

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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INSPIRING EXPLORERS



On March 2nd, 2019, students Lana Kiddie-Vai, Mele Fetu'u and P.E teacher Caragh Doherty left New Zealand as part of the Antartic Heritage Trust's Inspiring Explorers Expedition. The trio were selected to join the expedition late last year under a new partnership between the Trust and SEHC.

We look forward to hearing about their wonderful journey and experiences.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Talofa Lava, Fakaalofa lahi atu, NamasteGoeie More

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

The Principal, Dr Peter Uys, retired after 47 years of service in education on Friday 15th March 2019. He has dedicated 15 years of his life (2003 à 2019) to the Hillary family and community during which time he has held nearly every position there was to hold, culminating in Principal in 2010. During this time he has supported the BoT, staff, parents and students, giving his all and sacrificing many family hours away from his loved ones. On behalf of the BoT and Staff therefore I must acknowledge his wife, Mrs Uys and his family for the precious time they have sacrificed so that the Collegiate may share Dr Uys with them.



Dr Uys may be leaving Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate BUT in addition he has gifted us his legacy which may never be forgotten. One of the greatest lessons he have shown us is that he cared for all members of the Hillary family, and therefore earned the trust and respect of all who came into contact with him. The respect he has shown to each one of us and his willingness and eagerness to involve the Hillary family in taking major decisions are things that will be remembered for a long time to come. He was dedicated to the task, sincere to the core, able to remain calm under pressure and believed in each one of our Hillary family members.

Not only was Dr Uys instrumental in improving the Senior School's NCEA results over the past eight years, but he also created a stress-free learning environment for students. He tried his level best to improve the quality of academic delivery and encouraged the development of all teachers and students through education and research. His student-friendly approach and understanding of the background of each student, showing extra concern for those having challenges – both academic and personal – will be remembered and valued for a long time to come.

With all our hearts and with the blessings of all BoT members, staff, students and parents, we wish Dr Uys a contented and joyous retired life. Exciting and distant destinations await Dr Uys and his wife during the following months, so would like to wish them safe travels and a thoroughly deserved retirement.

I will be Acting Principal to the end of Term 1, after which we will welcome Mrs Kiri Turketo, our new Principal, who will commence her duties from Term 2. The Collegiate received Mrs Turketo and her whanau on Friday 8 March 2019 with a powhiri in the Gym.

I would like to welcome two new staff members to our family: Mr Howie: Geography and Mr Malcolm: Mathematics. In addition we welcome Mr Thippabathini in the Technology Department as a reliever.

By the time you receive this newsletter our ASB Polyfest groups will have completed their performances and speeches this past week. I would

like to take this opportunity of extending our sincere appreciation to all Cultural Leaders, teachers, tutors, coaches, parents and students who participated and contributed to the success of our performances. The next edition of the newsletter will showcase our performers and their results.

Ms S Eldridge
Acting Principal



Tongan Whanau Corner

SEHC TONGAN EDUCATIONAL SUNDAY (SAPATE AKO)

RESPECT, EXCELLENCE, WHANAUNGATANGA

“TAKANGA ‘ETAU FOHE” - “OUR OARS ARE MOVING IN UNISON”

SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2019

Sapate Ako (Educational Sunday) was an initiative proposed and implemented by the Tongan Parents Teachers Association (TPTA) in order to lift academic achievement for Tongan students at NCEA level. It was agreed upon in 2014 that we alternate performing at ASB Polyfest with a Sapate Ako to acknowledge Tongan students achievement after the Senior School Academic Opening in that year. It is open to all Tongan students, teachers and parents in the Collegiate. This year will mark our third SEHC Sapate Ako. At our Tongan churches in Tonga and New Zealand a Sapate Ako is celebrated at the end of January to mark academic achievement and encourage students for the year ahead.

Programme for the day highlighted two SEHC EX-STUDENTS:

- Meleuini Liu Vailanu who has graduated with a Bachelor of Education (Bed) and Postgraduate Diploma in Education and currently the Supervisor for The Mustard ECE, Sandbrook Park, Otara
- Ofeina Ma’afu Funaki graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing and currently a nurse at Middlemore Hospital.

We also farwell the Senior School Principal, Dr Peter Uys and we thank you for your Leadership over many years. May God richly bless you and enjoy your RETIREMENT with your family.





ACADEMIC



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ATWC BOYS CAMP

Last year at the back end of term 2, 12 boys from years 10 to 11 were selected (by staff members) to be a part of a leadership programme hosted by a team of school social workers from ATWC (Anglican Trust for Women and Children). The purpose of the programme was to encourage the boys to learn and identify different leadership attributes and to instill self-confidence, courage and resilience not only at school but also at home and within the community. The programme consisted of weekly workshops through term three and four and concluded with a 6 day camp to the Great Barrier Island at the Orama Oasis Christian camp.

The camp exposed the students to different physical activities like river & beach kayaking, sailing and high ropes. The students also participated in spoken word and star gazing workshops. The camp provided a perfect environment for the students to develop trust within each other and also apply the attributes we had covered during our weekly workshops through term three and four.

A huge thankyou to the staff members who played a pivotal role in selecting students and approving the programme especially Kirsten Taranaki for being a part of the process from start to finish. Last but not least I would like to acknowledge the families for allowing your sons to be a part of this programme and attending the camp. The relationships and bonds the students created not only with each other but also with the ATWC staff is something I know we will all cherish.





Level 3 History Trip

On Tuesday February 19th, the History III class, all twenty students left at 7-30 for our trip to the Waikato. We were to visit the historic sites relating to the Waikato War of 1863-64. First stop was the banks of the Waikato River at Mercer where we took the annual class photo and then onto Rangiriri. Here the battle site has been updated with the input from Tainui. Wandering through the pa site we could imagine Maori warriors holding out against the invading colonial forces. Next stop was Ngaruawahia where we saw Turangawaewae, the Maori King's official residence and visited the historic domain before we arrived at Te Awamutu. We were met here by museum staff, one of them a Tainui representative who introduced us to Uenuku a carving representing a tribal god of Tainui. This was one of highlights for us students because he explained the intertwining connections among Polynesian peoples, Uenuku and God. From here Janine Alison, the museum educator, took us around the sites of Rangiaowhia, Orakau and Kihikihi. Last stop was Pirongiri redoubt where we had fun re-enacting past events.

This was a great trip because we were able to stand at the actual places our past played out and were able to visualise what happened there.



SPORTS CORNER

Senior sports has started with boys and girls volleyball been played for the past two weeks.

The boys have lost all their matches and the girls securing one win from four matches.

The boys and girls teams will be competing in the Auckland secondary school volleyball tournament at Bruce Pulman Stadium, Papakura on 7th, 8th and 9th of March.

Our annual athletics day was postponed from Friday the 22 / 02 to Thursday 28 / 02. Results will be published in the next newsletter..

If you require any information regarding sports do not hesitate to contact me on (09) 2745782 ex 504 (school hours).

Thanks,

Kevin Long (Sports Co-ordinator)



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Christchurch – We stand with You. Our hearts are with all of the victims' families, friends and community. Kia Kaha

From SEHC Senior School

"On behalf of all New Zealanders, we grieve together. We are one. They are us"

Jacinda Ardern

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2019

**26 PST Conferencing
Juniors Only**

April 2019

**12 Last day of Term
One**

19 Good Friday

21 Easter Sunday

22 Easter Monday

25 ANZAC Day

29 First day of Term