

BULLER HIGH SCHOOL

Te Kura Tuarua o Kawatiri

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FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: office@buller.ac.nz

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2010. I hope everyone had a good holiday and is refreshed for the term and year ahead.

I was privileged to be involved in the Senior and Junior Prizegiving last year and was amazed at the positive feel and support throughout the School. Long may it last.

Last year was an eventful one for Your School with many positive events including the ERO report, and this year we hope to consolidate and build on that.

This is going to be a busy year for the School with the new Hall project underway and the election of a new School Board.

For the new Hall we will endeavour to keep you informed of progress as each milestone is achieved.

For the new Board, nominations will be called for by 15 March with elections on 7 May. The term is for three years. From my part I have found the experience rewarding and enjoyed working with a team committed to your High School. I encourage those who do want to see the School continuing to achieve and move forward, to seriously think about this role. Further information will follow shortly.

I have no doubt we will all have challenges ahead but I am sure they can be met and passed with planning, hard work, perseverance, integrity, communication and teamwork.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL: principal@buller.ac.nz

Tena Koutou Katoa

Year 9 students have made a positive start to the year, ably assisted by Year 10-14 students who are helping them to settle in.

As many of you will have seen in the Westport News, our NCEA results had some highs and some lows, but of particular note are:

- the year 12 pass rate which at 83% surpassed National Level 2 Pass Rates by 8%
- the level one numeracy pass rate of 95.29%
- the leavers from year 13 obtaining a qualification pass rate of 100%.
- 9 students had certificates endorsed with merit:

Andrew McMillan, Jordan Halsall-Rae, Rachel Pahl, Dylan Paterson, Kelsie Henley, Abbie Hollingworth, Tui Amies, Tamika Green, Renee Straker.

Ben Reynolds and Ali Haarsma gained endorsements for Excellence.

Congratulations all of you on your fine achievements.

We are fully staffed for term one, with Rachel Quennell Acting HOD Technology pending a permanent appointment to replace Helen Millen. Sheree Hollis is relieving Assistant Teacher in the department.

Term two and three will see some staff movement as Mrs Thomas and Mrs Jar will be taking maternity leave, and in Term two I will be taking a term's sabbatical. I am pleased to report with confidence that there will be a strong Senior Management Team in Term two, when Mr Basher will be acting Principal, Mr Forsyth will be acting Deputy Principal and Mrs Judith Millar will return to school as acting Assistant Principal. Corrina Batt remains in her Senior Management position of Executive Officer. She will be particularly busy in the coming months monitoring the Hall project as it gets underway this year. Appointments to the Maths and Science vacancies will be announced shortly.

Uniform is looking good and students are wearing it with pride. Buller High School has high expectations of all students, especially seniors, with regards to setting the standard of dress, and students wanting to attend Buller High School need to understand that being able to do so is dependent on the correct uniform being worn at all times. Parents, please don't be surprised if your child is stood down for violation of our dress code this year, as repeated infringements will be classed as "continual disobedience". It is demoralising for the 99% of our students who look so smart to see a few getting away with incorrect dress, therefore it is only fair to them to make sure all students follow the rules.

Buller High School is making a determined effort to reduce the number of altercations between students this year, and to also lift the manners of all students in dealing with their peers and adults. The 4 Rs are being promoted: Relationships, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, in an attempt to lessen the put downs and disrespect which often happen. In Term one we are focussing on relationships, ie what makes a good relationship, and how each one of us can do our bit to make our relationships with others positive. I hope parents will start to see the benefits of this at home.

Finally, I wish all those taking part in the Buller Gorge Marathon well. This is an awesome event of national stature and very good for Westport. Anyone wishing to sponsor my walking the half marathon may ring the school office with an amount. I expect to stagger home before the organisers have shut up shop and gone home for the day!!!

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All Parents/Caregivers Welcome To The Following School Events



SWIMMING SPORTS DAY: WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY

The postponement day is Friday 19 February

All students wear their House colours (be creative) and must bring their swimming togs, towel, hat, bottle of water and sunscreen.

Sometimes warm clothing is needed to protect from cold weather. House points are awarded for the best presented House. Any students who are not swimming **MUST** have a note from their parents/caregivers.

Please listen to Coast FM for postponement information.

ATHLETICS DAY 2010:

Buller High School is holding the annual Athletics Day on **Thursday 25**

February. If postponed the reserve day is **Tuesday 2 March**. All students must first arrive at School (in PE uniform) and attend housetime as usual at 8.45am for roll call. All students will then make their way down to Victoria Square for the start of the sporting events at 9.15am. If there is a postponement then information will be available on **Coast FM from 7am** at regular intervals. If you are unsure then it would be best for students to come in uniform and bring their sports gear with them.

Students' parents and family are encouraged to attend and support their children.

Lunch will start at approx 12.30pm for 1 hour.

Rainbow Cake Kitchen will have food for sale.

Students are not allowed to leave Victoria Square.



Students are reminded to:

- Wear their PE shorts with house colour tee shirts and suitable footwear for sports
- Bring their lunch and plenty to drink
- Bring their sunscreen and sun hat.

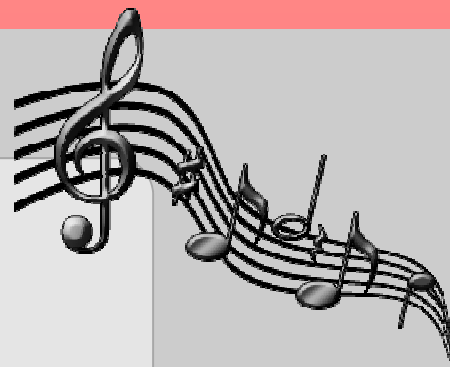
Congratulations to the following Buller High School students who were successful in the Trinity Guildhall London Theory examinations held in November 2009 in Westport:

Grade 1: **Brooke Scarlett** - Distinction (pupil of Rona Halsall)

Grade 2: **Katelyn Elley** - Distinction (pupil of Tina Taylor)

Sommer Meagher - Merit (pupil of Tina Taylor)

Grade 4: **Brooke McDonnell** - Pass (pupil of Tina Taylor)



Thank you Solid Energy New Zealand Limited!!!

Solid Energy New Zealand Limited, in continuing their commitment to enhancing educational opportunities on the West Coast, has once again sponsored our school, making a wonderful contribution of \$5,625.

The School goal, "striving towards excellence through raising expectations" is again the theme for 2010. The money will therefore be allocated towards further development of the photographic display in the School foyer, which celebrates student success and the diversity of activities at our school. The greater part of the

sponsorship will be allocated to bringing in external trainers and motivators to work with senior students on raising their expectations and increasing their study skills.

We would not be able to run this programme without the support of Solid Energy and we thank them for their continued commitment to our students.

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ROWING TEAM

The Buller High School students involved in the Kawatiri Rowing Club had a very successful summer training camp and Otago Championships Regatta during the January holidays. All crews made huge improvements during the week, even if the boys did fall out of the boat on day 1! Danny Cockfield and Denym Antonievic gained 2nd place in their double final at the Regatta.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

17 February:	School swimming sports
19 February:	Backup day - swimming sports
25 February:	School athletic sports
26 - 28 February:	CMS Rowing Ashburton
28 February - 1 March:	Kaiapoi Cricket
2 March:	Backup day - athletic sports
3 March:	Water Polo House sports
5 - 7 March:	SISS Rowing
10 March:	Interim reports posted
17 March:	Parent Evening
24 March:	School closing at 2.10pm
1 April:	Last day of Term 1
19 April:	First day of Term 2

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON THEIR FINE ACHIEVEMENTS:

Congratulations to Jesse Forsyth and Max McDonald. Both boys who are new Year 9 students excelled at the South Island Primary Schools Cricket Tournament in Alexandra. From this both boys were selected for the Canterbury Districts Team and competed in a Triangular Tournament with the Metro and Southern Teams.



Congratulations to Abby Thomas who rides for Amberleigh Stud, on her equestrian success. Abby has just made the transition to the hack ring from ponies. Recently Abby won:

- NZ Grand National Senior Rider
- NZ Grand National Smartest on Parade
- NZ Grand National Senior Unity (Winner all 3 phases, unit, turnout, rider)
- NZ Grand National Ridden Warm blood
- Runner up Paced and Mannered horse





UNIFORM

Please remember that the girls blue skirt is **not part of the School uniform**. The accepted skirts are either the tartan skirt or tartan kilt, both available from Postie Plus.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

The Board of Trustees has appointed Canterbury Education Services as Returning Officer. CES will co-ordinate the voting process on behalf of the Board.

IMPORTANT BOARD OF TRUSTEES DATES

- 15 March: Nomination papers posted home
- 23 April: Nominations close
- 28 April: Voting papers posted
- 7 May: Voting closes

WE WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER. HOWEVER, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



REMINDER

It's very hot outside at the moment!! Please remember to drink plenty of water throughout the day, wear sunscreen and wear a sunhat!!!

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

It is very important that we have the correct contact details for you. If we have a medical emergency or need to contact you urgently, we need to know the correct number. If you are not able to be contacted, then please provide us with an alternative number.

STUDENT NAME:.....

PARENT/CAREGIVER:

PHONE NUMBER:.....

ALTERNATIVE NAME AND NUMBER:

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- Students will be encouraged to leave cell phones at home altogether.
- Students will not be able to use cell phones at any time at school.
- If cell phones are brought to school they must be switched off and out of sight for the whole of the school day.
- If a cell phone is seen or used at school during the school day, including interval and lunchtime, it will be confiscated and taken to the office - **no exceptions**.
- The cell phone will be held at the office for 2 weeks, after which a parent, who will be asked to pay a \$10 administration fee for its return, may collect it.
- **Collection will be on Fridays.**
- A parent may opt not to pay the \$10 administration fee, in which case the phone will be kept until the end of term, or for 10 weeks whichever is the **greater**.
- Students may use the office phone to call home on important matters.
- Caregivers may call the office with a message for students if there is a need.
- The message will be delivered to the student.