



Phoenix

June
2010

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Nga mihi ki te whanau nui e te kura o te pou Huia.

New Board:

Welcome to our new Board of Trustee members and to those returning for another term.

We look forward to working with you over the next three years on programmes for our students that develop *Innovation, Caring and Excellence*.



**Please complete our uniform survey.
Details are on the back of this Newsletter.**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Election Results

We are pleased to announce our elected parent representative trustees as follows:

- Chris Barker
- Helen Dollery
- John Debney
- Leighanne Gledhill
- Rewi Tipene
- Ted Curtis

The staff representative is: Tangi Utikere.
The student representative is: Luke Utikere.

Congratulations to all those involved with our production of *"Bugsy Malone"*. It was a huge success and created a very positive vibe around the school. I am very conscious of the huge commitment from staff that was required to make this happen. We are very fortunate to have so many staff who are prepared to put in these enormous extra hours to give students these opportunities.

Attendance:

I am pleased that 93% of our students are attending as they should be and following all the appropriate systems if they are sick or have other justified absences. It is very positive that this is 2% better than the national average but we want **"to be the best secondary school for each of our students"** and we know that it is the 7% who are taking unjustified absences that are most at risk of not achieving NCEA, narrowing their job prospects and losing their independence.

○ Please call before 9am if your son or daughter will be absent because they are sick or have another justified absence.

○ Please respond to our text message if your son or daughter is not at whanau time and we have not heard from you.

○ Please don't condone absences for your son or daughter for frivolous reasons. You are really not being kind.

E.R.O.:

The Education Review Office reviewed our school for the first time in five years in Term 1 and we have received the draft report. We have noted a few technical errors but these are being remedied and the full report should be on our website by the middle of June.

Our parents will be delighted to read this very positive endorsement of the education we provide at Freyberg and the Board, management, teachers and support staff can be very proud that this external agency has given them a big green tick for all the work they have put into providing the best possible learning environment for our students over the last five years.

Peter Brooks,
Principal.

HEADS OF SCHOOL



Kahui Watling
HOS KAPITI



David Lochhead
HOS MANAWATU



Tangi Utikere
HOS RUAHINE



Jim Seumanu
HOS TARARUA



Winter sport is well under way for Term 2 and our teams are settling into regular competition and representing Freyberg well each week. Do come along and support your son/daughter's teams when you can, it is great to see them all out there playing sport.

The annual **Kapiti Sports Exchange** will take place on Wednesday 9th June and our 1st XV Rugby, Senior A1 and A2 Netball, Hockey, Football, Basketball and Badminton teams will be travelling to Kapiti College to compete. Students involved here will have received an information letter home.

Recently our **Special**

Needs students attended an Athletics Day at the Massey Track. A great day was had by all, then last week our Special Needs students took part for the first time in the Manawatu Inter-Secondary School Cross Country at Foxton. Anthony Tuffin, Johnny Te Ohaere, Steven Pearce, Matthew Mather-Harvey and Phil Verran competed. Johnny ran a smart race to finish 3rd, Anthony placed 7th and Matthew Mather-Harvey ran a steady race to finish 11th. The students were accompanied by Kevin Gillanders and Anne Vrolik, who also ran the race with the students – they didn't tell us their placings though!



Under 14 Boys' Rugby



Girls' Rugby 2010

At the same event, our other students also

competed and we had some good solid runs with a 4th placing to Kim Nottingham in the Intermediate Girls, 6th place to Tara Hancock in the Senior Girls, Trent Munn placed 7th in the Intermediate Boys and Matt McEwen 10th in the Senior Boys' event. Overall, in the teams results, Freyberg placed 2nd in Senior Girls, 3rd in Intermediate Boys, Senior Boys and Intermediate Girls and 4th place in Junior Boys and Junior Girls. Well done to all these students who worked together to help to achieve such good team results.

At the **North Island Inter-Secondary School Swimming Champs**

held at the Freyberg Pool on 15th May, Tessa Field made several finals and placed 2nd in the 200m 15&O freestyle. Competition was extremely tough so congratulations to Tessa!

The following students have been selected to **Manawatu/Western Netball** representative teams: Sarah Thomson (U19), Renee van Nistelrooy (U19), Hinerangi Temara (U17A), Tori Ratima (U17A) and Georgia Ratima (17). Congratulations to these girls!

Recently our **Girls' 1st XV Rugby** took part in a 7-a-side Tournament and finished the pool rounds with only one narrow loss to Dannevirke. That put us into the play-offs for 3rd and 4th. After a very strong win over Turakina Girls', we finished a very full day of rugby in 3rd place. Well done girls – ironically, we beat Dannevirke in the secondary school 15-a-side a couple of weeks later.



Under 15 Boys' Rugby



Thanks to everyone who supports sport at Freyberg.

We do appreciate your input and know that our students enjoy your involvement and they love to see parents and staff encouraging them on the sideline. We continue to enjoy our winter sports. Do

contact the Sports Room if you should have any queries on sport@freyberg.ac.nz. *Rosemary and Raewyn in the Sports Room.*

SCHOOL PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:

Public Health Nurses throughout Mid Central DHB hold clinics in schools and in the community on a regular basis. At the present time, Public Health Nurses are working with the school to deliver the HPV – Human Papilloma Virus immunisation to girls between Years 9 and 13.

A school clinic is also held every Monday lunchtime in Atawhai (end of C corridor). No appointments are needed and a full range of services are available.

During the week at 3pm and also during school holidays, daily youth clinics are held at their rooms in Health on Main (in the old Mitre 10 building – by Rebels). *Dianne Stewart, HOD Health.*

CHANGE OF DETAILS:

When changing address/phone numbers or any other personal details, please can you let the school office know? I know a lot of people do re-directions with New Zealand Post but the school uses DX Mail and they are often not made aware of any changes. It is a lot easier for any personal detail changes to be made through the school office, so that you will receive any correspondence, text messages or phone calls in a timely manner.

Jan Power, Freyberg Office.

BUGSY MALONE

MAY 2010



Congratulations to everyone who helped make our productions of "BUGSY MALONE" such a special event in the life of our school. Thank you to all the

staff, parents, caregivers, sponsors and organisations which supported us.

Most of all, thanks to the wonderful students who performed with such energy, enthusiasm and joy. Well done!!

**Ms Darragh
and the production team.**



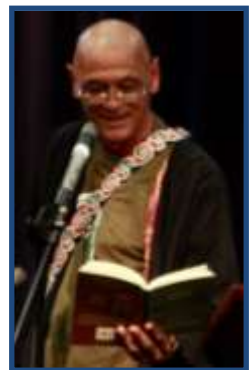
APIRANA TAYLOR

"Sshhhhhh" is not a word but he makes it a major part of a poem, representing the gas flowing into the German gas chambers of World War II and who can make a six-line poem out of only five words? Apirana Taylor, that's who! *Soft Leaf Falls of Light* was only one of the many poems and songs he performed, keeping the Year 11s captivated for an hour on 5th May.

Lise Bakker

Writer, performer, poet, actor and musician, Apirana Taylor was invited to Freyberg by the English Department to inspire and motivate our students - also presenting them with a positive Māori role model, who has managed to carve a career in the creative arts.

Monica Simmons, English teacher.



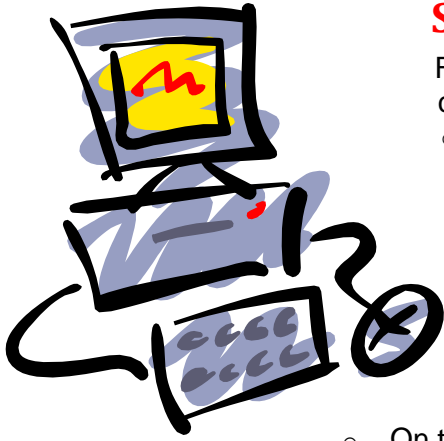
40-HOUR FAMINE:

This year, to kick off the 40-Hour Famine, which raises money for World Vision, Matt and I decided to host the "Last Supper", which involved lots of eating, fun and prizes. It began at 6pm, as students started to arrive with plates of food for everyone to share and dressed in yellow, in support of the Yellow famine team run by Matt and Dayna from Studio 2. After enjoying a wide range of food for dinner, we moved through into the school Hall and listened to a guest speaker:

Michelle White from World Vision, who explained

what a difference the funds raised will make to peoples' lives. From this, we moved into dancing to our live band and to activities that enabled many of the students to win exciting prizes donated by local businesses. The night was a big success and we thank all of the teachers and student leaders who helped out and look forward to seeing how much we have raised for those in need!

**Evie Turner,
Senior Council Vice-President.**



SCHOOL LINKS

Freyberg High School is using the “School-links”™ dynamic web-based communication portal that enables you to:

- Receive TXT and email alerts for important school/home events and issues.
- Receive TXT and email alerts when your child is marked absent.
- Notify us of your child's absences 24/7.

If you have not already done so, please sign up to our School-links portal now:

- Go to www.school-links.org.nz
- In the blue area labelled ‘Find Your School’, type: “Freyberg High School” then click ‘Find School’.
- On the school portal page, click the ‘Sign Up Now!’ link on the right hand side
- Enter your name, e-mail address, mobile number and other details in the field provided
- When finished, click ‘Register Now’ to submit your details.

You will be sent an e-mail confirmation from School-links containing a username and password to gain access to the school portal.

Students in sports teams and cultural groups are also being encouraged to register so that important messages, specific to their team or group can be sent easily and instantly when necessary. **Please encourage your child(ren)** to visit the website, enter their contact details and register.

The wording of the TXT/e-mail message that is sent if your child is marked absent has recently been changed. However the intent is still the same: it is a request that you **reply** to the message passing on to the school any information about the reason for your child’s absence.

Bernard Harris
Senior Manager.

Current Shoe



Boy and Girl possibilities



The Junior Council has recently been discussing a change in the winter shoe regulations for the school uniform. Currently, the rules state that all shoes must be black, leather, lace-up, ‘school shoes’. Whether this could be modified to **Plain, Black, Leather, ‘Dress Shoes’ (No Heel)** is a possibility. To gauge whether this change is wanted, and to get your views on other aspects of uniform, e.g. should there be uniform at Year 12 and/or Year 13? - we ask that you please access the school website – www.freyberg.ac.nz and click on the uniform survey link to offer your opinion. Thank you.

Freyberg High School Junior Council.

NCEA FEES:

A reminder that
NCEA fees are due
by the end of August.

SENIOR MID-YEAR REPORTS and PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Senior mid-year reports will be posted by Wednesday 23rd June. Parent/teacher interviews will take place on Wednesday 30th June from 2.30 – 6.30pm in the school Hall. Bookings can be made online from Monday 21st June.