Lunchtime Performance

On Thursday lunchtime the Arts Council organised a lunchtime performance at the Pamela Stone building's outdoor stage. Two fantastic performances took place; an energetic dance showcase and an awesome musical performance on guitar and vocals. The weather was perfect and sunny and it was a great way to celebrate the Arts. Thank you to our performers on the day, we hope to work with you in 2012 to showcase more of your work and talents.

Visual Art Folio Shows

A reminder that the Visual Art department will be holding their annual Folio Show at the beginning of next term. The year 13 Folio show will take place on Monday 31st October. Year 11 and 12 FoliOs will be displayed on Tuesday 1st November. Both Folio Shows are in the Art block and are open to the public from 4pm-7pm.

Pegasus Unit

Students from the Pegasus Unit ended the term on a very busy note. Monday saw them riding trams in the Wynyard Quarter and taking in the sights at the Waterfront. Wednesday they toured the Art Gallery and Thursday they competed in the Special Olympics Ribbon Day at Manukau. They were very proud with their cushions made with Ms.Shirtliff's supervision.



New Zealand Under 19 Ultimate Frisbee Team

The following students from Pakuranga College have been selected for the New Zealand Under 19 Ultimate Frisbee Team. They have been involved in a training programme for several months, and have demonstrated outstanding ability, commitment and passion for their chosen sport. Congratulations to **Sarah Chow, Brigitte Legg, Jason Saw, Leanne Saw, Jordan Tan, Ethan Taylor, Min Lee Ting and Jaime Willis**

Scuba Diving: On October 1 and 2, three students and one teacher braved the cold and rain to complete their PADI Open Water Certification with instruction provided by Global Dive. Due to the poor weather, both days had to be spent



diving in murky Lake Pupuke rather than the warmer, more colourful diving conditions at Goat Island Marine Reserve. Despite the 14 degree water temperature, everyone kept smiling throughout the weekend and with the help of beanies and hot water, all were able to complete the course. Congratulations to **Sanchit Bhatia, Rachel Smith, Jordan Smith and Miss Goodhue** on becoming qualified scuba divers!

Ultimate Frisbee

Eight players from the college have been selected for the New Zealand Ultimate U19 teams and played a 3 match test series against Australia last weekend. Both teams perform well and had a clean sweep of our tasman rivals. We would like to congratulate these students on making their respective teams and for their success in the test series.

Min Lee Ting, Sarah Chow, Brigitte Legg, Leanne Saw, Jason Saw, Jordan Tan, Ethan Taylor and Jaime Willis

Coming Attractions!	Oct	7	End of Term 3
		24	Labour Day
		25	Start of Term 4
	Nov	2	Years 12 and 13 Prize Giving
		3	Last Day Year 13
		3	Graduation Dinner
		4	Last Day Year 12
		7	Last Day Year 11
		7	Year 11 Prize Giving
		10	NCEA Exams begin