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Term 3, Week 7
Week Ending 4th September 2020

Tēnā Koutou

Kapa Haka

It was great to see our Kapa Haka group making up for the disappointment for the cancellation of the CASA event by having a very special day on Wednesday to focus as a group, to perform, to share kai and to generally celebrate the efforts and work they have put in over the year. All being well, we will see their skills fully on show at our end of year prizegiving. Thanks to Mrs Johnson, Ms Sopp and Eve Reihana for putting this together to make the day special.

Reports 11-13

Year 11-13 written reports are being put together and will be sent out by email at the end of term. These will also be available through the EDGE parent portal. It is really important that we have an up to date email address so that we can send these through to you. These reports generally focus on how your child is tracking towards their NCEA goals and what they can do in these final few weeks of the year to make the very most of their time and efforts. As we move into practice exams next week, it is important that school work becomes the number one priority for Year 11-13 students and other social distractions are well managed. Ensuring students are well rested and focused on these final steps is critically important with engaged and sustained parental involvement more important than ever.

On the Primary side the winter morning milos each Wednesday have been a real treat. Thanks again to the parents who donated items for this to happen.

Transition to the Secondary Side for Year 6 Students

Although we would like to think our Year 6 students are well prepared for crossing the road to Year 7, we do realise there may be questions parents have. This

is particularly the case if this is your first child to go through this transition. Due to the current climate, I am reluctant to organise a gathering that could once again be cancelled however, if you do want to talk through what Year 7 looks like for your child in 2021, I invite you to call either Kylee or myself for a chat. Transition letters for students coming from our contributing schools have been sent and we are all set for transition day on Thursday 3rd December where we bring the students together to get to know each other and have a chance to ask questions and gain a better understanding for 2021 and Year 7.

School Senior Dance and Prizegiving

A reminder that this has been rescheduled for Friday 30th October and will go ahead provided we are in Level 1 conditions at that time. Our Prizegiving is subject to the same restrictions and is set for 11am on the 9th December which is also the last day of school for 2020.

Masks

If you want your child to wear a mask on the bus or at school, we support your decision to do so. There is however, at this time, no requirement to do either. It is interesting to note that today will be the first day back to school for children in the UK for over six months with the obvious significant levels of anxiety associated. A reminder perhaps that although our lives have been disrupted, we have much to be grateful for!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kia Kitea Toikaka.

James Griggs
Principal

Achiever of the Month

Our Achiever of the Month for September is Emily Van Arendonk

Emily has made huge progress with her personal communication system after many years of work to increase her independence and her ability to tell us what she wants and needs. In terms of progress this is significant and we want to recognise this wonderful achievement



Congratulations Emily!

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Next week is exam week for Years 10–13, the exams run during school time and students will be in their usual classes when they are not in exams. There is NO exam leave for senior students and there never has been in recent years for school mock exams. Please be aware that these exams are extremely important for NCEA students as the grades they achieve may need to be used as final external grades in the event of any ‘emergency’ or lockdown later in the year. Programmes that are all internally assessed carry on as normal.

Year 10 will be sitting their exams under the same strict NZQA conditions as the senior students as important preparation for NCEA in 2021.

Year 11-13 reports will be sent out just prior to the holidays. These reports will provide valuable advice to parents and students highlighting what will be the important areas of focus for the first four weeks of instruction in Term 4. Once external exams begin, students will be advised about when their formal teaching and learning attendance requirement finishes. Please be mindful that some courses will be providing reassessments during this time because of contact time lost during lockdown. We will keep families well advised of any study leave provisions after Canterbury Anniversary weekend as Term 4 progresses.

Last week we had a well-attended presentation from the Ara Institute of Canterbury – I was impressed with the questions the students asked and the active interest they took into investigating options for the future. It is quite common for younger students not to know what they are thinking of doing when they leave school, but it is a worry when some older students seem reluctant to consider or discuss realistic training/career/employment options beyond school. These are conversations all families should be having with Year 11-13 students – if a child has what you think are totally unrealistic ideas of what they are going to do (which is not uncommon e.g. full time gamer) then you are probably right. We endeavour to work with all our students to assist them explore realistic pathways and to always remember that the only job where you start at the top is digging a hole!

With only three weeks left this term, our overall focus needs to be on maintaining a consistent and positive approach to learning and that requires everyone to be considerate and inclusive of others and remember that a class is a bit like a team – you do not always get to choose your team mates but you all need to work together to get a successful result.

Penny Mossman

Dates for your Diary

SEPTEMBER '20	
7 th – 11 th	Yr 10-13 Exam Week
7 th	Yr 7/8 Girls' Self Defence – Community Room
7 th	Yr 1-6 Chilled Show in the Gym
8 th	Speech Competition at the Hawarden Hall
9 th	Christchurch Schools' Music Festival Area Rehearsal
14 th	Yr 1-8 Firewise Visit
21 st	Yr 7/8 Trip to Godley Head Gun Emplacements
21 st	Amuri Careers Tourism Day
25 th	End of Term 3

Roll of Honour

Ava Brogden
 Liv Dampier-Crossley
 Jake Diederich
 Hayley Fisher
 Meg Habgood
 Bianca Jamieson
 Matthew Kenyon
 Chloe Lilley
 Tamzyn Murdoch
 Flynn Pearson
 Hollie Scarlet
 Madison Wayne
 Taryn Werahiko

1st Merit

Milah Campion
 William Hamilton
 Annie Francis
 Bob Thompson
 Madison Wayne

2nd Merit

Madison Wayne

Level 2 Restrictions on Buses

We are not permitted to allow students to change “bus bubbles” during Level 2. Please do not ask as refusal is difficult both for myself and the driver.
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GIRLS CRICKET – ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING SPORTS

Parents – consider your daughter playing cricket this season in an **all-girls** grade this summer. Saint Albans Cricket Club in Christchurch has **all-girls** teams in the following grades:



Girls Year 4/ 5/6 : played Saturday morning 9-11am

Girls Year 7/8 : played Saturday morning 9-11:30am.

It's **QUICK** – games last about 2.5 hours

It's **FUN** – the girls play in an all-girls grade and everyone gets a

chance to bat and bowl every game

It's **CHEAP** – no expensive gear needed – the club supplies it all including bats, balls, shirts and caps.

Our season starts in October and we are now taking registrations for junior girls in years 4-8.

Why Saints? We are the only club in the South Island with 2 NZ White Ferns, we have top Canterbury and NZ level women coaches, and we are 100% focused on growing the number of **girls** playing cricket for fun or competitively.

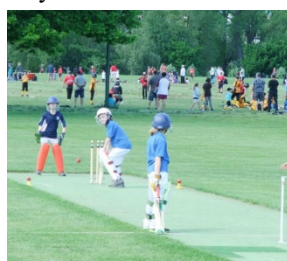
Try your local club first – but if your daughter wants to play in an all-girls grade, then Saints is for you.

For more information see :

www.stalbanscricket.co.nz or www.sporty.co.nz/girlscricket

If interested call/text/email

1. **Barry : 027 535 6245** or barryvb@stalbanscricket.co.nz
2. **Matthew : 027 696 1010** or matthewd@stalbanscricket.co.nz



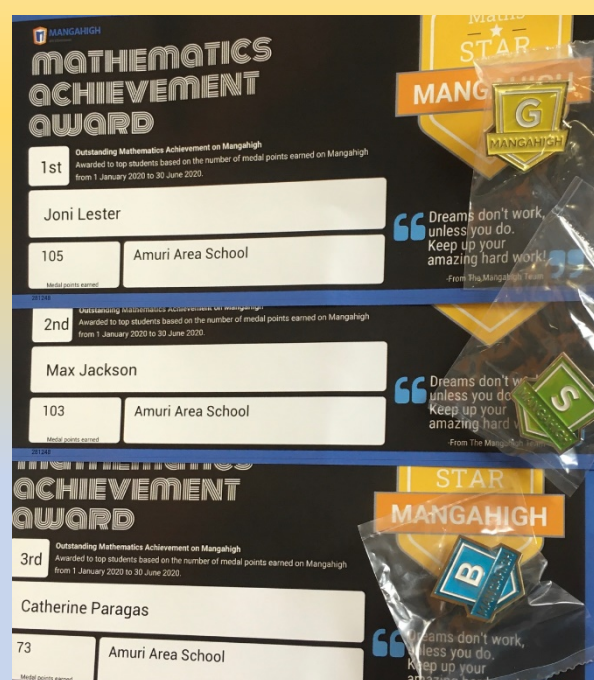
Your child's art can be made into affordable Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas. Look out for further details and order forms later in the term.



Congratulations to the following Year 9 students who have gained certificates and medals from Mangahigh: Joni Lester – Gold; Max Jackson – Silver; and Catherine Paragas – Bronze.

Mangahigh is an online learning platform that the Maths department have been trialling with Year 9 this year. Learning is through playing games-gamification. This seems to appeal to Year 9 and these three students have certainly developed a growth mindset in persisting and learning from mistakes to complete the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Well done!

Access to Mangahigh is available at home as well as school. Please ask your Year 9 child to show you how they learn through playing games. Topics are set by their Maths teachers.



From the Technology Class

Year 10 Technology 3D print and lasercut Bluetooth Speakers



Nathan Kay and Will Clark created this steel and jarrah table



Year 11 Carpentry – Outdoor Furniture range



START SOMETHING BIG. one hour, once a week, one life mentoring. so simple. it works



MENTORING OPTIONS:
Community Based
Takes place in the evenings or at weekends, doing things you both enjoy, such as swimming, the dog, bike riding or getting an ice-cream!
School Based
Takes place at school during school hours, often in the library, staff room or out in the playground, doing activities like drawing, board games, baking or sports.

We Make Meaningful Matches For **Brighter Futures**

REQUIREMENTS:
be 18+ years
(there's no upper age limit)
be available for
1 hour - once a week - for 1 year
and the most important...
JUST BE YOU!

The Littles!

BBBS matches children aged between 6 - 11 years Primary aged children, although matches can continue on during high school or even further!

The children who are matched are those who just need that bit of extra attention and support The ones who can often 'fall through the cracks'

Children are chosen from the school closest to where the Mentor lives / works And YOU get a say in what type of child you are matched with - i.e. age, interests, background etc.



The Mentoring Effect

Research highlights the powerful, positive & lasting impact that mentors have on children's lives.

We Support You
BBBS professionally match mentors to the ideal child & are there every step of the way along the match journey

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