



Phoenix

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora koutou. Nga mihi ki te whanau.

Two of the values predominant at Freyberg High School are co-operation and integrity. One aspect of this is tolerance and appreciation of diversity.

At Freyberg High School we have a Learning Support Faculty which caters for our special students. In the **Craig Centre** we have students with Very High Needs. These students are only occasionally mainstreamed and receive a lot of specialised teaching. In the **HPT** (He Puna Tautoko – a support spring) we have students who are mainstreamed for some classes but receive their teaching in English, Mathematics and Science as a special class. In **The Flat** we have special students who receive training to be able to function effectively in society. We have **deaf students** in the school who are accompanied by signers. The **Independent Learning Centre** caters for students who are not coping in mainstream classes and who need independent learning programmes.

In Year 9 and 10 we have two extension classes for top academics and two classes for students who struggle with their schoolwork. The other 10 classes for each year level are mixed ability.

We run a **Gifted and Talented programme**. Freyberg High School runs a **Sports Academy** for students talented in sport and an **Arts Academy** for students talented in Music, Drama, Art,

Kapa Haka and Dance.

We also run a **Teen Parent Unit** for pregnant teenagers or teenagers with a baby. We teach the girls and a local Trust looks after their babies.

We would have 40 students in our school who are fluent in Te Reo. A **Rumaki** is run in Years 9 and 10 for Māori students who have been in Kura Kaupapa schools and they are taught in Te Reo.

I would hope that if you entered Freyberg High School you would sense a peaceful and friendly atmosphere, where diversity is tolerated and appreciated. We seek to offer a balanced education in a spirit of co-operation and integrity.

One of our goals this year is to have 80% of our eligible students passing NCEA Level 1. To pass NCEA a student needs 80 credits. We are monitoring students' progress closely and I'd appreciate it, if you have a son/daughter studying Level 1 NCEA if you would check his/her progress. Students do assessments internally during the year and assessments externally at the end of year and gain credits for each – so it is easy to ask your child throughout the year how many credits he/she has. Your child should be close to 80 credits before the external assessments.

Michael McMenam, PRINCIPAL

GATEWAY AT FREYBERG

Freyberg High School is part of a nationwide programme called Gateway, offering Year 12 and 13 students a career-focused individual programme while still at school. Gateway is taken as a classroom option with, where possible, career-specific Unit Standards and a work experience component of a half or full day's work experience each week.

The aim of this programme, now in its fourth year at Freyberg, is for students to develop career-specific knowledge and skills. It is hoped to place students in an excellent position to gain employment, apprenticeships or to undertake tertiary study during or at the end of the year.

Students opting for Gateway in 2009 must be self-motivated,

have a good work ethic, be reliable and be able to represent themselves and Freyberg High School with pride. They need to have a general idea of the industry they would like to enter or trial during the year. In previous years, students have gained employment or moved into further study in areas such as professional cookery, automotive engineering and electrical, panel beating, broadcasting, hairdressing, retail and so on.

Enrolments for the 2009 Gateway programme will be accepted in Term 4 this year. If you have any enquiries please contact Delwyn Shirley at school Monday to Thursday or by email shirleyd@freyberg.ac.nz

FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

Parents of students in Year 10 will shortly receive in the mail details of the two day Work Experience programme. This is an opportunity for students to experience two working days in their chosen occupation, and takes place on November 20th and 21st.

It is the students' responsibility to find their own placements, and the school holidays are a good time to get started. A letter of introduction for prospective employers is included in the pack sent to parents.

Gerard Harrigan, Careers Adviser

PTA

Please book Tuesday November 11th 7.30pm in the Staff Room, where there will be a presentation on NCEA.

WEBSITE

Please refer to our website www.freyberg.ac.nz for continuous updates on events at Freyberg.

SPORT AT FREYBERG

Winter Tournament is a big event on the sporting calendar at Secondary Schools around New Zealand. This year Freyberg had 11 teams representing our school.



Rugby: Freyberg 1st XV won all their games except for the crucial semi-final, so ended up in a very creditable 3rd place. Matt Rennie was voted

MVP of the Tournament.

Soccer: They were an amazing team who got to the final and lost 2-1 to come second in their competition. Jodi Curtis was named MVP of the Tournament. Kim Nottingham, Nicole Robertson, Jodi Curtis and Kelly Black were selected for the Tournament team – congratulations!

Our Boys' Soccer team ended up at the lower end of the teams, but played their hearts out.

Hockey: Girls' Hockey had a great start to Tournament - unfortunately they lost a semi and played off for 3rd and 4th. The girls ended up 4th - a very good result indeed.

The Boys' Hockey had a great start. Some suspect umpiring didn't help and the boys ended up mid-field in the Tournament.

Table Tennis: Our team was entered in the B grade section and was placed 2nd overall – a great result! Natalie Paterson won a Silver Medal in the individual section and a Gold Medal in the doubles.

Tae Kwondo: Tui Tubby won Gold at the Tae Kwondo North Island Championships.

Netball: We ended up in the top 16 of the B Grade of the Lower North Island Tournament. Well done girls!

Basketball: Three Freyberg teams were involved in regional Tournaments.

The Junior Girls performed well. The Senior Boys struck the hardest draw possible but fought on and had some good games with a win and some close losses.

The Senior Girls also struck a hard draw against the very strong Wellington schools. They worked well for a few wins, but unfortunately did not qualify for nationals this year.

Trampolining: It was a big contest for them and they acquitted themselves very well.

A huge thank you goes out to ALL coaches, managers and students who got themselves organised to attend and take trainings and games and work so hard to get fit and ready for these big Tournaments. You can all be very proud of yourselves - you have been great.

Get2Go Challenge: We entered two teams in this Challenge which is designed to encourage students to get out and discover New Zealand's great outdoors. Our teams had a ball in the sunshine competing in mountain biking, kayaking, rock climbing and orienteering. Thanks to Ms Maxey and Raewyn for looking after our teams on the day.

Summer sport is now just about to begin. Students need to read the Daily Notices to find out what summer sport is on offer and get to the Sports Room to collect a registration form. Don't hesitate and miss out – get involved in sport – a great way to keep fit and healthy!!

Rosemary Barsanti
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

SPORTS ACADEMY

Wanganui Collegiate Round the Lake Relay:

- 1st Wellington Girls' College
- 2nd St Mary's College, Wellington
- 3rd Freyberg High School
- 4th Wanganui Collegiate School
- 5th Tauranga Girls' College

Freyberg also finished ahead of Napier Girls' High School, New Plymouth Girls' High School, Sacred Heart Girls' College, New Plymouth.

Annaliese Burr

Tae Kwondo Central Districts regionals:
1st Team pattern, 3rd Power, 3rd Sparring.

Adele Costello

Selected for the U16 Renegades Inline Hockey team
Gold Medallists at the AAU Junior Olympics U18 Women
Silver Medallists AAU Junior Olympics Women
Bronze AAU Junior Olympics Club's Division

Tessa Field

3rd 200m Freestyle 6 Centre meet
1st Manawatu Winter Championships: 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 50m Backstroke; 2nd 200m Backstroke; 3rd 400m Freestyle.

Micheala Hemopo

Manawatu U17 Girls' Basketball team; Manawatu U19 Touch
Manawatu U17 Mixed Touch; New Zealand Touch Academy.

Freya Newton

NZ Koru Basketball team.

Helenka Pollard

2nd Junior Girls' Manawatu Duathlon.

Mikayla Pollard

3rd Novice Girls' Manawatu Duathlon.

Rikihana Watson

Manawatu U17 Basketball.

David Burr

Tae Kwondo – Central Districts Regional championships.

1st Sparring

1st Power, 1st Team patterns, 2nd Patterns, 2nd Special techniques. Best overall Black Belt male.

Andy Kruy

Manawatu Rugby Academy, Palmerston North U19 Basketball



Piripi Holland lifting his personal best at the Transition Flatter's mini Power lifting competition at Human Movements recently.

Genevieve Bryant.



For Luisa Moce it is, according to her, a small thing to do to help others. "It's only hair, it will grow back" she says with a large bubbly smile.

There were at least 100 friends and family at the Plaza to watch Luisa have her hair shaved to benefit the Cancer Society.

SIGHT & SOUND

The new Computer Suite is now fully operational for Visual Imaging students. The adjacent radio studio is not far from completion, and after acoustic treatment and equipment installation, should be producing sounds by next term.

Freyberg FM is still looking for programme makers and students and parents who would like to get involved in running the station.

Amy Cameron won 2nd place in the Ilford Shield Photographic Competition Class A Open Section – a fantastic achievement!

Sam McIver, HOD ART

Science Fair Photography Competition

This picture won 1st place in the Competition. It is by **Sasha Hatten-Brown** and is called "What my goldfish sees".



SCIENCE SPOT



Stacey Gunn

It was a privilege recently to have been awarding prizes in assembly for student successes in both the ICAS Science Competition and the Science & Technology Fair. Congratulations particularly to **Harris Nilsen, Bill Innes-Drewery and Lise**

Bakker for their distinction certificates in the ICAS competition. Special mention needs to also go to **Stasha Bakker** who achieved High Distinction in the ICAS Science competition – an outstanding achievement!

Further successes in the school Science & Technology Fair are detailed below.

1st placings: **Jenna Dittmer, Stacey Gunn, Nicole Gledhill**

2nd placings: **Courtney Walker, Kathryn Drew, Rachel Williamson**

3rd placings: **Areth Dunlop, Michael Thurston, Ella Bourke**

Highly Commended: **Natalie Crawford, Hannah Day, Sue-Ellen Mehlhopt, Rebekah Thompson, Laura Clifford, Greer Mahoney, Madoka Yamauchi, Lise Bakker, Lizzie Frith, Kayla Roberts, Jordan Wood.**

A number of these students achieved prizes at the Manawatu Science & Technology Fair – Congratulations to **Jenna Dittmer, Sue-Ellen Mehlhopt, Madoka Yamauchi, Rachel Williamson** for their successes at MSTF.

Thanks to PTA and In House Computers for their sponsorship.

Craig Steed, HOD SCIENCE

MUSIC



John McCormick has recently been made a Member of the NZ Order of Merit for services to music – particularly Jazz.

John teaches clarinet, alto and tenor sax - twice weekly at Freyberg, at other Secondary Schools and privately in Palmerston North. He also directs the Freyberg Stage Band.

John was an original member of the 1960's/70's rock group 'Quincey Conserve' and worked as a session musician for EMI Records.

He frequently works with Rodger Fox in the World Blues Revue shows and for other events and is also the leader of the Manawatu Jazz Club Big Band.

We are delighted to congratulate him on this special occasion and to acknowledge his years of support to the Freyberg Stage Band and the many young musicians who have had the opportunity to develop a love for music through his tutoring.

Glenys Hewetson, Music Department

National Concert Bands Festival

Freyberg entered two bands in the National Concert Bands Festival held in Wellington on 15-16 August. The Year 11 Band, the youngest in the Festival, won a very creditable Silver medal, placing it alongside many adult community bands and senior High School bands. The Senior Concert Band's goal was to win Gold, after several years of working towards this supreme achievement. Even before they had finished their 25 minute performance, the audience was left in no doubt that Freyberg had once again produced a concert band of outstanding quality, and the adjudicator's decision to award Gold was clear-cut.

National Barbershop Competition

Freyberg's male Barbershop Quartet competed in Wellington on 20th August in the National Barbershop Competition. Against a field of extremely experienced quartets, they came seventh overall, once again achieving the top award for a Manawatu High School Quartet.

Roger Buchanan, HOD MUSIC

DRAMA

Living with Lady MacBeth by Rob John
Year 12 Drama play

On Wednesday 10 September Ms Darragh's Year 12 Drama class performed to a full house, as part of their performance work for NCEA. This was their final performance for the year, and it was a good one! The play follows the story of Lily, an ordinary teenage girl who wants to show everyone that she is capable of playing the ambitious and challenging role of Lady MacBeth in her school production.

Mel Killgour and Sofia Harley played the present and past Lily, with help from Amy Cameron as Lily's best friend Monica. The rest of the class made up the roles of Lily's boyfriend Barry, her brother, mother and assorted class mates. It was a production full of heightened tension and drama, helped by the excellently operated lights and sound (thanks to Bethany Mudd and Sarah Gordon). Well done everyone!

Ms Darragh (Teacher)

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S NOTEBOOK

He aha te mea nui o te ao?
He tamariki, he tamariki, he tamariki.
What is the most important thing in our world?
It is our children, our children, our children.

Schools and teachers around New Zealand are currently coming to terms with the new Curriculum Document and what it means for their school.

Educators have always faced the challenge of preparing students for "possible futures". However, the exponential rate of change in the last twenty years, and the projections that the speed of change will continue to increase, requires particularly creative solutions.

Here are some interesting points raised at an International Educators' Conference earlier this year.

- World migration has nearly doubled in the last twenty years.
- Global inequalities have increased dramatically.
- One in four New Zealanders is over 65.
- One in five workers aged 15 – 39 is Māori.
- Current education is focused on packaging learning for old-fashioned vocation prescriptions.

- Schools can't prepare students for the future if they stay as they are now.
- Education isn't just one particular institution.
- By 2028, China's population will be 1.42 billion.
- The global economy will be 80% larger by 2028.
- By 2050, there will be a 1:2 ratio of elderly to working people.

This rate of change means we need to change our emphasis on education from learning a body of information to learning how to learn. At the same time, as one Principal said, "I want the school leavers of the future to be the sort of people I would want to work with, to live next door to, or to have my grandchild marry".

The Freyberg graduate of the future must be future-focused and have high expectations. They will need to be able to think creatively, use language, symbol and text well, manage themselves, relate to others and participate in their community.

I encourage all of you to join in the discussions as we develop Freyberg's plan for this journey.

Peter Brooks, ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

ESOL KNITTING WORKSHOP

A knitting workshop was offered to ESOL students recently and proved very popular. As well as developing a useful skill, students are practicing the language and increasing their English vocabulary. Some students have become addicted and have finished their first garment in less than a week! Thank you to those who donated wool and needles. We could still use more – especially thicker wool which grows faster and Freyberg colours - navy blue and bright yellow. Simple knitting patterns would also be gratefully received. Any donations can be left at the ESOL Department J3 or at the Office. Thank you.

Pauline Goetzlof, HOD ESOL/Refugee Coordinator



PARENT INTERVIEWS

We have parent/teacher interviews for senior students (Yr 11, 12 and 13) on Wednesday 15 October 2.20 - 6.30 pm. in the School Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to discuss their son or daughter's results from the school examinations held in September.

Appointment sheets will be sent to parents at the end of this term.

Linda Smith, HOS Tararua

MATHS

Year 10 End of Year Examinations

The Year 10 examinations will be held early in November. Integrated Studies, Mathematics and Science have formal timetabled 2 hour examinations. The results from these and other assessments throughout the year are used to identify the appropriate Year 11 course in English, Mathematics and Science. The Year 10 option classes use a variety of assessment tasks appropriate to their subject to identify the students who have reached a Year 10 level of understanding that is sufficient to support a student into the Year 11 course.

Robert Elder

From the Mathematics Department

To help students prepare themselves thoroughly for the Year 10 Examinations, the Mathematics Department is able to offer revision packs to 10MA classes. These consist of the 3 previous years' examination questions and answers. The cost is \$5. Orders must be handed to Maths teachers by Wednesday 24th September. The packs will be distributed before the end of term to enable students to prepare a revision programme over the holidays. Next term they can attend Support Maths if necessary to improve any areas of weakness.

Karen Lee

Australian Mathematics Competition Results

In August 65 students sat the examination for this international Mathematics Competition. Congratulations go to the following outstanding students.

Year 13: Mark Thorn, Distinction; Max Annear Henderson, Distinction. Year 12: Christopher Handley, High Distinction; Max Betteridge, High Distinction; Charlotte Frith, Distinction. Year 11: Steven Greenblatt, Distinction. Year 10: Stasha Bakker, Distinction. Year 9: Joseph Dymond, Distinction; Jared Stevens, Distinction; Michael Thurston, Distinction. Dirk Smyth.

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