

TE HAERENGA
August 2019

Upcoming Events:

EXEAT FOR MID TERM BREAK

Friday 23 August

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

MID TERM BREAK ROLL CALL

Sunday 1 September

- Roll Call 7pm
- Chapel 7.30pm
- Papakura Train Station pick up between 6-6.30pm for boys who normally return to school by train
- **Please Note:** Rail buses replace trains from Penrose to Papakura and Panmure and Manukau. See <https://at.govt.nz> for special timetable. Other trains running as usual.
- Text Travel cellphone 021 208 4239 if your boy will be dropped to campus instead.



Dilworth
Transforming Boys' Lives

Rural Campus Newsletter
Friday 23 August 2019

From the Headmaster

As the first half of this term draws to a speedy conclusion, we find ourselves in the midst of one of the busiest periods on the school calendar. It is a time of transition between sports seasons, a time when our musical performances peak on the regional and national stage and a time when our young men must transition through the academic gears, so they are in a position to peak at the end of the year. It is a busy time indeed as we encourage the boys to stay in the grind and persevere in their studies.

During this term I have been proud of the manner in which our students have continued to acquit themselves in their co-curricular activities. The passion with which they compete and the results that many of them are attaining in their areas of interest beyond the classroom are impressive. Of particular note have been our Year7/8 basketball team, the 1st Basketball team, the U15 rugby team, Fortissimo, the Senior Big Band and the Concert Band. It is also great just to see so many boys participating in a wide array of activities, building their skills and confidence while interacting positively with their peers.

During the latter part of this term we will be continuing our focus in Assemblies and in classrooms (across all three campuses) on several core concepts.

Firstly, we have been speaking extensively about being Outliers. The driver for this has been the book so titled by Malcolm Gladwell. We are encouraging and challenging our boys not to settle for being less than what they are capable of. As you are well aware our young men are very talented and possess great potential. I am excited to see what they can do as they embrace and live out this message. Those students who do not fully apply themselves will be held to account for their lack of effort. We want our young men to grasp every opportunity they are presented with so they can live full and fulfilling lives beyond Dilworth.

Secondly, we will be continuing to focus on student wellbeing and safety. Our specific focus this term will be on education around abuse and to continue ensuring abuse in any form is not part of the culture or practice of our

SENIOR CAMPUS ORIENTATION DAY FOR RURAL CAMPUS STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Friday 6 September

- 2.30-4.30pm at Senior Campus.
- Boys will be transported by bus to the Senior Campus.
- Afternoon tea in Dining Room from 2.30pm
- Welcome/Introduction in main hall from 3pm
- Tours of Boarding facilities and Senior Campus
- Exit at 4.30pm approx. from front steps of the Senior Campus Building
- Please sign your boy out before leaving. If your boy needs to catch the train, please let Gina know
- **Please note:** - there will be no bus transport back to Papakura Train Station or the Rural Campus

MUSIC CONCERT FOR MANGATAWHIRI SCHOOL

Monday 9 September

- Performances by Rural Campus students
- 10.30-12pm at Mangatawhiri Community Hall
- Parents and caregivers welcome to attend

school. Whether abuse is physical, emotional or sexual it is not permitted or tolerated at Dilworth. This message of no tolerance, as well as how to get assistance if students observe or are the recipients of abuse, will be interwoven in our Assembly discussions during this term. Our young men feeling completely safe at school is of absolute and utmost importance to us. We are continuing to develop best practice in this area, and we will continue sharing developments with you.

By the time you read this column I will have enjoyed the Dilworth Family Connect midwinter function (although I will have opted to leave my flares buried deep in my wardrobe despite the disco theme), the joys of the school ball will have passed us by and hopefully the All Blacks will have exacted revenge for their loss at the hands of the Australians and retained the Bledisloe Cup.

I look forward to communicating with you at the terms' end with undoubtedly a raft of achievements and successes to celebrate.

Dan Reddiex

From the Head of Rural Campus

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

Another busy half term is nearly complete with DRC boys heading home today on Mid Term Break. Our winter terms are usually the more challenging for the boys given the colder, wet weather and the shorter days limiting outdoor play.

The learning programme has seen some wonderful work done by the boys with a number of outstanding TRAIL Inquiry projects currently being completed. Just yesterday, a small group of boys ran a basketball tournament for three local primary schools that followed earlier training sessions at their schools. Feedback was very positive, and the children loved the event and the efforts of the Year 9 boys. Another student Levi Chong-Nee has gone above and beyond with his project that aims to raise \$1500 to help get a child out of child slavery. Levi has organised a dinner with 100 people attending. He has organised the entertainment and spot prizes and has done this almost entirely by himself. He even has the CEO of Child Fund attending his gala dinner to speak and a film crew arriving to video aspects of the dinner to be featured on the Child Fund website. Another student, Harrison

HAURAKI PLAINS SPORTS EXCHANGE

Friday 20 September

- 11am - 1.30pm at Rural Campus
- All Rural Campus boys will be involved either playing a sport or game such as chess
- Parents and caregivers welcome to attend

TRAIL PROJECTS



Basketball Training Session at Mangatwhiri School



Levi's Gala Dinner

Collins is about to be interviewed on Radio Rhema and Day Star television talking about his efforts supplying goods for The Breakfast Club that aims to help school children from low socio-economic backgrounds with learning resources and breakfast foods. It is pleasing to see boys so on board with our Term Three's value of service and using positive actions to assist where they can.

In mastery classes for Science and the Outdoors boys have been learning about fire and its chemical properties. They have been involved in lab testing which was then taken into an outdoor context where they learned about how to make fire using different techniques. The learning experience was topped off with a recent evening visit by the Mangatangi Fire Service who gave the boys opportunity to learn about cooking fires and how to extinguish them safely before they spread, use of a 45mm firehose and finally escaping from a smoke-filled building. Real life learning.

On Thursday night 9 Rural Campus boys attended the Auckland Mathex competition with DRC Teacher, Mr Richard van Dam. The DRC team finished around the halfway mark which was a good effort considering the size of schools they were competing against.

In the outdoors boys are currently completing their last round of outdoor rotations before they head off on Three Day Expeditions where they have been able to opt for either: a sea kayaking and camping trip along the shores of Lake Tarawera, a climbing and abseiling adventure on the western edge of Lake Taupo, a bush crafting experts camp or a Timbertrail mountain bike ride of 84 kms through the magnificent Pureora Forest. The boys will also get to experience a 24-hour solo along the bush line near to the campus before the Term Three programme concludes.

On the personal and social growth front we have had some challenges of late with some boys not choosing the best behaviour options available. The good news is that most of these boys are learning from their mistakes and are willing to work at making better choices when staff are not in the immediate vicinity. The word Integrity has been a key word this term, and we have been encouraging boys to be the same responsible, value driven young man when there are adults around and when they are not.

On the extra-curricular front sadly, we were not able to have our annual sports exchange with Strathallan College on Monday 12 August as the weather did not co-operate on

TRAIL PROJECTS



Boys making possum and Alpaca hats



The finished product!



Fire Service Visit

the day. We hope to rerun this event in the next two weeks after the mid-term break. Our big sports exchange of the year with Hauraki Plains College, which involves all boys, will be held at the Rural Campus on Friday 20 September. Games will get underway around 11am and parents /caregivers are most welcome to join us. Our two-day Marae Noho experiences are planned to take place in week 8 and 9 and from past experience the boys enjoy this opportunity to learn about tikanga Maori and Marae protocol. We will be staying out at the Umapuia Marae on the Kaiaua coast where we have always been warmly welcomed. The annual Mangatawhiri Concert that we put on for the local primary school will be held on Monday 9 September from 10.30am - 12.00pm at the Mangatawhiri Hall next to the primary school. Parents and caregivers are very welcome to attend.

The boys have no doubt explained to you the intricacies of our DRC Chromebook/iPad/personal electronics Profile system that we run on campus. It's a simple system that provides the boys with a stepped approach that allows for greater access to electronic devices as the year progresses. In Term Three the boys have more freedom with their devices and more free time use. They can also download and play certain educational games. We want our students to become good digital citizens and expect high standards to be maintained during free time use. We have a 'strike system' in place which helps us manage ITC indiscretions and they can be both minor and major strikes. A minor strike means a student has been a bit careless with his device and needs to learn to be more careful. They may lose certain privileges for a short period of time or reduced access to a device. A second minor strike or a major strike generally means you drop a profile level for a period of time and you lose the significant access rights for a set period of time. Overall, the system works well and helps the boys to understand the importance of managing self well when using electronic devices and the internet.

In regard to personal cell phones we have had a few incidents where boys have contacted their parents regarding health or other matters before speaking to the appropriate staff member. For example if a boy is feeling unwell they should speak first with either their Cabin Coach/Teacher/Duty Staff/The Nurse who will then notify their parent/caregiver if necessary. We would appreciate you having a conversation about this with your boy.

An issue we need to address as a community is the amount of junk food that boys are purchasing at the local



Sea Kayaking Trip



Rock Climbing Trip



Pinnacles Tramp

Countdown store before getting on the Papakura bus back to the campus on Sunday nights. This obviously runs against what our dietary plan is all about and it is disappointing to find evidence of boys filling themselves with sugars and highly refined carbs which aren't good for them. Duty staff will be more regularly checking boy's bags for 'junk food' before they board the bus, and food will be confiscated if found. If boys are found a second time bringing junk food onto the bus, they will lose the privilege of using the bus.

Staff News

Today we sadly say our farewells to Mr Geoff Brown who is leaving the DRC after three and a half years of dedicated service as teacher, cabin coach and outdoor guide. Mr Brown is highly regarded by both boys and staff for his creative and always interesting literacy teaching and his warm, caring ways. He will be greatly missed. Mr Brown is heading north to be closer to family and starts at his new school, the Mangawhai Beach School next week. We all wish him the very best as he leaves the Dilworth community at Mangatawhiri. God bless Mr Brown.

We also welcomed Mr Richard Coetzee to the Rural Campus this week as relief teacher for Mr Brown who is leaving. Mr Coetzee will be with us until the end of this year.

After 14 amazing years of service at Dilworth School, six years as chef at the Senior Campus then eight years as Head of Catering at the DRC, Craig Johnston has decided to hang up his apron to start an exciting new job. Craig has almost legend status at the Rural Campus, such is his standing within our community. He has time for everyone and is a natural educator in the way he works so enthusiastically with both boys and staff. Nothing is ever a bother to Craig and the standard of food presented throughout his eight years as Head of Catering has been simply outstanding. He championed the no sugar, low carb, whole food diet which has had such a positive impact at the Rural Campus over the last six years and he has led his kitchen team with characteristic heart and humour. He will be missed by all.

Replacing Craig we have been very lucky to secure the services of Rachel Hagglund who has been a Senior Chef at the Rural Campus, under Craig's leadership for the last three years. Rachel is a very capable chef and has excellent interpersonal skills and we know she will do a great job leading the kitchen team. We congratulate her



Steel Drum Workshop

REMINDERS:

- Camp America Forms due Sunday 1 September for those boys wishing to apply
- Year 10, 2020 Subject Option Forms to be handed in to the Rural Campus office by Friday 20 September. (Forms and Curriculum Handbook sent home with boys today). Handbook also available on the Dilworth School Website



Friday morning Bible Study Group

on her recent appointment to the Head Chef position at the Rural Campus.

We hope you have a great mid-term break with your boys and don't forget to allow them to show you some of their wonderful new cleaning and cooking skills!

Please note Roll Call following the Mid Term Break will be at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm Chapel on Sunday 1 September where Mrs Tupou-Vea will be speaking.

John Rice
Head of Rural Campus - Te Haerenga

From the Chaplain

God has been doing amazing things in our midst this term. Along with the staple diet of chapel and R.E. classes, we have also seen our young men encounter Him in new and fresh ways. It is exciting to see these connections being made, fostered and renewed. We were created to be connected with God and in meaningful relationship with others, and when you witness those connections it is beautiful.

A takeaway for the year twelve boys who we took down to Timaru for the Anglican Schools conference was the need for pray. So, after some discussion, we opened up the chapel on Wednesday' for a short reflective service after prep. The chapel is lit only by candlelight, there is no digital media used and space is created for silence and for prayer. In a time of year when our senior students are under numerous pressures, I have been moved by the young men who have used this space to take a deep breath and pray.

Mid-way through term two we had a group of young men at our rural campus make faith commitments for the first time. Since then, the fantastic Dan Fieten has been running a bible study on Friday mornings at 6:30am. He has challenged the boys to come along and see if God shows up... or they can stay in bed and not see anything. It has been encouraging to see our young men rise to this challenge and encounter God... even if it is at 6:30am.

On Friday nights for the past four weeks, a group of us have piled on a bus and headed off to youth group. After nearly twelve months of discussions with local churches about

hosting 50 boys each week, we found a fantastic partner in Epic Youth at Life Church. Week one we dipped our toes in the water, taking 30 young men for a fun-filled evening of faith, friends and good times. It was such an amazing evening and for the next few weeks we filled our own bus and had boys on a waiting list to attend. Life Church has been a fantastic host, and as usual our young men have been great guests. It is my hope that we will continue this relationship beginning again in term two 2020. In the interim, those young men who would like to continue to attend on Friday nights are most welcome to make their own way to and from Life Church in New Market, Albany or Manukau.

It is my greatest pleasure in life to see people encounter God's mission, encounter His people and share in the promises that God shares with us. As these fruits come to bear in our community, it is my hope that you will continue to join with me in prayer for our young men, our staff and the wider Dilworth whanau.

Ngā mihi

Rev Worboys



DFC Midwinter Function

Dilworth Family Connect (DFC)

The Dilworth Family Connect would like to say a big thanks to the parents and caregivers who attended the Midwinter Function on Friday 16th August. The raffles (which are always a favourite feature) raised more than \$945, and this money will go towards a charity chosen by Rev Greg.

The theme 'Disco' was also a hit, with the school hall turning into a dance floor after supper, and some, including a well disguised matron, showing all the best disco moves in some superb disco era costumes.

A huge thanks from the DFC team to the parents and helpers on the day - it was a blast - and we look forward to seeing you all at our next event.

DFC - Anna, Nicola, Bronwyn, Nikki, Samantha, Stacey, Annette

School TV Latest Edition

SPECIAL REPORT: E-CIGARETTES AND VAPING

E-cigarettes and vaping are quickly gaining in popularity, especially amongst teenagers. Manufacturers of these products are deploying sophisticated marketing campaigns in an attempt to glamorise and promote smoking to young people.

Vaping is the act of inhaling and exhaling the vapour produced by the heated nicotine liquid of an e-cigarette or vape pen. Many teens believe that vaping is less harmful than smoking as it is often formulated with flavourings to appeal to younger users. Be aware that e-cigarettes stating 0 mg of nicotine, may still contain nicotine. It is a highly addictive substance that can slow the brain development in kids affecting their memory, concentration, learning and mood. Because vaping is new, the short and long-term health effects remain unknown.

However, studies have shown that kids who have tried vaping, are more likely to smoke tobacco products later in life than kids who have not tried vaping. As e-cigarettes leave little odour, they are particularly easy to conceal and use discreetly in public places, even in schools.

In this Special Report, parents and care givers will be provided with the facts relating to e-cigarettes and vaping, whilst also highlighting the potential dangers and surrounding legislation. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report https://rural-dilworth.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/ecigarettes-and-vaping-nz

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