

Message from the Principal

I really enjoyed the Senior School Prizegiving, that was held in the Gymnasium on Wednesday 4 November. Such occasions are always a great celebration of student achievement and a reminder that we have many students who are succeeding at the highest levels. This is testament to the hard work and commitment from the students, staff, and parents/whanau.

There are many different combinations for how prizegivings are run. Some schools operate prizegivings at night and only involve the prizewinners. While others, hold a prizegiving for year 11 and 12 students, at a different time to a year 13 prizegiving. Sometimes events are held in the evening, with students returning to school, while others are during the school day. Clearly there are pros and cons for different combinations and the way prizegivings are run.

The reason we have a full Senior School Prizegiving with year 11, 12 and 13 students present during the school day, is that we believe it is very important for all students to celebrate the success of their peers and experience such a positive formal ceremony. Taking part in an event that values and acknowledge success, especially academic success,

is often motivating for students to commit to working harder at their learning, set goals for next year, and imagine receiving recognition and awards for themselves, in future prizegiving ceremonies.

The inaugural year 13 Graduation Dinner (Friday 27 November), will be a special time to recognise the significant contribution that this particular cohort has made to the school, and also an opportunity to farewell and wish them well for their next steps in life.

NCEA exams are well underway and year 10 exams have also begun. Despite having no senior students at school, Middle School life is still very busy!

The Middle School Prizegiving is on Friday 11 December 9.30am, in the Gymnasium. This occasion will also be a time of celebration for Middle School student achievement and success, as well as recognising the year 10 students as they graduate from the Middle School to the Senior School.

Parents, caregivers, whanau, and supporters of the school, are most welcome to attend.

Regards

Steve Lindsey
Principal

Golden Sands Athletics Day

By Sapphire Abraham



On 2 November, two of our Senior Students and four of our Lower Middle School students were selected to visit Golden Sands School to help out with their Athletics Day. The selected students were Rogan Long, Victoria Osbourne, Zach Cooper, Karl Schlegel, Yang Yang Yong and myself.

We were actively involved as leaders on this day by helping all of the Year 1-6 students with their athletics competition.

It was a great time for us as it was a new learning experience for us all. We all hope to head over there again in the future and help out once again. We enjoyed ourselves and made the most of bonding with future Papamoa College students.

What's Happening

Year 9 Day Trips

Wednesday 2 December – Friday 4 December Y9 students will take part in the day trips. The series of activities each day are aimed to extend students beyond their comfort zones and provide both physical and mental challenges.

Year 10 Camps

Wednesday 2 December – Friday 4 December Y10 students will either go to the Ohiwa Park Camp (overnight), Matakana Island Experience (overnight) or the Waterbased Day Trips. Please make sure students are well equipped for these trips as per the gear list already sent home.

Ultimate Whanau Challenge Day

Monday 7 December from 10.00am – 3.00pm is the Whanau Challenge Day. Students participate in a range of fun team activities gaining points for their Whanau. Remember to be sunsmart!

Middle School Prizegiving

Friday 11 December at 9.30am in the Gym. All parents and whanau are welcome to attend.

2016 Start Dates and Times

Tuesday 2 February - Timetable Day 6

Y8 - Y10 Students - 8.40am - 3.10pm

Y11 - Y13 Students - 8.40am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 3 February - Timetable Day 1

Y7 - Y13 Students 8.40am - 3.10pm

Powhiri for all new students at 8.45am

Thursday 4 February - Timetable Day 2

Normal school day for all students

8.40am - 3.10pm

Friday 5 February - Timetable Day 3

Normal school day for all students

8.40am - 3.10pm

2016 Term Dates

Term 1: February 2 - April 15

Term 2: May 2 - July 8

Term 3: July 25 - September 23

Term 4: October 10 - December 14



Senior School Prizegiving – Wednesday 4 November

Academic Awards: (table below)

Each subject has an Academic Excellence award for the top student based on internal assessments throughout the year and practise exam results. The Commitment to Learning award recognises those students who throughout the year have shown the desire and perseverance to achieve to the best of their ability. There is an award in each subject area for a Year 11, 12 and 13. (These are shown in the order of which they were received at prizegiving.)

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Melanie Hayden
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Accessit:
Victoria Rhodes-Carlin

2016 Head Boy:
Taylor Moffat
2016 Head Girl:
Jeorgia Gesthuizen
2016 Deputy Head Boy:
Gianluca Hueberger
2016 Deputy Head Girl:
Chloe Ryan

| Subject | Academic Excellence | Commitment to Learning |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Business Studies Year 13 | Jordan Goodwin | |
| Commerce Year 12 | Tina McClennan | Mandi Venter |
| Commerce Year 11 | Manjinder Dhaliwal | Mysha Amin |
| Drama Year 13 | Que-Ann Lavis | Sam Murgatroyd |
| Drama Year 12 | Taylor Moffat | Bronte Simpson |
| Drama Year 11 | Joel Wishart | Keegan Millar |
| Dance Year 12 | Taliya Boyd- Zame | Bronte Simpson |
| Dance Year 11 | Jazmyn Wood | Amelia Cox |
| French Year 12 | | Joseph McCormick |
| Spanish Year 12 | | Jack Skellett |
| Work Ready Year 12 | Mason Claydon | Joel Fuscher |
| Gateway | James Adam also received the trophy for best Gateway student | Jordan Nimmo |
| Trade Academy | Eden George also received the trophy for best Trade Academy student | Ashok Bhandari |
| English Year 13 | Melanie Hayden | Jessica Dickson |
| English Year 12 | Joseph McCormick | Taylor Moffat |
| English Year 11 | Michaela Ellwood | Sophia Malu |
| Media Year 13 | Ross Callaghan | Ashley Riddell |
| Media Year 12 | Nathan Roys | Joel Strawbridge |
| Media Year 11 | Alexandra Fabish | Darius Walker |
| Maths with Calculus Year 13 | Frazer Moore | Lauren Gibbs |
| Maths With Statistics Year 13 | Melanie Hayden | Emily McKay |
| Maths with Calculus Year 12 | Samuel Hayden | Joseph McCormick |
| Maths with Statistics Year 12 | Georgia Brechelt | Chloe Ryan |
| Maths Year 11 | Manjinder Dhaliwal | Greer Hill |
| Biology Year 13 | Victoria Rhodes- Carlin | Melanie Hayden |
| Biology Year 12 | Joseph McCormick | Rakshya Kamacharya |
| Chemistry Year 13 | Frazer Moore | Mansha Kalia |
| Chemistry Year 12 | Chloe Ryan | Rakshya Kamacharya |
| Physics Year 13 | Frazer Moore | Jacob Hartwell |
| Physics Year 12 | Sam Hayden | Rakshya Kamacharya |
| Science Year 11 | Manjinder Dhaliwal | Aliyah Cole |
| Matauranga Maori Year 13 | Shannon Avello | Rawhira Te Keeti Mathews |
| Matauranga Maori Year 12 | Shania Perry | Jesse Koroua |
| Maori- Te Reo Year 12 | Niwa Faulkner | Harmony Pukeroa |
| Maori Year 11 | Courtney Matika | Jade Gush Taipari |
| Music Year 13 | Jacob Hartwell | Eden George |
| Music Year 12 | Brad Robertson | Connor Booth |
| Music Year 11 | Darius Walker | Jacob Keepa & Libby Gordon |
| Sport Year 13 | Owen McKenzie | Aneka Seerdon |
| Sport Year 12 | Ethan Broomhead | Jack Skellett |
| Sport Year 11 | Sophie Hayden | Caitlin Bass |
| Physical Education Year 11 | Ruby Trafford | Connor McCarthy |
| Health Year 13 | Melanie Hayden | Owen McKenzie |

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| Health Year 12 | Ella Trafford | Creedance Kiri-Kiri Brown |
| Health Year 11 | Sophia Malu | Jordan Lynch |
| Classics Year 13 | | Jasmine McCracken |
| History Year 13 | Eleanor Wright | Sam Murgatroyd |
| History Year 12 | Jeorgia Geusthuizen | Joseph McCormick |
| Geography Year 13 | Victoria Rhodes- Carlin | Dominic Koch |
| Geography Year 12 | Chelsie Osterman | Adrienne Whitely |
| Tourism Year 12 | Tina McLennan | Rhiannon Beauchamp |
| Social Studies Year 11 | Sophia Malu | Manjinder Dhaliwal |
| Technology Digital Year 13 | Jack Bullock | Alisha Savage |
| Technology Digital Year 12 | Dillon Kirton | Annelise McLaren |
| Technology Digital Year 11 | Jaques Meiring | Joshua Leslie |
| Technology Food Year 13 | Mansha Kalia | Kathryn Bennett |
| Technology Food Year 12 | Molly Bown | Mukta Khalia |
| Technology Food Year 11 | Sharna Moffat | Hannah Cullen |
| Technology Materials Year 12 | Sam Hayden | Lewis Olsen |
| Technology Materials Year 11 | Bailey Pharo | Tyler Wright |
| Technology Textiles Year 11 | Kira Longman | Calais Forbes |
| Graphics Year 13 | Lauren Gibbs | Jerusha Razey |
| Graphics Year 12 | Annelise McLaren | Zac Gies |
| Graphics Year 11 | Eve Razey | Tylah Greaves |
| Visual Arts Year 13 | Jordan Goodwin | Lauren Gibbs |
| Visual Arts Year 12 | Rory Cargill | Georgia Brechelt |
| Visual Arts Year 11 | Eve Razey | Tamatha Deakin |
| Photography Year 13 | Jasmine McCracken | Jerusha Razey |
| Photography Year 12 | Isabella Cowie | Gianluca Heuberger |
| Photography Year 11 | Hayley Gibbs | Oliver Ford & Stefanie McGregor |

Contribution to School Life Awards

One student is selected from each pathway class. This is to recognise those that have become involved in extra curricular activities eg. sports, productions, cultural activities, leadership etc.

| Year 11 Pathway | Contribution to School Life |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Science English | Sharna Moffat |
| Science Maths | Keegan Millar |
| Business | Reegan Jefferies |
| Sport | James Cowie |
| Art | Jazmyn Wood |
| Social Studies | Corinne Rogers-Hall |

| Year 12 Pathway | Contribution to School Life |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Calculus | Taylor Moffat |
| Chemistry | Jeorgia Gesthuizen |
| Biology | Taylor Faulkner |
| Photography | Annelise McLaren |
| Sport | Ariana Ifti |

| Year 13 Pathway | Contribution to School Life |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Statistics | Jasmine McCracken |
| English 1 | Maia Couper |
| English 2 | Imogen Durkan |
| Sport | Connor Millar |



Trophy Winners

The Lightwave Art Excellence Award

Maia Couper
The Kopukairoa Trophy
Harmony Pukeroa
Performing Arts Trophy
Bronte Simpson
Lions Trophy
Taylor Faulkner
Y11 Citizen Award
Manjinda Dhaliwal
Greer Hill
Y12 Citizen Award
Gianluca Heuberger
Amy Bennett
Y13 Citizen Award
Dominic Koch
Courtney Styles

Scholarships Awarded

Lions Technology Scholarship
Katherine Purchase
Lions Collegiate Scholarship
Navpreet Dhaliwal
RSA Scholarship
Victoria Rhodes-Carlin
Lauren Gibbs
Papamoa Rotary Community Award
Kathryn Bennett
Education Trust Scholarship
Eli Ahpine
Dominic Koch
University Awards
Merinda Bramley
Emily McKay
Katherine Purchase
Auckland University – Jubilee Award
Jasmine McCracken
Auckland University of Technology – Significant Student Scholarship
Lauren Gibbs
Auckland University – Chancellors Award
Melanie Hayden

Pinnacles Tramp

On Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 of November a group of eight students in Y7 & 8, Miss Farrell and Miss Wesselink tramped up to the Pinnacles. It took us four and a half hours to tramp to the Pinnacles Hut.

Everyone had to tramp with their packs on which were over-flowing with their belongings and food for the evening. We stayed in tents for the night and we each took food to cook for our dinner.

We hiked up the steep rock face to the top of the Pinnacles after dinner. The view from the top was incredible, you could see for miles.

On the way down we scared the teachers as they were admiring the view. Once we had a hot chocolate for supper we then went star gazing. There were hundreds of shooting stars.

After a well earned sleep in our tents it was time to head home. The return tramp only took about two and a half hours.

It was lovely to return home to comfortable beds, couches and warm showers, but wow we had a great adventure!

By: Taliah Edgecombe-Pearse and Indrea Werder



Speech Competition

The Upper Middle School Speech Competition was held at school on Tuesday 10 November. There were eighteen amazing finalists from both year 9 and year 10, and there was a diverse range of topics.

The year 9 speakers were the clear winners on the day. There were eleven finalists, and each speaker gave well researched or deeply considered points about their chosen topics. Quite a number of speakers from this group showed considerable confidence and flair with their delivery, and this year a special award was created because of the outstanding calibre of Speech delivery.

Year 9 Winners:

1st Place – **Micha Reardon**

2nd Place – **Alex Scott**

Special Award for Outstanding Delivery – **Las Filo**

Again the speech topics were wide-ranging among the Year 10 speakers, from the benefits of cross-fit to promoting self-respect. A number of speakers also thought outside the box and incorporated some amazing slam poetry style to their delivery. The talent from this group was obvious, and the judges had to take quite a while to deliberate the final scores because of the high quality of these students.

Year 10 Winners:

1st Equal – **Yunbai Huang and Ellie Grant.**

Special thanks must go out to all the competitors for the flair and genius shown in your speeches, and to the judges for taking the time out of their schedules to adjudicate.

Ms Wendy Hubbard
English Teacher

Calendar of Events

November

Friday 13 November

Year 10 Exams start

Friday 27 November

Year 13 Graduation Dinner

December

Wednesday 2 December

The 3-day Y9 & Y10 camps begin

Thursday 3 December

New Y7 students starting in 2016

have a Meet the Teacher Night

Monday 7 December

Ultimate Whanau Challenge Day

Friday 4 December

Y7&Y8 Battle of the Commons

Friday 11 December

Middle School Prizegiving 9.30am

Term 4 ends

Saturday 12 December

Uniform Shop Open – 10am – 3pm

January

Thursday 28 January

Subject Confirmation Clinic 9am – 12pm for Y11 – Y13 students.