



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Donated Art Work from Karl Maughan

Karl attended Freyberg High School (1978—1982) and then attended Elam School of Fine Art in Auckland. The series of four exhibited houses was a follow on from the painted building project at Freyberg High school filmed as part of the TVNZ “New Artland” series in March 2009. During the exhibition at Thermostat Gallery in March 2011, Karl requested that the “Guildford Street House” be donated to Freyberg High. The “house” is now displayed in our main foyer.



Rod Holm, who accepted the donation from Karl Maughan on behalf of Freyberg

Ultra Fast Broadband

It was with interest that I read in the Manawatu Standard that seventeen schools in the region had been selected to “be the first in the Manawatu” to move on to ultra fast broadband in July next year. Freyberg has had ultra fast broadband since the start of 2011.

Student Leadership

We recently began the process of electing the Student Leadership Team for 2012 with voting for the Student Board of Trustee Representative. I am delighted that Year 12 student Ella Bourke will continue the very strong tradition of leadership that we have established at Freyberg. Ella follows in the footsteps of sister Rose who was the BOT Student Representative in 2008.

Curriculum

In 1987 Freyberg began a research project with IBM and Massey to develop the concept of an integrated approach to learning English, Social Studies, Health and Information Communication Technology. Over the next twenty years this project gained national and international recognition from educators. What was in effect an inquiry based approach with strong emphasis on information communication technology and learning outside the classroom was to pre-figure an approach to New Zealand education that has now become mainstream.

The new New Zealand curriculum document with its emphasis on principles, key competencies and pedagogies now underpins all learning areas and so from 2012 we will be returning to teaching English and Social Studies as separate disciplines leading to NCEA. Integrated Studies has been a vital stepping stone to improved teaching and learning, professional development of teachers and focusing on what our learning programmes need involve to prepare our students for the future.

Teenagers and Thinking

Parents who feel, at times, that “teenagers and thinking” is an oxymoron now have academic research to back them up. The latest National Geographic Magazine has an extended article on the human brain and reports that the “thinking” part is not fully developed until you are twenty five. Furthermore, because teenagers main role in a developmental sense is to learn how to establish relationships, so the “thinking part” can be shown to be hardly working at all when they are with their peers.

The Rugby World Cup

A fantastic win. Nation building. However, the changed times of the school year has brought about some problems. Please check the Term 4 Calendar at the end of this newsletter to see how it affects you.

GUIDANCE STAFF



**Rod Holm
Counsellor**



**Dianne Stewart
Counsellor**



**Helen Green
Careers Advisor**



**Nick Cheer
Senior Counsellor**

Congratulations



Congratulations to Tayah Amoroa who has gained the Ngā mahi-a-ringā Pūtaiao scholarship to attend the hands on science workshop at Otago University in January 2012. The goal of hands on science is to demonstrate, in a friendly and interactive environment, some of the activities that scientists are involved in and to encourage talented young New Zealanders to consider science as a career. This workshop will provide Tayah with valuable experience leading to a career in Science.

Examinations

Towards the end of Term 3 Year 11-13 students participated in their senior school examinations. These examinations were important for a variety of reasons; some were actual NCEA internal assessments and offered credits, others provided important practice under “exam conditions” for NCEA externals later in Term 4 and allowed students to receive feedback on their progress to date. For some Year 11 students this would have been their first experience of full three hour examinations and an important learning experience. In preparation for both school examinations and NCEA exams, teachers will have been talking to students about how to best prepare and where to access resources.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some important points. To study effectively, students need to take into account a number of factors. We would advise the creation of a study timetable to help in providing some structure in the development of study routines. Students firstly need to know what they need to be studying – know what standards they are sitting at the end of the year and what each standard may assess or ask questions about. One way of doing this is look up the “subject content” pages on the studyit website - <http://www.studyit.org.nz/> or by looking at the learning objectives from their classes. Once they know what to study it is important to find a good place to study, free from distractions. There are a variety of ways to then actually study. Again the studyit site provides some practical ideas and links to other sites that give techniques for study <http://www.studyit.org.nz/studyandexam/>

One of the best ways of practising is attempting old NCEA papers, writing their best answers down and then marking their answers using the assessment schedules, noting areas where they are doing well and ones where they need to improve. All old NCEA papers can be found by searching the NZQA website at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/assessment/search.do> All they need to do is enter subject, select “exams and exemplars” and the appropriate level. Note the answers can be found using the search and changing the middle dropdown bar to “reports and schedules”. For new Level 1 achievement standards resources can be found on the NZQA site on the subject specific resources page - <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/subjects/> Click on the link to the subject they want (Science, Mathematics, Drama and so on) and then scroll down to find “examination documents”. Here they can find exemplars of student work and a range of resources to help them study. The exemplars provide examples of Achieved, Merit and Excellence answers and can help you see the difference in the quality of responses required.

Remember, teachers are there to help. Students should ask them for study ideas and advice as well. I wish them the best for the coming examinations – know what is being assessed, study hard and be well prepared.

Craig Steed, Deputy Principal.

Freyberg’s Counselling Service

I would like to take this opportunity to reintroduce our counselling service to our school community.

We have three guidance counsellors, a careers adviser, a public health nurse, and a youth line worker. We are here to provide support for students and their parent and whanau. We are able to access further support if necessary.

We offer a professional counselling service. Students can refer themselves directly to the service, or they may be referred by a family member or teacher who has discussed the matter with the student.

Students and families entering into a counselling relationship will be supported to explore issues and find solutions and changes that work for them. The counselling relationship is based on confidentiality. There is however an exception to this: that is in the case of clear or imminent danger.

If parents or /whanau would like to make an appointment please phone the school line which is 3584971 and then connect with my extension which is 750.

Nick Cheer HOD Counselling



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Summer sport has started with touch on a Tuesday afternoon and Volleyball starting next week. The competition dates are a little different due to the Rugby Cup so the summer season will be short but very busy.



Winter tournament week ran very smoothly for the Freyberg teams involved. It was great to see our Girls Senior A1 netball team, who won their pool games and lost one game, finish third in their tournament. Our Girls 1st XI Football were entered into the Lotto Premiership tournament in Taupo and with a touch draw managed to improve their 2010 placing to end up in 10th place out of 32 teams. Dean and Zak Lochhead and Apiata Tipene were entered in the Table Tennis Secondary School Nationals and won the B grade boys section. The girls rugby team competed in a small tournament in Palmy and finished 2nd to our usual nemesis Feilding High Girls. A great effort by these teams and we are very proud of their achievements.

Our other teams who went to tournament were Boys football, Girls and Boys hockey and Boys rugby – all competed well but did not place in their sports. We are still proud of their involvement in tournaments; it is a great learning curve for a lot of the students and they all grow in skill and teamwork in tournament situations.

Winter sport was completed prior to the holidays and the last few weeks were busy with finals. Our basketball teams achieved highly again with the junior boys winning their grade, and the girls Senior A team winning by a huge margin, but due to turning up late to the game had to default in the end. This was very disappointing.



As always we appreciate the huge support from parents, caregivers and staff in coaching, managing and transporting our sports teams during the winter season. It is a big commitment due to winter sport being so big in our school, and without these terrific supporters we would not be able to provide so many opportunities for our students at Freyberg.

We had hockey teams in finals, but unfortunately did not quite manage wins where needed, but they did well to get to the final stage. Our 9A1, 9A3 and Senior A2 and netball teams won their grades and a special mention should be made re the 9A1 netball team who were a very close group of girls who played exceptional netball to only lose one game all season then won their grade easily – these girls were coached by Hirapeka Nicholas a Year 13 student with great coaching skills. The Whakatipuria TPU entered a team this year and had great success also in winning their grade. Several other teams also placed second and third in their grades, so a good year for our netball teams.

Dean and Zak Lochhead competed at the NZ Table Tennis Nationals over the holidays, where Dean won the B Grade Teams, D Grade Singles, D Grade Double and Zak won the D Grade Doubles.

We have a number of talented students who have been selected to the finalist stage of the Manawatu Secondary School Sports Awards – the awards evening will be held next week and we wish our students good luck.



Congratulations to Michaela Drummond who competed at the National Secondary School cycling champs over the holiday break and won the U14 criterium race in Levin. She has also won many other cycling events and is well on the way to achieving high levels in her chosen sport. Well done.

Well done to Brooke Fitch for her achievements in barefoot water-skiing winning the NZ National Junior girls champs (U17) this year.

The Transition Flat – Term 3 Trip – Turoa Ski Field

We enjoyed a day of sunshine up the Mountain. A group of flatters spent the morning trying to master the art of staying upright on their skis. The rest of the group enjoyed a ride on the chairlift and riding the toboggans and just 'chilling out'. Thanks to Bob at Turoa Adaptive Learning, we had a great day and look forward to a return visit next year. We even got to see the black carrot at Ohakune which was painted specially for the Rugby World Cup. Go The All Blacks!



Jimmy Carter Quiz

The Freyberg Jimmy Carter Quiz Team enjoyed representing the school at the annual current events quiz, coming 6th out of 11 regional schools participating this year. The team was led by Head Boy Luke Hiscox and included Lise Bakker, Rosie Simmons, Helen Loveridge and Josiah Lambert.



Science Department News

BP CHALLENGE

The challenge was to make, bottle, label and package a six-pack of ginger beer. Several year 9s and 10s gathered at lunchtimes over a fortnight to brew and test a sugary, fizzy concoction. This was the fun part: chugging back plastic cupfuls of the homemade soft drink and offering "helpful" advice to the creative types designing the label, the package and the promotional poster. With a last-minute rush and some considered advice from Mr Reynolds, the product was ready to be taken by the selected team to the judging at St Peter's College on Wednesday 28 September. Although unplaced in the beer competition, the team of **Jonathan Brandon, Ben Davis, Emma Jochem and Cameron Sturley** represented the school in commendable fashion and also took part in the mystery challenge: to make a sturdy backpack out of sellotape and newspaper. Better luck next year!



ROTARY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FORUM 2012

Nicole Gledhill of Year 12 recently put her name forward to be considered for the above forum which is held every year in Auckland over two weeks in January. After enduring a 30 minute interview her name was submitted by the Milson Rotary club for approval. It was with great delight that she received back an email in the first week of October saying that she has been accepted. Well done Nicole!

Year 10 Work Experience

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th November 2011

Planning and placements are well underway for work experience this year. All parents should have received information and forms in the post last term. These need to be returned to their whanau teacher by 15 November or before if a placement has been secured. Extra copies are available from the careers office or school office. Ask friends and family to help and remember that it is better to call in person to a workplace where possible. Work experience is acknowledged by employers and tertiary providers as a valuable way to gain first-hand experience to assist in career decision making and gaining new skills. If you are having trouble finding a placement please don't hesitate to contact Helen Green in the careers office or careers@freyberg.ac.nz.



Update from Freyberg Whakatipuria - Teen Parent Unit

Kia-ora from Whakatipuria/The Teen Parent Unit!

Extra curricula

The Inter-TPU Netball Tournament in Napier was a wonderful experience for our girls, and we placed 4th overall. Our Netball Team are to be congratulated for winning their grade in the Palmerston North Saturday competition.

We were thrilled to have Tamzin Darragh's Year 12 Drama students come and perform a poignant extract from Othello. Our girls enjoyed meeting and interacting with fellow Freyberg students over theatre sports, Shakespeare and cake!

Yummy Mummies had a great session with Alan Dingley from the Youth Zone at the Palmerston North City Library and we are hoping to create some new educational initiatives from this meeting.

Fundraising this term involves a meat raffle and pie sale and is to help pay for TPU Leavers' jackets.



Academic achievement

Jacinda, Leah, Megan, Renee, Irene, Hope and Moana have now achieved PORSE's Level 3 National Certificate in Early Childcare and Education. Jess Tauroa has been accepted to Massey University's Bachelor of Social Work. Jess and Philadelphia Ferrier gained Level 2 Literacy in only two terms. Samantha Goggin has also gained Level 2 English.

Congratulations and commendations

We welcome new student Ricky-Lee and her daughter Tripayne, and congratulate our new Mums: Jodie and baby Braxton, Kara and Tamana, Rahera and Josiah and Misha and Starr.

Ka Kite Ano!

Freyberg High heads to Europe in 2013!

Want to Visit the Akropolis in Athens, the Colosseum in Rome and even travel through Venice in a Gondola?

The Classical Studies department of the school is looking to take students on an educational trip to Europe in June 2013 and we are inviting you to attend a meeting on Monday the 5th of December to learn more about the potential of this trip for your son or daughter.

At this stage invitations are open to all students taking Classical studies courses next year in Year 12. It is envisaged that the trip will also be beneficial to students taking other subjects such as Music, Art and English. Entry will be on a first served basis with all information given on the day.

As the organization for this trip is already in place, we would welcome you putting this date on your calendars so that we may gauge appropriate interest on the day.

So- Trip to Europe 2013

Meeting on Monday 5th of December- (Senior Clearance day)

Time- 5pm

Freyberg High School Staffroom

Liz Paine and Debbie Littlely



MzGVS Dance Crew success at Dance NZ Made



Local dance competition, 'Dance NZ Made' was held at the Regent on Broadway on 12-15th October. Students of all ages from introductory to masters of dance competed in individual and team competitions. An array of genre were displayed including Musical Theatre, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Tap and Neo-classical Ballet. After attending several rigorous workshops over the course of the competition and a dynamic performance our very own MzGVS (Chorographer: Samantha Whitaker) were thrilled to win the Hip Hop section and overall team section of the competition. Congratulations MzGVS!

Freyberg Dancer Top 3 in PACANZ



Year 13 student and talented dancer, Brittany Smith has had an eventful and very successful year. At the recent Palmerston North Dance Association competitions she was awarded the following trophies:

Brooke Parsons Challenge Trophy in Jazz Championship

Kim Patterson Modern Jazz Trophy

Joel Hewlett Trophy for most entertaining item

Marika McConachy Trophy (Lyrical 16 years and over)

PNDA Challenge Trophy (Modern Jazz 16 years and over)

She also received the Gwenda Britten Challenge Cup and the Manawatu Dance Competitions in July.

Among these achievements Brittany was also placed 3rd at PACANZ (Performing Arts Association of New Zealand) in which she was the only female in the top three of New Zealand. With this she was the recipient of a \$1500 scholarship. On the back of this she travelled to Australia to dance with Parallax Dance Company, performing in a number of show-cases. On her return she was placed 2nd at the Dance New Zealand Made competitions for Contemporary choreography. Congratulations Brittany.

BOT Student Representative Elections

As mentioned by Peter Brooks, the student election was held on Tuesday 13 September 2011. This year there were ten nominated candidates, up from five candidates last year, creating an interesting and closely contested election for students.

Ella Bourke was voted in as the student representative and will serve one year on the Board of Trustees.

Ella Bourke has been at Freyberg almost four years and is thrilled to have been elected student representative to the Board and is looking forward to getting to know the Board and participating in its activities and bringing a new student voice.

The Board of Trustees welcomes Ella and also would like to thank Katelyn Retter for her valued contribution as the Student Representative for the last 12 months.



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Junior Prizegiving

8 December 2011. (ADVANCE WARNING)

This year our Junior Prize-Giving ceremonies will take place at the Regent on Broadway instead of the New Life Centre in Featherston Street. All Year 9 & 10 students will need to make their own way to the Regent on Broadway and be seated by 9.15am for the morning Prize Giving. Ashhurst bus students will be delivered directly to the Regent and back to Ashhurst at the end of the session. Students from North Street buses will need to walk into town. The evening prize-giving starts at 7.00pm.

Year 11 Mufti

As of Monday 7 November, Year 11 students will be permitted to wear mufti to school and NCEA examinations, instead of school uniform. In return for this privilege, we ask that students donate uniform item/s to the school. Clean uniform items will be accepted at the Student Centre from the 7th of November in exchange for a 'mufti slip'.

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 4 2011

28 Oct	Junior Prom	28 Nov—2 Dec	Rumaki Trip
1 Nov	Junior Tabloid Sports	28 Nov	10DC/10MF Science Trip to Te Papa
2-7 Nov	Final House Assemblies	29 Nov	10KC/10DL Science Trip to Te Papa
4 Nov	Junior Splash Carnival	30 Nov—3 Dec	International Students / Student Leaders Trip to Blue Lakes
7 Nov	Year 10 Mathematics Examination	1 Dec	Principal's Concert
7-10 Nov	Year 8 Interviews	5 Dec	Senior Clearance
8 Nov	Year 10 Science Examination	5 Dec	Europe Trip Meeting @ 5pm
9 Nov	Last day for Senior Students	6 Dec	Senior Prizegiving—Regent on Broadway (No school for Year 9 and 10 Students)
9 Nov	Year 10 Integrated Studies Exam.	7 Dec	Leavers (Year 13) Dinner
11 Nov	Junior Gymnastics Championships	8 Dec	Last day for Juniors Junior Prizegiving - Regent on Broadway
14-18 Nov	Year 9 Numeracy Testing	25 Dec	 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Have a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2012.</i></p>
14 Nov	10SK/10SB/10 Ruamaki Science Trip to Te Papa		
17 Nov	Board of Trustees Meeting		
21 Nov	Year 10 Road Show		
22 Nov	Year 10 Tennis Championships		
22 Nov	Year 9 Road Show		
22 Nov	10AF/10PM Science Trip to Te Papa		
22 Nov	PTA Meeting		
23-24 Nov	Year 10 Work Experience		
24 Nov	Year 9 Tennis Championships		
25 Nov	Teacher Only Day— No School for Students		