



Phoenix

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Nga mihi ki te whanau o Te Kura o te Pou Hoia.

Greetings to all involved with Freyberg High School.

Our goal is that students will take responsibility for their learning and the senior students should be leading the way. Academic success requires intrinsic motivation (a desire to do one's best) and the discipline to achieve one's full potential. Our expectation is that all students will work hard on their studies for the rest of the year. Parents and teachers need to work together to ensure this happens.

There are formal assessments for the senior students beginning 15 September and your son/daughter will be assessed in every subject he/she takes. Teachers will mark the assessments before Term 4 and on Wednesday 11 October (1st week Term 4) there will be a Parent/Teacher evening, where you can discuss your son/daughter's progress.

I invite you to share openly with us if your son/daughter is:

- Feeling burnt out by over-assessment
- Choosing "easy" sections of a course only
- Not bothering about reassessment opportunities
- Struggling with sustained pieces of writing
- Not doing assignments/homework at home
- In paid employment to such an extent that there is insufficient time to achieve Merit or Excellence.

We ran a survey with our students and half of our senior students are in paid employment.

Year	%	Students in paid employment		
		Total	Male	Female
11	45	9.5	9.9	8.9
12	56	10.4	8.2	11.6
13	46	11.2	10.5	11.6

At the PTA (a forum for discussion) we have analysed our NCEA results and our efforts to improve numeracy and literacy. It is a good opportunity for parents to share ideas on how students at Freyberg High School can reach their full potential.

Thank you to staff and parents/whanau that have supported our students in extra-curricula activities. I have been very proud of our students in their weekly sport, inter-school tournaments, the drama production, the concert band competition, the marae trips, the kapa haka success and the school ball.

We now focus on the academic part of life at our school.

The Minister of Education has announced that schools will take a day for professional development of staff on the Draft curriculum. Freyberg High School will not be open for instruction on Friday 20 October (the Friday before Labour Weekend.)

Michael McMenamin
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL PRODUCTION 06

REVENGE OF THE AMAZONS BY JEAN BETTS



CAST LIST

Hippolyta – Jenna Baxter
 Theseus – Cameron Smith
 Hermia – Laura Velvin-Monro
 Helena – Jovana Balanovic
 Lysander – Jonnie Haddon
 Demetrius – Markku Braid
 Egeus – Jess Beran
 Oberon – Jack Leslie
 Titania – Emerald Naulder
 Peaseblossom – Francis Leppard
 Puck – Joh Stevens
 Georgina – Ruth Allott
 Shulamith – Lynette Combrinck



Shona – Nicole Mahoney
 Jo – Samantha Gould
 Angela – Clare Roberts
 Barbara – Angela van Wijk

YEAR 13 CATERING CLASS LUNCHEON



MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

The Mobile Dental Clinic will be on site at Freyberg High School from the 11th September 2006 for approx 10 weeks for a free dental check for all students under 18 years.

Yvonne Murphy, Registered Dental Therapist
Sue Smith Dental Assistant

CAREERS @ FREYBERG

Students have been out and about this term, with highlights being Robert Revill's selection on the NZ Air Force Challenge in the July school holidays and a look at diverse careers in Agriculture courtesy of the NZ Meat and Wool by an enthusiastic group of senior students.

Freyberg has been successful with students being accepted for the NZ Army Experience week in the September holidays and selection is under way for the Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation block course later this term. Massey Open



Day was held on a Saturday which meant Year 13 students did not miss any school tuition and that younger students and parents were able to attend.

Some important dates to be aware of are: 1 OCTOBER is the deadline for applications for University Halls of Residence. 23 & 24 NOVEMBER is Year 10 Work Experience. This is a 2 day placement co-ordinated by the Integrated Studies and Careers Departments. Students are expected to gain their own placement, in an area of interest, with help from their personal network of family and friends. Should this prove unsuccessful assistance is available but it may not be in the students' first choice of placement area.

UNIVERSITY & POLYTECHNIC COURSES AND SCHOLARSHIPS, please check University and Polytechnic websites for information and deadlines.

Helen Green, Careers Adviser

"OUTSTANDING IN THE FIELD" Experience Day



On the 28th July, Meat and Wool New Zealand held an experience day for High School students intending to enter a career in the agricultural industry. The "Outstanding in the Field" Experience Day was held on a farm, not far from Tokomaru. The day provided a helpful insight into the varying careers that agriculture offers. We were shown what shearing was all about; activities at the Rural Banking Seminar; we had a butchery demonstration; we were shown how to handle and care for stock and there was a good lesson on agronomy. Attending the day was beneficial and I would recommend it to anyone who is considering agriculture as a career. **Kristie Newton, Year 12.**

AIR FORCE CHALLENGE 2006

The Air Force Challenge week of 2006 was a thoroughly enjoyable and valuable experience. It allowed an insight into the day-to-day life of RNZAF personnel, a look at various trades within the Air Force and a chance to talk to highly knowledgeable recruiters.

We had three full days at RNZAF base Ohakea. During this time we were given a tour around the base and talks by people representing around 20 of the approximately 30 careers offered by the Air Force. This included re-fuellers, air security guards, machinists and pilots. This part of the week will surely prove to be a valuable resource. The week concluded with a flight in an Iroquois helicopter, which was a personal highlight.



Robert Revill, Year 12

SCIENCE FAIR REPORT

Place-getters in Freyberg High School Science Fair 2006
The following students were awarded prizes:

Technology

First: Leisha Neumann – School – a pain in the back?

Physical World

First: Josh Crawford – Under Pressure

Second: Raphael Scott – The Gauss Rifle

Third: Shaun Taylor – What Wood is Best

Highly Commended: Jack Keedle – Safety Check

Highly Commended: Nicole Cook, Kelly Farrier – Fire Fire



Hilary Ngan Kee can give advice on which wax is best on skis, based on her experimental Fair testing.

Material World

Years 9 to 11

First: Hilary Ngan Kee – Which Wax?

Second: Rebecca Anderson – Juicy Fruit

Third: Nadia Bradley – Blooming Irises
Years 12 and 13

First: Katrina Syme – Long time, no C ?

Second: Casey Boyce – Calcium in Milk

Third: Ginny Sung – Analysis for phosphate

Living World

First: Steven Greenblatt – A Mental Health Survey at Freyberg High School

Second: Nicole Gardiner – Hair We Go

Third: Mirren Haylock – Blood Sugar

Highly Commended: Mickayla Dustin – Flavour Surprise

Highly Commended: Sophie Dutch – Neuroscience

Highly Commended: Ashleigh Adams – Pot of Marigolds at the end of the rainbow

All these Freyberg winners gained entry into the Fonterra Manawatu Science Fair and the following were awarded prizes

Secondary School Physical World

Jack Keedle : 2nd – Safety Check

Raphael Scott: 1st – Gauss Rifle

Secondary School Material World

Nadia Bradley: Highly Commended – Blooming Irises

Katrina Symes: Highly Commended – Long time, No C!

Casey Boyce: 1st equal – Calcium in Milk

Hilary Ngan Kee: 1st equal – Which Wax?

New Zealand Statistical Association Prizes

Joshua Crawford: Highly Commended – Under Pressure

Hilary Ngan Kee: 2nd equal – Which Wax?

Massey University Physics and Biophysics Prize

Raphael Scott – The Gauss Rifle

MUSIC

National Concert Bands Festival

Freyberg was the only NZ school to enter 2 concert bands in the National Concert Bands Festival held in Auckland recently.

Eighty students and four staff clambered aboard two coaches at the indecently early hour of 7:15am on Friday 11 August and headed for Auckland. The Senior and Year 10 bands performed in the prestigious concert venue of the Auckland Town Hall, receiving a very respectable silver and bronze award respectively.

The chief national adjudicator was Freyberg's own Asst HOD Music, Dr Don McLaurin, who put down his adjudicator's pen and picked up his baton to conduct our bands.

Concert Bands Day

Concert Bands from around the region gathered at the Speirs Centre on Wednesday 16th August for a day of specialist workshops under the directorship of Don McLaurin. Over 60 Freyberg students attended the day, which culminated in a very impressive demonstration concert in the early evening.

National Barbershop Singing Finals

A new event for Freyberg this year has been the formation of a girls' barbershop chorus. Following their excellent performance at the regional competition in June, Bella Cantare were invited to participate in the National Finals in Hamilton on the 20th-

22nd August. Against very accomplished quartets and choruses with a number of years experience behind them, our girls finished a very creditable 8th place in NZ. Our thanks to vocal director Kirsten Clark for her tremendous work with Bella.

Manawatu Chamber Music Contest

Freyberg Classical Guitar Trio Sheer Pluck gained a silver award in the recent Manawatu Chamber Music Contest. The group comprises Ashleigh Frith, Michael Keane and Michael Chu. Well done, team, and thanks goes to guitar tutor Jeanette McGrath for her expert coaching.

Roger Buchanan, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

WHAT FREYBERGIANS ARE READING...

This month we interview Nathan Ram, our Head Boy, who is reading "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren.

"Everyone these days is looking for purpose and trying to find a place in the world around them. I love this book because it explores the exciting concept that each of us exist for a reason and can use what we have to make the most of our time here on earth."



Nathan Ram, HEAD BOY.

INTEGRATED STUDIES

Year 10 Seminar Competition

The finals for this were held earlier this term with two students representing each Year 10 class. Students presented their findings about their chosen technology and its impact on society to all Year 10 students, in the hall. Each student had created a power point to use as part of their presentation. The standard was high and the audience was very well behaved and attentive.

Congratulations are due to the following students:

1st Simon Herbert, 2nd Michaela Turner-Wallace, 3rd Grace Matenga.

Year 10 Marae Trips

This term during Weeks Five and Six, all Year 10 students experienced a two day marae trip at Parewahawaha Marae in Bulls.

On the first day we left at about 8.45am and headed to Ratana Church. There we were greeted by William Meremere who informed us about the history of Ratana. From there we headed for the Cameron Block House, between Wanganui and Bulls, where Mr Corblis informed us about the history of the block house and we were also allowed to go inside and explore it. We also visited Wanganui Museum and Moutoa Gardens where Manu Bennett told us more about the history of the area. During lunchtime we had a big meal of Burger King or McDonalds.

We arrived at Parewahawaha Marae and were welcomed onto the marae with a powhiri from the previous classes. 10PM and 10 SB were very fortunate with the good weather and the activities that Matua Tipene organised for us. We were allowed to chill out until dinner time at 5.00pm, which was delicious and filling. After dinner we learnt about the marae from the kaumatua and each of us gave our mihi. Students used a variety of languages. Following the formalities we had a music trivia competition after which everyone was tired and we all went to bed. The lights were out quickly and so were the students!

When we woke up on the following day we packed up our gear and had more delicious food. During the day we had different activities and even had some time to chill out with new friends.

Before we knew it we were welcoming the next group onto what had become our marae.

Written by Hayley Montgomery, Kent McIlraith and Tevita Fifita

SPORTS ACADEMY

Keeley Butler

1st Hughes Memorial Hawera U16 Girls
2nd Manawatu/Wanganui Cross Country

Sarah Brooks

7th U19 NI Cross Country Taupo
3rd Manawatu/Wanganui Cross Country

Tama Christensen

Qualified for World Duathlon Champs.
Selected for NZ Youth Triathlon Academy
25th ITU Triathlon, Jinzhou, China.

Emma Finlay

Qualified for NZ Spring Carnival in 200m Fly and 100m Fly
Qualified for NZ Age groups in 100m Fly.
1st 100m Breaststroke, 2nd 100m Fly, 2nd 200m Fly in Manawatu Winter Champs.
2nd 100m Breaststroke, 2nd 100m Fly, 3rd 400m I.M. at East Coast Champs.

Paige Lowe

4th NI Cross Country.

Janna Vaughan

Bronze Medal at World Kickboxing Championships, Thailand
Selected Manawatu NPC Rugby team.

David Burr

Silver Medal at the World Tae Kwon-do Championships.

Kristie Wackildene

Gold Medal NZ Kyokoshinkai Karate
National Highland Dancing Champion.

Lorena Gledhill

Manawatu U15 Hockey team
Finalist NZ Div.II Swimming Champs.

Grace MacPherson

Selected for Manawatu Women's Basketball team
Manawatu Senior Mixed Touch team
Selected for the Tournament team at the Premier Girls' Regionals.

Jason Temara – A fine all-rounder.

Softball - Manawatu Men's team
Touch - Manawatu U19 and U12 Men's
Basketball - Manawatu U19

George McConachy
DIRECTOR, Sports Academy

WINTER SPORTS 2006

Winter Tournament Week: Winter tournament week arrived with a rush after the holidays, and before we knew it, 5 teams were headed away to represent Freyberg. We were absolutely delighted to receive a large sum from pub charities which helped the parents of these teams immensely.

Girls' Soccer: Our Girls' Soccer team travelled to Nelson with Mrs Purches (Coach) and Mrs Green (Manager) looking after the girls. It was a big week for the girls and they performed well and learnt a whole lot. Leah Gallie was outstanding. We didn't finish in the top 8, but did feel that we performed well, honed skills for the future Girls' team and made lots of friends.

Girls' Hockey: Our Girls' 1st XI Hockey team travelled to Ngatea for Jenny McDonald Cup. They played very well to finish 7th in the competition. The junior girls really benefited from the experience of playing in a tournament. Big thanks to Mrs Celia Thomas and Holly Lynch for all their organising skills.



Boys' Hockey: Seeing how well the boys have progressed during this season, we felt they would really benefit from being part of a tournament. It was fortunate that we were able to go to a nearby tournament in Wanganui. Our first game was played in a downpour at 8am, it was very cold and miserable, but the boys played extremely well to draw. The rest of the week was great and we had a good win over Dannevirke, a couple of draws and a couple of losses to end up around 12th in the tournament. The boys mixed

very well together and have the makings of a very strong team. The highlight for the boys (probably more so for Mr Collier) was playing paintball war and have the wounds to show for it!! A HUGE thank you to the very generous parents who provided so much yummy food for the team, it sure made the cooking easy for Mrs Barsanti, and it was very much appreciated!

Girls' Premier Basketball: The Girls' Premier Basketball team travelled to Wanganui to take part in the Regional Qualifying tournament. Our first game was against top team, Wainuiomata and they showed their class, but we managed to hold them and only lost by a small margin. The next couple of games were exciting with our girls winning by comfortable margins. On Friday we met our local nemesis – Palmy Girls – and managed to beat them!!! This meant that we then qualified for the National S.S. Basketball tournament in Christchurch in September. So after a busy week of basketball, the girls must turn around and fundraise again for another tournament. A big thank you to Mr Louis Buchanan who took a week off work to come to tournament and coach the girls to a 6th position in the region. Thanks to the Newton family who kindly lent us their family van. We look forward to a great week in Christchurch!

Girls Junior Premiership Basketball: Our Junior Girls' Basketball team is full of representative players, so felt it would be a good experience for them to attend this tournament in Wellington. With enthusiasm from Coach Cara Gordon and wonderful support from Ms Erin Thomas and Ms Te Ana Pene, we managed to get the team organised and away. The girls played some great basketball and won most of their games by very big margins (including Palmy Girls junior team); at the end of the tournament we finished in 4th place. Well done girls – we are proud of you!! A BIG thank you to the Fallaver family for the use of their family van for transport.

As you can appreciate, all the organisation of sending teams to tournament is a big task and we thank all those who help to make it all happen. Thanks also go to the parents who support the students and have to find the cash and to the students who train and work hard to be able to go to these tournaments. They are a great way for students to learn to live together, to learn to cope with a full week of hard games and learn that sleep is a very necessary part of these trips. We are proud of each student and how they competed well and survived the week.

Winter Sports – 2006: The winter season for sport at Freyberg is almost drawing to a close for this year. Most of the season has run very smoothly thanks to the efforts of staff, coaches and managers, and we thank all those who helped out - it is very much appreciated, and we are sure that having coached a team you will feel you know the students better. In some cases we have had the usual problem of not enough coaches or managers to look after our teams. This can cause problems and lead to team numbers dropping off and making it difficult to run a team effectively. Anyone who may be interested in helping out with a team in the future would be welcomed with open arms!!! Students are reminded that when they register for a team, they are committing themselves to a team for a whole season and that they will not let their team down.

Summer sports registrations will be called for very soon, we will be looking for students to play volleyball, cricket (girls and boys), touch, tennis, water polo, softball and golf. Dates to register will be in the daily notices soon and then you may collect registration forms from the Sports Room in C. Corridor.

Students are encouraged to call into the Sports Room if they have any questions or problems with sport. The Sports Room is open at 8.30am and available to students before Whanau, at interval and lunchtime.

Mrs Barsanti, SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S NOTEBOOK

KEY DATES - TERM 4

October

- 9 Term 4 begins
- 10 PTA meeting – 7.30pm
- 11 Senior Exam interviews Y11, 12, 13
- 20 Teacher Only Day (Submission on the new Draft Curriculum.) Students not required at school.
- 23 LABOUR DAY
- 27 Junior Prom (Y9/10) from 7.30 to 11pm. Only students with more merits than demerits are allowed to attend the Prom.

November

- 13-15 Year 10 Exams
- 14 PTA meeting 7.30pm
- 15 Last day of timetabled classes for Year 11,12,13 students
- 17 Junior Gym Championships
- 20 NCEA exams begin
- 21 Year 10 Tennis Championships
- 23/24 Year 10 Work Experience
- 28 Year 9 Tennis Championships

Nov 29 to 1 Dec

Volleyball Championships

December

- 7 Junior Splash Carnival
- 8 NCEA exams finish
- 11 Junior Production
- Senior Clearance Y11/12/13
- 12 Senior Prize Giving – The Regent (Y9 and 10 not required at school.)
- 13 Year 13 Leavers' Dinner
- 14 Junior Prize Giving
- Last day for Juniors
- 15 Junior and Senior Reports posted
- 21 School Office closes

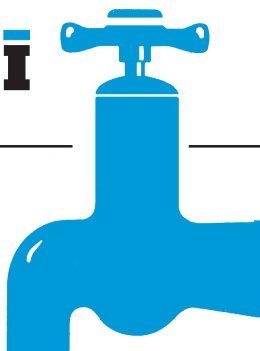
Christmas Holiday Planner

- Pre-Enrolment – All Year 12/13 students
- 31st January 2007
- Peer Support training – Year 13 students
- 31st January – 1st February 2007
- First Day Y10/11/12 students
- 7th February 2007
- First Day Y9/13 students
- 8th February 2007

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