

TE HAERENGA
June 2019



Cycling Trip from Te Aroha to
Waihi along the Hauraki Rail
Trail

Upcoming Events:

TERM 3 ROLL CALL

Monday 22 July

- 7pm Roll Call
- 7.30pm Performance by Senior Campus Big Band. Parents and caregivers welcome to attend
- Papakura Train Station pick up between 6-6.30pm for boys who normally return to school by train



Dilworth
Transforming Boys' Lives

Rural Campus Newsletter
Friday 23 June 2019

From the Headmaster

As the second school term of the year speeds to a conclusion I am affording myself the luxury, in this column, to reflect upon my first term at the helm of Dilworth.

I have enjoyed so many aspects of our unique school. It has been a delight to experience the spiritual component integrated into school life through chapel services and Religious Education classes. I have travelled across all three campuses and been amazed at the diversity and richness of the opportunities that our young men are exposed to. The overnight biking excursion was a real highlight for me. It has been some time since I slept away from the luxuries of home and despite the contented snores of 16 young men heightening my sleep deprivation the outdoor experience was both refreshing and enjoyable. Part of that rich diversity includes the many co-curricular activities the boys are involved in. I have watched hours of sport (and loved every minute while also trying to curb my competitive tendency) and the chance to see the young men perform in their performing arts-based exploits such as the school production and our amazing choirs has been a real joy.

As always when you embark on a new role there are some challenges to be confronted and a lot of new learning that takes place. I am developing an understanding of Dilworth, its heritage and the young men who I am privileged to work with. I have expressed to the boys that my desire for them is to fulfil their potential, to strive for personal excellence. While it takes courage to be your best and try your hardest you also reap the rewards for your efforts. I am confident that we have the necessary supports and personnel to help each of our boys excel. I look forward to seeing and celebrating the successes that our young men will accrue as they are applying themselves in their academic and co-curricular pursuits.

There are also some exciting plans for the capital development of the school on the horizon. I am pleased to announce that the Dilworth Trust Board has approved the construction of a new boarding house at the Senior

COMMUNITY HUI: SENIOR CAMPUS OPTIONS MEETING

Sunday 28 July

- 12.30-4.30pm at Rural Campus. Boys will be on campus as it is an 'in weekend'
- Parents/caregivers encouraged to attend
- Workshops will be led by Senior Campus Staff on subject options available at Senior Campus in 2020
- Lunch provided. Please bring a plate of food (sweet or savoury) for a shared afternoon tea
- Gates to the campus will open at 12pm
- Parents and caregivers welcome to join staff and boys at Crossroads Church, Mangatangi for their 10.30am service

SPORTS EXCHANGE WITH ACG STRATHALLAN

Monday 12 August

- 1-3pm at ACG Strathallan campus in Karaka
- 55 DRC boys will be taking part in Soccer, Hockey and Basketball
- Parents and caregivers welcome to attend

Campus. This project is entering into the planning phase. While a completion date is not yet confirmed the addition of this new facility will enhance the boarding experience of Dilworth boys for generations to come.

I trust the holiday period will be an enjoyable and restful one. I look forward to sharing term three with you and your special young men.

Dan Reddiex

From the Head of Rural Campus

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

Term Two Reflection

The end of Term Two is nearly upon us and the boys have now reached the half way point in their Te Haerenga journey. It's a good opportunity to celebrate their achievements over the past two terms and tell you about the changes we are noticing in many of them.

All students have just completed a busy cycle of gathering and sorting information from their learning to present in their Learning Journey portfolios that you will get to hear about during the 3 Way Conferences. These portfolios provide a wonderful window into each boy's learning experience that reveal their many personal successes, their growth as individuals, their struggles and their next steps in each strand of the DRC learning curriculum. We hope you enjoy finding out more about your son's own personal and social growth journey, his academic journey and the impact of his experiences in the great outdoors. Some boys will have more complete learning stories to talk about while others will have come to the realisation that they needed to work with greater determination to build mastery and understanding. But as I said at the start of the year, failure is not a bad thing, as long as boys learn from their mistakes and improve the next time around by choosing to work with greater focus in Term Three. Cabin Coach and teacher comments will provide additional information that we hope you will find useful.

Can I encourage you as you read through your son's Learning Journey to celebrate with him the areas where he is clearly doing well and ask questions of him in the areas where he has perhaps not been so successful? Your support and encouragement of him should not be underestimated and we all know how powerful words of affirmation and encouragement can be, even when we find that there are things to work on... and we all have those!



Term Two Endeavour Award Winners

TRAIL PROJECTS



TRAIL Presentations



Students meeting with John Rice



Student Council initiative at Staff Briefing Meeting

As a cohort, the boys are showing signs of a growing maturity with more boys beginning to lead themselves and others in more positive ways. The steps forward we see are often small but are pointing towards improved self-management, better focus in learning situations and a more genuine care and support for one another. For a relatively small number of our boys their focus and effort have been outstanding since day one and they are making wonderful use of all the opportunities the Rural Campus provides. It is our hope that more boys in Term Three will see for themselves the benefits of hard work, of stepping up and being determined to be more at their best. As a staff team we are pleased with most boy's progress to this point in the year and would simply encourage them to recognise the opportunity they have and to work towards giving their best.

Term Two Endeavour Awards

Our Term Two Te Haerenga Endeavour Awards as judged by the DRC staff team have been awarded to the following boys:

Social Living Endeavour: Anthony Tuivai
Academic Endeavour: Eteuni Mo'ungaloa
Outdoor Endeavour: Sam Nicholas

We congratulate our three winners for their consistently positive attitudes to learning and life at Te Haerenga.

We would like to apologise for an error in our last newsletter. The Term One Social Living Endeavour Award winner was Makoni Vi.

DRC Student Initiatives

Recently two DRC students, Anthony Tuivai and Tovo Opeti-Finau showed real initiative in their TRAIL Project as they looked at new opportunities for boys to lead, be Kaitiaki and make a valid contribution on campus. Their idea was to establish a school council/ forum from a group of boys, selected from each cabin, who would gather regularly to discuss what actions, initiatives or events they could lead on campus. Following their first meeting two weeks ago the council reps came to our morning staff meeting and spoke confidently about their plans. Some of their excellent ideas were as follows:

1. Boys to occasionally run Sunday night Chapel Services with support from their Cabin Coach



Breakfast Club Fun Run Team



Staff vs Students Soccer Match

Kori/Fitness Photos



Box fit Class

2. Ensure that boys from all cabins are at kitchen duty on time morning and night
3. Organise a cabin roster of areas to be cleaned around the campus on a weekly basis
4. Initiate Student Council awards and certificates for boys who have done special things around the campus or who have led well by personal example.

We look forward to seeing these initiatives of the council come to fruition in Term Three.

Harrison Collins is another student we must mention for the wonderful TRAIL Project he recently completed. Harrison had been inspired for some time by a charity group called Breakfast Club Kids that does amazing work with school children from lower decile schools in the Auckland region. He decided to raise funds to purchase 20 school backpacks for the Breakfast Club Kids that would be given to twenty new entrant children in a South Auckland school. Each backpack contained an amazing array of goodies including pencil case full of classroom necessities, a lunchbox, a water bottle, a beanie for the winter, a colouring book, pants, socks, pyjamas, gloves and a toy! In all, Harrison raised over \$600 from family and friends in New Zealand and the United Kingdom to purchase all the above-mentioned goods needed. He also got people to donate 35 beanies to be distributed to other schools. His final task was to enter a team of four DRC boys into the Breakfast Club fun run held recently in Cornwall Park. An amazing outcome for a year 9 boy and his contribution to Breakfast Club Kids is apparently not over. We say well done Harrison, we are proud of you and the amazing difference you have made to the new entrant children of this Auckland School.

Kori/Fitness

On the fitness front, I can report that the boys One Mile and 2.4km run times have improved markedly since the beginning of the year and the majority of boys are really noticing the personal improvements they have made through their hard work. For some, the added bonus has been some significant changes in body shape, and we applaud these boys for their efforts. The boys have also recently had their height, weight and waist measurements reassessed following Term One assessments and for some the results have been nothing short of dramatic.

We have recently launched into winter sports training on several afternoons per week. In Term Three the boys will



Cycling Trip with Mr Reddiex

Mt Te Aroha Photos



get to play in a sports exchange with ACG Strathallan and later in the term with Hauraki Plains Collage. Parents and whanau are most welcome to come along and support on these days and details will be sent out as updates or can be found on the Term Three Parent Calendar and Dilworth website calendar.

On campus we are pleased to report that our new bark filled 'Fitness Pit' is nearing completion. The pit provides space for the boys to exercise to improve their strength and endurance as well as being a place they can play and have fun.

Mr Reddiex' Outdoor Adventure

It was a special treat for boys and staff to recently have Mr Reddiex, our new Headmaster, join us on a two-day cycling trip from Te Aroha to Paeroa and then onto Waihi the following day. Mr Reddiex got himself fully involved in the experience cycling the entire 45 kms, then played soccer with a keen group of boys, and he even washed dishes! To top it all off he took out the 'Peach Tin' bowling championship at the Tirohia School Hall. We enjoyed his good company and the boys were especially pleased that he had taken time out from his busy schedule to join them on their trip. His next big DRC adventure will have him dangling from a rope on a climbing and abseiling trip in Term Three... a challenge he tells me he is very much looking forward to.....

Mt Te Aroha Ascent

The final outdoor adventure of the term was the Mt Te Aroha dawn ascent which was successfully completed by all cabin groups over two days. The boys were woken at 3.30am, for a hearty breakfast before travelling south to Te Aroha where they arrived well before sun up. The challenge was to get to the top and watch the sun rise from the highest point in the Kaimai Ranges. The views for the Wednesday group were spectacular with boys being able to see from Mt Taranaki in the west all the way across to White Island in the East, over 130kms. The Thursday groups had cloud below them when they arrived at the summit making for a mystical view of partially hidden valleys and landforms many would never have experienced before.

Outdoor Trips

The outdoor trips continue to be very popular and in Term Three they will get to experience at least one three-day trip which provides more time for emersion in the outdoor



Tramping Trip



Bush craft



House Dance Competition



Readers Cup Team



experiences on offer. Next term the outdoor rotation of activities includes: The Pinnacles tramp in the Coromandel ranges, sea kayaking to Motuihe Island in the Gulf and climbing and abseiling at Wharepapa South.

House Dance Competition

During Term Two the boys have had opportunity to work in House groups on a dance piece they choreographed with the help of itinerant music and performing arts teachers. On the final Tuesday of term, the boys performed their dances to the DRC staff who thoroughly enjoyed watching the boys working together to deliver their best moves and the creative energy was clear to see. Our thanks to the patient dance team teachers, Mr Stent, Mr Moore and DRC French teacher Mr Styles. As an ex-Armagh Housemaster, I am pleased to report that the Armagh boys took out first place in the competition.

Readers Cup Competition

On Wednesday five Rural Campus students - Shay Karaka, Byron Speir, Harry Liu, William Lyall and Oliver Sheehy competed in the Regional Final of the Readers Cup. The boys had to answer questions from six books they had read and did extremely well placing 4th out of 13 teams. Special thanks to Mr Rob Jolly for mentoring the Readers Cup Team and managing the Rural Campus Library.

Holiday Wishes

As the holidays begin, we would once again ask for your help to make sure that the boys take opportunity to keep their fitness work going and we would suggest a daily dose of outdoor action to counter the probable screen time they will all be craving! If you can also encourage some healthy eating and water drinking as they go and only occasional fast food consumption that would also be appreciated ...but do what you can do without feeling too much pressure from us.

We look forward to having the boys back at the beginning of Term Three and wish you all a very happy and safe holiday with your young man.

John Rice

Head of Rural Campus - Te Haerenga



From the Chaplain

Have you ever had one of those days when you find a song stuck in your head? Some song you were singing earlier, maybe in the car, or through your headphones, or maybe in chapel that morning? The combination of poetry with music has long been committing stories to human memory for generations. Songs have taught us, entertained us, and kept our histories and traditions alive. For those reasons, poetry and song are genres used throughout scripture.

This term in chapel we have spent time considering the songs that we sing. We have taken time to think about the stories they are telling, the theology they teach and the lives of those who wrote them. We heard of adventures that were undertaken, we have recounted the depths of human tragedy and we have seen how the revelation of God's sacrificial love can change our life's story.

Like a song looping in my mind, our chapel theme - from the songs that we sing - seems to have followed me this term. In mid-May three year-twelve students joined James Hannah, Dan Reddiex and myself as we embarked on an adventure to Timaru. The destination: our bi-annual Anglican Schools Conference. The conference theme: the power of story. Here in youth stream, our boys shared their stories and the story of our school with dozens of young people from throughout the motu. It was in the sharing of these stories and the listening to those around them that new friends, experiences and understanding came. A true experience of the power of story!

The words of our mouths are a powerful tool. A tool with the power to unite, create and heal. Or the power to divide and destroy. The book of Proverbs describes our words as deep waters (Prov.18:4) that hold the powers of life and death (Prov.18:21). The words of the hymns that we looked at this term speak of the life that God offers us - even in the darkest of seasons. It is in and through the stories that we tell, the songs that we sing and the people that we share these with that God has gifted us the power to speak life or take it away. What songs loop through your mind? What are the stories you tell? And who is it that you share them with?

Ngā mihi

Rev Worboys

Dilworth Family Connect (DFC) Midwinter Function
Friday 16 August, 6-9pm at Dilworth Senior Campus

All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend - our theme for 2019 is "*DISCO*" so find your craziest disco outfit, and get ready to grace the dance floor and wow everyone with your moves! For those who don't want to dance, there is plenty of space to sit and chat. There will be a prize for the best dressed, plus door prizes and our amazing annual raffles.

As there will be a bar, and alcohol will be served, this is an *ADULTS ONLY* event, but if you are a friend of the DFC (do you get our newsletters??) you will get a link to sign up your DJC or DRC boy for child care from 6-9pm at the senior campus. Supper will be served, thanks to our fabulous DSC kitchen, and we would like parents and caregivers to bring a plate for dessert.

At the start of term two we will be asking for raffle donations, and boxes and flyers will be put in the boarding houses - please help us out by donating things you would like to receive in a raffle hamper! The proceeds from the raffles will go to a charity selected by Rev Greg.

We will send out updates via our DFC Friends newsletters, and the DFC Facebook page. It's always a fun evening and we look forward to meeting more Dilworth parents there.

Kind regards,

The DFC Midwinter Sub-Committee: Anna, Nic, Nikki, Stacey and Annette

DFC Facebook Group Membership Requests

Our Facebook group is thriving with almost 300 members. This is just a reminder that if you request to join the group, you will need to answer the security questions. This is to keep our members and our boys safe! We need to know your boys' names so that our contact at school can verify that you are actually the primary caregiver. They cannot search by your name, only your boys! A number of requests have been deleted because the information was not provided, however, you are welcome to try again - just make sure you fill in the information this time! Sorry boys, this group is only for parents and caregivers!!