

BULLER HIGH SCHOOL

Te Kura Tuarua o Kawatiri

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

Term one completed already - it must be an age thing but the years seem to go quickly these days. Just a reminder that nomination forms for the School Board are available and can be obtained from the School Office.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Dr Grainger the best for her well earned sabbatical (next term) and the Board looks forward to working closely with Andrew Basher over the next few months in his role as Acting Principal.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL: principal@buller.ac.nz

I'd like to thank all parents, staff and students for making Term one such a positive and settled start to the year. Year 9 students in particular have settled in well and are stepping up to the challenge of Secondary School. Behaviour and study habits overall are improving, and it gives me great pleasure to see the pride students are taking in their appearance and their work.

I am particularly pleased to be finishing Term one on a high note as I will be on sabbatical leave for the whole of Term two. This means I can work on a personal study or development project away from Buller High School. During my absence the School will be in the very capable hands of Mr Basher, Mr Forsyth, Mrs Millar and Mrs Batt. Mr Basher will be Acting Principal and I look forward to copying all the good ideas he puts in place, when I get back on 20 July at the start of Term two.

In the mean-time I am busy tidying my office to leave him with a clean desk to begin the term.

The 4Rs will continue to be a whole school focus with a move on emphasis from Relationships to Respect. Respecting yourself, your family, your school and others is a first step in **gaining** the respect of others.

Taking responsibility for our own actions and understanding the responsibilities we have to school, family, our friends and ourselves puts us well on the way to earning the respect of others and developing the resilience to bounce back when something is troubling us. These are important lessons to learn.

Term One	Relationships
Term Two	Respect
Term Three	Responsibility
Term Four	Resilience

In conclusion, I wish Mr Basher all the best for his time in the Principal's office. I will be able to spin my little red car's wheels on Thursday, confident that I am leaving a happy school in good hands!!!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1 April:	Last day of Term 1
19 April:	First day of Term 2
22 April:	Careers Expo, Shantytown

BULLER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EXCEL AT WEST COAST ATHLETICS

The recent West Coast Secondary Schools' Athletics day saw Buller High School students achieve their best result in many years coming away with 11 West Coast titles. Charlotte Elley had a fantastic meet coming away with the 100m, 200m, 400m, Long Jump and High Jump (breaking the Buller High School record she recently set at our local sports).

Results;

Charlotte Elley: 1st 100m, 200m, 400m, Long Jump, High Jump

Jimmy Tisbury: 1st High Jump, 2nd Long Jump, 3rd Javelin

Molli Daily: 1st High Jump, 3rd Long Jump

Jacinta Roberts: 1st Javelin, 3rd Discus

Dana Button: 1st 800m, 1500m, 3rd 400m

Brydie Forsyth: 1st Long Jump, 2nd 100m, 1500m

Ashleigh Heath: 1st Discus

Jesse Forsyth: 2nd Discus

Rata Ngatai: 2nd 100m, Long Jump, Discus

Simun White: 2nd Shot Put, 3rd Discus

Hannah McMillan: 2nd 100m, 200m, 3rd 400m

Hannah Tuisamoa: 2nd Javelin, 3rd Discus

Jordan Lineham: 2nd 800m, 1500m

Mick Grafton: 2nd 400m

Blessings Ndebele: 2nd Long Jump, High Jump

Sofie Heaphy: 3rd Long Jump, Shot Put

Sita Ndebele: 3rd 400m

Jahman MacKay: 3rd Javelin

Denym Antonievic: 3rd 400m

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ORTHOGRAPHICALLY GIFTED STUDENTS

If you can spell EXISTENTIALISM, CORNUCOPIA and BILGE, you would have had an excellent shot at winning the First Annual Buller High School Spelling Bee. Held at 7pm on 15 March and attended by 12 students keen to 'give it a go,' this first Spelling Bee was a successful learning experience for everyone involved. Chocolate greeted all participants and after half an hour the field was narrowed down to four. As CD and Ashleigh fell away, Hannah Reedy trumped Amber by accurately spelling INFLAMMATORY.

A big congratulation goes out to all participants and thanks to Mr Curnow, Dr Grainger and Gina for their help. Let's drum up support to ensure that another bee happens soon! rachael.penwarden@buller.ac.nz

Congratulations to the following students who either won prizes or achieved 'highly commended' in the My Home Art Competition they recently took part in:

Nikita Hall, Paige Fathers, Purple O'Keefe, Theresa Gilbert, Louwren Kloppers and McGregor Fussell.



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.

Voting papers have been posted and voting closes on Friday 7 May.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

HOCKEY TRAINING!!

Hockey training for all boys, Years 9-13 is held on Tuesdays. Training times are from 3.30pm – 5.00pm and players are expected to train with a mouth-guard, shin pads and in their PE uniform. The winter season starts on **Monday 12 April**. If you cannot make these trainings please see Mr Jar.



GIRLS BASKETBALL UNSTOPPABLE

The Buller High School Girls Basketball team has earned themselves a reputation as a force to be reckoned with. They competed with stubborn Buller pride on the weekend of 20 March, winning their first game 64-51 and their second 58-48.

Congratulations to the team: **Ellie Ngatai, Rata Ngatai, Carly McMillan, Mollie Daily, Charlotte Elley, Elise Basher, Sophie Currie, Hannah McMillan and Hannah Campbell.**

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!!

The Buller under 17 Girls Basketball team played brilliantly last weekend winning all games at the Under 17 Top of the South Regional Tournament held here in Westport. This tournament is used as a warm-up for the South Island Premiership qualifying tournament. Buller's defense was a major feature where they limited both Marlborough and Nelson to under 40 points. Full results were:

Buller vs West Coast: **93-12**

Buller vs Marlborough: **50-36**

Buller vs Nelson: **55-39**

Buller vs West Coast Under 19: **68-20**

The team was **Ellie Ngatai, Carly McMillan, Mollie Daily, Rata Ngatai, Charlotte Elley, Elise Basher, Hannah McMillan, Hannah Martin, Sophie Currie and Polly Hill.**



Term Two Changes

In Term two there will be some class changes as the Principal will be on a one term sabbatical.

Class Changes for the Term

Mr Basher Acting Principal
Mr Forsyth Acting Deputy Principal
Mrs Millar Acting Assistant Principal

10I Maths
Year 11 Maths
10U SS

Mr Hollis's class will be taken by Ms Pavka
Mr Basher's class will be taken by Mr Hollis
Ms Pavka's class will be taken by Mrs Millar

We also welcome back Mrs Dent who will be taking over Miss Westoby's classes for the remainder of the year.

YEAR 11 NCEA PE: ainslie.savage@buller.ac.nz

We are currently doing a haoura (well being) unit. This unit involves students participating in a different team, individual, and work-out activity every lesson and then reflecting on how different physical activities affect our overall 'haoura'. Some of the activities include Suzy Atkin Aerobic day... 80's outfits included!! We also have activities planned for next term such as aqua aerobics, boxing classes and squash.



YEAR 9 CAMPS:

Year 9 house group camps occurred during week six of this term. Each house went out overnight. Grey arrived on the Wednesday and had the luxury of getting to the camp-site with the tents already pitched. Thanks Wilding! For most of the week the weather was fantastic - sunny and hot with only Seddon getting a dowsing of rain at the end of the week. By around 11am many students were asking when they could go for a swim....But first they had to get down underground! The Ventura Caves are always a highlight of the camps and this year was no exception. Students had the opportunity to see the inside of a limestone cave, shimmy past the 'bottomless pool' and hold their nerve to navigate through 'the squeeze'. 18 students in, 18 out! Many thanks to Mr Jar and Ethan Hogarth for making this a really cool experience.

Students then learned how to cross a river safely - very important on the West Coast!! Then they went for their much earned swim. Dinner was a Mr Jar favourite - fettuccini. Apparently Wilding were the best cooks. Grey's was OK. Seddon received an honourable mention, but Marsden bombed when they tried grating carrot into it and turned the whole meal orange!

The evening of the first day was spent around the campfire at Constance Bay and then the student leaders blindfolded the year 9s and put them through a night line course. These courses are very amusing for those watching as students get tangled up in themselves and around trees that may or may not just be branches held in front of them.

After a restful sleep in their 3-man tents the students got up to their second day of tramping and swimming. The Nine Mile coastal walk takes around 2 hours and covers old gold mining ground that is finally being reclaimed by the New Zealand bush.

Once back at school the students were treated to a swim and sausage sizzle. Many thanks to Mr Jar and the student leaders for making this an exciting and well run camp.





The English Department has recently completed the 2010 speech competitions for Years 9 and 10. Selected students from each junior class were invited to compete in the house competition held in the library. 14 students competed in front of parents, siblings, teachers and friends. The Year 9 winner was Katelyn Elley from Marsden House and Angus Pahl from Grey House won the Year 10 section.

Angus and Katelyn then went on to represent the School at the district final of the Rotary Speech Competition. Angus won with Katelyn in second place. English teachers were very impressed with the overall quality of the speeches this year. It augurs well for future achievement at NCEA level.

Year 13 PE City 2 Surf Run

The Year 13 PE class took part in the annual City-2-Surf Run on Sunday 21 March in Christchurch. The run was used as a way to measure the effects of their training that they had completed in the six weeks prior to the race.

Initially a training run to the tip head and back to school frightened many of the students. However, as their bodies adapted to the workload they felt more comfortable with each subsequent run. All of the students completed the run in a respectable time especially after a chaotic start.



Mr Jar



Day 1: Lunch 3pm—Cannibal Gorge Hut.
Six hours of tramping lay ahead before the day was to be complete.

Senior OE Trip- St James Track

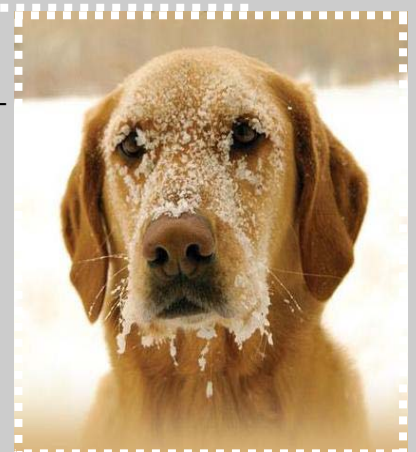
In week seven of Term one the OE students took to the field with their backpacks, scroggin and Ridgeline to tramp the St James Track. Mr Jar and Joanna Love assisted the group on their ambitious plan of walking the track in three days instead of the recommended leisurely five days. The Lewis Pass threw a range of weather conditions at the group with high winds, a smattering of snow on the tops, cold temperatures, frost underfoot and periods of bright sunny skies.

Staff were impressed with the tenacity and perseverance of the students, as after trekking up to 13 hours on Day 2 they all remained positive and upbeat. Navigating in the dark by head torch was a highlight (excuse the pun) for some. For others it was the triple scoop ice cream cone that we had at Reefton on our return to Westport. Many thanks to Joanna Love who was brilliant throughout the trip.

Brrrrr!!!

As the Winter months approach, please remember that the following uniform rules apply:

- **Raincoat:** PVC/Nylon Black OR School Sports Jacket. *These are not to be worn in class*
- **Buller High School Polar Fleece**
- **School Vest**
- **School Blazer:** For Year 12/13 students
- **Girls Tights:** Black (not with socks)
- **Girls Socks:** Black, over the knee or white ankle
- **Boys Socks:** School grey with black and blue bands
- **Scarf:** Buller High School. Banded Royal/Black



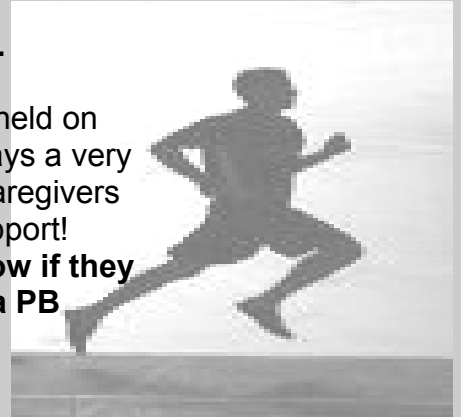
ENGLISH TUTORIALS

Next term the English Department will again be offering tutorials. They will be held on Thursdays and we are seeking feedback on whether parents and students would prefer these tutorials to be during lunch or after school.

Contact Ray Curnow ray.curnow@buller.ac.nz or Rachael Penwarden rachael.penwarden@buller.ac.nz if you have any questions.

Cross Country in Term 2.

Our 2010 Cross Country will be held on **Wednesday 28 April**. This is always a very exciting event. All Parents and Caregivers are welcome to lend their support! **Students should start training now if they want to run a good time or a PB (Personal Best).**



MAADI CUP:

The rowing team from Buller High have just come back from a week at Lake Ruataniwha for the NZ Secondary School Rowing Championships. They had a very successful week with three crews gaining repechages. Tamika Green and Tegan Pearson very nearly made the semi final in the Under 16 double sculls. All crews rowed the best they have ever rowed. Coach, Claire Westoby was very proud of the effort they made and of the high standard of behaviour throughout the week. They were also lucky enough to visit Mt Cook, the Sir Edmund Hillary Museum, the Planetarium and the Mt John Observatory where they were able to look through a 12 inch telescope to see the Moon, Saturn and bright stars.



YEAR 11 SCIENCE (SC101) RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT 'MICRO-BUGS IN FOOD'

Students should complete this assignment because:

- a. Merit or Excellence can be attained. This can only be of benefit for students seeking an endorsed certificate.
- b. Work towards these 2 credits will also help students pass the 3 credit Microbiology external exam
- c. It is 2 credits closer to the magic 80 required for NCEA Level 1!

Students have all the information that they require to start this assessment and a time-line of milestones to reach. The final report is due **Friday 7 May**.

GREEN UP CLEAN UP

9W Environmental Studies class chose to participate in a "Green Up Clean Up" fundraiser. We hope to raise enough money to purchase Recycling Bins for the School.

The School selected this activity for our students to participate in as it sends a positive environmental message to the whole school and wider community and we would value your support. Each student will have come home with a special sponsor book to collect sponsorship money for collecting rubbish along Derby Street and along North Beach.

The event was held on Wed 31 March; Periods 4 & 5 (1.10 till 3.10pm).

The sponsorship money and forms need to be back at school on the first day of Term 2.

Thank you for your support.

Any queries please email Janet Pottinger

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CAREERS CORNER

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We have the upcoming Year 13 Careers trip to Christchurch to visit Coca-Cola in May and also a trip to the West Coast Careers Expo in Shantytown on Thursday 22 April (Week one of Term two). If your child is interested in attending, ask them to see Mrs Comeskey for a permission form. Also we are lucky enough to have the InZone Careers bus visiting us on Wednesday 5 May for junior students.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON THEIR FINE ACHIEVEMENTS

Tui	Amies	For	Merit	In	NCEA Level 1
Charlotte	Elley	For	Excellence	In	West Coast Secondary School's Athletics
Tamika	Green	For	Merit	In	NCEA Level 1
Ali	Haarsma	For	Excellence	In	NCEA Level 1
Jordan	Halsall-Rae	For	Merit	In	NCEA Level 2
Ashleigh	Heath	For	Excellence	In	Chopping
Kelsie	Henley	For	Merit	In	NCEA Level 2
Abbie	Hollingworth	For	Merit	In	NCEA Level 1
Abbie	Hollingworth	For	Excellence	In	Peer Leadership
Andrew	McMillan	For	Merit	In	NCEA Level 3
Rachel	Pahl	For	Merit	In	NCEA Level 2
Dylan	Paterson	For	Merit	In	NCEA Level 2
Ben	Reynolds	For	Excellence	In	NCEA Level 1
Renee	Straker	For	Merit	In	NCEA Level 1
Abby	Thomas	For	Excellence	In	Equestrian

THESE STUDENTS ALL RECEIVED PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS IN TERM ONE

THESE STUDENTS ALL RECEIVED MERIT CERTIFICATES IN TERM ONE

Jacob	Anngow	Seddon
Mairin	Borlase	Seddon
Patrick	Bray	Seddon
Shannon	Brunton	Seddon
Dannielle	Crackett	Seddon
Robert	Currie	Seddon
Sara	Davis	Seddon
Paige	Fathers	Seddon
Graeme	Forbes	Seddon
Shanea	Fox	Seddon
Tyler	Getley	Seddon
Thomas	Grenfell	Seddon
Zoe	Jimink	Seddon
Jolene	Knoetze	Seddon
Cameron	Lawrie	Seddon
Purple	O'Keefe	Seddon
Sybil	Rehu	Seddon
Taylor-Dean	Salter	Seddon
Emily	Smith	Seddon
Holly	Wearing	Seddon
Ashleigh	Walker-Robertson	Seddon
Lourens	Van	Seddon
	Vuuren	
Tessa	Duncan	Seddon

Georgia	Alexander	Grey
Crystal	Dalkie-Hooper	Grey
Charlotte	Elley	Grey
Jack	Ferguson	Grey
Michael	Gilchrist	Grey
Louwrens	Kloppers	Grey
Danielle	Lusk	Grey
Libby	Martin	Grey
Ella	Moore	Grey
Amy	Murphy	Grey
Angus	Pahl	Grey
Jake	Stevenson	Grey
Jack	Turner	Grey
Simun	White	Grey
Tagen	Williamson	Grey
Cody	Wilson	Grey
Connor	Moore	Grey
Luka	Amies	Grey

Reuben	Bowe	Marsden
Rebecca	Macintosh	Marsden
Philip	Major	Marsden
Emilie	Sara	Marsden
Emma	Simpson	Marsden
Tori	Spittal	Marsden
Renee	Straker	Marsden
Luke	Tipping	Marsden
Shelby	Wilkinson	Marsden

Sophie	Anderson	Wilding
Nikita	Hall	Wilding
Sofie	Heaphy	Wilding
Talia	Johnson	Wilding
Christina	Mairs	Wilding
Christina	Bray	Wilding
Tanisha	McDonald	Wilding