



PAKURANGA COLLEGE
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Dear Parents / Caregivers

This week has been a busy week in the College as we celebrated sporting successes at the Sport Awards on Tuesday night, celebrated academic success at the Senior Prize Giving on Wednesday night and on Thursday we farewelled our Year 13 students.

At the Sports Awards it was inspiring to see the level that our students are succeeding across a wide range of sports. The top Sports Person of the Year award again went to Cecilia Cho for her achievement in Golf. Cecilia is currently Ranked 2nd in the New Zealand Woman's Amateur ranking and 2nd in the Women's World Amateur Rankings. Cecilia has a brilliant future in woman's golf.

Also nominated for the top award was Alex Hancock who has had a great year winning a Gold and 3 Bronze medals at the Commonwealth Youth Games. Alex has just accepted a scholarship to Auburn University, Alabama which will be an important launching pad for his swimming career. Auburn University posted the following message on their website. Alex Hancock, another five-star prospect in the *Swimming World* College Recruit Rankings, is a second high profile recruit who will be attending Auburn in the fall. Hancock, who trains at Howick Pakuranga and preps at Pakuranga College in New Zealand, will add some significant strength to Auburn's butterfly group with top times in the 100-meter fly (55.58) and 200-meter fly (2:03.35).

Congratulations to both Cecelia and Alex.

Our top Junior Sports Person of the Year is Celyn Khoo and our Premier Badminton Team is the Team of the Year. Congratulations.

On Wednesday night we celebrated academic achievement at the senior prize giving. It was a very enjoyable evening and a great way to acknowledge the success of our students. I would like to thank the many parents and members of the community who attended. I also acknowledge and thank the University of Auckland, Manukau Institute of Technology, Auckland University of Technology and Massey University for their generous scholarships. I would also like to thank the many other sponsors who support our students with prizes and scholarships, we appreciate your investment in the leaders of the future.

A special thanks to Mr Peter Bailey a former student and Director of Food Tech Solutions for the scholarship that was provided this year for the first time.

This was to be the final year for the Jill Sweeny Scholarship to be awarded to a student. Jill Sweeny was the Head of Science at the college and prior to her death discussed with her son Rick the setting up of a scholarship which was to run for 10 years. Rick has decided that he would like to continue sponsoring this scholarship. We thank Rick for his generosity.

Many students received cups, prizes, certificates and awards on Wednesday evening and I applaud them all on their achievement. In particular I would like to congratulate **Averil Read who is our Dux for 2011**. Averil received the Wiles Memorial Cup and Prize and the Rae Memorial Scholarship. She also received the Relph Prize for Practical Biology, prizes in Geography and Science and certificates in Biology, Chemistry and Statistics and Modelling.

We were also delighted to announce **Stewart Shiu as our Proxime Accessit**. Stewart was awarded the Seagar Cup for Excellence in Physics, prizes in Biology and Physics and certificates for Chemistry and Statistics and Modelling.

This year the top year 12 student is Hazel Lim and the runner up is Ross Franke. We congratulate both these students on their outstanding success and achieving such great results so far this year.

On Monday 7 November we will be holding our Year 11 Prize Giving in the school hall. After the ceremony students will be released for study break to prepare for final preparations for the NCEA exams which start on Thursday 10 November.

All prize giving lists will be available on our website from Monday afternoon. www.pakuranga.school.nz

Fireworks

A reminder that there will be fireworks around the weekend. Every year we read of tragedies caused by careless use of fireworks, please be aware and keep yourselves safe.

Obviously fireworks are not allowed at school and anyone bringing them into school will be dealt with very seriously.

Michael Williams
Principal

2011 ASB Community Bursary Awards

Late last term saw five Year 13 students; Nadia Lal, Sylvester Kuo, Maggie Pan, Sheryne Lok and Miah Dixon headed to the annual ASB Community Bursary Awards, where they were treated to a buffet lunch and presentation by head of 'Elephants and Carnivores' at Auckland Zoo, Andrew Coers. Each student was commended on their outstanding contribution to the college and community. Students got to mix with their peers from schools in Auckland. In all there were 55 schools represented. Pakuranga College is extremely proud of the achievements of our students.



Goethe Society Examinations Awards

In semester one, many students studying German participated in the nationwide Goethe Society language examinations. Twenty four of our students were subsequently invited to the prestigious prize giving evening at the University of Auckland. It was a privilege to hear our school's name being called out so often during the evening.

Congratulations to all those students who were awarded prizes. Special mention must go to **Caitlin Adaway, Holly Goldsbro, Yannick Martinoli, Samantha Chen and Patricia Mariz Ordoña** who gained an Award of Excellence for their age groups. **Lilian Guo** gained first prize and **Charlotte Coombe** third prize in the year 11 group, while Troy Forsyth earned second prize in the year 9 group.

This is a grand reflection of the linguistic ability of our students here at Pakuranga College.

Howick RSA Tertiary Education Grant

This award is for a cash grant of \$1000 over two years (\$500 per year)

Applications are invited from Children/Grandchildren/Direct descendants of Returned/Service members of any branch of the NZRSA.

Applicants must live in the area comprising the district of the Howick RSA and be attending colleges within the area.

Applications are accepted from students in their last year of College who are intending to pursue Tertiary level education or Career Specific Training courses. The criteria for determining the successful applicant would include general ability both scholarship and sporting, community service, and an actual need for assistance.

Application forms are available in the Careers Room

Pegasus Department: Last Friday under Mr.Wilcox's direction the Pegasus students performed a dance at the Interact Festival at the Corban's Art Centre at Henderson. This was followed by a Bollywood solo from Mohit Chand.



Coming Attractions!	07	Last Day Year 11
	07	Year 11 Prize Giving – 9.30am
	10	NCEA Exams begin
	14 & 15	Teacher Only Day
	14 – 18	Pegasus Camp
	26	General Election (Gymnasium)
	30	Seniors sign out
	Dec 01	Yr 12 Leadership Day