



Term Four, Week Nine – Monday 9th December – Friday 13th December 2024

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

On Monday, staff put up a Christmas tree in the Staffroom. Due to misplacing the previous year's decorations, staff had students use their creativity to produce new ones.

Paper chains, painted flags from different countries and handmade ornaments adorned the tree to give it a festive and original look.

A couple of very pensive staff just sat back and observed the Christmas fairies while they did all the decorating!!!



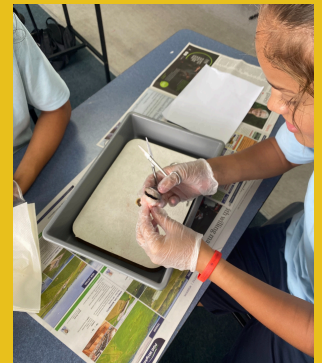
STUDENT SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

The Chiefs Rugby Club recently hosted a highly successful U16 Foundation Clinic, bringing together young players from all of its Provincial Unions. The Clinic's primary goal was to identify and nurture talented rugby players within the Chiefs region while strengthening connections with the club. Corey Hobbs and Takarei Bidois enjoyed this Clinic and learnt many new skills.

SCIENCE FACULTY

In Year 9 science Students have been learning about light. As part of the topic the students had the opportunity to dissect a cow's eye.

Lots of fun was had by all.



HOSPITALITY

Christmas cookie fun for the last Kai Passport.



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JUNIORS END OF YEAR TRIPS

On Wednesday the Year 9 students were blessed with perfect weather for their highly anticipated end-of-year trip to Te Awamutu. Thanks to Whaea Samm's fantastic organisation, the students enjoyed an action-packed day filled with swimming, sports, hydroslices and plenty of fun.

The day started with intense games of basketball on the courts where the competitive spirit was high and the energy electric. Later the group headed outdoors to enjoy the sunshine with more games and activities before cooling off in the pool. Lunch was a hit with delicious pizzas devoured by all and the day ended on a sweet note with everyone enjoying a refreshing Trumpet ice cream just before heading back. A special thank you to Mr Manuel, Mrs Pemberton, Mr Parsons and Miss Slade for supporting the trip and helping make the day such a success.

The Year 9s had an unforgettable day creating lasting memories to celebrate the end of a fantastic year.

The Year 10 students recently enjoyed an exciting trip to The Base in Hamilton, packed with fun, food and entertainment! The day began with a special screening of Moana 2, where everyone was captivated by the adventurous tale. After the movie, the students headed to Timezone for some thrilling games and activities. Lunch was next on the agenda, giving everyone a chance to refuel before exploring the shopping options. It was a fantastic day filled with laughter, bonding and memories that will last a lifetime.

A Reflection As Year 10 Dean

It has been an absolute privilege to serve as the Year 10 Dean this year. Watching this group grow into resilient, kind and ambitious young individuals has been incredibly rewarding. From their dedication to their studies to their outstanding achievements in sports, arts and community involvement, they have continually impressed me with their hard work and determination.

As they prepare to step into the role of senior students next year, I have no doubt they will continue to shine and lead by example. I wish them all the very best for this next chapter and look forward to seeing the amazing things they will accomplish. Thank you for a wonderful year, Year 10 2024 I'm so proud of you all!



FAREWELL - RETIREMENT

It was with great sadness that Mrs Karen Flay was farewelled at morning tea on Thursday. Karen is retiring from decades spent nurturing minds, solving problems and guiding students along their paths. Karen's legacy is etched not just in the countless lessons taught, but in the lives she has touched.

Karen has given students the tools to shape their futures and her influence reaches far beyond the walls of this College. With every generation of students she has helped, she leaves behind an indelible mark — one that echoes in the careers and lives of doctors, artists, engineers and leaders who once sat in her classroom. We hope retirement brings Karen the relaxation, joy and freedom to pursue all the things she has been looking forward to.

The words below were shared at morning tea by Principal, Mrs Lyndsay Kurth.

There's a teacher we cherish, who's leaving today,
Her impact so vast, it's hard to convey.
With a heart full of kindness and wisdom to share,
She gave every student her love and her care.

She always put students first, that's a fact,
With patience and warmth, she made such an impact.
In the classroom her guidance would shine,
Shaping young minds and talents divine.

The netball court felt her passionate spark,
Where teamwork and effort lit up the dark.
She taught girls to play, but much more than that,
She showed them resilience, and where joy is at.

For her colleagues, she stood as a pillar of strength,
Offering support that went to great length.
A mentor, a friend, with a listening ear,
She made every challenge much easier to clear.

Now it's her time to step into the sun,
To rest and to cherish all she has done.
May her days be as bright as the joy she bestowed,
With adventures ahead on life's open road.

So here's to a teacher who gave us her best,
Who's earned every moment of this well-deserved rest.
Though we'll miss her each day, her legacy stays,
In the lives she has touched in so many ways.

Thank you, dear Karen, for all that you've done,
Your journey in teaching was a remarkable one.
We wish you great joy, wherever you roam,
And hope that your retirement feels just like home.



JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

On Friday, 13 December, the College held its Junior Prizegiving, a celebration of success and excellence across all aspects of College life: Sport, Culture and Academia. The event highlighted the outstanding achievements of our students, with a total of 173 students acknowledged for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Special awards were presented to recognise exceptional accomplishments, including Sportsman of the Year was Thomas Corley, Sportswoman of the Year was Skylah Stafford, Cultural Personality was Tepola Levula, Top Academic for Year 9 was Kanohi -Marama Martin and Year 10 was Karla Davey. The prestigious Tuwhangai Trophy was awarded to Maggie Wilson.

We are immensely proud of all our students' accomplishments in 2024 and look forward to seeing them continue to excel in the years to come.

Congratulations to everyone for their hard work and well-deserved recognition!



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday 30th January Term One Begins for Year 9s
Monday 3rd February Years 9 to 13 at College

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