

## From the Principal's Desk

### Why Reading is So Important?

Everyone knows that reading is important, but have you ever asked yourself why?

#### 1. Exposure

Through reading, you expose yourself to new things, new information, new ways to solve a problem, and new ways to achieve one thing. Exploration begins from reading and understanding.

*The art of reading is in great part that of acquiring a better understanding of life from one's encounter with it in a book. | André Maurois*

#### 2. Self Improvement

Through reading, you begin to understand the world more. Through reading, you begin to have a greater understanding on a topic that interests you. Self improvements start from the reading; through reading, you create a structured path towards a better understanding and better actions to take in the future.

#### 3. Improve understanding

The more you read, the more you understand. Reading also increases the understanding of the rules of life, in order for you to adapt, adopt and accommodate into the society better.

#### 4. Preparation

Before you take action on anything, where should you seek for help and guidance? Reading is an essential way which can help you out. In today's world, getting reviews and feedback from other people can make a big impact on your next decision, and the pros and cons of each choice. These all can help you become more prepared before you really get into it.

Through reading His word we are told: *In Him ' are hidden all the treasure of the wisdom and knowledge. Col 2:3*



Due to new regulations around the Health and Safety Act, if you are intending on being a volunteer on school trips or helping out with any school activities in the future please come to the school office and complete forms authorising us to request a Police Vet. You will need to present two forms of identification including one photo id such as a passport or drivers licence.

**If you have a child who will be in Year 9 next year, requiring a school blazer, please contact the school office as we need to order these and have them made.**

### WHO ARE WE?

We are Year 9 and we SURVIVED – our first year in High School that is! 2016 has been a year of many new experiences and a lot of growth for our class. Our homeroom teachers are Miss Amelia Qiosese and Mr Adrian Bell and they have lead us through the highs and lows that accompany anyone's first year in High School. We have tramped, laughed, cried and prayed together and we look forward to carrying our journey through to 2017 with God by our side.



## Key Dates

21 Nov	NCEA Exams cont.
24 Nov	Yr 9 & 10 Exams
30 Nov	Yr 9 Tramp
1 Dec	Yr 10 First Aid
2 Dec	FUSE
5 Dec	Yr 10 SIT Week
5 Dec	Rest Home Visits
5 Dec	Senior Sign Out
6 Dec	Senior Formal
8 Dec	Grandparents M.Tea
12 Dec	Prize Giving
23 Jan	Registration Week
27 Jan	Yr 11-13 Subject Confirmation
30 Jan	First day of school



## From the Primary Desk

Kia Ora, Fakalofa lahi atu and Greetings CAS family!

Genesis 1:31 "God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning, the sixth day".

Over the next fortnight we will be focussing on the value of Orderliness. Orderliness is being neat, and living with a sense of harmony. It is being organised and having a place for things when you need them. When people are orderly, they get things done sufficiently, without wasting time and effort. People who need to do things quickly and skillfully need to be very orderly. What would happen if doctors and fire-fighters misplaced the tools they need to save lives? Being orderly helps us find solutions to any problem.

### WELCOME TO TEACHERS

We are happy to confirm Mrs Amanda Kerrigan as the full time teacher in Room 2 for the remainder of the year. Mrs Jill Royds joins our team to replace Mrs Kerrigan as the Primary teacher release. God bless you both in your new roles.

### PRIMARY PICNIC

**Tuesday 13 December to Margaret Mahy Playground 9am - 2:30pm.**

All Primary students are invited to our end of year picnic. Please ensure your child arrives no earlier than 9am and is collected by 2:30pm. What your child needs for the day: **a packed lunch, bottle of water, sunhat, sunscreen, and wearing the full sport uniform.** Please note that there is **NO transport** provided to and from school on the day – go straight to the Margaret Mahy Playground. We look forward to a great day out as we celebrate the end of another school year.

### GRANDPARENTS/COMMUNITY MORNING TEA

Thursday 8 December 10:00 - 11:30am

Please refer to the list below for each class contribution to our morning tea:

Rm 1	Mrs Driver	Biscuits
Rm 2	Mrs Rice	Sandwiches (no meat)
Rm 3	Mrs Watkins	Slices/cakes
Rm 4	Mr Paul	Sandwiches (no meat)
Rm 5	Ms Violich	Fresh fruit or Fruit juice
Rm 11	Mrs Paul	Small savouries (no meat)

Thank you for your support.

**Room 5** is looking for a person to take care of their class budgie over the Christmas holidays or part of them.

Everything will be supplied and you will receive lots of pleasure and joy out of the experience. Please contact the classroom teacher, Leanda Violich, by email: [l.violich@cas.school.nz](mailto:l.violich@cas.school.nz) or phone 3529173 ext. 811.

### Goodbye from Mrs Rice

To my dear students (both past and present),

I have so many reasons to thank you!

Thank you for allowing me to walk beside you on your educational journey.

Thank you for all the stories and treasures you shared with me.

Thank you for allowing me to soothe your wounds: emotional and physical.

Thank you for your bright smiles and your many, many hugs.

Thank you!

I have greatly enjoyed the wide diversity of characters I found in you. It has been a privilege to get to know you as an individual, each of you so unique, so special. You are bursting with potential; I look forward to watching your development. Believe in yourself...I believe in you!

Although I will never divulge who my "favourite" students are (despite some intense pressure) ☺ I will say – it was you! With much love, Mrs Rice



## From the Secondary Desk

We are right in the midst of NCEA examinations. Earthquake rumbles have meant that students did not sit the Year 11 Science examination on Monday. Instead we have actioned the derived grade process where students will receive grades created from their trial exam papers. This has worked well. Students are not disadvantaged. We are very thankful that this process is in place and ensures students are catered for during this difficult time.

The constant lack of peace in the South Island reminds me of the old saying, "We know not what the future holds but we know who holds the future." While we do not know what is around the corner we must keep planning for life to continue and we pray for peace in this endeavour.

This week we acknowledge the hard work put into study by the students and the preparation and planning completed by teachers - all aiming towards a common goal of educational success for our young people.

**As the end of year is fast approaching, it is now time to return all library and text books. These can be placed in the returns box situated in the primary building outside room 1 or by the library door. Even if a page has been ripped, please return it as I can mend most accidents.**

Thanking you in advance, Mrs V



## From the Chaplaincy Desk

Upon reflecting over the year this week I was reminded of the impact a single student can make in regards to the reputation of our school, and of Jesus. Back in June when our school visited Bishopdale Church I had a conversation that made me both thankful and blessed to work with the amazing young people of CAS. After the church service I had an elderly lady pull me aside requesting a moment with me. This is the story she shared:

One day I was walking along Papanui Road in search of the "Rose Cafe". I stopped to ask a group of students if they knew where it was. As no one was familiar with it I gave up and started to walk home. A couple of minutes later I heard someone running up behind me. It was one of the young men from your school. He had gone and found the cafe and then came

to find me! He not only told me where the cafe was but escorted me there. He had no idea who I was or that I was even a Christian. I wish I knew his name so I could thank him again but just wanted you to know what beautiful young people you have at your school.

Jesus takes many forms and has many names but none so precious as the love we can show another through a simple act of kindness. May we all be encouraged to be such an example, across all ages, and on all occasions. Blessings.

## From the Sports Desk

As we draw close to the conclusion of another year, I sit here and contemplate the successes of our sporting teams and also the outstanding efforts of individual students. As a school we can be proud of how the students represented CAS in the wider community. All students were always a shining example of our values throughout the year whether it be through win or loss.



If any students have any CAS sports uniforms I would like to encourage you to return these to me as soon as possible.

Be Active, Be Fit, Be Healthy

## FAREWELL

Last week, sadly, we farewelled two valued teachers of CAS. Mrs Leisha Rice returned to her homeland – Australia and Miss Milca Mushambi left teaching and returned to her original area of expertise – Engineering.

Mrs Rice was a Primary teacher at CAS for 3 years and Miss Mushambi was a Science, Physics, Mathematics and Christian Living teacher in the Secondary for 7 years. These ladies have been a blessing to our staff, students and community. We wish both of these beautiful women of God well as they embark on new adventures and may God continue to bless and guide them every step of the way.

Please pray for God's hand to be over the process as we advertise for the right people to join our staff.



# NCEA Examination Timetable



NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY  
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QUALIFY FOR THE FUTURE WORLD  
 KIA NOHO TAKATŪ KI TŌ ĀHUA AO!

2016 Examination Timetable						
	Day	Date/Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Day 1	Wed 9 Nov	9.30am				Drama
		2.00pm				
Day 2	Thurs 10 Nov	9.30am	English	Spanish		English
		2.00pm		Earth and Space Science	Biology	
Canterbury Anniversary Day Weekend						
Day 3	Mon 14 Nov	9.30am	Science	Classical Studies	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	History
		2.00pm	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Making Music	Chemistry
Day 4	Tues 15 Nov	9.30am	Economics	Physics	Latin	Economics
		2.00pm	Physics	Economics	Physics	French
Day 5	Wed 16 Nov	9.30am	Geography	Dance	Geography	Japanese
		2.00pm	Dance	Geography	Dance	Physics
Day 6	Thurs 17 Nov	9.30am	Mathematics		Spanish	Statistics
		2.00pm		English		Biology
Day 7	Fri 18 Nov	9.30am		Biology	History	Spanish
		2.00pm	History		Accounting	Music
Weekend						
Day 8	Mon 21 Nov	9.30am	Home Economics	Chemistry	Home Economics	Geography
		2.00pm	Chemistry	Home Economics	Chemistry	Te Reo Maori
Day 9	Tues 22 Nov	9.30am	Accounting	Art History	Classical Studies	Chinese
		2.00pm	Te Reo Māori	Accounting	English	
Day 10	Wed 23 Nov	9.30am	Biology	History	Art History / Calculus	Agricultural and Horticultural Science
		2.00pm	Chinese / German	Latin	Music Studies	Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira
Day 11	Thurs 24 Nov	9.30am		Mathematics		Art History
		2.00pm	Spanish		Statistics	
Day 12	Fri 25 Nov	9.30am	Business Studies	Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira	Business Studies	Calculus
		2.00pm	Music	Business Studies	Economics	Earth and Space Science
Weekend						
Day 13	Mon 28 Nov	9.30am	Health	French	Health	Latin
		2.00pm	French	Health	French	
Day 14	Tues 29 Nov	9.30am	Latin	Media Studies	Chinese / German	Classical Studies
		2.00pm	Media Studies	Chinese / German	Media Studies	
Day 15	Wed 30 Nov	9.30am	Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira	Social Studies	Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira	Accounting
		2.00pm	Social Studies	Music	Earth and Space Science	German
Day 16	Thurs 1 Dec	9.30am	Japanese	Te Reo Maori	Japanese	Media Studies
		2.00pm	Classical Studies	Japanese	Te Reo Maori	
Day 17	Fri 2 Dec	9.30am	Drama	Education for Sustainability	Drama	
		2.00pm	Art History	Drama	Social Studies	
Weekend						