



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I am reading a book by Colin Prentice called "When People Matter Most" which is about his time as Principal of various schools. This is what he wrote in 1979:

"Teenagers can be tremendously constructive, hardworking and polite, or they can be destructive, lazy and insolent. The clue to their behaviour is largely in how they are

treated. I believe that discipline is the key. Pupils need to know where they stand. We expect them to obey reasonable rules. I believe in drawing lines. Go up to the line and you are fine, cross the line and you're in trouble. Don't complain when you are punished because you were told not to cross the line. Now that may sound authoritarian and old-fashioned but it's worked in every school I've taught at. Pupils feel secure and it does not knock initiative and responsibility. Some of the best ideas have come from pupils

It reminds me of the following:

"There is perhaps nothing more harmful we can do to children than to allow them to disrupt or misbehave without showing them we care enough to let them know their behaviour is not acceptable." (Canters)

A staff member of Freyberg High School has worked hard this year with various organisations to produce a "Parent Pack" which gives a lot of practical advice to parents – we will post the booklet to you with the final set of reports.

It is not the place of a school to give advice to parents, but I must say I appreciate it when the parents support the school and vice-versa. I hope you find it easy to communicate with Freyberg High School and we have produced a pamphlet called "Parent and School" which outlines how to contact various people at school.

The relationship between a school and its parents is so important.

Are you passionate about the education of children in your community? How about becoming a trustee and using your skills and experience to help shape a positive future for our children at Freyberg High School? There will be information sent to parents in the near future about Board of Trustee elections which occur in March 2007 – you can find out more at www.nzsta.org.nz.

I look forward to meeting you at our Senior and Junior Prize Givings.

Parents of Y11 students – How about handing in school uniforms to the Student Centre – this can really help parents who struggle to meet the cost of new uniform.

YEAR 11 & 12 JAPANESE STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL COMPETITION



Each year a national competition is run for students of Japanese to produce a video, in Japanese, that is meant to display aspects of New Zealand life and culture.

Last year Mr Ko, along with some Year 11 students, entered the competition and managed to get first place nationally. A hard act to follow some would say. Despite this, Mr Ko and his students have managed to trump 2005's success by entering both the junior and senior video competition and winning both national titles. So a huge congratulations to Mr Ko and the team, Lisa Kennerley, Holly Tait, Jason Geange, Tessa Richards and Jodi Curtis in the junior section and Ashleigh Davis, Tom Seeman, Amos Ponga Fou, Adina Curtis and Gene Devonshire in the senior section. A fantastic effort!

**David Stout
HOD LANGUAGES**

YES TRIP

On Wednesday the 25th of October, Year 10 students: Charlotte Frith, Sharn Webster-Pahina and Esther Rogers went on a YES (Youth Environment Students) trip to Tangimoana Beach. They pulled out pink ragwort with students from Girls High, Manawatu College and Hato Paora. They started off with an icebreaker with all the students getting to know each other and joining into groups to pull out the ragwort. Once completed, everyone walked back to the beach where they had lunch and a sausage sizzle. After a leisurely walk along the beach they arrived at the bus where they joined with the PC students who had been planting. The YES students had a brief discussion about what environmental actions they were going to do next. This group will be active in promoting environmental issues around Freyberg and the wider community. YES is an initiative set up by Massey University, Horizons City Council and DOC.

Anne Englebretsen

SCIENCE

On Wednesday 25th October, Simon Wilkinson and Ceri Abbott had the privilege of accompanying the following group of Year 9 students to the BP Technology Challenge held at the Convention Centre. Theme – “Wild Bean Café.”

Alex Dobson, Joanna Lightband, Ailis Burleigh-Behrens, Eden Williams, Alice Staddon, Nicole Looker, Alison Evenbly, Kahn Wynyard, Caleb Hickmott, Amber Papple, Steven Greenblatt, Mirren Haylock.

Excellent team spirit, innovative thinking, a great sense of humour (and an abundance of newspaper) saw Freyberg beat over 20 other schools to take home their first ever win. Well done guys!

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Congratulations go to Heather Jameson, a Year 12 student who has been accepted as a high achieving science student to attend a two week Rotary National Science of Technology Forum in Auckland from 13th to 17th January next year. Heather will join 100 other top science achievers in a programme that lets these future science leaders experience some of the most recent developments in Science and Technology.

They will work in laboratories and field stations at six tertiary institutions around Auckland and visit such places as Genesis Research, ESR Forensics, Fisher and Paykel and Navman.

Thanks to Terrace End Pottery Club who are covering half of Heather's costs.

SHARE YOUR FAMILY WITH AN AFS STUDENT

AFS Educational Exchange is looking for families to host students aged 16 arriving early 2007. If you are interested or want more information, please contact us at:

afsmanawatu.org.nz (follow “Contact us” link), or phone Dennis, AFS Manawatu Hosting Co-ordinator – 323 3557 or 027 471 6837.

REMINDER

If parents do not ring the Student Centre when their child is ill, it is presumed the child is truanting. Thanks for your support.

Michael McMenamin
PRINCIPAL

DENTAL CARE FOR TEENAGERS

Dental care is free up to 18 years of age. All teenagers are encouraged to take advantage of this free service. Anyone who does not have a regular Dentist can pick up an Enrolment Form and a list of the Dentists who provide this service from the school office.

It is important to receive regular dental care so that any problems can be dealt with at an early stage. Make sure appointments are kept so that all treatment required can be completed.

Don't wait until something hurts! After 18, it will cost a lot of money.

Make sure you seek dental care for a contracting Dentist before your 18th Birthday!

VIETNAM 2007



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Adele Costello

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Emma Finlay

Spring Swimming Nationals
7th U15 100m Breaststroke
Central North Island
2nd Open Girls' 200m Fly.

Grace MacPherson-Newton

Selected for New Zealand Koru U18 Basketball team.

Danielle McKay

Selected for the Tournament team at National Basketball Champs.

Josh Munn

Golf 0.9 handicap
Qualified 6th in Club champs.
12th Amateur Taranaki Open
Top U18/Junior in the Wanganui/Manawatu region.

Jason Temara

Selected for the Manawatu Rugby Academy

Faz Torrence

Qualified for the Oceania Rock Climbing Championships
1st in Napier Regionals
1st in Palmerston North Regionals
2nd in Wellington Regionals



The cross in the background of our designed logo represents the safety that we feel at Freyberg High School.

It is white because white symbolizes spirituality, peace and safety. Each corner of the diamond symbolizes each part of our Hauora. The colour of the diamond is black representing protection, dignity, strength and power. The circle resembles the circle of friends. We made it red to represent cheerfulness, joy, leadership and friendship.

The banner shows our celebration and appreciation of Freyberg High School and our education.

Dark blue symbolizes knowledge, power, integrity and seriousness. These are all aspects that we develop at Freyberg High School. The colour gold is used in the writing and the outside of the cross symbolizes high quality, a standard at which our school achieves. The Māori words Te Kura o Te Pou Hoia means "Freyberg High School." Grace Bethell, Emma Murphy, Eva Bethell.

ROCK ON PROGRAMME

Freyberg High School has been invited to be a trial school for the ROCK ON programme. This is an inter-agency truancy initiative that has been developed by the Police.

The agencies involved are Child Youth and Family (CYFS), The Ministry of Education, Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS), The Truancy Service, The Police, appropriate Youth Services Providers and of course, the school.

The programme aims to reduce truancy, which includes condoned truancy and increase engagement in education.

Truant students who have not responded to the school's intervention are referred to the ROCK ON programme. What follows then is a step-by-step approach that will lead through to holding a Care and Protection Family Group Conference and eventual prosecution if the truancy continues.

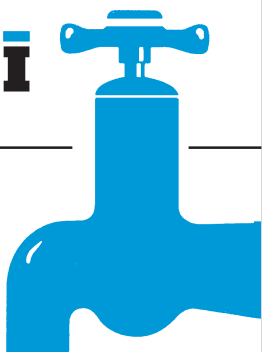
As a school, we are pleased to be invited to trial the programme.

Wendy Jochem
Assistant Principal

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ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S NOTEBOOK

Leadership:

I am passionate about developing student leadership and believe that it sits beside academic, sporting and cultural success as a key goal of our school.

This year we have continued to see the growth of the Junior Council under the new format designed by Jill Wilkinson. Michaela Turner-Wallace (President) and Luke Harrington have done a tremendous job of leading this Council and this culminated in a very successful Junior Prom.

Our House Captains are taking an increasing role in running their House Assemblies and building House spirit. Outstanding in this role in 2007 have been Michael Cameron in Manawatu and Tama Christensen and Stephanie Kennerley in Kapiti. These students have embraced the challenges and the organisation required and moved student leadership expectations to a new level.

The time and energy that our "Magnificent Seven", (Nathan Ram, Jasmine Cameron, Jonnie Haddon, Julianne Gordon, Chloe Dollery, Joh Stevens and Kaydee Ferry) have put into organising, leading, negotiating and being there for their fellow students has been outstanding and they have learned skills that will clearly benefit all our wider community in the years to come.

Year 12 students are now starting to think about leadership in 2007 and it is a testament to the strength of the leadership culture we have developed at Freyberg that 28 students put their names forward for House Captains and 20 students put their names forward for Head Boy/Girl or President.

One of the highlights of our school Prize Giving in The Regent is the announcement of our 2007 leaders by our current leaders and I am looking forward to how much further these students can raise the bar.

Peter Brooks
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL



KEY DATES

November

15	Last day for Seniors
20	NCEA Exams begin
21	Year 10 Tennis Championships
23/24	Year 10 Work Experience
28	Year 9 Tennis Championships
Nov 29 – 1 Dec	Junior Volleyball Championships

December

07	Junior Splash
08	NCEA Exams end
11	Senior Clearance
12	Senior Prize Giving – The Regent (Y9 and 10 students not required at school)
13	Year 13 student leavers' dinner
14	Junior Prize Giving – New Life Church
15	Junior and Senior Reports posted
21	Office closes

2007

January

23	Office opens
31	Pre-enrol Year 12/13 students Peer Support training Year 12

February

01	Peer Support training
07	Year 10/11/12 students start school
08	Y9/13 students start school
09	Day 1 – Normal timetable

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