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## UPCOMING EVENTS

27/1 Newsletter No.1 issued

**Term 1—Week 1**

30/1 Year 13 Senior Leadership Day

31/1 Year 7 students on site: 10.30—3.10  
New students at other levels on site: 11.00—12.00

Peer Support Training: 10.00—3.10

1/2 All students return: 8.30 am start

**Term 1—Week 2**

6/2 Waitangi Day—School Closed

**Term 1—Week 3**

13/2 Commissioning Assembly

15/2 Board of Trustees meeting



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

## From the Principal

Tena Koutou Katoa

A very warm welcome to all students and families as you prepare to join or return to St. Oran's College for 2012. I hope you have all enjoyed a refreshing and relaxing break and are ready for the choices, challenges and successes that lie ahead this year. A new year brings with it excitement and possibility and I hope it is with this spirit that you are returning to school.

We welcome the following new staff to our college:

- Mr Gareth Walsh—Music (Maternity Leave Position)
- Mrs Tabitha Phillips—English and History.

We also welcome back from their year's leave Mrs Ellie De Joux—Guidance Counsellor and Ms Karen Ardin—Health/PE.

Congratulations to Ms Fraser-Morris who had a baby girl—Imogen Rose—on December 14. Both Mum and Imogen are doing well.

### Senior Leaders for 2012

We wish our Year 13 students all the very best as they embark on their leadership roles. Congratulations to the following:

#### Head Girl

Hannah Stuart

#### Head of College Council

Charlotte Wright

#### Head of Special Character

Tamra Lindsay

#### Sports Captain

Allie Eathorne

#### Cultural Captain

Courtney Bardsley

#### House Captains

McRae Natasha Culevski

Macfarlane Kasia Wysocki

Rutherford Melanie Beachen

Columba Rachel Beckman

#### Deputy House Captains

McRae Susanna McLaren

Macfarlane Catherine Brennand

Rutherford Nicole Hardie

Columba Tanja de Wilde

A commissioning service will be held on Monday 13 February to congratulate and recognise our Year 13 leaders.

I am delighted to report on the recently released provisional NCEA results for 2011:

NCEA Level 1—100% of students attained Level 1  
NCEA Level 2—98% of students attained Level 2  
NCEA Level 3—98% of students attained Level 3  
University Entrance: 100% of students attained U.E.

#### Endorsed Certificates:

NCEA Level 1—76% endorsed (59% Merit, 17% Excellence)

NCEA Level 2—57% endorsed (39% Merit, 17% Excellence)

NCEA Level 3—30% endorsed (23% Merit, 7% Excellence)

Congratulations to all of our senior students. They can be proud of their achievements. The staff must also be congratulated as these excellent results are dependent on high quality teaching and good relationships with their students. It is pleasing to see the increase in the number of certificate endorsements. This has been a school focus for the last few years and enables students more choices for courses at tertiary level.

Thank you to all staff, our Board of Proprietors and Board of Trustees for providing a supportive environment in which staff and students can succeed. This certainly holds true to our philosophy.

*“St. Oran's College provides a motivating environment, based on a strong foundation of Christian values that instils in each student a desire to succeed”*

As we begin a new year our focus remains on the holistic education that we offer at St. Oran's College as reflected in our Mission Statement:

*“St. Oran's College is a Year 7-13 Presbyterian girls' college that educates its students by providing a wide range of opportunities that enable them to become responsible and valued members of society.”*

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## From the Principal (continued)

Our Annual Plan goals will cover the following areas:

- NZ curriculum including Information Communication Technology, National Standards, Information Literacy and Professional Learning and Development to support high quality teaching and learning.
- Academic achievement—continue to encourage students to aim for an endorsed certificate.
- Extra-curricular activities—encourage all students to be involved in a sports and cultural extra-curricular activity.
- Special Character—continue to promote the Christian values that underpin all that we do.
- Effective and productive governance.

We aim to empower our students to be the best that they can be.

There are naturally many challenges involved in achieving such goal, but we are committed to working hard in partnership with parents and students to making it a reality.

2012 provides new opportunities for all our students and we look forward to making this a great year.

*To Start A New Year .....Anonymous*

*“A new year is unfolding—like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.*

*Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good— with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.*

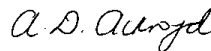
*As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with Your help and guidance”.*

We will be starting the year on Monday 30 January with a Leadership Day for our senior leaders. Our Year 7 students will have the school to themselves on Tuesday 31 January to help them become familiar with their new environment. This is also an excellent opportunity for them to meet their tutor group teachers and their Dean, Mrs Munn. An orientation morning for new students at other year levels will also be held on Tuesday from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon, as well as leadership training for our peer support students. Staff will also be getting together to look at both the school wide and the faculty goals for 2012. Our first full day for all students will be on Wednesday 1 February.

Thank you for your support of your daughter and our school. I wish you and your daughter all the very best for a smooth start to the year and for a happy and successful 2012.

Nga mihi nui

Kind regards,



D Ackroyd  
Principal

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### 2012

**Chairperson:** Mr Tony Brennand  
**Deputy Chairperson:** Mrs Fiona Lennon  
**Treasurer:** Mr Paolo Ryan  
**Principal:** Mrs Dawn Ackroyd

**Trustees:** Mrs Elizabeth Coe  
 Mr Ross Wallace  
 Mr Richard Harrison  
 Mr Adrian Peoples  
 Mrs Alice Hardie

**Staff Representative:** Ms Debs Siegert

**Student Representative:** Miss Alexandra Miles

### BOARD OF PROPRIETORS

#### 2012

**Chairperson:** Mrs E Coe  
**Deputy Chairperson:** Mr R Wallace  
**Treasurer:** Mr R Young

**Trustees:** Mr R Harrison  
 Rev W Matheson  
 Mr C Marsters  
 Mrs L Tennant

Mrs A Kurth  
**(Old Girls’ Association Representative)**  
 Mr P Whitham  
**(Parents’ Association Representative)**  
 Mr M Ingram  
**(Parents’ Association Representative)**

# Congratulations to:

## ACADEMIC ELITE STUDENTS

Congratulations to our 2011 Academic Elite Students (criteria is an Excellence Endorsed NCEA Certificate - where a student has attained 50 excellence credits at the particular NCEA Level).

### **NCEA Level One**

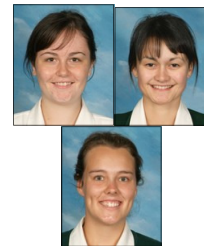
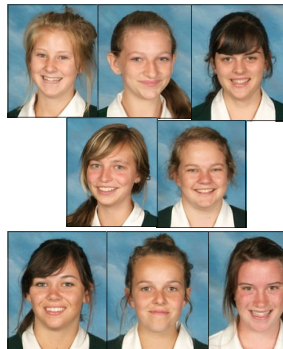
Tessa Burgess  
Clare Devine  
Alexa Weatherall  
Ella Steel  
Emma Albrechtsen  
Emma Belcher  
Esther Cheong  
Erica Baker  
Kathryn Fordyce  
Olivia Rees  
Adele Vasta  
Sarah Dobie

### **NCEA Level Two**

Suzanna McLaren  
Tamra Lindsay  
Courtney Bardsley  
Alexandra Eathorne  
Tanja de Wilde  
Hannah Stuart  
Melanie Beachen  
Rachel Beckman

### **NCEA Level Three**

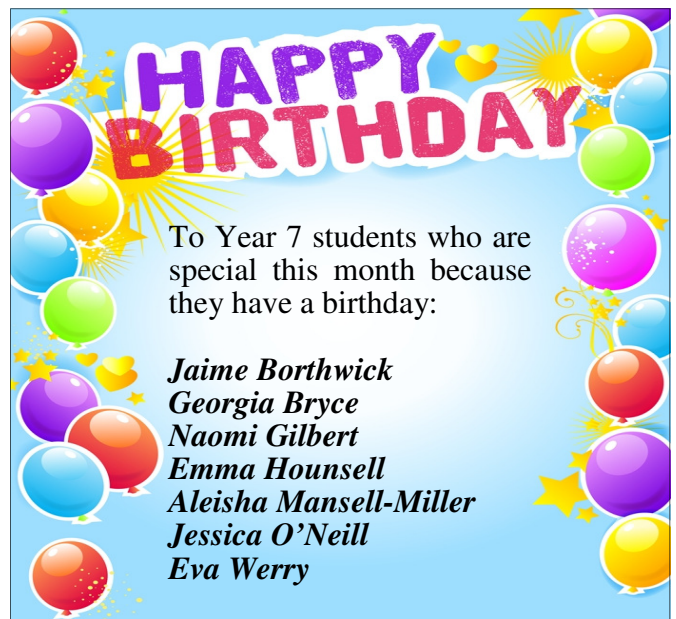
Grace Miles  
Charlotte Te Kata  
Julia McIntosh



### **CUP AND TROPHY**

### **RECIPIENTS 2011**

As advised last year, all cups and trophies awarded at the 2011 Awards Evening and Prizegiving Ceremony must be returned to the college as soon as possible.



**ST ORAN'S COLLEGE ATHLETICS**  
**MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**(CANCELLATION DAY WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY)**  
**NAENAE PARK (NOTE VENUE CHANGE)**

The St Oran's College athletics day endeavours to encourage students to participate in as many activities as possible as each year level rotates around every activity. Parents are welcome to drop down and see how their daughters are performing.

All students must participate in appropriate clothing ie shorts and tee shirt. Juniors are to wear PE uniform or house shirts. Seniors are to wear house coloured tee shirts and shorts.

**The morning...**

- Students are to meet at Naenae Park by 8.30am to join up with their tutor groups and houses.
- Bus students will be delivered directly to the grounds.
- Notice of cancellation will be broadcast on The Breeze (94.1 or 98FM, 891AM) before 7.30am

**The day...**

- The canteen will be selling food throughout the day at the event including sandwiches and wraps, juice and water
- Students will need to ensure that they have plenty to drink and eat.
- Hats and sunblock will also be needed.
- Students are not to leave the grounds throughout the day but stay with their year level during the morning to participate in activities.
- Students are to dress in house/PE tee shirts and PE shorts.

**The afternoon...**

- The afternoon will comprise mainly of sprint finals and relays.

The athletic sports will finish by 3.10pm and students will leave directly from Naenae Park including bus students. The bus students will be picked up from the ground and notified on the day where this will be.



**YEAR 7 INDUCTION DAY**

The 2012 school year starts for Year 7 students on Tuesday 31 January with Induction Day from 10.30 am until 3.10 pm. Students should wear school uniform and bring a pen, P.E. gear, paper and lunch. Students may also bring some of their stationery so they can store it in their lockers until needed.

Paulene Munn  
Year 7 Dean

**YEAR 13 PEER SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP DAY**  
**UNIFORM**

Year 13 students may wear mufti when attending Peer Support and Leadership Day.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR ALL PARENTS/CAREGIVERS**  
**STUDENT SAFETY**

Please take time to read through this information. If you need any clarification please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

**Student Leave**

**Advance Leave**

Should you know in advance of your daughter's absence, parents/caregivers must write to the principal requesting leave. A written approval will be given. This approval is a record of that absence. When signing out your daughter for leave during the day e.g. an appointment, funeral, family commitment etc. his needs to be done by a parent/caregiver or nominated adult.

**Absence from School**

If your daughter is sick or unable to attend school, parents/caregivers need to phone the school in the morning and leave a message. On the day your daughter returns to school, she must bring a written note to her tutor group teacher explaining the absence. If there is no note when the check is made at the end of the week, under the Ministry of Education guidelines, your daughter will be marked as truant.

**Lateness**

If your daughter is going to be late to school, parents/caregivers should phone and leave a message advising the school. Once the tutor group rolls are taken at 8.30 am, the office matches the absences with the telephone messages. Mrs Martin, Student Liaison Officer, will then contact parents of students who are marked absent but for whom there is no phone in.

**Parking**

To ensure the safety of our students, please do not drop off/pick up your daughter outside the school gate as it gets really congested, especially at the start and end of school. A suggested alternative is to use Knox Church carpart as a drop-off/pick-up point. During these times could you also refrain from using the school driveways. Your co-operation with this is appreciated as the safety of your daughter is paramount to us.

All car parks on the college grounds have been numbered and allocated to staff. Should you wish to park in the school grounds, please use the Visitor's Car Park. If this is in use, you will need to park outside the school grounds.

It is greatly appreciated that all parents/caregivers adhere to the above. The safety of your daughter is of the utmost priority.

**Buses—Upper Hutt Bus Students**

There are two buses that service the Upper Hutt area; one directly to Upper Hutt and one via Silverstream. To prevent overcrowding at the start of the year, we request that students catch the same bus after school as they do in the morning i.e. if they come to school from Upper Hutt via Silverstream, they are to catch that bus back.

Once extra-curricular after school activities begin, we can become more flexible with these arrangements.

**FROM THE SPORTS MANAGER**

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all had a great summer break and are keen to get back into sport for 2012. Apologies that the self addressed envelopes missed the mail out this year. If anyone still has to send their registrations in, the address is P O Box 31 043, Lower Hutt 5010 - Attn: Sports Department. I look forward to catching up with everyone and to another great year!

## PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES/DONATIONS

Please remember if you are paying your school fees/donations by automatic payment or internet banking, the school account that the funds should be credited to is: **Hutt Valley Presbyterian College for Girls' Inc (HVPC for Girls), Westpac Banking Corporation, Lower Hutt - Account Number: 030502 0416081 00.**

If you are paying your fees/donation by weekly/fortnightly or monthly instalments, these should have started in **January**.\* If this is not the case, you will need to make sure your payments throughout the balance of the year are sufficient to ensure a nil balance at the end of the school year. The school fees were increased as from 1 January 2012. Please ensure your automatic payment takes this into account. If you need assistance in this area, please contact Mrs Irene Mason, Finance Assistant.

\* It is recommended that the following amounts be paid:

- Year 7-10 students \$350.00 per month
- Year 11-13 students \$355.00 per month

Term 1 accounts, excluding music lesson charges, will be sent out on or about **Wednesday 1 February 2012**. Please contact the school office if you do not receive your account.



### CHAPLAIN'S COMMENT



I love the movie 'The Sound of Music'. It is a movie that I could watch at least once a year and still love the story,. The music is part of the inspiration that appeals to me.

While out gardening over the holidays, one of the songs came to mind as I was contemplating 2012 and what it might hold for me. The line goes like this – ‘what will this day be like, I wonder? What will my future be, I wonder?’

So what will this year hold for you?

Maybe this is the beginning of your relationship with St Oran's, your daughter's first year? If so, welcome to St Oran's College. Or maybe this is your daughter's last year and after 7 years you will end your day to day relationship with this school - I know how that felt when my children left school, so I understand!

Whatever this year brings me, I know that my life is not in my control even though I sometimes think it is! This I attest, that it is God who is my guide and protector of all my plans. I love the well-known verses from Jeremiah 29.11, ' **For I know the plans for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future**' I can only say 'wow' to this, and remember to ask God always to show me His will for my life.

Happy New Year and may God richly show you the desires of his heart.

Joce Kearney  
Chaplain



## NCEA NEWS

Congratulations to all students who sat NCEA Examinations. Your results were excellent and you are to be congratulated on all the hard work you have put in.

When you get your papers back you may have some queries about the marking of your papers. Please approach your teacher or myself to clarify any issues.

### Reconsiderations and Reviews

You can apply to have your grade reconsidered or reviewed. A review is when there has been a processing error eg. a wrongly transcribed grade. There is no fee for this service.

When applying for a reconsideration, the relevant judgement statements rising out of the assessment schedule for each standard are published on the NZQA website. This will help when applying for reconsideration in understanding the achievement criteria. It would be also useful to show your paper to your teacher to get their judgement. There is a cost of \$20-00 for reconsideration at Level 1-3 and \$30-00 for scholarship. If the reconsideration is successful, the fee paid will be refunded.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Cuttance on ext 825.

Early in the term your daughter will be given a copy of the NCEA Assessment Procedures for St Oran's College. It is important that this is read and understood by all students and parents as it prevents misunderstandings later in the year. You will be asked to sign it and return the slip back to school to indicate you understand the college procedures.

Ms T Cuttance  
Assistant Principal

## CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

- As advised last year, Confidential Student Information Forms will now be posted out to parents at the beginning of **Term 3** each year. This information is vital for our records as it is important for the college to have up-to-date student contact details in the event of sickness or a medical or other emergency.
- This form includes instructions from Parents/ Caregivers on what to do in the event of a Civil Defence Emergency during school time. This information needs to be accurate so we ask each year for this information to be completed.
- Thank you for your response in returning the above information during Term 3 last year. Student contact details have now been updated accordingly.
- If your personal details have changed e.g. address/phone change please email (amartin@storans.school.nz) or contact the school office with updated information. If there are major changes required, please contact the school office and a new form will be sent to you.

## ST. ORAN'S COLLEGE PERSONNEL - 2012

### Senior Leadership Team

<b>Principal</b>	Mrs A D Ackroyd
<b>Deputy Principal</b>	Mrs A Seabrook
<b>Assistant Principal</b>	Ms P Cuttance
<b>Executive Secretary</b>	Mrs C Wildon

### Leaders of Learning Areas (Head of Faculties):

<b>English</b>	Ms C Ford
<b>Learning Languages</b>	Ms J Brasier
<b>Mathematics &amp; Statistics</b>	Mrs J Bodington
<b>Social Sciences</b>	Mrs M Connor
<b>Science</b>	Mr K Deverall
<b>Health &amp; Physical Education</b>	Mrs N Parsons
<b>The Arts</b>	Mrs G Orsman
<b>Christian Education</b>	Mrs J Kearney

Staff email addresses  
are on the college website  
= [www.storans.school.nz](http://www.storans.school.nz)

### Assistant Teachers

Ms K Ardin	Miss R Bunce	Mrs J Butler	Ms S Coales
Mrs D Culhane	Mrs R Day	Miss C French	Mrs S Gall
Ms A Graham	Ms S Grieve	Mrs C Harding	Ms J Howison
Mr C Hosnell	Ms A Kodama	Ms S Lamond	Mr R Lensen
Mrs M Macfarlane	Ms J Machin	Mrs A McDonald	Mrs P Munn
Ms R Patston	Ms K Phillips	Ms T Phillips	Mrs L Sanson
Ms D Siegert	Ms J Steedman	Ms H Swale	Mrs A Swank
Mr G Walsh			

<b>College Counsellor</b>	Mrs E de Joux	<b>Head of Sports</b>	Ms B Bialy
<b>Cultural Co-ordinator</b>	Mrs M Warring	<b>College Secretary</b>	Mrs I Mollins
<b>Student/ Admin. Assistant</b>	Mrs A Martin	<b>Finance/ Office Assistant</b>	Mrs I Mason
<b>Admin/Library Assistant/Careers</b>	Mrs L Bell	<b>ICT Support</b>	Mrs B Kowalczyk
<b>Library Manager</b>	Mrs C Boyd	<b>Science Technician</b>	Mrs J Bowen
<b>Property Manager</b>	Mr G Salisbury	<b>Property Assistant</b>	Mr L Inglis
<b>Groundsman</b>	Mr I Fyfe	<b>Canteen Manager</b>	Mrs S Kalyan
<b>Canteen Assistant</b>	Mrs N Keene	<b>Staffroom Assistant</b>	Ms K Sharp
<b>Uniform Shop Manager/ Admin Assistant</b>	Mrs L Singleton		

### LOST PROPERTY

Named lost property items (as listed below) retained from last year will be held until the end of February and if not claimed, will be donated to the school Uniform Shop or disposed of:

Laura Dowd	Virginia Sparrow	Nicola Lewis
Wendy Ma	Katie Regan	Ashleigh Halcrow
Victoria Lim	Sasha Finch	Lauren Ward
Olivia Ruby	Tessa Bardsley	