



CAMPION COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nau mai, haere mai, greetings

Aquinas Trip Postponed

Last weekend 82 students were due to travel to Aquinas College for a sports exchange. Unfortunately we had to postpone the trip due to road closure in the Waioeka Gorge and the poor road conditions in the Bay of Plenty. We have rescheduled the trip for Sunday-Monday 19-20th September.

We pray that the weather will be more favourable on this occasion. We apologize if the postponement created any problems for families.

P.P.T.A. Paid Union Meeting

The Post Primary Teachers Association (P.P.T.A.) has notified the College that they will be holding a Paid Union meeting on Wednesday 25th August 2010. As a consequence of this there will be no classes running in the College for the afternoon. Students may go home for the afternoon. The College will be officially open and any students wishing to remain at school and work are to meet in the library. Please note that the buses will be running from 12.30pm.

Parent Afternoon – Friday 27th August

Next Friday afternoon, 27th August, we will be holding our fortnightly parent-teacher afternoon. These are held between 2.30pm and 3.20pm every second Friday. If any parents are interested in meeting with

teaching staff please phone Sue in the office to make an appointment.

P.T.F.A. Fundraiser

The P.T.F.A. will be holding a Garage Sale on 11th September. This is to raise funds for the seating and equipment in the new gymnasium and we would be grateful if you could start sorting out at home and bringing your surplus into the College office.

Enrolments 2011

Enrolments for 2011 officially opened on 1st of February 2010. Enrolments close on Friday 10th September. Enrolment forms will be sent home to all families from St Mary's Primary School. Families with children in other schools can contact the office for an enrolment form to be sent to them. Please note that the College no longer holds an "Open Afternoon" but we offer the opportunity for parents to come and view the College in action in the week 6th to 10th September. For further enrolment information please contact the College office.

Whooping Cough

We have recently had a couple of cases of whooping cough in the College. Whooping cough is an infectious disease of the lungs caused by a bacteria and affects mostly young people and is particularly serious for children under 1 year. It is spread by coughing and usually develops within 20 days of coming in

contact with the disease. The disease begins as an irritating, persistent cough which gets worse and may last for a few weeks. Bouts of coughing result in breathlessness which causes the characteristic crowing or whoop on breathing in. This may be associated with vomiting. People with whooping cough can spread the disease to others. They should not attend school, or other places where people gather until: 3 weeks have passed from the start of the coughing bouts OR they have stopped coughing OR they have completed 5 days of a 14-day course of antibiotics. If you suspect your child may have whooping cough they should go to their doctor and let them know that there have been incidents of this disease within the College.

Student Representative for Board of Trustees 2011

Nominations for the Student Rep. for the Board of Trustees for 2011 are being called for. Year 9 and above students are eligible to stand and vote in this election. Nominations close at NOON on Wednesday 1st September and voting will take place on Wednesday 15th September.

Paul McGuinness
PRINCIPAL

STUDY SKILLS

At the beginning of this week all students in Years 11, 12 and 13 were given a refresher course in how to study. All students were given a Study Skills booklet to reinforce some of the main points raised.

An extract from the Study Skills booklet follows:

“In order to achieve in the NCEA Examinations in November, it is important that you spend some time studying. There are two main types of study: **daily study** to refresh your memory of the work covered that day and **study for examination purposes**. In each case, and understanding that everyone studies differently, it pays to follow some simple guidelines:

Where: Find a comfortable place to study. If noise disturbs you, find somewhere quiet. It may be that you study best when listening to music.

When: Each person will have some times when study is possible. Set out a study timetable and try to stick to the times you make. Regular study generally works best.

What: Worthwhile individual study requires writing down information. Study with a pen and paper.

DAILY STUDY

Daily study is an important part of ensuring that you understand and learn information that you have been made aware of during class lessons. Ideally, every night you should aim to **review** the work of the day, by making notes of important points. These notes could be kept with your workbooks, folders or in a special study notebook. Learn to use notes/bullet points etc for major points.

THE GENERAL RULES OF STUDY

Prioritise Your Subjects:

Study the subjects you dislike or find difficult FIRST .

Allocate Time:

Give extra time for weaker subjects.

Break It Up:

Try to have small breaks every 30-50 minutes.

Develop a Timetable:

Follow a schedule. Even if you do not stick to it rigorously, you will do more than if you had no timetable.

Review Progress:

Each week, review the timetable: Too much?
Not enough?

LEARN HOW TO LEARN

Top achievers set goals. More effort = better results.

Concentrate when studying: Deal with lack of understanding later.

Take Breaks: Spaced learning is generally more effective than mass learning.

Learning one skill will help with another: Maths can help with Science etc.

Complete well-organised notes, as neatly as possible.

WAYS TO STUDY

There are various ways to help you stay on track while studying. Some of those listed below may help. Some you will find more useful than others. It can depend on topic, subject and your preferred style of learning.

- Make study notes and review them.
- Do past papers and questions.
- Test yourself, both written and orally.
- Do practice essays and get your teachers to check.
- Use study guides.
- Mind maps.
- Flashcards.
- Use highlighters/notes.
- Write out all you know under sub-headings

SOME STUDY METHODS

SQ3R: Survey, Question, Read, Recall, Survey

*Survey: Skim through the lesson/booklet to get the basic idea.

*Question: Decide on questions to ask yourself: main ideas? Turn headings into questions: Economic Problems=What are the Economic Problems?

*Read: Read in detail, looking for answers to the questions. Brief notes.

*Recall: After reading, use the q's to test yourself. Write down notes, under headings or mindmap forms.
Helps memory.

*Review: Later, test yourself again, to see what has been retained.

NOW IS THE TIME TO START STUDYING

The sooner you begin studying, the sooner you will feel confident in what you are learning. While there is no way to study without working hard, using study notes is vital to you gaining high grades for NCEA.