

Cathy's Corner.....

Dear parents

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2010.

It was great to see many of you at our swimming sports, supporting our students. We had very varied weather for the two events. The junior day was unfortunately very cool and overcast. This did not dampen the spirits of our younger students and their house leaders however.

The senior swimming sports day was in contrast very warm. On both days we saw tremendous participation and sportsmanship from our students. This is a very special feature of our school.

The only disappointing aspect occurred on the senior sports day. Too many senior students chose not to attend school on this day. We look forward to your support in ensuring that we have full attendance for our athletics sports.

A special thanks needs to be given to our parents who ran the selling of food and drinks on both swimming sports days. This is the beginning of the fundraising efforts of a BOT sub-committee led by Jo Suyker.

The staff had a wonderful launch of our ICT PD cluster on February 8th. This is an exciting project for us to be involved in this year. We will be running after school workshops for staff throughout the year, which will further develop staff skills in ICT. This will also mean that they are very ready to take full advantage of our connection to high speed fibre part way through the year.

We have two important parent events coming up shortly. The first is a parent evening for years 7 - 10. This is on Thursday 25 February. This is an opportunity to meet your child's form teacher and other key staff.

The second is an annual, very important event! This is the Icecream Social put on by the PTA for our year 7 students. It is run by our year 13 students. There are more details on these events elsewhere.

Cathy Ewing
Principal



NCEA results

Congratulations go to the following students who gained outstanding results in NCEA.

Scholarship

Andreas Wilson won a scholarship in Geography. This places him in the top 2% of the country. This is a wonderful result.

Endorsed certificates

The following students gained certificates endorsed with Merit or Excellence.

Excellence endorsements

Level 2

Nikita Quinn

Level 1

Cushla Holdaway

Courtney Holmes

Vicki Reader

Merit endorsements

Level 3

Danielle Duff

Catriona Hamilton

Victoria Lewthwaite

Eva Meiklejohn

Malea Zygadlo

Level 2

Maxine Canham

Mackenzie Everist

Mae Latham

Melissa McMullan

Sarah Mould

Penelope Wood

Level 1

Kate Anderson

Elizabeth Baxter

Matthew Beaumont

Caitlin Brennan

Morgan Buxton

William Dewhirst

Hannah Holmes

Jessie Husband

Jordan Jenkins

Shawn Johnson

Henrietta Lawrence

Molly Lawrence

Kalindi Lorenzo

Amanda Pawsey

Shannon Rafferty

Jessica Rive

Campbell Sommerville

Nicholas Wackwitz



NEWSLETTER

News from the Office...



Welcome back! Just a reminder to all students that we still have an amount of Lost property (uniform etc) from last year. Please come and check through the box if you have misplaced something from last year. If you lose or misplace any items, always come and check with the office – you may get a pleasant surprise.

Office Hours

The office is open for enquiries from 8.30am - 4.00pm and for students from 8.30am to 8.40am, 11am – 11.25am, 1.30 – 2.05pm and 3.10 – 3.20pm.

Important Athletics information on page 3 of this Newsletter.

Coming Events:

Thurs. 25 Feb. Yr 7-10 Meet The Teacher Evening 7.30-9pm
Tues 2 March 1st XI Cricket vs Geraldine High School
Wed. 3rd March School Athletic Sports
Mon 8th March School Photographs
Tues 9th March Yr10 Surf Safe Day to CHCH
Wed 10th March Aoraki Athletics Champs

2010 Period/Bell Times

8.40am Warning Bell

Form Meetings 8.45-9.00 (Friday 15 minute assembly)

Period 1	9.00 – 10.00
Period 2	10.00 – 11.00
1 st Lunch	11.00 – 11.25 (25 minutes)
Period 3	11.30 – 12.30
Period 4	12.30 – 1.30
2 nd Lunch	1.30 - 2.05
Period 5	2.10 - 3.10

Term Dates 2010

Term 1 Finish Thursday 1 April
Term 2 19 April – 2 July
Term 3 19 July – 24 September
Term 4 11 October – 9 December

Keeping our students fit and healthy,

It has become noticeable that some of our students are bringing inadequate food and drink to last the school day. Whilst the school provides drinking fountains, if your child chooses not to use them please ensure that they either bring a water bottle with their lunch or some money to purchase a drink and any food requirements from Magpie's Corner.

PTA AGM

9 March 2010 7pm
Mt Hutt College Staffroom
All most welcome – bring a friend and join in!



Meet the Form Teacher Evening Thursday 25 February 7.30 -9.00 pm

All parents of students in Years 7 to 10 are invited to meet their daughter/son's Form Teacher for 2010 on Thursday 25 February.

7.30 pm The evening will begin in the Assembly Hall with a short introduction from Assistant Principal Kris Canham. There will be a brief presentation about Mt Hutt College and then Paul Wilkins (Guidance Councillor) will also give a brief presentation to Year 7 parents.

8.00 pm Parents will go to Form Rooms with Form Teachers (30 mins). Form Teachers present information relevant to parents, and answer questions.

Parents able to speak individually with the Form Teacher at the end of this time, or over supper which will be in the Hall from 8.30 to 9.00 pm.

8.30 -9.00 pm Supper: Form Teachers, Deans and Leadership staff will be present.



News

"Our Nachos are now gluten free!

These are available on **Tuesday** at just \$3.50
Sushi is available on **Tuesday** and **Thursday's** at \$1 a piece or 6 pieces for \$5.50. Orders can be placed the day before to guarantee.

This year we have a varied range of sandwich fillings from \$2.50 for a simple ham sandwich to \$3.50 for a delicious B.L.T. roll.

As Friday's are our busiest day, why not send students with treat money on another day so they can avoid queueing?

Copies of the menu are available from school reception or Magpie's Corner".

ATHLETIC SPORTS WEDNESDAY 3rd MARCH 2009



Parents and community members welcome – parking on front field permitted and preferred.

No dogs permitted on school grounds.

Athletics Uniform

Students are permitted to come to school in Athletics gear, tracksuits etc. No school uniform required. Any coloured sunhat is acceptable for this day and encouraged.

Remember sun lotion, warm clothing, water bottle etc. Students are asked to have all their belongings for the day with them outside as there will be no access to blocks.

The athletic sports uniform is the School P/E uniform (Black shorts and Lenco PE Sports Top) for all students. No house colour marking of the body, fancy dress, tinsel hair pieces etc please. All students will be issued with a house colour ribbon at the start of finals day.

We encourage the wearing of a sunhat between events. Any coloured sunhat is acceptable on Athletic Sports day.

- **Full day attendance – No leaving early** :- Students will not be permitted to go home early with parents. The day is all about participation and supporting other students.
- Students are asked to bring Athletics gear on Wednesday even if the weather is doubtful as a postponement decision may not be made until as late as 8.30am. Any postponement will be broadcast over Radio Ashburton 92.5FM 87.3AM and Fox FM or ring the school postponement line 3028904 any time after 7am to see whether a postponement has been made.
- House meetings at 8.45am for roll check and final house relay organisation plus issues of house ribbons.
- The school canteen Magpie Corner and the PTA will be selling a variety of food as a fundraiser for I.C.T equipment in classrooms.
The following will be available at both events from early in the day. Students will be permitted to purchase food during the sports programme.

B.L.T rolls (GF also available)	\$3.50
Sausage Sizzle (GF also available)	\$2
Bacon/Vegetable Brunch cake (GF)	\$2.20
Home Baking	\$1 - \$2
Plunger Coffee	\$2
Orange Juice	\$1
Chocolate	\$2.50

2010 Junior Swimming Champions

Year 7 Girls

Rose Faulks	1 st Place
Katelyn Grey	2 nd Place
Shae Harkness	3 rd Equal

Year 7 Boys

Connor Young	1 st Place
Michael Breading	2 nd Place
James Wild	3 rd Place

Year 8/9 Girls

Claire-Louise Davies-Stewart	1 st Place
Mikayla Wilson	2 nd Place
Ashley Johnson	3 rd Place

Year 8/9 Boys

Kenji Boekholt	1 st Place
Markus Body	2 nd Place
Health Fulton	3 rd Place

2010 Senior Swimming Champions

Year 10/11 Girls

Grace Sommerville	1 st Place
Chanaide Fulton	2 nd Place
Hayley Tait	3 rd Place

Year 10/11 Boys

Connor McKinon	1 st Place
Steven Pinfold	2 nd Place
James Anderson	3 rd Place

Year 12/13 Girls

Alex Woodwark	1 st Place
Bailey Stubbs	2 nd Place
Brechtsje Tacoma	3 rd Place

Year 12/13 Boys

Campbell Sommerville	1 st Place
Mitchell Lalor	2 nd Place
Benjamin Edmonds	3 rd Place

Grace Sommerville won the Lachlan Memorial Cup - 3 lengths in 57.72

Rakaia Netball Club

Junior Registration and Trial
(wet or fine)

Wednesday 10th March 4pm

ATS Courts, Rakaia Domain

Enquires to

Bronwyn Arnold 03 302 2838

Rachael Tairaroa-Benny 03 3020734

METHVEN FOOTBALL CLUB

2010 Registration Night

For 5 to 13 year olds

Tuesday 2nd March @ Samuals

4-5.30pm

Ph Mark or Jaquie 3029404 for more
information

FEMALES IN FOOTBALL

Girls and Women's Football Week

22nd February 2010 4-7pm

Argyle Park, Ashburton

School Netball Trials

Trials for the Senior "A" and "B" Netball teams will be held after school on Tuesday March 2nd and March 9th at the school courts. 3.30 pm start with finish by 5.00pm. Please sign up on the sheet in Mrs Canham's office indicating the positions you wish to trial in. All players need suitable footwear and drink bottle. These school teams play in school exchanges and at school tournaments, particularly Aoraki Secondary Schools and the South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament.

Trials for the Year 9 and Year 10 Tournament teams to attend the Junior South Island Secondary Schools Netball tournament in July (as well as representing the school in school exchanges) will be held later in Term 1.

Trials for the Yr 7/8 Netball teams to play in school exchanges and tournaments will be held at the start of Term 2 in Wednesday sports period.

International Competitions and Schools Assessments

The dates for the competitions, which we offer, are:

Computer skills	(Year 7-13)	-	Tuesday 25 May
English	(Year 7-13)	-	Tuesday 3rd August
Mathematics	(Year 7-13)	-	Tuesday 17th August
Science	(Year 7-13)	-	Wednesday 9th June
Writing	(Year 7-13)	-	Tuesday 22nd June

Entries need to be made by Friday 26th March. Cost is \$7.50 per subject except Writing which is \$17.50 as it is individually marked.

Please complete the slip below and return to the office by Friday 26th March. Money must be included with this slip unless you have a credit on your account. Please mark CREDIT ON ACCOUNT when returning your slip.

If you have any queries, could you please contact Jude Sommerville at the College.

ICAS Schools Competitions (return slip)

Name of student Year Level

ICAS Science Yr 7-13 ICAS Mathematics Yr 7-13

ICAS English Yr 7-13 ICAS Writing Yr 7-13

ICAS Computer Skills Yr 7-13

Please tick the subjects you wish to participate in.

Signed Parent/Guardian

I have enclosed \$..... Cheque/Cash

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ICAS English Yr 7-13 ICAS Writing Yr 7-13

Computer skills Yr 7-13

Please tick the subjects you wish to enter for.

Signed Parent/Guardian

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