

FEBRUARY 5th  
2019

# CULLINANE COLLEGE

TERM ONE  
WEEK TWO

*For the Love of God, Life and Learning*

*Mo te aroha ki te Atua, kia Oranga, kia Akona!*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cullinane College's 2019 has begun superbly. The return of the students always brings joy and positivity. We begin the year fully staffed and continue to pride ourselves in smaller class sizes.

The College welcomes three new staff members:

- Mrs Amanda Smee as our Head of English. Mrs Smee comes to us from Chanel College in Masterton where she held roles of Deputy Principal and Head of English.
- Ms Sarah Riley as our Dance and Drama teacher. Students at Cullinane will recognise Sarah from last year where she was on our relief staff.
- Mr Curtis Bunker as a part time Music Specialist. Mr Bunker is a former Cullinane student and has recently completed a Bachelor of Music.

The school grounds are looking great and this year we have our final (Stage Three) refurbishment of the northern classrooms. This will be done in two parts with the Rooms 15 through to 19 first and then both Art rooms and staffroom afterwards.

This week was a busy time for Cullinane. We had our annual Missioning mass here at school. On Tuesday 5th February Father Nathaniel led us in a blessing for the coming year. The 2019 Head students and Tuakana team were presented to the students at the end of this Mass.

On Thursday evening of this week we also celebrated our students gaining NCEA endorsements from 2018. Over 40 students were acknowledged in the evening gaining either Merit and or Excellence Endorsements in 2018.

Yours in Christ,  
Mr Harper Principal



Sarah Riley



Amanda Smee

# RELIEF TEACHERS NEEDED

Cullinane College is looking to add a few more NZ Registered teachers to their daily relief pool. If you are interested in this role please apply in writing to Lida Penn-Reina, Cullinane College, PO Box 5017, Whanganui, 4542. Email: lpenn@cullinane.school.nz

## 2019 PASTORAL CARE



Kieran Udy  
Deputy Principal  
Head of Pastoral Care



Renee Cox  
Assistant Principal



Lida Penn  
Assistant Principal  
Head of International Students



Debra Benefield  
Year 9 Dean



Kath O'Hara  
Year 10 Dean



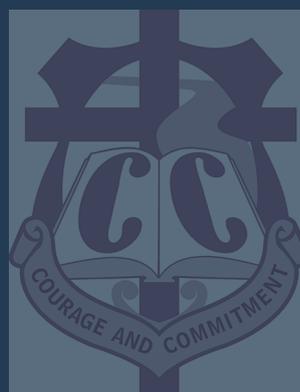
Hayden Hepburn  
Year 11 Dean  
Dean of Maori Achievement



Lalina Dayal  
Year 12 Dean



EJ Goldsworthy  
Year 13 Dean



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Friday, 8th February

- \* Dental Caravan on site (this is onsite until March 8th)
- \* Vision & Hearing Screening

#### Tuesday, 12th February

- \* Full School Assembly
- \* NCEA Information Night

#### Wednesday, 13th February

- \* Year 9 Journey Programme (until Friday 15th February).

#### Friday, 15th February

- \* Mass 12DD
- \* Waka Ama Wananga (until Sunday 17th February).

#### Tuesday, 19th February

- \* House Meeting

#### Wednesday, 20th February

- \* Inter House Athletics Day



## Te Wairua Tapu Kids



COME DRESSED UP AS YOUR BEST FRIEND!!

And why not bring them along with you!

Come and join us at St Mary's Church on Friday 8th February and share our first youth group of 2019 with your friends!

From 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Anyone in Year 7-10 welcome

Led by Marianne Lynch and Te Mana Kaua  
(Yr 13 students)

Text 027 426 9881 with any questions

LOOKING AHEAD: HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

## Explore New Places

12th April - 14th April 2019

We want to challenge and to grow young people through a quality adventure race, that will inspire trust, teamwork and self-belief in an environment that embodies and promotes holistic growth and healthy competition. You can choose from three different adventures (3hr, 6hr & 12hr event) which include biking, navigation, kayaking, camping and other activities. For more information visit: <https://go412.co.nz/>

## MATHEMATICS MESSAGE

Mathematics students should carry a scientific calculator with them. The best time to purchase one is now, while they are on special. The Casio fx82 is an ideal choice. Please ensure all students' property is named. This includes all clothing, stationery and other gear such as calculators. Mrs Davis has an engraver and is happy to engrave names or phone numbers on calculators.

## PASTORAL CHANGES: LATES

As a pastoral team, we noticed that in 2018 students turning up to school on time for class in the morning was becoming an issue across the school.

So beginning in Week Two of this term all students who come to school late in the morning without a valid explanation such as the car breaking down or having an appointment, will be required to make up some of that time.

Every second break on a Tuesday the Deans and SMT will be running Catch Up Time for the students who were late for school the previous week.

It is important that all students are at school on time and not missing valuable learning time. Loss of learning time has a proven effect on student achievement and outcomes, as well as wasting a substantial amount of teacher time from the other students who have made the effort to arrive on time. As a school, we are always happy for students to arrive at school earlier if dropping them off is an issue for parents.

## YEAR 9 POWHIRI





## BISHOP CHARLES DRENNAN

From Bishop Drennan's Facebook Page

29th January, 2019

World Youth Day has a great rhythm. It's not too packed with activities because a crucial part is simply spending time with others reflecting on the common experiences and probing them for deeper meaning. That fits with the idea of encounter and accompaniment which Papa Francesco has been promoting.

Accompaniment is two way. Usually it is billed as the 'elders' accompanying the young. That's vital in any culture and in the Church too. But the dynamic of young people enlightening those older than themselves is vital too. One of the great WYD fruits for me has been sitting in on chats – listening to the questions and insights of our pilgrims.

There is no hierarchy of age in the Church, yet our front window too often gives a very different impression. Francesco preached on Sunday about young people being the Church of now. Of course, that's not a naïve cult-of-youth soundbite. It's a plea for participation, commitment and endurance from young people. A culture we might say of belonging.

Catechesis or teaching sessions are part of the WYD programme. The group I was requested to lead was very mixed – Canadians, Thais, some Turks, a group from the USA, Cook Islanders, Jamaicans, Trinidadians, Tanzanians and others. Catechesis time was followed by a general Q and A session. I emphasized that any question was welcome; nothing was off the table.

The first three questions from this hugely diverse cultural mix of young people were all broadly speaking about sexuality. Transgender, and being gay – were the first two. A Bishop is exposed answering those. But that's leadership. I don't mind putting my neck on the line for love. To pretend that homosexuality and gender dysphoria do not exist or are somehow outside God's plan for humanity, is a rejection not defense of truth and thus nonsensical. The inadequacy of the commentary on sexuality of some within the Church I believe is impacting negatively on the entire credibility of the Church. And in some areas, it's time theology caught up with science. Thankfully the recent Synod in Rome on young people acknowledged this.

It was the third question, however, which left me speechless, choking.

A girl from Jamaica stood up, looked me in the eye, and said: All life is a blessing, right Bishop? (Sure, I responded.) Then why does the Church define me as being the result of fornication?

I was reduced to silence for some time, not because I didn't have a response. But because the thought of that young woman's pain (and I assumed also her Mum's) left me only with the language of a lumpy throat: silence. We, the Church, will always fall short in communicating God's love. We are human and limited. But every privileged moment of truly sharing another's pain will be a step of purification and hope for us all and those we encounter.

After the questions were over and the crowds dispersed, I found that Jamaican girl and hugged her. And through her tears she simply said: thank you.



# 2019 TUAKANA LEADERSHIP TEAM



Ally Keenan  
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL



Christie Wallace  
HEAD GIRL



Tumanako Sciascia  
HEAD OF UNITY



Steven Dowman  
TUAKANA



Rongomai McLean-Wanoa  
TUAKANA



Talitua Leo  
HEAD OF OPTIMISE



Te Mana Kaua  
HEAD BOY



Isaiah Teki  
TUAKANA



Chloe Tonga-Harrison  
HEAD OF SERVICE



Maraeta Kingi-Tapa  
TUAKANA

Missing:  
Akenese Skelton  
TUAKANA



Lucas Reardon  
DEPUTY HEAD BOY



Malcolm Francis  
TUAKANA



Reihania Hemi  
TUAKANA



Matua Carston  
TUAKANA



Allie Wyatt-Ross  
TUAKANA



Isabelle Schwartzfeger  
HEAD OF LOVE

## PASTORAL NOTICE: HAIR & GROOMING

Students are expected to present themselves for school in a manner where their hair and personal grooming is of a high standard. Hair should not be of such a length that it becomes an impediment to learning, nor a health and safety issue in classes such as Hard Materials or Food Technology.

We expect male students to be clean shaven, maintaining high levels of personal presentation at all times. An exception can be granted through the Dean for students who for Religious or Cultural reasons are required or urged to grow facial hair such as Hassidic Jews.

If students are not appropriately groomed they will be provided with shaving cream and a disposable razor to remove facial hair by the Office staff.

## GREETINGS FROM THE DRS

We have had a positive start to 2019. On Tuesday we celebrated our first full school Mass for the year. Fr Nathaniel Brazil presided over the Mass. He is new to the parish this year and we are looking forward to working with him. Students said that they enjoyed the message he gave in his homily, finding it easy to understand, and they were impressed with his Te Reo. During the Mass our student leaders received their badges and pledged themselves to their work as Tuakana for the year. All staff and students also re-confirmed their commitment to the College. At the end of the Mass, our Year 9 students received candles to welcome them into our community.

Religious Studies classes have begun with the following teachers for 2019:

Year 9: Senora Penn-Reina, Mrs Benefield and Ms Dougherty

Year 10- Mr Daignault

Year 11: Mrs Benefield and Ms Dougherty

Year 12: Mr Udy, Mr Daignault and Ms Dougherty

Year 13: Mr Udy and Ms Dougherty

Senior classes will need to have their first assessment completed before the end of Term 1.

The stationery list recommends purchasing a Catholic Youth Bible for use in the classroom while students are at Cullinane. When they leave, it is a good resource they can take with them. We do have some quality second hand Bibles available for \$20 if you wish. Please contact me at the College if you would like one.

God Bless

Helen Dougherty

### Change of Student Details:

If you have moved house, have a new cellphone, or if any of your contact details may have changed; can you please contact the College office to update your contact information.

# MISSIONING MASS 2019



## YEAR 9 JOURNEY PROGRAMME

Year 9 students will be participating in the Year 9 Journey Programme next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> through to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> at Parikino Marae. Please ensure you have returned your permission slips and medical forms and if possible paid your \$40.00 for the camp. On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> there is a powhiri at 5.30pm for parents followed by a shared dinner. Please return the slip sent home to confirm your attendance at the dinner.

## BUS PASSES/STUDENT ID FORMS:

Mr Udy has met with the bus students this week to outline the application process for a Bus Pass/Student ID. Forms have been sent home with the students and must be returned with payment of \$8.00 along with the Student ID Form.

If your student requires a Student ID only, these forms are available at the Office. All passes will be issued once Photolife have taken the students photos later this term.

# STUDENTS MAKE HISTORY

For the first time ever, two students are studying aviation at Cullinane College. Moetahi Baron-McRitchie and Dontae Luff have signed up to the NZICPA based at Whanganui airport for lessons in the theory of flying. Ultimately these lessons could lead the students to train for their commercial Pilot's licence once they have completed the flying hours required for their private pilot's licence. For Moetahi, this may mean that she could have her private pilot's licence before she finishes school. This very exciting opportunity exists for any student interested in flying. Please contact Tracy Bedford at the NZ International Commercial Pilot Academy at [tracy.bedford@nzicpa.nz](mailto:tracy.bedford@nzicpa.nz)



**SPOTTED!**

Liam Boswell  
Photo Source: Whanganui Vintage Weekend Facebook Page



# FAREWELL FR DONDON

Fr Dondon celebrated his final Mass in our Catholic Parish of Whanganui - Te Parihi Katorika Ki Whanganui in St Mary's Church on Sunday 27th January 2019. Parish Priest Fr Marcus Francis concelebrated with him. Prior to the final blessing Fr Marcus gifted Fr Dondon with a huge card signed by us all and a cheque which awarded him a long round of applause. Fr Marcus spoke for us in thanking him for being so much apart of the life of the community and wished him every prayerful blessing as he picks up his new appointment in Stratford.

- Article from The Catholic Parish of Whanganui



# WELCOME!

The College would like to welcome and introduce our newest International Students.



Yusei Goto



Cyrus Cheng



Soichiro Kashini



Konomi Makamura



Hiroka Kawamura



Caterina Benincasa



Maya Fujibe



Yui Tanaka

# SPORTING NEWS

BE THE BEST POSSIBLE VERSION GOD CREATED ME TO BE

## REGATTA NEWS



Well done to the students who competed in the Cambridge Town Cup and 2019 North Island Club Champs regatta at Lake Karapiro on January 26th. We had crews make A and B finals with the boys in the U19 coxed four winning a bronze medal. Congratulations to Neo Tichbon, Tomasi Connor, Donovan Thompson and Kurt Browning.

## SHOWJUMPING ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations to Lyzz Barry on your recent achievement in Show Jumping. Lyzz won the overall Show Jumping Points for Taranaki over 5 shows. We eagerly watch your growth in this field.

## SPORTING SUCCESS



Naaman Andrews and his Ngāmotu team have become the champions of the Boys Basketball Under 16 C3 East Grade Undeafated winning 7 of 7 with a dominant 50 - 23 over deserved finalists, Waverley (Australia). Well done, Naaman. What an achievement.



# SPORTS SIGN UP

## Volleyball

This will start on 20th February. Entries close on the 15th February. Please see Ms Pihema at the Gym office for more information.

**Doubles Tennis** – Will start on 18th February. Entries close on the 13th February. Please see Ms Pihema at the Gym office for more information.

**WSS Life Saving & Swimming** – Event is on 1st March but entries close 20th February. Please see Ms Pihema at the Gym office for more information.

## COACHING

Any parents who are willing to volunteer for coaching in any of our codes or are wanting more information to get their child involved in the sports listed, can you please contact the College Sports Co-ordination (Mikayla Pihema-Taiaroa) at [mpihema@cullinane.school.nz](mailto:mpihema@cullinane.school.nz)

# CULLINANE COLLEGE ATHLETICS DAY

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Cullinane College will be holding their annual Athletics Day at Cooks Gardens from 8.30am – 3.10pm. Students will be dismissed from Cooks Gardens at 3.10pm. Bus students will be released by Mr Udy in time to walk to Wanganui City College.

All students are asked to assemble at Cooks Gardens in their House groups in the Main Grandstand for roll check at 8.30am. **This is considered a school day and as such it is compulsory for all students to attend.** Students are not permitted to leave the venue at any time throughout the day and regular roll checks will be taken.

All students are required to wear a sun hat and bring plenty of water. Students are not permitted to leave the venue so please ensure they have an adequate lunch packed. Uniform is not required, and its encouraged that students express themselves through their house colours and active wear – no denim shorts. **Face paint is also not permitted.** Sun block will be available at the event.

Parents are welcome to attend this event. On the day, it is encouraged that students sign up for as many events as possible, as this can help gain points for their house. Those students who do well will be selected for Viard Shield and Wanganui Secondary School Athletics.