

As we are currently in the political playing field of multiple working groups and of reviewing everything, last Friday I attended the NCEA Review Forum in Wellington alongside 40 other principals from across the country.

The NCEA review is currently focused on 6 key concepts and everybody across the country will be able to have input into the review. Although I believe NCEA is a fantastic system there is consensus coming through that the system has been implemented poorly and perceived, and unintended consequences have undermined its real potential. One of the critical unintended outcomes of NCEA has been that it has become the driver of curriculum delivery. At all lower year levels, we start with big concepts, develop curriculum links, student learning outcomes, learning activities and then select areas where we will gather targeted assessment to inform us on student progress and achievement. Unintentionally NCEA has flipped this on its head. In the past we never assessed everything and the focus was maintained on quality teaching and learning. With NCEA, schools have been caught in the trap of selecting assessments and implementing programmes of learning that teach to the assessment. In most cases, these assessments tend to be large, time-consuming and too often than not dictate too much of what the students are doing in the classroom. This has led to an environment where students are almost completely focused on doing assessment! Everything students do have a credit value and we often hear students unwilling to complete work unless there is a credit at the end. This environment has led to mass over assessment, increases in workload, assessment stress and anxiety; and this is just the teachers. Students in most schools can conservatively be expected to complete 40 plus assessments a year. That equates to more than one a week and is just too much.

From the review, what I hope to see is that we are able to put NCEA in its place, and that is as an assessment tool, not a curriculum delivery method. The focus needs to move back to powerful teaching and learning. We do not have to assess everything that is taught and we must get away from the mentality that more credits equate to better learning. Let's shift to quality over quantity and that there is value in all learning not just what is assessed. This will require a mentality shift by many schools, teachers and students, but some including Hurunui College are already on this pathway.

Our modular approach across Year 11-13 is an attempt to shift the focus to distinct episodes of learning with relevant and focuses assessment attached, not over assessment.

Next term our current Year 10-12 students will considering their course selections for next year and I encourage parents and caregivers to be a part of these discussion including attending our course selection evening.

We still have our fingers crossed that we will be able to go ahead with our planned Hangi next Tuesday. For those who have offered donations of meat, we will be in contact on Monday once we confirm our plans. There is a small whisper that we may have some more bad weather on the way. Please remember that this is a community event so feel free to come along on Tuesday midday and be part of our event.

Also over the next week written reports for students in Year 1-8 will be going home. These are followed up by goal setting evenings for Discovery Learning Community on Tuesday and Wednesday next week and for both Exploring and Investigating communities early in term 3.

A reminder that next Friday will be our end of term assembly. This assembly will have an additional focus as we will farewell to Michael and Hanna, our two volunteers. It is amazing how quickly their time with us flies by and we have really appreciated the way they have involved themselves in our school and the wider community. I welcome those in the community who have spent time with Michael and Hanna to join us in farewelling them. The end of school assembly will start at approximately 2.10pm on Friday the 6th of June. Well done to all those that competed in the Canterbury Primary School Cross Country yesterday. By the sounds of it, our students did exceptionally well (*pictured below*). Results are included further on in this week's newsletter.

Nāku noa, nā
 Stephen Beck
 Tumuaki - Principal



Week ending 29th June 2018

SCHOOL NOTICES

RISE AWARDS Congratulations to the people who received RISE awards last week for demonstrating our school values. You have earned points for your House. The following people have had their names drawn to receive a principal's reward; see Mr Beck on Monday.

Year 0-7 Tina Tuinawaivuvu for keeping our school tidy.

Year 8-13 Jayde McLean for coming up with the word 'miserable' in her writing.

COMING UP

Week 9

29 Jun Year 1-7 PTA Disco, 6-8pm

Week 10

2 Jul Hangi preparation

3 Jul Hangi lunch.

Discovery Goal Setting Conferences, Whero / Kakariki

4 Jul Discovery Goal Setting, Waiporoporo

6 Jul Full school assembly, 2.15pm

Last day of Term Two

Term 3, Week 1

23 Jul First day of Term Three.

Full school assembly 9am

Week 2

3 Aug Year 7-13 Ski Trip (ppd 10 Aug)

Check our website at www.hurunuicollege.school.nz and follow the link to our school calendar for further school events.

BILLETS NEED FOR NEW GERMAN VOLUNTEERS

We welcome our new volunteers from Tuesday 7th August and are looking for host families to billet them for their first two weeks in New Zealand. Please contact the office if you are able to help, phone 03 314 4430.

ANNUAL SKI TRIP is planned for Friday 3rd August:

Year 7-13 students only. Permission and forms will be sent home shortly.

BASKETBALL DRAW Friday 29th June -

Hurunui Hotshots v CBHS U15D CBHS 5pm

Hurunui Hoopsters v LINW JNR Black Lin Coll 6pm

Hurunui Wildcats v STBD Yr10 White STBD 5pm

NO GAMES NEXT FRIDAY 6th JULY

Results from last week were:

- Hurunui Hotshots lost
- Hurunui Hoopsters lost
- Hurunui Wildcats won

CPSSA CROSS COUNTRY AT HALSWELL

Results as follows:

Samuel 88/121, Riley 112/121, Andrew 71/118, Georgie 64/116, Jessica 34/116, Ella F 29/116, Caleb S 85/107, Josh G 75/107. We would like to congratulate you all on an awesome effort at this level of competition.

NEW ZEALAND AREA SCHOOLS' TOURNAMENT

Our raffle has been drawn this week:

1st: Tweed, 2nd: Nic Lang, 3rd: Trumper

Many thanks everyone for the support you have given this group of students.

BACON FUNDRAISER We are currently taking orders for Hellers Bacon. 1 pack \$8-00 or 3 packs for \$20-00. All orders and money to school office before end of term, Friday 6th July, with delivery Friday 3rd August. Any orders to Jenny Keeble in office 314 4430 or 027 223 9584.

CHEESE ROLL FUNDRAISER The Investigating Community (Year 8-10) are fundraising for their up and coming camp to Wellington. We are making cheese rolls. You can order through Jen Banks 027 214 4503 or the school office.

HANGI UPADTE The plan is now to put the hangi down on Tuesday 3rd July for an end of term celebration with Matariki. Prep will take place on Monday 2nd July. We will shift the date again if we have to, dependent on the weather. We will let everyone know of further updates via the school newsletter and facebook.

YEAR 8-10 SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to all involved in the Year 8-10 Science Fair for 2018. A special Thank you to Kushla Tapper and Tim Kelly for kindly volunteering to judge all of the entries.

Congratulations to the following:

Year 8 Science Fair winners for 2018

1st - Ella Ferguson with *Sunscreen Vs Zinc*,

2nd - Daniel Topp with *Like the back of my hand*,

3rd - MacKenzie Dench with *How plants help our water*,

Highly Commended - Ruth Buckland with *Crazy Colours*

Highly Commended - Brandon Johnson with *Soggy Madness*

Year 9 Science Fair winners for 2018

1st - *Sound Dampeners* by Campbell Shepherd

2nd - *Skert Skert* by William Costello

3rd - *Get a fire going* by Joseph Clark

Highly Commended - *Salt, Ice, Baby* by Tahlia Beck

Highly Commended - *Motorbike Skills* by Martin Quigley

Year 10 Science Fair winners for 2018

1st - *Astonishing Apples* by Callum Clausen

2nd - *Will it bend* by Emily McNaughton

3rd - *Break it down* by Roddy Murchison

Highly Commended *Wishy Washy* by Liam Cassidy

Highly Commended - *Don't be a clown* by Sakoya Johnston & Crystal Reed

Awards will be presented at the final assembly in Week 10.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY 1st July 2018

Anglican/Presbyterian 9.00am St James, Hawarden

Catholic Sat 30 Jun, 6.30pm Culverden

Living Waters 10.30am - 12 noon 47 Princes Street, Waikari

Waikari Gospel Hall 11:15am, Bible teaching, Sunday School, 5 Denham Terrace

Hawarden Library

Library open

Mon-Thu 9am to 4pm Fri: 9am to 5pm
School holidays: Tue, Wed, Fri: 10am - 2pm



FREE Computing classes

starting July 31. Numbers limited.

31 Jul Spreadsheets

7 Aug Digital Design (Publisher)

14 Aug Google Drive

28 Aug Digital photos

Enrolments can be made online at

www.steppingup.nz

or contact Paul at the library.

Other classes are being offered through Hurunui District Libraries.

For more information, ask at any Hurunui Library.

These classes are run by the 20/20 Trust - Stepping Up organisation.

The tutor at Hawarden is Paul Munnerley, at Amberley it will be various Hurunui Library staff.

Hawarden Library 314-4652
hawarden@hurunuilibrary.govt.nz



You can drive right to the library, after 3.15pm and in the holidays. During school time please park in the carpark.

COUNTRY LIFE: we have a fresh selection of these magazines in now

CONSUMER: this magazine has now gone bi-monthly

The Library will close at 4pm on Friday 6th July

WELCOME TO AMURI The Amuri Rural Women's Dinner Group would like to invite all Amuri Residents, both old and new to a "WELCOME" party at Amuri School Hall Friday 6th July. 6.30 pm start with 6.45pm pot luck dinner. Bring your family, friends, plate, cutlery, cup, drinks and a dish to share for dinner. Meet old friends and new neighbours. Welcome packs are available by contacting us. For more info contact Alex 0272158003, Sharron 3158508 or Text 0274754129, davie-martin@amuri.net

ADVERTISING

HURUNUI JET

We are now selling Bosch vehicle batteries . If you have got a battery problem call Murray 03 314 4449 .

Also selling smoke alarms ,if you need one please call

HURUNUI JET 03 314 4449.

SIMPLY CARPET CLEANING

Will be in Hawarden / Hurunui area on Monday 2nd July and

Tuesday 3rd July. For a wonderful, professional clean of carpets, upholstery and car seats. Very reasonable prices.

Phone Margaret 03 314 4451 or Richard on 0204 085 6891

or go to my facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SimplyCarpetCleaning1>.

TO GIVE AWAY / WANTED

Wanted: A ride to Rangiora Community College Monday to Friday for female student. Starting 2nd July needs to be at college for 8.30am. Start and finishes at 4pm. Will share costs. Kathy Clyma 027 611 2463.

Wanted: Anyone have any surplus wooden coat hangers that you no longer require. My Mum has a project on the go and would love to have any just sitting collecting dust or simply not required. Phone: Jenny 03 314 4698 or 027 223 9584.

Wanted: Does anyone have any old wearable rugby boots/soccer boots or netball boots no longer required. We were hoping to forward to a FIJI village/school. We will also be sending an old set of netball gear. Please contact Jenny or get to school office before end of term. Many thanks in advance. Ph 027 223 9584/03 314 4698.

FOR SALE

2002 SS Holden V8 Ute 165,000kms. Current WoF and reg. Phone Sam 314 2226 or 021 384 794.

Well Rotted Sheep Manure \$7 per bag. Phone John Crean, 314 4311.

Hay, Baleage, Straw For Sale Phone John McMillan. Phone 027 2360 324.

Huntaway Pups For Sale 8 week old huntaway pups for sale, \$50, please call Andrew Gunn 03 314 4342.

Mazda Familia 1997—New Price \$2100. The German volunteers want to sell their car before they leave, at the start of July. Perfect learner's car, 5 seats. 199,***kms, WoF Sept 2018, rego 31 July 2018. . Contact 027 573 0389.

HAWARDEN NETBALL DRAW, Saturday 30th June,

Culverden

9.30am	Hawarden PB	vs Culv PB	Court 2
	Hawarden FF5	vs Chev FF5	Court 4
10.30am	Hawarden B	vs Wai B	Court 2
11.30am	Hawarden PA	vs Wai PA	Court 3
12.00noon	Hawarden FF6	vs Chev FF6	Court 4
12.30pm	Hawarden A	vs Glen A	Court 1

HURUNUI HAZARDS MASTERS NETBALL Our team is after any catering jobs, bar work etc to help our way to masters this year in October. If you have anything you might need help with. Get in touch with Jac Wright 027 635 1165 or Tara Abbott 027 408 2926

WALKING GROUP

Everybody is most welcome. Please come along and join in for walk. We normally walk for 1 hour. It would be lovely to see some new faces come along.

When: Thursday 5th July

Where: Meeting at the Hawarden Rugby Clubrooms in the car park

Time: 10.00am

Contact Cath Petrie

P 021 117 1142

E hwconnector@gmail.com

Hawarden Waikari
**COMMUNITY
CONNECTOR**

YEAR 1-7 SCHOOL DISCO, 29TH JUNE 6-8PM

CORRECTED START TIME

\$2 entry. Hurunui College school gym
Theme is 'FAVOURITE MUSICALS'
Refreshments and glowy things
available for sale.

THIS IS STUDENT WRITING, FROM KOWHAI CLASS

They had to imagine life in Gallipoli 100 years ago, and write a letter home from their point of view.

Written by Katelyn Burnett, Kowhai Class, 9 yr old

Dear my lovely Kate, thank you for your cards and letters. You are growing up so fast, I am so proud of you at helping your grandmother. There are rats everywhere. Luckily the dogs are getting them. I have ben helping people in need, that have been hurt and have wounds. There is a lot of blood to clean up but it is my job and I like helping the men. I wish I could be back home right now but I can't. I am in Gallipoli right now. There are quite a few mascots here. There are donkeys, cats, dogs, monkeys and even horses. But the smell is horrible. The rifles we use have knives at the end of them. I feel sad about losing my friends. I've lost three of them. Their names are Lilly and Charlotte and Lucy and they are lying in holes. I have been busy working with them. There are about 2000 people here and about so far 100 dead. I miss you too much. Can you look after your grandmother, love from your loving mother Rosy. PS The photo is of the nurses helping the wounded. They are lying on the couches on June 6th last month. We are very tired. I wish I could write more to you, but I've got to go now. Love you, my lovely daughter Kate. From your lovely mum, Rose, February 18th, 1918.

Written by Josie Earl, Kowhai Class 8 yr old

To my dearest Charlotte

Just got off the ship in Egypt. They are training us for war. It is really hot, so it feels like my skin will burn off!! Two months till I fight the Turks. I'm gonna be scared and I'm missing you lots. Send me some socks please, I am running low, and a big cake. I miss your baking. The food here is disgusting.

If you are thinking that we are shooting real people, we aren't. We are shooting dummies. We eat bully beef stew. I hate it. We eat it every night! I love the drip rifle, I love that gun. It's a great invention. I miss you so so much. I wish I was this letter so I could come home and give you a big hug.

My mates are going good at their shooting. They don't miss. Hopefully they don't die. The nurses are looking after all of us just in case we get shot. Only one person in a battalion has got shot. But it isn't too bad, which is good.

Have a great time and I love you lots. In the photo is my favourite mascot (a pigeon). I'm sending my mate a message so I can talk strategy with him.

I'm getting homesick, I can't stand it here. It's awful! The smell! My friends are all good. They love it here, but I hate it here. I love you. But they do miss their families. This is the worst. Soon I have to go on the ship, I'm not looking forward to it. I heard the trenches were that deep that you can't look out of it.

Wish me luck, your loving husband, Jimmy.

INTER SCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION Big ups to those who participated in the Canterbury Competitive Inter School Chess competition on Tuesday 26th June at Te Hapua Centre, Halswell. Both teams had a great time and picked up a few skills and strategies along the way. Thank you to Lawrence McKay for helping with transport as well.



WOW

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