



# CAMPION COLLEGE

## GISBORNE

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nau mai, haere mai, greetings

### Farewell Leo

Last week was a very traumatic week for many of our students in the College. The death of Leo Te Kira last Wednesday evening 19<sup>th</sup> May is a very sad occasion for his family and his friends within the College. Leo was with friends riding along mountain bike trails in Whataupoko Park at the end of Fox Street when he lost control on a steep decline and went over a bank. He was taken to Gisborne Hospital with serious injuries but died several hours later.

For many of our younger students this may be their first experience of loss at a personal level and we are aware of the impact that this may have. We are thankful to Leo's parents for allowing Leo to be brought to school on Friday morning so that the College could pray with him and farewell him in a uniquely student style. After the service Leo was taken home for the weekend and his funeral service was held last Monday.

Leo was a Year 7 student who had been in the College since the beginning of the year. He was a very conscientious student who was always looking to support and help others in the class. The following dedication to Leo is one staff member's tribute to our 'gentle giant.'

### Dedication to Leo Te Kira

*I will never forget  
I will always remember.....  
The way you entered the room  
The way you answered my questions  
Hand so high like a totara  
Bit of a frown when the day is a bad  
buzz  
A huge smile when things are pumping,  
Still in a somewhat quiet manner  
I heard you say "I've finished Miss"  
Your expression tells a story  
"C'mon guys it's not that hard"*

*The gentle giant of the room  
Third desk on the right will be empty  
today  
Front desk in heaven is illuminating  
I will never forget.....  
I will always remember  
L is the link that you gave to me  
E is the emotion eternally  
O is the open mind that you had  
We will miss you LEO a special lad*

*Hangaia to matapuna o te orange mo  
ake tonu atu  
Create the precious gift of life forever.*

Ruby Tiepa

Leo was a very typical 11 year old boy who enjoyed X-box, music and food. The following poem written by Leo is typical of things that he enjoyed.

### *Chocolate Chip Cookies*

*I am crazy about rich cocoa on a cold  
stormy night.  
I am addicted to fresh, homemade  
chocolate chip cookies with a glass of  
milk.  
I never tire of watching South Park  
while crunching on crisp pop corn  
chicken from K.F.C.  
I can consume a whole packet of  
chocolate fingers snuggled up on the  
couch reading a favourite comic.  
I wear world industry shoes the colour  
of the night sky.  
I love to play Xbox and ignore  
everything but the TV screen.  
I like to listen to my mp3 loud enough  
for my mum to hear in the next room.  
I like crazy rock music, boysenberry ice  
cream, and playing psp.*

By Leo Te Kira

Death, loss, letting go are all part of living. When we lose someone as young as Leo some of us will question why this happens. Some question how this forms part of God's plan. Others question the existence of God. Some will refocus their lives more intently on God and draw strength through this painful

experience. Life is a gift. The one certainty is that it will not last forever. When we focus on that unpredictability brought home to us through a tragedy such as Leo we hopefully grow in our love, appreciation and understanding of others. Had we known Leo was to be taken from this world last Wednesday, how would we have treated him? Perhaps that is how we should respond on a daily basis to all those we come into contact with.

Our Christian faith tells us that death is not the final conclusion; it is part of the journey. We believe that we will be reunited with our loved ones once again. "Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by my own name. Speak to me in the way you always used to. Laugh, as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Why should I be out of your mind, just because I am out of your sight. I have gone on a journey and we will meet again. In the meantime, enjoy life. Treasure it. Pray, smile, play, work and think of me. Please pray for me."

We mourn the loss of a life so young and we keep Leo's whanau in our prayers. We celebrate the life and living that Leo brought to this world and we pray that he is cradled gently in God's loving arms. We hopefully grow through our grief to appreciate this gift of life, to develop strategies to help us meet the next challenges and through this to gain a deeper understanding of our relationship with God.

*Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord  
And let perpetual light shine upon him  
May he rest in peace  
AMEN*

Paul McGuinness  
PRINCIPAL

### Parent-Teacher Afternoons

Next Friday afternoon, 4<sup>th</sup> June, we will be holding our fortnightly parent-teacher afternoon. This is held between 2.30pm and 3.20pm every second Friday. Please phone Sue in the College office to make an appointment.

### Mothers Day Raffle

This fundraiser for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey tournament was won by Jessie Bourke. Thanks to all who supported this raffle. It is much appreciated.

### Skateboarding Options

For our Middle School skateboarding option we would love to have a sheltered concrete area eg. Packhouse, large shed, that we could use when the weather is not so good. If you can help please contact Mr Fitzharris through the College office.

### Careers Roadshow

The Careers Roadshow on 10<sup>th</sup> May was a great success and the visiting providers are very pleased with how the students engaged with them. It is proposed that this will become an annual event and efforts will be made to ensure that each year level has the opportunity to gain the most out of the experience.

It was great to see some parents there and to also see staff engaging with the different providers. We hope this has resulted in some career conversations at home and if any further assistance is required please do not hesitate to contact

Daryl or Sue from the Careers Department. Many thanks to the staff and the PTFA for their assistance during the event.

### Smokefree Rockquest

This Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, is the heats for the Smokefree Rockquest. We have six bands representing Campion College, from year 7 to year 13. The heats begin at 3.30, at the War Memorial Theatre to enable selection of the bands for the regional final. Campion bands competing are 'Mum, who's that man outside?,' 'Sirens,' 'Roflcopters,' 'Reporters Reporting,' 'Siewwright Lane,' and 'Dream Lyric and the Lost.' Traditionally, Campion has done well in this event. The regional finals will be held Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June starting at 7.00pm, with a door charge of \$15.

### YOUTH WEEK

As part of Youth Week there will be a Youth Debate on at Lawson Field Theatre at 7pm Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May. As it is also World Smoke Free Day the debate argues 'Should tobacco retail displays be banned in New Zealand.' Hear from local youth, national and local politicians and decide for yourself! There will be free food, entertainment and giveaways! You could win an Ipod!

### Sausage Sizzle – Friday 28 May

Bring your cash for the sausage sizzle being held at lunchtime this Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May. \$2 for Sausages, \$2 for drinks and

50c to \$1 for home baking. This is a fundraiser to help our Drama girls in the Shakespeare in Schools team get to Wellington. The café will be closed at lunchtime. Please come and support us.

### Quiz Night – 30 July

Put aside Friday 30 July for a fun quiz night in the College Hall. Doors will open at 7pm and the quiz starts at 7.30pm. Note the date in your diary. More details in later newsletters. This is a fundraiser for seating for the new gymnasium.

### Campion College Charter

The Campion College charter outlines the curriculum directions for the next 3 years. In particular in shows what is being focused on this year. As part of the Charter development we encourage feedback from parents. The Charter is available from the College Office. A consultation meeting will be held next Wednesday 2 June at 5.30pm in the College Library. Parents are encouraged to read the Charter and attend the meeting next week.

### CAMPION COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT

The Campion College Annual Report has been confirmed. Copies are available from the College Office.

### PIZZA NIGHT! PIZZA NIGHT! PIZZA NIGHT!

Are you looking for an excuse to have a no fuss dinner! Treat your family and help out the College by joining our Pizza fundraiser!

Buy pizza for dinner on Wednesday 9 June from Dominos. Every pizza purchased from Dominos between 5pm and 8pm will earn \$1 for the PTFA.

Our new gym has been started. We are now looking to purchase the seats for in the gym. We are wanting retractable seating as this will give us maximum floor space for sport during the day, while also allowing us to seat the whole College for presentations when we need it. The seating retracts to less than 1 metre in width when not in use. To get this seating we need your support.

**BUY PIZZA FOR DINNER ON WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE FROM DOMINOS BETWEEN 5PM AND 8PM.**

### SPORTS DRAW – WEEKEND 29 MAY

Netball Senior A	v	Waikohu	Ct 2	1.05pm	Soccer 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Thistle Reserves	at Campion	2.30pm
Senior B	v	Horota Red	Ct 5	1.05pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	United	at Anzac Park	12.30pm
White	v	Lytton	Ct 5	2.00pm					
McKillop	v	HSOG	Ct 9	10.10am	Rugby 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	v	GBHS Black	at Campion	9.30am
Hato Maria	v	YMP	Ct 1	9.35am					
Berridge	v	Ilminster	Ct 7	9.35am	Hockey 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Lytton	at HB No 3	11.15am
Gregory	v	Ilminster	Ct 4	9.35am	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	GBHS	at HB No 1	11.15am
Green	v	GGHS	Ct 10	1.05pm	Intermediate	v	LOB	at HB No 3	9.00am
Gold	v	GGHS	Ct 11	2.00pm					