



# REPOROA COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Monday 9th November 2009

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Students in the senior school who are sitting NCEA external examinations will be given the examination slip containing the details of the exams they are sitting and a set of rules to be followed. We have also organised an assembly to brief the students about the examination of Friday 13 November.

I once again would like to inform the students who are not sitting any external examinations and who have not gained their NCEA levels thus far to come to school to complete additional work or finish off any incomplete assessment to gain more credits. Parents of these students are encouraged to make contact with the school for more information if required. Please note that a minimum of 12 NCEA credits in one subject at Year's 12 & 13 will give them the qualification and at Year 11 it is 16 credits per subject.

Congratulations to Matthew Axtens and Cedric Carston, who have been selected for the NZ Under 17 Rugby Preliminary Franchise Squad. Well done!

Ka kite ano,  
Kris Bhatt, Principal

## **Strategic Plan Goal A : Student Achievement - Will be enhanced by the provision of learning opportunities that enable all students to reach their full potential.**

### **Notice to Parents/Caregivers Overdue Sports Uniforms and Bags**

We **urgently** need all winter sports uniforms, bags and blazers returned to Mrs Holt. These are now weeks overdue.

Can these please be brought back to school **ASAP**.

Parents, could you please check that your children have handed these items back to the school.

### **Congratulations**

**Sherie Wynyard** who went to Group Day and won **Supreme Champion Lamb**.

**Well done Sherie!**

### **Congratulations**

**Matthew Axtens** and **CJ Carston** who have both made the **New Zealand Under 17 Rugby Squad**.

**Well done boys!**

### **Stamp Draw Results**

*Two surprise stamp draws have taken place at this terms Dean's assemblies, congratulations to the following students who all won a \$10 Whitcoulls voucher.*

#### **Senior**

Julia Robinson  
Rayner Ransfield  
Tessa Mills  
Marieke Esemdam

#### **Junior**

Lytic Matthews  
Azura Silberschmidt  
Kahlia Goss  
James Davies

### **Respect Awards**

*This term staff ate nominating students to receive RESPECT awards from Yr7 to Yr13, not from specific levels of the school, congratulations to the following students who received RESPECT awards this term.*

Tyler Ranger  
Steven Johanson  
Zarek Silberschmidt  
Jessica Drysdale

James West  
Matthew Fitzgerald  
Joe Unuwai  
Juthamas Jatuthong

**Reporoa College Senior Textile Technology** students and **Julyynn Gray (HOD)** would like to thank **Bernina NZ** and the **BOT** for the opportunity to purchase this sewing machine for the department with the \$1000 won at the **TENZ** conference in the



holidays. The students will be able to stitch their own logos and designs onto their garments and projects.

### **Agriculture News**

The following students performed will demonstrating great practical skills, determination and a fantastic attitude in the recent Tractor Safety Course:

**Eden Anderton**      **Rhys Cooper**  
**Ben Mason**         **Daniel Mills**  
**Darrell Munday**   **Kurt Overvest**  
**Stacey Webb**      **Geoff Windley**  
**Alex Young**

Well done everyone, Thanks to Mr & Mrs Groot for generously allowing us the use of their farm.

**Strategic Plan Goal B : Community - To develop a quality learning community for the geographical area between Rotorua and Taupo.**

**'Kaharoa Killer'**

**Duathlon Series - Less than 1 month to go!!**

To be held from Kaharoa School on 29th Nov & 28th Feb - enter 1 of both events.

Run (or walk) - Bike - Run (or walk).  
Events for adult females, adult males, children and family event too. A great event for everyone in the family to take part in. For more information check out:

[www.kaharoakillerduathlon.co.nz](http://www.kaharoakillerduathlon.co.nz)

Enter before 14th Nov to avoid late entry fee.

There will be an Information and Support Meeting at REAP, 73 Titirapunga Street, Taupo on Thursday 5th November, from 10.30am - 12noon.

Come and enjoy morning tea or coffee and a n opportunity to chare some ideas with others.

For further information contact: Helen Franich, Co-ordinator/Fieldworker on 07 348 1946.

**Congratulations to two of our local Reporoa Kindergarten teachers.**

*Gillian Fitzgerald*  
and  
*Roma Angel*

Have been nominated for a NITA EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD.

Well done!!

**Strategic Plan Goal C : School Organisation and Structure - To support student achievement through maximizing efficiency in all aspects of school organisation and structure.**

**REPOROA COLLEGE DIARY, Week 5, Term 4  
November 9th - November 13th**

Monday 9th November	Day 2	Full Assembly (8.50am)
Tuesday 10th November	Day 3	Senior Drama Final Performances (PM)
Wednesday 11th November	Day 4	
Thursday 12th November	Day 5	Year 7 Water Safety Trip
Friday 13th November	Day 6	Final Day for Seniors

**Early Closure**

To allow staff to participate in a compulsory paid union meeting the College will finish at 1pm on Wednesday 18th November.

Provisionally Rotorua, Taupo and Horohoro bus runs will leave at 1pm, supervision will be provided for students if they can not be collected at 1pm.

**HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH EXAM REVISION**

*The best help you can give your child is by being encouraging, providing healthy refreshments and keeping the house quiet and peaceful. Well before exams, it is useful to sit down and agree on some ground-rules and strategies.*

- **Fourty minutes is about as long as a child can concentrate in one stretch.** The brain's ability to concentrate drops after 35 to 40 minutes so it's best to take a break at that point for five or ten minutes. The brain maximises beginnings and endings but not the middle, so this method effectively minimises that period. They can take a break for a drink and a snack like fruit or nuts. Be warned that if the break involves TV or computer games, it can be hard to get started again.
- **Remind them that just staring at notes doesn't mean anything is going in.** They need to use strategies to ensure the material is being absorbed - writing it down, repeating it aloud, testing themselves.
- **Revise exam technique, using past papers.** Every question should be attempted and the answer planned out before starting to write. Keep jotted notes to hand as a crib sheet.
- **Don't interrupt revision if it is going well, even for**

**TEACHER ONLY DAY  
Friday 20th November 2009.**

*The Reporoa College staff will be involved in a teacher only day to prepare for the implementation of the New Zealand Curriculum. Your support as we prepare for the changes that need to be made for 2010 is most appreciated.*

**a family outing.** If there is an important event coming up, factor it into the revision timetable but even teenagers have to accept that sometimes they must miss out.

- **Accept that children who are worried about exams will ten to be grumpy.** Remind them about stress-reduction techniques like exercise and calm breathing and make sure they are eating nutritious meals and drinking enough water. Reassure them that you value their efforts more than perfect results.
- **On the morning of an exam, avoid wishing them 'good luck'.** Talk of luck can raise anxiety levels. School exams are not a lottery, they are an appraisal of information already learned. Instead, say: "I hope everything goes well."