



FLAXMERE COLLEGE

Te Kāreti o Paharakeke

November, 2019

Tēnā koutou katoa. Term 4 has been a productive and successful term to date. I would like to personally thank our students, staff, whānau and community for supporting Flaxmere College to ensure every child is enjoying and achieving educational success. Congratulations to our following learners who have already achieved NCEA.

Level 1: Ngahina Price, Moira Karaitiana, Tiarah Tua, Shontaeah Patuwai, Rikaylyn SciaScia Sullivan, Herewini Leaf-Murray, Chozen Hart, Ariki Andrews, Faoa Tuliau, Murial Manutuilila, Devonae Morrison, Waiora Takiwa-Tai, Julia Mitchell, Potamia Pritchard, Tuhoe Vercoe.

Level 2: Shania Archibald, Latoya Hempel, Jahydee Moke, Colleen Matthews, Acacia Nathan (and Level 3), Liam Turner, Anita Tapara, Jack Wairau, Jimi Anaru, Raana Te Hau, Sheriqua Rahuri-Turi, Rebekah-Lyn Price, Mystery Wilkins, Beruska Combs, Samuel Teleso, Tristan Harmer-Stevens, Hope Mokau, Sanchez Tamati, Dache Whakaruru, Kenny Cracknell-Vercoe, Shiloh Gill, Merawini Stevens.

Level 3: Taylen Maaka-Ohlson, Larissa McPhail, Rarati Walker, Asiah Hepi, Kera Patuwai, Shadrach Bartlett, Joseph Hungahunga, Annaleah Sullivan SciaScia (and Level 1 and Level 2), Paige Wallace-Ross, Henare Matthews, Lisa Gemmell, Lilyanne Matthews, Amanda Philpot (and Level 2).

To our Seniors completing their NCEA Kia Kaha Tonu and all the best for NCEA Exams - ***“student success is the only option”*** for every student at Flaxmere College.

Nga mihi, Louise Anaru, Principal

Year 13 student, Promise Taumata attended the Ringa Toi Student Exhibition 2019 held at the Asteron Centre in Wellington. Promises wheku or mask was chosen to be displayed in the exhibition. Awesome talent Promise!



To celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori in September a group of our students and staff planned and produced kai for the ENTIRE SCHOOL! What an amazing team effort! Students and staff enjoyed a sausage boil up, takakau bread and steamed pudding with cream. Students also learnt about tikanga when it comes to Māori cuisine. A big thank you to the students involved and staff Mrs Heeney, Ms Falcon and Ms Reid for their hard work.



On 18th September, our Level 1 Hospitality class prepared muffins, scones and club sandwiches to support Age Concern Flaxmere's 25th birthday celebration lunch. This was a great lesson for students on planning and preparing finger food for a large group (100 guests). We were very lucky to have the support of Flaxmere New World and Nourished for Nil who donated some of the ingredients required. Four Year 11 students, Taylor, Marvi, Muriel and Ariki attended the celebration and helped to serve the food to guests. What a great example of service and community collaboration. Happy Birthday Age Concern Flaxmere!



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SPORTS AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION

15 Flaxmere College students worked on developing their personal and peer leadership in the Tongariro National Park last term. They stayed at the Hillary Outdoors Education Centre, extending their comfort zones and skill ability in numerous ABL activities during their Adventure Week.

Some students felt that this experience has been the highlight of the time here at Flaxmere College, some noted that they had extended their comfort zone well beyond what they thought they were capable of, others enjoyed the challenges presented by the elements. Here are a few images from their caving, high ropes, indoor rock climbing, team challenges and overnight expeditions. The students, together with their Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Ara Hou counterparts, were divided into two groups. Both groups completed their overnight expeditions in the middle of the week - one up in the snow at the top of Mt Ruapehu and the other navigating near the base of the mountain.



Congratulations to our College **NETBALL** team. The team has had an amazing journey this season and we are very proud of what they have achieved. This unique team over the last few years have set the pathway for equity and inclusiveness in HB Secondary School Netball. We were the first to compete as a mixed team (2017) in the HBSS College Day tournament. The first mixed team to represent in the Unison Super 12 competition 2018 & 2019 and the very first College team to achieve a place in the Unison Super 12 finals. A very special thanks to Raiha Falcon-Maxwell who has committed the last 3 seasons to the development of netball here at the College.



Our **BASKETBALL** Teams have also had an amazing season! Both our Boys and Girls teams attended the 2019 regional competitions held in Whanganui (Boys) and Palmerston North (Girls). After a nail biting final game for 3rd and 4th position against Palmerston North Boys, the college took this out in the last seconds of the game for a 89-88 win giving us a fabulous 3rd placing. Amazing effort and show of team work, resilience and determination. Congratulations to Elliot Edwards who was nominated by all coaches at the tournament as Sportsmanship Player of the Tournament. Despite some determined efforts from our



Girls team, the group were unable to get a win as they were up against some very good opposition. Although it was not the outcome we were hoping for, it was an unforgettable experience that the players are keen to participate in again. A big thank you to the coaches, managers and whanau for their support.

Our **POOL** Team enjoyed attending the National 8Ball Tournament in Hamilton. Rapata, Liam and Willie enjoyed the opportunity to play against a number of different schools, meeting new people and watching the professional's exhibition match. Another highlight was staying

at the same accommodation as the All Blacks!!!!



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ENROLMENT INFORMATION for 2020 has been issued to all year 8 students at Flaxmere, Peterhead, Kimi Ora, Irongate, Bridge Pa and Te Kura o Paki Paki schools. Our Principal, Louise Anaru is happy to meet with any whanau who have any questions about our school and their child's secondary education. Contact the school office to arrange a one on one meeting!

