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IMPORTANT NOTICES

YEAR 9 & 10

PARENT AND SUBJECT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Year 9 and 10 students and parents/caregivers/whānau have an opportunity to meet with individual

Year 9 and 10 subject teachers on

Wednesday, 13 July 2011

from 3.30 – 6.30pm.

Students will be issued with booking sheets and parents/caregivers/whānau are asked to make a 5 minute booking with the subject teachers as soon as possible.

Parents with bookings will take priority.

On arrival parents/caregivers/whānau can collect their child's report from the hall foyer.

It is important that your child is present during this interview.

SENIOR COURSE BOOK, ACADEMIC COUNSELLING AND SUBJECT CHOICES

Year 10, 11 and 12 students will be issued with a Senior Course Book on Tuesday 2 August 2011 describing the courses we offer for NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3.

Students will be asked to take them home and talk to their families about future directions and subjects for 2012.

Parents and Caregivers will be sent a letter inviting them and their son/daughter to an Academic Counselling Interview on

Thursday, 11 August 2011

with the Vertical Form Teacher. The interview will be to discuss progress, particularly towards NCEA, next steps for 2011, future directions and finally subjects for 2012. Please respond to the letter by returning the bottom section to the Vertical Form Teacher. This meeting will be a real opportunity for all of us to work together to support your young person's achievement.

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FROM THE DEANS

Year 11 Dean

Kia Ora Koutou,

Year 11 have been steadily making their way through their assessments and should have around twenty credits by now. Reports will be sent out at the end of this term that show how many credits students have. If you would like me to update you by email, please leave your email address with the office.

With term 3 fast approaching, everyone should be starting to think about revision and there are many revision guides available to purchase either through subject teachers at the school or from book stores. Having said that, good old re-reading and organising of notes works well as revision.

Uniform has suffered with the arrival of winter and it seems like the right time for everyone to be reminded that they are not allowed to wear long sleeved tops under their school t-shirts.

Stay warm,

Katrina Sylva

STUDENT COUNCIL

So far this year the Student Council have been doing our best to get the students voices heard. The student council group is a group of students from year 9 through to year 13 and we are the link between the students and the Board of Trustees. We, the Student Council, listen to, take into consideration and discuss the various ideas brought to our attention by other students around the school, mostly based on what the 'needs' of the students are.

This year we have discussed ideas such as the need for more shelters, the uniform policy, rubbish, more water fountains and mufti days. We would like the students to be aware that student ID cards have been made available at the office as requested, and if they have any food suggestions for the canteen, please pass them onto your class representative. We have decided to sponsor a child through the "Wazazi Upendo" organisation. This was requested by Mrs Match. The money raised from our mufti days has recently gone to Canteen, and to the Westpac rescue helicopter. We have also donated money to the hip hop group and Sarah for her Highland dancing. Mrs Rogers does a great job overseeing the Student Council as does Ms Collins with taking our ideas to Senior Management and Katie Humm who takes our ideas to the Board of Trustees.

By Cassie Cocurullo



**FROM THE LIBRARIAN:
CAN ALL OVERDUE LIBRARY
BOOKS BE RETURNED TO THE
SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
PLEASE.**

**ALL SPONSOR BOOKS AND MONEY
FOR THE 40 HOUR FAMINE NEED TO
BE RETURNED TO MS HOUSTON IN THE
LIBRARY, URGENTLY!!!!!!**

STAGE CHALLENGE

The performance day at Forum North was fabulous and our students threw themselves into the whole experience, chanting, singing and dancing up a storm. Despite the dreadful weather, we had a blast!

As a result we won “Spirit of Stage Challenge 2011”, and came 3rd in the “Northland Open Division” – a terrific result. On top of this we won “Excellence Awards” in: costuming, choreography, set design, set use, performance skill, drama, visual enhancement and video direction.

Copies of the performance are available on DVD at Stringers Betta Electrical, in town.

I would personally like to thank each and every one of the students, particularly our Year 13 Arts Leaders for creating such a well planned and topical production - “Online”.

Recognition must also go to the parents and whanau who have supported us, including Kathryn deBruin who whipped up a quick costume at the last minute, and a warm thank you to so many of you who watched the dress rehearsal and attended the night – it was greatly appreciated. So until 2012.....

Caroline Gray – Lead Teacher, Stage Challenge



FILM COMPETITION

Congratulations to Sharla King, Pearl Gray, Renee Callis and Anri Dreyer for producing the weird and wonderful “Alien visits the Fielddays” film that won the secondary schools’ section and the people’s choice section at the Kaipara Film Festival. A big thanks has to be given to Simon Gray and the community cinema who encouraged our entry, paid for us to go to the field days to film and helped us with the editing. The girls also put in the hours after school and it’s great to see that that paid off. Spend your prize money wisely!

Congratulations are also in order for Nicosha Olsen-Ranger and Renee Knight whose animated film ‘Boris’ and its fantastic sound track were also highly commended. They were awarded with a signed Weta Workshop book.

Let’s take out all the prizes next year!

Katrina Sylva

WEEKEND SPORTS ACTION



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Cool N Heat Whangarei

I would like to do an introduction to our new company CoolnHeat based in Kamo, Whangarei. We are a Heatpump/Airconditioning and Insulation company that has many branches throughout New Zealand.

I am excited to say that we are currently doing an offer for all schools throughout Northland. The offer is that for every Heatpump or Insulation purchased through your school (via parent/grandparent/guardian/staff member) we will contribute up to \$100.00 towards school fees or they can elect to have \$100.00 donation to your school.

NOTICES

BALL GOWNS

I have seven dresses that may be suitable for the Ball. They are sizes 10 to 14 and are available to borrow.

Phone Darlene on 439 5551

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Please note that the School's Daily Notices are accessible to parents/caregivers on the school website. Please visit: www.dargavillehighschool.co.nz to view the Daily Notices.