

Recent Events:



Festival Dinner



Hauraki Plains Sports Exchange



Mangatawhiri Music Concert



Three-Day Expedition



Dilworth

Transforming Boys' Lives

Rural Campus Newsletter
Tuesday 2nd October 2018

Tena koutou, Malo lelei, Talofa lava, Kia orana,

As we enter our final week of Term Three it is hard to believe that we are just eight and a half weeks away from the end of the boys' Te Haerenga experience. They are a lovely group who continue to work well together making good use of the differing learning opportunities available. We particularly appreciate their good humour, kind ways and willingness to get on with whatever is in front of them. They are generally very respectful of one another and staff and there is also a humility about this group that marks them out as quite a special group of mature young men.

The Community Hui Day held just before the recent Mid-Term Break was a great success. We were thrilled with the parent/caregiver turnout; and feedback from those attending suggested that there was real value in the workshops provided by staff with perhaps a little more time provided in the future for greater discussion time. Our Festival Dinner was a real highlight for the boys with a sumptuous feast put on by Craig and his amazing kitchen team. The evening was made special with the wonderful decoration of the chapel area led by Mrs Liversedge and her troop of minions along with musical accompaniment throughout the evening from duo Aro, (Mr Rice's daughter and her husband... had to get that in!) who entertained us all throughout the night. The evening was topped off with special guest speaker Mr Russell McGuinness who inspired us all with his compelling life story of personal redemption and purpose in life.

The annual sports exchange with Hauraki Plains at Hauraki Plains College resulted in another well-deserved overall win to Dilworth. Our boys won the rugby in convincing fashion, along with volleyball, basketball, table tennis and chess. We drew in hockey and lost the soccer match. This much anticipated annual exchange is about providing boys with opportunity to play competitive sport wrapped around a positive social experience with the Year 9 students of Hauraki Plains College. It was a great day and thanks must go to Mr Onyett for once again organising the exchange with Hauraki Plains.

On Monday 10 September over half of the boys were transported to a local hall to perform a concert for 200 Mangatawhiri Primary School children. The boys did a wonderful job of presenting musical items including performances by the Flute and Trombone Ensemble, the Brass band who were just outstanding along with other musical items and instrument demonstrations. The children seemed to really enjoy the whole event which finished with reciprocal hakas, one from our boys and one from the senior primary school boys led ably by Mr Fieten's young son, Noah.

On the academic work front, most boys have completed their Inquiry Projects and are finishing reflection tasks on their individual



Noho at Umupuia Marae, Clevedon

Upcoming Events:

TERM 4 ROLL CALL

Monday 15 October

- Roll Call 8.30pm
- Papakura Train Station pick up 7.30-8pm for boys who normally return to campus by train

MID-TERM BREAK

Friday 19 October

- Exeat 2.30pm
Usual drop off to Papakura Train Station at 3.15pm

Tuesday 23 October

- Roll Call 8.30pm
- Papakura Train Station pick up 7.30-8pm

Learning Journeys. I have been impressed by the high levels of understanding being developed in the boys and the engagement levels seen in the creative and interesting projects they have developed. We look forward to the opportunity to share this work in the coming weeks in Term Four.

In week eight and nine the boys enjoyed two interesting events, their first three-day expedition and a noho Marae cultural experience. Expeditions included a tramp in the Kaimai Ranges to try to find the wreck of an old DC 3 aircraft that crashed in 1963, an 82km mountain bike ride through the Pureora Forrest along the newly opened Timber Trail, lake kayaking trips on Lake Tarawera with swims in the natural hot pools found along the edges of Te Rata Bay, a survivalist camp in bush near Raglan and climbing and abseiling at Wharepapa South. Feedback on these experiences from the boys was very positive and we hope you get to hear more of the details of these special trips over the coming holidays. The noho Marae two-day experience was once again run at Umupuia Marae out on the Clevedon Coast. This special cultural experience allows the boys to be immersed in marae protocols, flax weaving, Maori tattoo designs, stick games, mau raukau training and learning to speak within the whare nui at night. Thanks, must go to our own Matua Jason Adams for organising this wonderful cultural experience. Boys also participated in a special half day art workshop led by Mrs Liversedge and some of the work produced was quite stunning.

All in all, a very positive Term Three at Te Haerenga and as a staff we are pleased with the overall progress of this special group of boys as they are becoming young men of good character that Dilworth was wanting to see.

Term Three Endeavour Awards

Congratulations to the following boys who were our Endeavour Award winners for Term Three:

Academic Endeavour: Demetrius Shortland

Outdoor Endeavour: Andrew Campbell

Social Living Endeavour: Henry Teutau

Camp America

The three DRC students selected by staff to attend Camp America in 2019 were: - Petelo Lemeki, Kuresa Nanai and Hohaia Whiu with Anton Falepeau the reserve should any of the other boys opt out for whatever reason. The boys were selected from a long list of applicants because of their very positive attitudes to life and learning at the Rural Campus and all very much deserve this very special opportunity.

Have a wonderful and safe October break with your boys everyone.

Kind regards

John Rice
Head of Dilworth Rural Campus - Te Haerenga

EXPEDITION 1

Sunday 4 November

- Roll Call and Gear Up 6pm for Expedition 1 boys
- Papakura Train pick up 5pm for all boys (expedition and non-expedition boys) who normally return to campus by train
- Roll Call 8.30pm for non-expedition boys

Friday 9 November

- Exeat 2.30pm for non-expedition boys.
- Exeat 5pm for Expedition 1 boys
- There will be only one drop off to Papakura Train Station at the later time 5.45pm

REMINDERS:

- All boys must have two sturdy one litre drink bottles for their expedition

Upcoming Events:

Tough Guy Challenge

At the start of Term Four we plan to hold our annual Tough Guy Challenge on neighbour Jamie Lyons farm. Boys will need to bring old clothes and shoes from home that they can wear for the challenge. It would be ideal if the gear could simply be thrown out at the end of the event. There is a limited amount of spare gear available from our laundry.

Expeditions

Our 5-day expeditions will be happening during weeks four and five of Term Four. Information regarding the expeditions will be sent out shortly.

Please ensure that boys return from the holidays with any school outdoor gear they may have at home. Boys will need to have **all** of their outdoor gear for their expeditions. Please note, boys will be charged for any missing outdoor gear assigned to them.

From Message from the Chaplain

Term Three has been another fantastic term in the spiritual life of our School. In Chapel, we have been talking about what it means to live out a life of faith. A point embodied in two significant events this term - Baptisms and the annual visit of Bishop Ross Bay.

This term we celebrated the Baptism of 30 Dilworth boys. It was a special evening at the Senior Campus Chapel, with family and friends all gathering in support of these amazing young men. For centuries, baptism has been an initiatory rite of the Christian church. Through the cleansing symbol of water, Baptism represents the commencement of a life-long journey with Jesus. In Baptism, we accept the forgiveness of sin that is offered through Christ, we become a part of God's family the Church and receive new life in the Holy Spirit. This is the start of a new life that is full of hope for the future. The journey of this new life will be full of expectation, realisation, failure and restoration. Although the journey may at times be rocky and it's destination unknown, its beauty runs deep. The joy and succour of the steadfast companionship of Christ and the empowering of the Holy Spirit are theirs, now and forever.



The week following our Baptisms, we were joined by Bishop Ross Bay for his annual Episcopal visit. Our Anglican tradition is grounded in the diocese of Auckland, where James and Isabella Dilworth went to St Mark's Anglican Church in Remuera. James Dilworth valued the

- Boys to bring old clothes and shoes from home for Tough Guy Challenge

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spiritual oversight of an episcopal church. In this light, the Bishop of Auckland has been a part of our school life for more than a century. While Bishop Ross joins us several times a year, for occasions both big and small, this visit is special. He and I visited all three campuses and spoke with staff and boys about the joys and challenges of life in the Dilworth community. The day ended with dinner and a roundtable discussion with our Prefects. We discussed their Dilworth journey and their plans for 2019. This visit was a wonderful reminder that as Anglicans we are part of a BIG church that is part of Christ's big story in our world.



Ngā mihi
Rev Worboys