

BULLER HIGH SCHOOL

Te Kura Tuarua-o-Kawatiri

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL: principal@buller.ac.nz

Term two is well underway and our senior students should have by now started to collect NCEA credits as they head towards a qualification this year. Internal assessment is happening across all senior subjects and I urge you to encourage your children to prioritise these.

A couple of weeks ago the school hosted Mike King. The focus of what he presented was around mental health and depression. School can be a stressful time for students, parents and teachers. and we need to collectively support and encourage each other. If you have any concerns about your child, I would encourage you to seek support either here at school, or externally.

On Monday 19 June, there will be a Year 13 evening for parents and their children as we begin the transition for these students. There will be several presentations about scholarships, banking, course options etc. The following evening there is a Careers Expo at school for all students. This is a chance to see the choices that are on offer and hopefully provide them with some direction.

On Sunday 25 June, approximately eighty students will be travelling to Motueka High School as part of our annual exchange. As has become part of the tradition, our group will be welcomed by Motueka with a Powhiri, a great start to the exchange. These exchanges are a great way to build and foster friendships, plus provide opportunities for our students. Some of the students will be nervous about billeting. I can assure you that we take great care to ensure that this experience is both fun and safe. Our Sports Coordinator Mrs Annie Cargill works with her counterpart in Motueka to make this happen. Please contact the school if you have any concerns.

On Tuesday 27 June, the first of two Year 11 Leadership camps will be heading away to Lake Kaniere. The focus will be on the development of skills that will support them and the school, including teamwork, building relationships, and of course, leading. The second camp will be held in August.

The final key event for this term is the Senior Ball. This annual event will be held on 1 July. As always, the planning is undertaken by our Year 12 students and it is sure to be a highlight of the year for many. I enjoy seeing the transformation that takes place on ball night, from school student to young adult. Please be aware that the ball does finish at 11.00pm, when we pass them back into your care.

A heads up about two events in Term Three. The Open Night is on Thursday 3 August, and this is a great opportunity to see what we do here at Buller High School. This year, we have a Variety Concert. This will be held on Sunday and Monday beginning 27 August. I'm sure it will be an exciting event, showcasing the vast array of talent here at the school – see you there!

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai
If kindness is sown then kindness you shall receive

I look forward to once again sharing more student and staff successes and would encourage all parents and the community to be involved in the many events scheduled at Buller High School.



**Introducing
new staff member to
Buller High School**

**Fraser Anderson
Seddon Year 9 House Teacher.
PE and Health Teacher
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Year 11 Geography Class



Recently, the Year 11 Geography class participated in a Field Trip to Stockton Coal Mine. The purpose of the trip was to study the relationship between coal mining and the sustainability of the operation. The trip was a great success with the students getting a lot from it. It was a first visit to Stockton Coal Mine for a lot of the students and an eye opener.

I would like to thank Nathan Thompson and other Stockton staff members from Solid Energy who fully supported the trip and gave the students an astounding look into what goes into the operations of the mine. I would also like to thank Kathy Dobson for her support on the trip. It is great to be able to access trips like this for our students to enjoy and understand what is going on in their own backyard.



Buller High School Bollywood

At the Trustpower National community Awards, the Bollywood group won the Whetu Mataita Award which recognizes the great impact made by a group in the community. Part of the prize was an Exult Consultancy Package valued at \$3250.

A mentoring workshop run by Kerry Tilby Price was held on Wednesday 7 June. This workshop was a great opportunity for members of the community who are involved in volunteer service in the Buller region to learn how to plan programmes, how to deal with the challenges, and receive funding support.



**2017 Cross Country
held on the Kawaitiri River Trail**

Buller High School Kickstart Breakfast Club 2017

How does it work?

Everyone is welcome from 8am until House Time every day before school.

Who is it for?

The community - primary students, secondary students, their whānau and staff.

Why do people use breakfast club? (reasons given last year)

- ♦ It's a warm place to meet friends
- ♦ It's great fun and good food
- ♦ Helps me get to school on time
- ♦ Cuts out the stress of making breakfast at home

How much does it cost?

Nothing

Can I help?

If you would like to help, you can bring a can of food or help tidy up. Talk to us if you want to be on the roster.

What sort of food is there?

A range of cereals, smoothies, fresh fruit and always a hot dish like spaghetti and cheese toasties, apple pie with custard or baked beans on toast.

It's been a good year so far for the club; we have served over 4500 breakfasts this year! Thanks to the wonderful students, staff and community volunteers on the daily roster!

We have had amazing help from the community and would like to give a huge thanks to North School, Matt at the Rainbow Cake Kitchen, Graeme and Katrina Walsh at Fresh Choice, St Vincent de Paul, South School, the Gallagher family, the Diskin family, Daniel Wilkes and the students, staff and families who have donated food and supplies over the year.



Cullum Curnow and Max Dobson, two senior students who come in every week to help the club function efficiently.



Paris Jury and Riah Murray prepping fruit crumble.



Grey 9 and senior students preparing fruit.



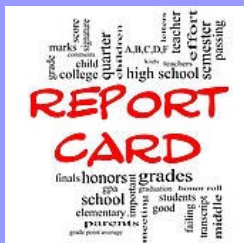
James McEnroe-Baker and Max Jacobson cooking and serving a specialty dish for their lucky customers.

Progress Reports

Reports for Junior and Senior students will be posted on Tuesday 27 June.

These will now be posted termly.

Interviews will be timetabled following Term Three reports



You Are Cordially Invited
TO
Buller High School
Open Night

Thursday 3 August
5.15pm—6.45pm

All parents/caregivers, students and families are invited to visit Buller High to view the exciting educational, cultural and sporting opportunities which are available for all students at our School.

Come along to a fun, friendly evening - complete with bbq and refreshments.

Eftpos available at Buller High School

Eftpos available for cash payment only.

No facility available for Credit Card payment.



BULLER HIGH SCHOOL'S

2017 SENIOR BALL

WINTER WONDERLAND
JULY 1 AT 7.30PM

BULLER HIGH SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS ON SALE IN THE
SCHOOL FOYER - \$20

TICKET SALES START JUNE 19

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| 18 June: | Physics UC Trip - Christchurch |
| 21 June: | Careers Roadshow - Westport |
| 23 June: | Junior Netball - Greymouth |
| 25 - 26 June: | Motueka Exchange in Motueka |
| 27 - 30 June: | Year 11 Leadership Camp - Lake Kaniere |
| 27 June: | Progress Reports for Junior and Senior Students Posted |
| 1 July: | Senior School Ball |
| 3 July: | BOT Meeting 5.30pm
Principal's Office |
| 3 August: | Open Night 5.15pm to 6.45pm |

TERM DATES

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| 7 July: | End of Term 2 |
| 24 July: | Term 3 begins |
| 29 September: | End of Term 3 |
| 16 October: | Term 4 begins |



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Study

In this feature of the newsletter we offer advice, tips and suggestions about careers and study.



www.careers.govt.nz



OUR CAREERS TEAM



THROUGHOUT THE YEAR we will keep you up to date with current thinking on Career Education and with what is happening in our Careers Department.



ACTIVITIES AND VISITS

YEAR 13 INFORMATION EVENING



Monday 19 June in the Buller High School Hall 6:00 - 7:00pm.

- This event is open to parents and students
- A range of areas will be covered e.g. University Entrance requirements, banking, Study Link and scholarship applications.

NEW ZEALAND
careers
expo

Explore your options and talk with the people most able to help as you plan your next move.



Where: Buller High School Hall

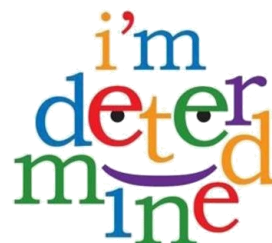
When: Tuesday 20 June 7:00 - 9:00pm - parents and public
Wednesday 21 June 9:00am - 3:00pm - students

What: 21 tertiary institution providers will be here to give advice and share information about education and training.

THE SEVEN ESSENTIAL EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

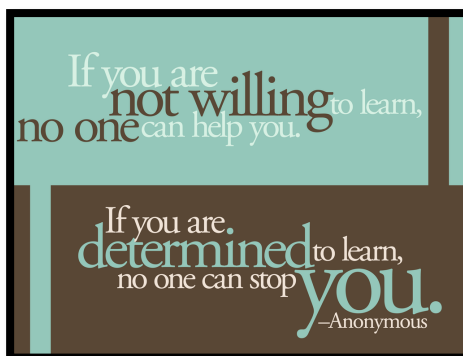
In this section we provide some useful tips for the following skills:

1. Positive attitude
2. Communication
3. Teamwork
4. Self-management
5. **WILLINGNESS TO LEARN**
6. Thinking skills (*problem-solving, decision-making*)
7. Resilience



You can develop effective WILLINGNESS TO LEARN skills by:

- Accepting the challenge to learn new tasks, skills and information
- Being curious and enthusiastic about the work you're doing
- Taking opportunities to improve your skills, knowledge and understanding



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

HOD & Y13: MIRIAM COMESKEY
Years 9-10: LAURA GRIFFIN
Years 11-12: JACQUI CHRISTIE-CUMMING

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