

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents  
Kia Ora and Talofa lava

This is my second and last message as your Acting Principal. Mr Laurenson will be back from his sabbatical leave in Term 3. The Principal's role has been very demanding both physically and mentally however the experience and personal rewards were hugely satisfying. I have thoroughly valued and enjoyed the role and I would sincerely like to thank the staff and the BOT for their support during this time.

I attended a really exciting and informative evening in our hall with Ruth Davison-Toumu'a; a Pasifika literacy researcher. She spoke about her academic literacy work she is currently doing with the first year Pasifika students at Victoria University in Wellington. She outlined the difficulty that her Pasifika students are facing to unravel the mysteries and messages behind the written words of university studies. She shared some practical tools that as parents can help to support their kids such as enrolling their children at early childhood schools and sharing an interest in their work at home. Such simple strategies can greatly help the learning of the child especially in their early years of developing their second language.

Mrs Gounder has just completed her Masters and she is travelling to speak at a conference in Melbourne about her findings. She has done superbly and I was fortunate enough to be at the presentation of her finding based on literacy in her subject. Congratulations Roshni Gounder. We have just completed our senior mid year exams and the teachers have been really complimentary in the way the students behaved and responded to the challenge. The real true indicator is how well they have done in their papers and we should have a good picture of this for the next lot of parent teacher interviews in the second week of term 3 on Thursday 30 July. I really would like to take this chance to welcome all our parents during this time to come and discuss how your child can continue to improve on their results.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. It is really a good time to recharge the batteries and be energised and refocus for the term ahead. Take care.

Kia Tamatane

**T. Pune**  
Acting Principal

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees will next meet on  
**Thursday 30 July**  
and  
**Thursday 27 August**  
**at 6.00 pm in Rooms H4/H5**  
(off the Hall Foyer in M Block)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM TWO/THREE 2009

Wednesday 1 July .....	Gateway - Sports Related Industries in Hall
Thursday 2 July .....	Year 13 Sports Leadership Tramp
<b>Friday 3 July .....</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 2 – School Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 20 July .....</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM 3</b>
Monday 27 – 31 July .....	Mighty Mouth Visit
Thursday 30 July .....	Board of Trustees Meeting in H4/5 6.00pm
Thursday 30 July .....	<b>Report Evening – 4.00 – 7.00pm</b>
Monday 3 August .....	Education Review Office Visit
Monday 17 – 22 August .....	School Production
Monday 24 – 28 August .....	2010 Enrolments
Thursday 27 August .....	Board of Trustees Meeting in H4/5 6.00pm



There is **NO RIGHT TURN** into the College from Mangere Rd before **9:00am** and between **3:00 & 5:00 pm**.

There is **NO STOPPING** lines on the East side of the main College Entrance and we have been advised that this will be policed.

Please encourage your children to use the pedestrian crossings rather than jaywalking. It may take longer, but it is much, much safer.

### REPORT AFTERNOON / EVENING

Thursday 30 July 2009  
from 4.00 pm – 7.00pm

All Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to come and discuss their child's progress with the teachers.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU**



## NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (NCEA)

This is the third in a series of feature articles in our newsletters throughout this year, which will answer questions about particular aspects of NCEA.

### REWARDING ACHIEVEMENT

To recognise top performances in all three levels, there is:

- The NCEA certificate of Excellence = 50 credits at Excellence level.
- The NCEA certificate of Merit = 50 credits at Merit level.
- The NCEA certificate of Merit = 50 credits with a mix of Merit and Excellence.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO GET INTO UNIVERSITY?

#### ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

- Your subject teachers will give you a schedule of what you are expected to learn in each subject at the start of the year.
- Glue this schedule into your book for your information. The schedule will look something like this.

#### REPORTING YOUR PROGRESS

During the year there will be a variety of ways that you will be able to gauge how well you are doing:

- **Parent Teacher Evenings:** There are 2 parent teacher evenings during the year. These coincide with the issuing of the interim report and mid year report. This is a great chance to get one on one advice from your teachers with your parents there to support you.
- **Reports:** There are 3 sets of reports during the year. **Interim** at the end of term 1 which gives an indication of how well you have settled into the year. **Mid Year** at the end of term 2 and the **End of Year** report. All the reports include valuable advice from your teachers as to your progress to date as well as what you need to do to improve.
- **Credit Updates:** Once at the end of term 1 and twice during the other terms, a printout will be sent home that indicates how many credits you have in each subject. Each subject will have information as to how many credits are available internally and externally as well as a list of standards and whether or not you have attempted them as well as whether you have passed or not. A good gauge of whether or not you are doing well is by looking at the proportion of credits gained out of the total attempted. This will also be included.

#### AUTHENTICITY

All work handed in for assessment must belong to:

- The student only – This means that it is 100% the work of the student who submits it.
- Where others may have legitimately assisted, it must be declared and acknowledged in all instances.
- The child may be required to sign a HONESTY DECLARATION FORM. See the form at the back of the student's booklet.

#### PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING

If you are suspected of copying someone else's work or cheating, the following process will take place:

- The matter is discussed with the subject teacher and the HOD.
- If still unresolved, the D/P of Assessment will intervene.
- Your parents/guardian/caregiver will be invited into school to discuss the issue.
- The D/P of assessment and the Principal will make the final decision.
- NZQA will be notified.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP WITH PAYMENT OF NZQA FEES.

All NCEA candidates must pay a compulsory fee. The amount of the fee depends on a number of circumstances:

- Your ability to pay: The normal fee is \$75 but if...
  - You are on a benefit
  - Have a community services card, or
  - If your household income is under a certain amount.
- Then the amount may be reduced considerably.

## Enterprise 2009

Keep an eye out for these Enterprise products on sale next term:

- Lava lavas in house designs and special art designs
- Organic vegetables and herbs in biodegradable packaging - mixed bags for \$10.00 (**Refer to survey**)
- A photo essay book depicting life in South Auckland which will make a fantastic Christmas gift

### Market Survey for Enterprise Studies

We are taking part in Young Enterprise 2009, and are seeking information to determine if there is a market for our product, and who and where our potential market is. The surveys will be destroyed at the conclusion of the project, and all information will remain confidential.

The survey will only take a couple of minutes of your time.

#### Gender

Male  Female

#### How many people in your household?

1-2  3-5  6-8  8+

#### In which area of South Auckland do you live in?

Otahuhu  Otara  Mangere

Papatoetoe  Other

#### Who is responsible for your grocery shopping?

Mum  Dad  Other

#### How often does your family eat fresh vegetables?

Never   
Once a week or less   
2-3 times a week   
5 times a week   
Every day

#### How much do you spend on fresh vegetables and herbs each week?

\$5 - \$10   
\$11 - \$20   
\$21 - \$30   
\$31 - \$40   
\$41 - \$50   
\$51 +

#### Please indicate the types of vegetables you regularly purchase

Peas <input type="checkbox"/>	Tomatoes
Celery <input type="checkbox"/>	Potatoes
Carrots <input type="checkbox"/>	Broccoli
Onions <input type="checkbox"/>	Gherkins
Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Lettuce
Spinach <input type="checkbox"/>	Silverbeet
Cauliflower <input type="checkbox"/>	Cabbage
Capsicum <input type="checkbox"/>	Asparagus
Leek <input type="checkbox"/>	Mushrooms
Garlic <input type="checkbox"/>	Sweetcorn

#### Would you be interested in purchasing a bag of mixed vegetables and herbs grown organically at Otahuhu College?

Yes  No

Please have your child return this form to their tutor teacher, for them to pass on to A.C.E. Enterprises.

Thank you for your time.



# Students of the Month

## July 09



**Year 9 - Frank VAKA - 9P** - Frank is a confident lad who is always willing to take part and has become a very involved student in Seddon House this year. He always has a smile on his face and shows respect to his peers and teachers.



**Year 10 - Ruautu-Ta TARIPO - 10R** - Ruautu is a cheerful student with a great sense of humour. He is a leader in his tutor group and a fine example.



**Year 11 - Maryanne SCANLAN - 11ADM** - Maryanne is a well organised and very reliable student. She takes great pride in Massey House activities and is a regular participant and supporter.



**Year 12 - Okalani LOLOHEA - 12PTR** - Okalani is a quiet achiever who is always respectful and well-liked by his peers. He is a mature role-model and has participated fully in many house competitions this year.



**Year 13 - Elizabeth Sio - 13THN** - Elizabeth has a high profile at Otahuhu College. She is one of the Hobson House leaders and is always involved in House activities. She leads by example and is not afraid to speak up when it comes to respect. She is a fine role-model for our students.