



Phoenix

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



The mutual support between caregivers and school is very important for the successful education of your child. It is essential that we communicate with you if we have concerns over your child's progress, which also includes behaviour, attendance, attitude to work and uniform. We also need your support in these areas and we cannot accept such things as condoned truancy. I am grateful for the large percentage of our caregivers who are concerned about their child's education and please let me know if there is any way we can improve our communication with you.

As well as ensuring your child gets the best possible education, we are responsible for your child's safety. I was shocked recently by research that 1 in 5 students do not feel safe in our Secondary schools. How can young people do well in the classroom if they are not happy and do not feel safe?

Since mobile phones are a private communication technology, parents are often unaware of whom their children are communicating with and the nature of the communication. The overlap between traditional and electronic bullying means that some students could face bullying both at school and outside school.

The website "Be Web Aware" has good advice. We also have information from Netsafe on how to handle text bullying.

Please contact the school if you have any concerns about the safety of your child. In order to promote a climate of safety in a school, we must emphasise non-violent responses to conflict and wrongdoing.

The new curriculum for New Zealand will be published soon. We intend to explain the changes and gauge your opinion of what is involved in your child receiving the best education at Freyberg High School in the 21st Century.

Michael McMenamin
PRINCIPAL

NATIONAL BANK JUNIOR MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Twenty Year 9, 10 and 11 students competed in the National Bank Junior Mathematics Competition in March – a challenging competition that attracts the top young Mathematicians from around the country. Our students did very well – the top performers being:

Year 9	Georgia Roberts	- Merit Award (top 20%)
Year 10	Mirren Haylock	- TOP 100!
	Michael Carroll	- Merit Award
	Steven Greenblatt	- Merit Award
	Luke Utikere	- Merit Award
Year 11	Alex Kesala	- TOP 100!
	Christopher Handley	- Merit Award

Dirk Smyth
Mathematics Dept.

ADOLESCENT MOBILE DENTAL CARAVAN

The MidCentral Health Mobile Dental Caravan has been at the School from 10th September. All those students who are enrolled will be seen during the time it is here. Free dental care is available until the age of 18.

TRANSITION FLATTERS

Transition student Stephanie planting out pingao in the sand dunes at Foxton Beach (the Transition flatters grew the pingao from seed).

Genevieve Bryant



PTA MEETING

The next PTA meeting is October 16 – 7.30pm in the Staffroom. This meeting will be about NCEA and all parents and Year 10 students are invited.

CAREERS AT FREYBERG

Term 3 has seen the usual run of University liaison visits. It's very heartening that we have a large group of students at Freyberg who are actively researching employment and study options, weighing up the pros and cons of training on the job, short courses at Polytechnics and University study.

An article in the New Zealand Herald, 4 June 07, 'UNIVERSITY NOT THE ONLY OPTION', discussed the need for students to make an informed choice about tertiary education, the costs and the realistic outcomes. With the current skill shortage in New Zealand and the high growth industries that use fast moving technology such as IT, electro technology, transport/logistics,

engineering, construction, plumbing to name a few, there are growing opportunities for young people not just to learn a trade but to enter an area where they could set up their own business. Students with flair, drive and entrepreneurial skills can be successful through a variety of pathways. Employment or short Polytechnic courses can kick start careers which grow and develop into high earning and rewarding positions for the not faint hearted.

Helen Green
Careers Adviser

DRAMA

Year 13 Drama presents *Ophelia Thinks Harder* by Jean Betts and William Shakespeare

Following in the footsteps of last year's successful production, *Revenge of the Amazons*, this year's Year 13 Drama class production is *Ophelia Thinks Harder* by the same author, New Zealand writer Jean Betts. This play tells the story of *Hamlet* from Ophelia's perspective, as she tries to negotiate her way through the intrigues of court, parental expectations and finding her 'true self.' Many of the familiar characters from *Hamlet* are present in one form or another, with several twists which illuminate the

place of women in the patriarchal society of the time. This is an intelligent and well crafted play, which will be the culmination of several years of performance work for many of the students. The performances will take place on the 17th and 18th of October (week 2) at 7.30pm in D1. Seating will be limited so get your tickets quickly! More details will be published in the school notices closer to the time.

Tamzin Darragh
HOD Drama

ART DEPARTMENT

Do you have any of the following items that you could spare for the Art Department?

- Old perfume
- Beads
- Charms
- Rhinestones
- Children's toy wooden blocks
- Small dolls, especially Barbie, Ken or similar
- Old or incomplete Chess Set

We would be most appreciative of any items you can spare.



S McIver, HOD Art.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Freyberg now has its own on-site Justice of the Peace – Ruahine Dean, Tangi Utikere. Mr Utikere is available to certify documents and take declarations. As a courtesy, please contact the office to make an appointment time.

TRIVIAL PURSUITS EVENING

If you want to help our Languages students to prepare for their trip to Japan in April 2008, come along to our Trivial Pursuits Evening to be held on Saturday, November 24 at Freyberg High School. This will be a fun evening with raffle prizes including a helicopter ride and a boutique wine sale. To register your interest and your team, please ring Monica Skinner on 06 356 9823.

Dave Stout, HOD LANGUAGES

SCIENCE SPOT

First we would like to congratulate **Stasha Bakker** for her outstanding result in the ICAS Science Competition where she gained a High Distinction Certificate. This places her in the top 1% of entrants, well done Stasha. Over recent months students have been busy immersing themselves into science investigations in preparation for the Manawatu Science and Technology Fair (MSTF). We had our school Science Fair on 15th August and listed below are the prize winners from the day.

Senior Living World

1st Alice Ashwell & Holly Tate Hare to there...where?

Junior Living World

1st Whetu Te Rata Murdering Manuka

2nd = Stasha Bakker 1,2,3...Cheese

& Georgia Roberts

2nd = Brook Pugmire

How realistic are your fears?

Junior Material World

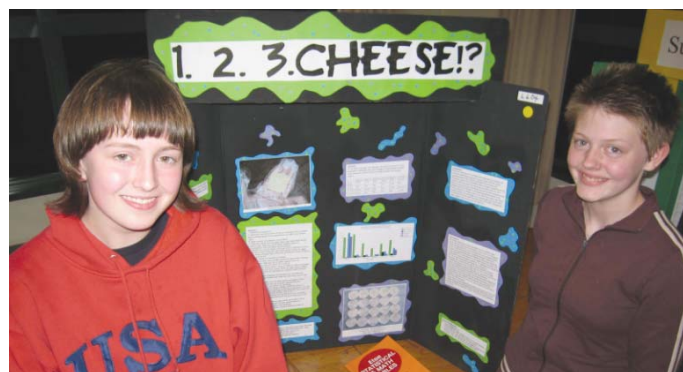
1st= Lisa Morgan Acid to alkaline

1st= Amelia Caldwell The toothpaste test

3rd Sara Scott Make it rise

We were pleased that **Whetu Te Rata** was awarded a Distinction Award in Science, **Holly Tate** and **Alice Ashwell** were both awarded the Massey University INR Ecology Group Prize and **Steven Greenblatt** was awarded a NZ Statistical Association Prize (Highly Commended). Thanks to Freyberg PTA for their support.

Craig Steed
HOD Science.





Another winter season of sport has drawn to a close. Any unpaid sports fees should be paid as soon as possible.

A huge thank you to all parents who helped out our teams with coaching, managing and supporting. We do appreciate parent involvement and if you are interested in being on our database for coaches and managers at Freyberg, please contact us.

Summer sports coming up are: cricket (girls and boys) volleyball, touch, golf and tennis. Students need to collect registration forms for these now as competition is due to start very early in Term 4.

Recently our school travelled to Hawera for our annual sports exchange. We did have a good day and we were very proud of our students as they represented Freyberg.

National winter tournament has just ended around the country and Freyberg had 5 teams involved. Our girls' soccer team were amazing and were just ousted at the end of a very successful week to end up 6th. Our soccer boys travelled to Papamoa and after a shaky start to the competition impressed Mr Riley with their determination. Freyberg's hockey girls were stationed in PN and entertained us with some good hockey. We also had two girls' basketball teams travel to Napier and Wellington. The junior girls had a good tournament. Our Premier girls' basketball did very well in Wellington and qualified for Nationals in Auckland during the next school holidays. Well done to all of our teams, we are proud of you. A huge thank you to the amazing staff and parents who so willingly pitch in and look after these teams, often with lots of travelling, loads of washing and mounds of food to prepare. You are legends.



Sport and cultural photos have just been taken, if you would like to order a late photo, send \$6.00 to the Sports Room with the name of the photo required as we will put in an order for you.

Rosemary Barsanti
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

SPORTS ACADEMY

William Liuvaie

Selected for Manawatu Rugby Academy

Emma Finlay

3rd Wellington Championships 200m Breaststroke

Royden Burt

Selected for NZ U16 Hockey team and Manawatu Senior Men's

Grace McPherson-Newton

Selected for Basketball New Zealand High Performance squad
Selected for New Zealand Touch Academy

Luke Harrington

Captain Marist Boys' Tennis team

Annaliese Burr

Gold and Silver at the National Tae Kwon Do Championship

Ariana Blackwood

2nd Manawatu/Wanganui Cross Country

1st Manawatu/Wanganui Road Race
10th New Zealand Road Race

Josh Munn

Golf – selected for the Senior Manawatu/Wanganui team and elite squad
Selected to represent New Zealand at the Jack Newton International Junior Classic (Australia)

Kristie Wackildene

1st placed New Zealand Kyokoshin Karate
1st placed New Zealand Highland Dancing

Liana Mua

1st New Zealand Karate Kata
2nd New Zealand Karate Kumite

David Burr

Six first placings in Regional Tae Kwon Do.

George McConachy, Director
SPORTS ACADEMY

INTEGRATED STUDIES

This term the Year 9s have been working on possibly the scariest topic of the year - Speeches. The best two speakers from each class went to the semi finals and the top ten will make it to the finals next term.

Year 10 students have been busy this term with seminar finals and marae trips. Congratulations to seminar winner Ashlee Rosvall and runner up Lauren Woods. Core classes have recently returned from marae trips which included visits to Ratana Pa, Whanganui Musuem and Moutoa Gardens before beginning their learning experience on Parewahawaha Marae in Bulls.

Freyberg has a strong relationship with the marae which has lasted more than 20 years. The students found the trip a valuable experience that for many is the highlight of their time at Freyberg.



Debbie Little, Tangi Utikere
Assistant Heads of Department, Integrated Studies

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S NOTEBOOK



In the last Newsletter I spoke about curriculum review and what Freyberg needs to do to prepare the new curriculum document.

I believe that the ideas I quote below from, Sir Ken Robinson, an internationally recognised leader in the development of creativity, innovation and human resources, should be at the core of our thinking.

“Our systems of education are based on the view that intelligence is a linear process of rational thought. From this

we have derived economic models of education which are equally linear. The reason that all countries are taking these issues so seriously now is the recognition that these old assumptions won't do any more. The economic circumstances in which we all live, in which our children will have to make their way, are utterly different from those of 20 or even 10 years ago. For these we need different styles of education and different priorities. We are generating cultural and social circumstances within which the old processes of rationalism in themselves are increasingly

inadequate. We need a new Renaissance that moves beyond these categories and develops the relationships between different processes rather than emphasising their differences. We need to re-evaluate the relationships of areas of educational experience that are now separated. We need new structures of learning for a different type of future. We cannot meet the challenges of the 21st Century with the educational ideologies of the 19th. We cannot approach the future looking backwards ... we need an education that values different modes of intelligence and sees relationships between disciplines. To achieve this, there must be a different balance of priorities between the arts, sciences and humanities in education and in the forms of thinking they promote. They should be taught in ways that reflect their intimate connections in the world beyond education. Achieving this is not easy but the benefits of success are high and substantial and the price of failure is high.” Out of our Minds, Ken Robinson 2001.

I'd love to hear your thoughts. (brooksp@freyberg.ac.nz)

Peter Brooks

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

TERM 4

Calendar of Events

October 8	Term 4 begins
October 10	Senior exam interviews 2.30 – 6.30pm
October 11	Year 9 Speech Finals
October 15	Bandana Day
October 16	PTA meeting - 7.30pm
October 17	Y13 Drama Production – 7.30pm
October 22	LABOUR DAY
October 24	Y11 Geography trip
October 26	JUNIOR PROM
November 12 – 15	Year 10 exams
November 14	Last day for Y11, 12, 13
November 16	Gym champs

November 19	NCEA exams begin
November 20	Year 10 Tennis champs
November 22	Year 9 Tennis champs
Nov 22 – 23	Year 10 Work Experience
November 27 – 28	Music Road show
December 5	NCEA exams finish
December 6	Junior Splash
December 11	Senior Prize Giving
December 12	Y13 Leavers' Dinner
December 13	Junior Prize Giving
	Last day for Y9/10 students
December 14	Reports posted

MEAT & WOOL CAREERS DAY



Alexandra Fay, Brad Curnow, Chris Malamba and Selina Luthie attended an exciting and informative interactive careers day sponsored by the New Zealand Meat and Wool Board. They had the opportunity to try shearing and

drenching amongst other things. Speakers included vets, rural bankers and stock agents.

UCOL AUTOMOTIVE STAR COURSE

A group of students have undertaken an Automotive course one day per week at UCOL this year, they put together a beach buggy from start to finish and had a test run on the Freyberg tennis courts.



STEP UP AUGUST 2007

In August a big group Year 12 and 13 students took part in a motivational programme for 2 days at Arena 2 listening to New Zealand and International speakers on a range of business and sporting topics.

Helen Green, CAREERS ADVISOR

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