

# BULLER HIGH SCHOOL

## Te Kura Tuarua-o-Kawatiri

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**FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** [office@buller.ac.nz](mailto:office@buller.ac.nz)

Welcome back for Term 3. I hope everyone had a good holiday and is refreshed for the term ahead. We are getting to the 'business end' of the year and now is the time to refocus a little bit more before the exams.

Term 2 was a busy term with Mr Basher taking over as Principal, Mr Forsyth taking up his role as Deputy Principal, the Open Night and of course the fantastic Variety Show - what a show! Everyone and I mean everyone did a fantastic job and it was really enjoyable to watch. Well done.

It certainly was great to get positive feedback on the performances and behaviours of High School teams and groups over the holidays. Again, congratulations must go to the students, parents, teachers, local businesses and other supporters who made participation at those events possible and successful. It all reflects well on you as a participant, your team, your school and the Buller.

These experiences provide positive memories to add to your time at High School. Special congratulations go to the Basketball girls who again showed what true teamwork, commitment and a shared goal can achieve.

Kia ora also to Sharina and Vai. We all wish you well in your new roles and we welcome you to our team and our town.

I would like to wish everyone well for the term and the challenges ahead.



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:** [principal@buller.ac.nz](mailto:principal@buller.ac.nz)

Over the holidays the School was a hive of activity with students recording tracks for the Rockquest national finals and in week two, staff were treated to some very nice coffee made by students involved in a Barista course. Year 13 student, Tamika Green, was completing an Outward Bound course while Year 12 student, Danny Cockfield spent 10 days on the Spirit of Adventure. We had the junior netball and the boys and girls basketball teams competing in tournaments in Dunedin and Christchurch. All teams represented our school with pride and were a pleasure for the coaches and managers to take away.

The girls basketball team shocked the rest of the South Island (but not us!) by winning the South Island Championships for schools with over 600 students and shortly will travel to Palmerston North for the National finals. This team, in 2010, won the National Championships for schools under 600 – a very talented group!

It is good to be back at school for another busy term with exams, sports and a real focus, as usual, on teaching and learning.

Senior students will be busily preparing for their school exams, which start on Monday, 15 August. These exams are an important step in their preparation for end of year external exams. It is an opportunity to 'test the water' in terms of their learning to date. For year 11 students it is the first step towards formal NCEA qualifications. The rewards for these students will be directly proportional to the work that they put in; it is their future they are shaping.

In week four, 100 students, accompanied by their coaches and managers leave school to participate in the NZ Secondary Schools Tournament Week. This year we have teams playing all over the country from Timaru in the south to Rotorua in the north. All the hard work pays off for the players and coaches and it is certainly an exciting time for these teams. I would like to express my thanks to all those who have helped these teams in any way, from buying a raffle, donating goods, attending quiz nights to washing cars.

Following their return from Tournament Week the focus will move squarely back onto the curriculum as teachers start to put the finishing touches on their courses and groom students for exam success. Our new Assistant Principal, Mrs Sharina Connell-Mahutariki and her husband, Mr Vairaro Mahutariki, who will be teaching and developing the Maori curriculum at the School, were welcomed to the School by our local community on Sunday 31 July. Both have settled in well and I know the students are

excited about the value they will add to our school.

I look forward to sharing more student and staff successes and would encourage all parents and the community to be involved in the many events scheduled this term.

2011 NEWSLETTER

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### PREFECTS 2012

Applications for Prefects/Peer Support are now available from the Office.

**Applications close  
Friday 2 September.**

**HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES???**

Tena Koe,  
Ko Sharina Mahutariki toku ingoa  
Ko Maungapohatu te Maunga  
Ko Turanga te Awa  
Ko Mataatua te Waka  
Ko Tuhoe te Iwi

I am delighted to have arrived back in New Zealand from living in London for the past 5 years. The people of Westport and Buller High School have been very warm and welcoming which has helped with settling into our new community and home.

I am very much looking forward to this new journey as Assistant Principal at Buller High School. In time I look forward to meeting the many faces of Buller High School and its community. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou  
Sharina Mahutariki



### NZQA 2011

Accounts for NZQA were posted out on Thursday 4 August. The standard fee is \$76.70 per student and enables students to have their results recorded on their Record of Achievement and to receive any certificates.

**Payment for this account must be paid by Friday 9 September.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT A SUBSTANTIAL SUBSIDY IS AVAILABLE TO MANY FAMILIES:**

**Financial Assistance** is available to parents/caregivers who meet one of the following conditions:

- Are getting a Work and Income or Study Link benefit
- Have a Community Services Card
- Have a joint family income that qualifies for a Community Services Card
- Have two or more children entered as candidates this year with fees more than \$200

**Financial Assistance forms are available from the School Office.**

**Applications for Financial Assistance must be made to the School prior to Thursday 1 September.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MADE AFTER THIS DATE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Forsyth on 789 7299 ext 825.**



### TUTORIALS

The following tutorials are regularly available

- ◆ **ENGLISH:** Wednesdays 3.15pm-4pm in D1
- ◆ **MATHS:** Thursdays 3.15-4pm in B3
- ◆ **SCIENCE:** Thursdays lunchtime and 3.15-4pm in G3
- ◆ **HISTORY:** Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays lunchtime in B5 (other times by arrangement)
- ◆ **COMPUTING, ECONOMICS, ACCOUNTING:** Fridays lunchtime in C7 (plus help with projects or assignments being produced in Word, Powerpoint or Excel).

### SENIOR EXAMS

Senior exams will run from **MONDAY 15 August till THURSDAY 18 August.**

Senior students will be on study leave during this time and will be required to wear **full School uniform when they are sitting their exams.** Please note that all seniors are required to be at school on Friday 19 August.

**Exams will be held  
In D Block**

### BOT MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees will meet on the following dates in 2011.  
 These are public meetings and you are welcome to attend.  
**Please note that they will be held in the Principal's Office at 5pm.**

- 29 August
- 5 December



**ALY HAARSMA**

Well done to Year 13 students, Samantha York and Aly Haarsma who have both had their artworks selected in the Top 20 Nationwide for the Oi You! Street Art Competition. They will travel to Nelson to re-make their artwork full size (A2) which will be exhibited during the Nelson Arts Festival in October in the old Gas Works that is part of Nelson's Founders Heritage Park.



**SAMANTHA YORK**

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## SENIOR NETBALL

The Buller High School Senior 'A' Netball team is to attend the SISS Tournament which is being held at Saxton Park in Nelson from 21-24 August. The SISS Tournament is the largest in Australasia, with this year a total of 74 schools participating. Teams are split into three sections. 32 teams in the A, and B, with the C grade having 10 teams. This year, Buller High is placed in the B section. The standard of netball in schools is very high, but the Buller High girls have been working hard this year and are aiming to be competitive with whoever they meet. Their goal this year is to improve the position they achieved last year. The team is: **Tamika Green, Renee Straker, Natasha Wilkinson, Elise Basher, Hannah Martin, Tegan Pearson, Ashley Stuart, Jacinta Roberts, Katelyn Elley, Renee Galey.** **Umpire: Jamie Smith. Coaches: Jess Hollis and Norma Smith-Barkle. Manager: Angela Basher.** The team would like to wish all the other sporting codes attending tournaments in sport week every success.

## WINTER TOURNAMENT 2011

All the very best to all teams competing in the Winter Tournament around New Zealand. We know you will represent us very well.  
Results will follow in upcoming newsletters.

### Team: Girls Soccer

**Where:** Timaru

**When:** Leaving 21 August 9.30am from school gym

**Returning:** Returning 26 August 3pm at school gym

**Contact Person:** Jacqui Christie-Cumming

**Accommodation:** White Star Motel (03 684 7509)

### Team: Boys Soccer

**Where:** Ashburton

**When:** Leaving August 21 9am from the school gym

**Returning:** 26 August approximately 9pm at school gym

**Contact Person:** Michael Anderson

**Accommodation:** Coronation Park (03 308 6603)

### Team: Girls Hockey

**Where:** Taupo

**When:** Leaving from 145 Brougham Street on 20 August at 7.00am

**Returning:** 27 August to 145 Brougham Street, approximately 6pm

**Contact Person:** Ainslie Savage, Jane Douglas, Heather Orchard

**Accommodation:** - Lake Taupo Mountainview Holiday Home (no phone) on 21-25 August. Barnacles Seaside Inn in Wellington (04 902 5856) on 20 and 26 August.

### Team: Boys Hockey

**Where:** Rotorua

**When:** 20 August 7am from school gym

**Returning:** 27 August approximately 9pm

**Contact Person:** Steve Jar, Kim McLaughlin

**Accommodation:** Wellington Top 10 Holiday Park (04 568 5913) on 20 August. All Seasons Holiday Park (07 345 6240) from 21-27 August.

### Team: Girls Basketball

**Where:** New Plymouth

**When:** Leaving from school gym 8am Tuesday 31 August

**Returning:** Approximately 9am 3 September

**Contact Person:** Robyn McMillan/Hugh McMillan

### Team: Senior Netball

**Where:** Nelson

**When:** Leaving 21 August at 1pm from school gym

**Returning:** Friday 26 August 4pm at school

**Contact Person:** Norma Smith, Jessica Hollis, Angela Basher

**Accommodation:** Kingsgate Motel (03 546 910)



Buller High School wishes to acknowledge and thank the Buller community for their support of our Tournament Teams. Many of you will have purchased raffles, given donations, baked, run sausage sizzles and attended quiz nights to support our students, coaches and managers as they have worked to fund raise to attend Tournament week in their respective sports. Buller High School is proud to confirm that the following teams have, or will participate in tournaments this year:

*Thank  
you*

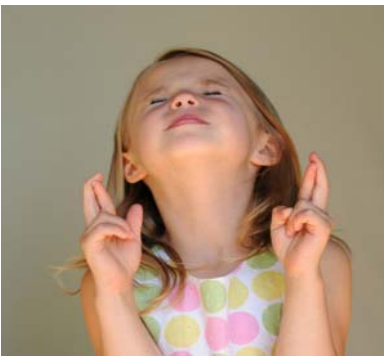
- ◆ Girls Senior Netball
- ◆ Girls Junior Netball (Term 2 holidays)
- ◆ Girls Hockey
- ◆ Boys Hockey
- ◆ Girls Soccer
- ◆ Boys Soccer
- ◆ Girls Basketball (Term 2 holidays and tournament week)
- ◆ Boys Basketball (Term 2 holidays)

These teams have also received outstanding financial support from:

- ◆ Buller Electricity Limited
- ◆ Holcim New Zealand Ltd
- ◆ The New Zealand Community Trust
- ◆ Southern Trust
- ◆ Pub Charity
- ◆ The Trust Community Foundation

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

- 15-18 August: Senior Exams
- 15 August: Prefect Packs available from School Office
- 22-26 August: Tournament Week
- 1 September: Applications for Financial Assistance for NZQA close
- 2 September: Prefect applications close
- 9 September: Last day for NZQA fees to be paid
- 16 September: Senior Reports and Credit Summary posted home
- 22 September: Senior Parent Evening
- 23 September: Junior Dance
- 30 September: Board of Trustees Student Election
- 7 October: End of Term 3
  
- 7 November: Senior Awards - NBS Theatre - 7pm



## GOOD LUCK!

All the very best to the Buller High School Girls Basketball Team who will embark on their journey to the National Championships. We are incredibly proud of you all and know you will represent your school and community well.