



CAMPION COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nau mai, haere mai, greetings

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of one of our students – Leo Te Kira.

Leo was a Year 7 student who died yesterday evening as a result of injuries received from an accident on the mountain biking track at the top of Fox Street.

Students and staff within the College gathered in prayer this morning to remember Leo and to pray for his family and friends.

Throughout the day we have provided support for those students who were unable to return to class. Further support will be available over the days to come.

We ask you to join with us in our continuing prayers for Leo's family and other students within the College who are most affected by this tragedy.

If you think your child needs additional counselling support, please do not hesitate to contact the College office at 867 9309.

*Eternal Rest Grant to him, O Lord
And let Perpetual light shine upon him,
May he rest in peace.
Amen*

Board of Trustees Elections

On May 7th the Board of Trustees elections were held. The new Board comprises:

Proprietors Representatives

Mark Tilley

Cath Rewa

Maria Lovelock

Parents Representatives

Mike Torrie

Wendy Destounis

Keriana Brooking

Steve McCarthy

Martin Jakicevich

Staff Representative

Sue Peard

Student Representative

Jack Watling.

The Board Chairperson is Mike Torrie and the Deputy Chairperson is Wendy Destounis. We welcome the three new members to the Board: Maria Lovelock, Steve McCarthy and Martin Jakicevich.

We also take this opportunity to thank the retiring members, Ian Parker, Karl Platten and Shelley-Anne Avisenis for their contribution and efforts to the direction of the college over the years.

Uniform Shop

The PTFA endeavour to keep the cost of uniforms reasonable and affordable, however, due to a price increase from the manufacturers the following items have increased in price: PE shorts - \$25 and Green Showerproof Jacket - \$110. This is the first price increase in a number of years.

Senior Girls skirts – we have a new style of girls senior skirt. The fabric is better quality and the style has been improved. The price remains the same at \$65. Reminder of Uniform Shop hours – every Friday during term from 12.30 to 1.30pm

Sausage Sizzle

On Friday 28 May the Shakespeare in Schools team will be doing a sausage sizzle and having home baking for sale to raise money for their trip to Wellington. The College café will be closed at lunchtime on this day.

Punch and Judy

For our College play we urgently require some Punch and Judy hand puppets. If you can help at all please contact Brett McGuinness through the College office.

Rowing Open Day

Anyone interested in joining rowing is invited to the Open Day this Sunday 23 May at 1pm at Anzac Park.

Catholic Schools Day

Once every two years all the Catholic Schools within New Zealand celebrated our special uniqueness with a Catholic Schools Day. There are over 240 Catholic Schools throughout New Zealand with over 65,000 students enjoying the benefits of a Catholic education. Throughout the world there are nearly 53 million students involved in Catholic education. Within our schooling system we bring a message of hope where we encourage and challenge all students to live lives for the betterment of humanity. In this way we are connected with the other 53 million students in Catholic schools throughout the world. This year, we have focused on a mufti day in support of Sr. Helen's mission in Brazil. We are closely connected with Sr. Helen's mission through her time in Gisborne as a member of the Campion staff and also through her community, the sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart. By asking for a small donation from our students in Campion College we hope to be able to make significant changes to the lives of the people with whom Sr. Helen works. In the past the community in Brazil has been overwhelmed by the generosity of the Gisborne spirit. This year we managed to raise \$750.00 from our mufti day which I know will be greatly appreciated by the community in Brazil.

Paul McGuinness
PRINCIPAL

CAMPION ACHIEVERS

Most of us realise the benefits of living 'on the coast'; the beautiful beaches, the fantastic weather, the relaxed atmosphere and strong friendships and whanau. Sometimes our isolation from the rest of New Zealand can be seen as a drawback. Yes, we do have to travel distances to keep our contacts up with others but with that travel can also come a stronger commitment. Living in Gisborne has not prevented a number of our students from realising their dreams. In fact, possibly our isolation helps them believe that they can be world beaters!

In this newsletter we profile six students who are living their dreams and taking on the competition.

Connor Findlay – Barefoot Skier Champion

Connor is in the under 19 New Zealand Barefoot Water Skiing Team. He will be travelling to Germany in August to compete in the World Barefoot Championships for 2010. Connor will travel to Florida in June prior to the tournament to train at the World Barefoot Centre with the coach of the current World Champion before travelling on to Germany. Connor is the current New Zealand Junior Boys Barefoot Slalom Champion. At the National Tournament held in Otaki during April Connor was also placed 2nd in the Trick Event, 2nd in the Jump Event and came 2nd overall.



Jack Watling – Orator Extraordinaire/Politician

Jack Watling has been named as a member of the East Coast and Hawke's Bay debating team after being identified as one of the top speakers at the Hawke's Bay Debating Championships.

Jack has also been selected to attend Youth Parliament in Wellington on the 6th and 7th of July. The event is a development programme held every three years, designed to give young and politically motivated people a chance to learn parliamentary procedure and gain an insight into the workings of the government. It also represents an opportunity for the government to discuss issues with young people.

Mary Browne – Shakespeare Director

Mary Browne won best 5-minute student directed scheme at the regional Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival in March. The judges chose Mary's scene for its innovative and clearly conceived use of movement, choral work and masks to explore family dynamics in *King Lear*. The win takes Mary and her cast to Wellington in June to compete in the National Festival and to take part in workshops and university lectures. The Wellington trip is the first step to winning a place in the Shakespeare Globe Company of New Zealand to follow Maggie White to the Globe. Mary has also successfully gained eight Level 4 Unit standard credits for her direction.

Monique Smith – BMX Champion

In 2007 Monique rode in her first national competition and reached 5th place. Since then she has been NZ2 and NZ1 for the past two years. In 2008 she had the chance to make the New Zealand team but unfortunately broke her leg and had to give up her spot. She regained the position last year beating older girls to become captain of the team. In 2009 she competed at the World champs in Australia and came 4th best 14 year old in the world. These achievements got her into the junior development squad, 2010 Tairāwhiti Rising Legends and gave her the opportunity to attend a training camp with high performance members including Olympian Sarah Walker. Her goal this year is to regain captaincy of the New Zealand team and to go to the world championships in South Africa finishing on the podium.

Maggie White – Shakespeare Theatre - London

Maggie White was selected from 24 students nationwide to be a part of the Shakespeare Globe Company of New Zealand Young Shakespeare Company 2010 to travel to London in July to train and perform on Shakespeare's Globe stage – the heart of ALL Western theatre. This has been a dream of hers since she was eight years old and she believes this journey will deepen both her passion for theatre and for life itself! The world is, indeed, her stage!

Matt Scott – Athlete

Matt competed for Midway in Surf Lifesaving and at the Ocean Athletes in March where he made the finals of the run-swim-run, surf race and board race. Unfortunately, all were cancelled due to the tsunami warning.

Competing for Enterprise, Matt attended the Junior National Swimming Championships, where he placed 11th in the 400m freestyle. At the summer swimming championships he won the trophy for the highest number of FINA points.

In the Campion College Triathlon, Matt placed 1st in the Year 8 individual boys race, in a time of 20mins 31secs. This time was the fastest, by 13 seconds, of the day not only in individual times but also in team times for all Year 7 to 9 students.