

**MARCH 2010**



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Year 12NDO Grey House**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

It is good to be able to tell our parents that our exam results for 2009 improved. This is the fourth year in a row that our results have done this.

We obtained a total of 526 NCEA level one, two and three passes which was a 13% improvement on the year before. Our level one pass rate was up by 8%, level two by 5% and level three by 4%.

In our external examinations in visual arts, painting and design we now have pass rates above the national co-educational average. Also in externals in various standards at various levels in drama, economics, accounting, English and biology we are above the national average for merits or excellences.

The impact of quality teaching and hardworking students is resulting in continuous improvement.

In addition fifty five of our students got UE which means they can enrol in a degree level course if they want to. This is nearly double what it was in 2007.

Clearly parents have played a large part in this by insisting assignments and exam study is done so many thanks to you for this.

Uniform is still an issue and senior students out of uniform next term face the prospect of being sent home.

Kia Tamatane

**G I LAURENSEN**  
Principal

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees will next meet on

**Thursday 29 April 2010**  
**at 6.00 pm in Rooms H4/H5**  
(off the Hall Foyer in M Block)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM ONE & TWO 2010

### Month of April

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April.....**END OF TERM ONE – School Holidays**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.....**START OF TERM TWO**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.....Maori and Pacific Gateway Evening, School Hall

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April.....Board of Trustees Meeting, H4/5, 6.00pm

### Month of May

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.....Van Morrison Tribute, School Hall 7.00pm

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May.....Bloodbank, School Hall

### ASB POLYFEST RESULTS

**Kapahaka Group** - 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Whakaeke (entrance)

**Cook Islands Group** - 1<sup>st</sup> = in the Pere Pere Tane (male high voice),  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Most Improved Group.

**Niuean Group** - 1<sup>st</sup> in the Hymn, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Modern Song.

**Samoan Group** - 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ulufafo (exit), 3<sup>rd</sup> in Tauluga, 3<sup>rd</sup> in  
Mauluulu, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sasa, 1<sup>st</sup> in Pese o le Aso (theme song), 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall  
Aggregate.

**Tongan Group** - 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lakalaka, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Taufakaniua

### GATEWAY MAORI & PACIFIC PARENTS EVENING

6.30 – 8.00pm  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

An evening to inspire  
our youth to aim high!!



## Time Line for NCEA 2010

- TERM 1:** 29/1 – 1/4
- Settle in, get organised, start earning credits.
  - Interim Report Parent Teacher Evening – Wed 31<sup>st</sup> March 4 – 7pm.
- TERM 2:** 19/4 – 2/7
- Senior School Exams – Mon 28<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.
  - Credit update sent home towards the end of the term.
- TERM 3:** 19/7 – 24/9
- Mid Year Report Parent Teacher Evening – Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> July 4 – 7pm
  - End of August - Fees and Financial Assistance forms sent home.
  - Early September – NCEA fees due. Financial penalty for late fees.
  - End of Year Senior School Exams – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept until Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.
  - Credit totals sent home over the holidays.
- TERM 4:** 11/10 – 10/12
- Early Nov Examination permission slips given out.
  - End of Year Reports and Prize Giving – Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Nov (year 13) and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov (years 11 and 12).
  - External NCEA Exams Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Nov until Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. Senior students on study leave.



## Technology News

The Technology Department is looking for parents/guardians, any family member or friends of the college community to help our Food Technology students.

If you are in the Food/Hospitality industry – we would like to hear from you. This includes anyone who is a butcher, baker, chef, café business, catering, etc.....

Please contact Mrs Singh or Ms Simon in the Department on phone 963 4078 and they will arrange a time for you to come and meet with our students who need knowledge on a lot of skills in your field.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FURTHER DEVELOP LEARNING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS.

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Please note that fees for the following subject FEES are now overdue

Year 12/13 Fabric	\$20.00
Year 11/12/13 Food	\$30.00
Year 11/12/13 Carpentry	\$40.00
Year 12/13 Fine Furniture	\$40.00
Year 11/12/13 Engineering	\$40.00
Year 11/12/13 Graphics	\$25.00
Year 10/11/12/13 Computing	\$10.00 per course

If your child is taking any of the above mentioned subjects please send their fee to be paid at the office immediately.

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### ***CONGRATULATIONS TO Mrs HICKMOTT***

***HETTANZ*** is the Home Economics and Technology Teachers Association of New Zealand and this is the first year they have given out a scholarship and our Fashion and Fabric teacher Mrs Karen Hickmott is the first and only recipient of this scholarship.

*This is a great honour for Mrs Hickmott and for Otahuhu College as she is a new teacher to our school and we congratulate her on receiving this scholarship. Mrs Hickmott is completing studies at University and this scholarship has come at a very convenient time for her. Well done and once again congratulations to Mrs Hickmott.*