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RUGBY

Our rugby season is coming to an end for 2015.

This year we entered our Under 69kgs Restricted and Under 60kgs Restricted grade teams into the Auckland-wide competition, and this has proved to be very successful and rewarding for our boys.

Our Under 69kgs, led by ex-students Hamish Pyne, Joey Dawson and Harry Hardie, and managed by Mrs Roma Shapleski, have finished their competition in 3rd place. We now head into the semi finals and this weekend we take on Sacred Heart College. This game is being played at Waiuku College with a kick off at 10.30 am.

Our Under 60kgs, led by Mr Dion Cassidy and Mr Hayden, and managed by Mrs Gin Bowman, have their final match this weekend vs Glendowie College. This is being played at Waiuku College at 10.30 am. By the standings we should finish 2nd and move into a semifinal home spot for following weekend.

We will have the 2nd round of semi-finals on 22nd August, followed by the finals weekend on Saturday 29th August.

Waiuku College is proud to be hosting the Counties Under 69kgs and Under 60kgs finals on Saturday 5th September. This is where just the Counties based teams will come together and play for the Counties Cup in each grade, so we will be hosting Rosehill and Pukekohe. Each team will play several shortened games to determine the winner.

This competition is advertised as Restricted Grade FUN, FANTASTIC, FAST, FURIOUS FINALS. So everyone please come along and support our boys as they represent their school.

Remember, they are the future of rugby.







FOR SALE:

2 prs Boys Shorts sz 72cm good condition - \$25 ea. Ph: 09 2357 574 (Janine)

HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED

If you wish to receive information on hosting an International Waiuku College Student long or short term, please contact Ulrike for further details.

Ulrike Masina – International Student Homestay Coordinator

Tel: 021 284 1551 or 09 235 8139 ext. 241

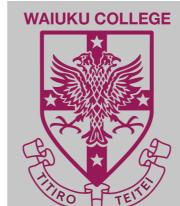
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FRANKLIN WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB

Our students have been training hard at the Franklin Weightlifting Club and working their way up the national ranks each month. Waiuku College is now the 2nd ranked high school in New Zealand in the sport of Olympic Weightlifting.

On September 5th the team will be competing at the National Secondary School Championships in Otara. Kade Browne and Kade Duncan are sitting 2ndplace and Leanni Browne is in 1st place in their respective weight categories. This is looking very promising for a podium finish at the NSSC!





COLLEGE LIFE

Newsletter No. 6

PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kanui te Mihi kia Koutou Special greetings to you all

DATES TO REMEMBER

20 July Term 3 commences

4 August

Option Evening - 4.30pm

12 August

Senior Excellence Assembly

19 August

Junior Excellence Assembly

24 - 28 August Senior Exams

31 August to 4 September **Tournament Week**

9 September **Canteen Carnival**

16 September

Po Whakanuia (Maori Awards)

23 September

Senior Services Assembly

25 September Talent Quest - End of Term 3

MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK – TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI

Special events and assemblies (hui) were held recently to celebrate Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori. Five of our students were involved in a presentation in which they were dressed up in Taniwha suits in the five primary colours of the rainbow (Uenuku). Their performance included a dancing (kanikani) and singing (waiata) act through which they used song and sign language to teach the words (kupu) and signs for the colours of the rainbow. It was a lot of fun with great audience participation and was probably the first time I have seen the three official languages of New Zealand (Aotearoa) used together so effectively. (English, Te Reo Maori and Sign). Thanks to Roimata Minhinnick for his initiative and efforts to make this possible.

HOUSE KAPA HAKA COMPETITION

The house Kapa Haka competition held on a recent Friday lunchtime took on a very special significance when Matai house dedicated their performance to former student Natasha Strydom who was tragically killed earlier this year. Their emotion charged performance saw them earn first place and they then led a combined house haka to 'tautoko' the Strydom family who were invited and present for the occasion. Thank you to Matai house for doing us proud as a school.

PRIME MINISTERS VISIT

We were pleased to have the prime Minister visit us on the same Friday and to have him address a special senior assembly, along with answering questions from five of our senior students. The Prime Minister was then given a tour of activities involving our senior Vocational Pathway classes during which he stopped and chatted with numerous students and teachers. This tour was followed by having him officially open our new 'New Zealand Steel Technology Workspace', a large 150 square metre purpose-built workspace for our automotive, construction and mechanical engineering classes.

Our thanks to our local MP, Andrew Bayley for arranging this visit.

EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION

On Wednesday we held our senior school mid year Excellence assembly to recognize and celebrate every student who had achieved one or more excellences in their internal assessments up to the end of July. The number of certificates awarded was 256 which was consistent with 2014, when we gave out 254. Well done, especially to the 'Top 5%' students who have been featured on our facebook page.

Our next celebration of excellence will be our Junior mid year Excellence assembly, followed by our Powhakanuia at which we celebrate the achievement of our Maori and Pasific students. This event will be held on Tuesday, September 15th at 6.30pm.

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Thanks to everyone visiting, liking and commenting on our facebook page. Our website is currently being rebuilt and will feature a direct link to our facebook page. There is also a new Year 10 Facebook page.

OPTION CHOICES, REPORTS AND ACADEMIC COUNSELLING

Thanks to all the parents who attended our Option Information evening recently and the Academic Counselling meetings last week. Students will now have time to consider their option choices over the next week or so before being invited to make their selections online.

Senior practice exams are being held in the week of 24 to 28 August.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWS

Two groups are at the school for short term visits this month. Fifteen students from Japan and seven students from China. Our thanks to the families who help out as short-term homestay families for these visits. I have attended a number of events recently where there has been a favourable response to the 'Brand Waiuku' that we are promoting as a school. To follow up on these the Board has approved a marketing trip for me during October during which I will visit agents and do marketing activities. It is hoped these efforts will lift our international numbers by at least another ten full time students in 2016, which will have significant financial benefits for the school.

WAIUKU COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS

We are received confirmation from the Minister of Education confirming approval for our Waiuku Community of Schools. Now that the Primary Teachers Union - NZEI, has reached an agreement with the Ministry of Education, we are also hoping that the remaining local primary schools will come on board with this promising development.

YEAR 8 ENROLMENT and OPEN EVENING

I will be visiting local Primary schools in the first week of September and providing enrolment packs to our local Year 8 students. We will require these to be completed and returned to their home schools by the last week of term.

An Open Evening with a school tour and Principals presentation will take place on Wednesday October 14th at 5.45pm. There will be information included on BYOD and the computers that new year nine students will be required to have in 2016.

Kind regards Tom Vanderlaan, Principal

SENIOR EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS 2015







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TOURNAMENT WEEK -

31 August to 4 September

This year Waiuku College is very proud to have 6 teams going away to the Winter Secondary Schools Tournament Week to represent us at the various codes.

College Gold Netball are travelling to Hamilton to compete in the Upper North Island Secondary Schools Champs. The team, coached by Mrs Rachel Browne-Cole and managed by Mrs Bronwyn Sloane and Director of Netball Mr Brian Perry will be travelling with the girls.

Team members are: Hannah Kimber (Capt.), Shinae Warren, Caitlyn Sloane, Rose Perry, Megan Muir, Brooke Druyven, Kendall Phillips, Kyla Fraser, Elvina Burnside and Jordyn Griffiths-Murdock.

Our **Girls 1st XI Hockey** team is travelling to the Deep South to compete at the Jenny McDonald Hockey Tournament, this year being held in Cromwell. Their coach is Bernadette Corcoran and the manager is Mrs Shelley Cassidy. Going along with the girls are Mums, Theresa Kyd, Kara Thornton and Rebecca Shuker.

Team members are: Brooke Cassidy, Tayla Thornton, Kadia Thornton, Georgia Kendall, Monique Shuker, Holly Rees, Anita Murray, Deni Murray, Caitlin Browne, Livia Rattrie, Claire Stewart, Mikayla Dunne, Jade Bartlett, Sasha Kyd, Hannah Scobie and Leah Arthur-Worsop.

Our **Boys 1st XI Hockey** team is travelling to Whanganui to compete in the Boys' Hockey Woolston Trophy Tournament. This year their coach is Mr Rodney Jackson, assistant Sam Woods. Dads travelling with the team are Colin Thornton, Paul Griffiths and Tony Simpson.

Team members are: Trent Thornton (Capt.), Shane Burns, Tim Lever, Finn Milne, Harry Harwood, Rory Malloy, Stanley Simpson, Jamie Hunter, Royce Barriball, Jared Wemyss, Declan McLeish, Blair Lovett and Luke Jordan.

Our **Girls 1st XI Football** team is travelling to Taupo to compete in the Lotto Premier Nationals Tournament. The team is coached by Ms Tracey Kingi and managed by Ms Catherine Linnen.

Team members are: Savarna Asafo-Tavita, Shannon Swann, Jade Thomson, Jayden Watts, Louisa Sutton, Harmony Allen, Breanna Hagan, Shayla Hagan, Jessica Hartland, Brittany Cunningham-Lee, Caitlin Thomas, Cassie Le Prou, Danielle Jensen and Matina Rickard.

Our **Boys 1st XI Footbball** are also travelling to the Deep South to take part in the Boys Secondary Schools Linwood Cup Tournament being held in Dunedin.

Team Coach is Mr Brett Toner, assisted by Tyler Lord and managed by Mrs Keli Toner. Tavelling with the team are Mr Brett Trapski and Mrs Regina Schultz.

Team members are: Stuart Lusty (Capt.) Adam Good, Hugo Rook, Zachary Trapski, Bailey Trapski, Finn Bradley, Jayden Panchia, Kerry Wedding, Callum Urlich, Matiu Cox, Liam Walters, Jack Toner, Rory Lord and Kurtis Lutje-Spelburg.

This year is the first time we are sending a **Boys Basketball** team away to compete in the NZ Secondary Schools Tournament and this year it is being held in Rotorua.

The coach for this season is Jun Camacho and the team is being managed by Ms Kerry Potts. Mr and Mrs Schmidt are also travelling with the team to assist with transport, cooking etc.

Team members are: Joshua Keys, Nic Kranendonk, Oscar D'Agostini-Cassie, Jordan Arthur-Worsop, Reuben Schmidt, Amon Dense, Shasa Evaroa, Peter Lin, Zane Lewer and Robbie Hodgkinson.

We thank all our teams, their dedicated supporters and all our fabulous coaches and managers for all the hard work that they have put in to make this week such a success. We wish them a happy and rewarding tournament week.

All teams will be travelling to their destinations on Sunday 30th August and returning the following weekend.

Special thanks to everyone that may have assisted any of our teams with all the fund raising that they have been doing.

I look forward to reporting our teams' success in the next newsletter.

By Judith Coe, Sports Coordinator

CLAY BIRD SHOOTING

Waiuku College Clay Bird shooting team headed to Hamilton to attend their 5th secondary schools shoot for the season, which was hosted by Hamilton Boys College.

The shoot was attended by 148 shooters in a total of 38 squads. The weather certainly played a huge part in the results with the fog not lifting till after 9.30 am, so the shoot start time was delayed.

The Girls team of Zoe Groot and Ellen Ballantine took first place in this section, ahead of Putaruru College and Hauraki Plains. It was also Zoe Groot who placed first in the Girls Individual Section shooting 87/90, which was made up of 20/20, 59/60 and 8/10.

College first year shooter Emily Kitson placed fourth ahead of Ellen Ballantine after a shoot off to secure prizes for the day.

The Open team of Nelson Akast, Emily Kitson, Ethan Short, Ayden Porter and Niko Manning took out third place in the Teams Event.

Niko Manning just missed out on securing tenth place over the whole day after a shoot off in the Boys Individual Section.

First year shooter Ethan Short was over the moon when he picked up a 25 Long Run Badge after shooting 25 consecutive targets in a row, not an easy thing to do especially in your first year.

Many thanks to all the supportive parents that go along each month and especially Mrs Joanne Sands our Manager, and Mr Bob Anderson our coach.

A great day was had by the students who now look forward to the next shoot on Thursday 13th August which is to be hosted at Putaruru.



SPORT/CULTURAL PHOTOS

On display in the library window.

Orders close on Friday 28th August.

Please pick up an order form from the Student Centre.

Cash/Cheque/Credit card accepted.

Cheques payable to Photolife NZ.

WAIUKU COLLEGE NETBALL PRIZEGIVING

COLLEGE HALL

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER.

STARTING AT 4PM.

ALL PLAYERS, PARENTS, SUPPORTERS WELCOME

WAIUKU COLLEGE RUGBY AND HOCKEY PRIZEGIVING

COLLEGE HALL

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

STARTING AT 5PM

ALL PLAYERS, PARENTS, SUPPORTERS WELCOME

GET TO GO

Leaving school on a crisp Thursday morning as the sun was rising, you could feel the buzz of excited anticipation in the air. Two teams of eight young men and women, year 9 and 10, were winging their way towards Onehunga to be briefed for an actioned packed day of tough challenges.

This is only the second year Waiuku College has competed in the Get2Go Challenge run by Hillary Outdoors - a charitable trust that provides outdoor education to young people. The Get2Go challenge is like the Amazing Race, Treasure Island and Survivor, all mixed together with adventure sports including rock climbing, orienteering, kayaking and mountain biking. The challenge has been designed to encourage a wider participation in outdoor pursuit activities.

By some coincidence Auckland decided to put the event on the only perfectly fine day of the week. This was most fortunate as we needed to start off kayaking at 9am! Using

their amazing teamwork skills the groups navigated different water tasks such as; paddling backwards, swapping vessels and paddling with a bucket over your head! All to score the most points in the limited one hour timeframe. Multi-tasking was key to this challenge, as they had to problem solve whilst their team was out on the water.

Whipping off the wetsuits and whizzing to the next challenge, the students were faced with having to dodge sheep, rocks and slippery cow pats, to cycle their way around a mountain bike track at Ambury Farm Regional Park. Knowing how to change a flat tyre put Waiuku above the rest in this trial.

Being pros at Orienteering the next task was a breeze. All teams gave it their all and put in their maximum effort. Manoeuvring through congested afternoon traffic, you would have expected the teams to be tuckered out by now, after all the energy they had expended. But arriving at Clip N Climb in Balmoral, their eyes all lit up and they were the most excited we had seen them all day! Eager to get started, they all scaled the great heights and tricky climbs with ease. Again the teamwork and maturity of all the individuals shone through.

The Waiuku teams really stepped up on the day and took every challenge head on, having heaps of fun while doing it. Team one, consisting of Luke Rattrie, Johno Bowman, Jamie Walker, Connor Sylva- Baird, Hannah Hewitt, Katelyn Ying, Toni Davies and Sidney McMillan, came in 3rd overall in the Auckland division. It was a close race with only 55 points between them and 1st place. Team two of Benjamin Lamont, Callum Robinson, Jayden Innes-Davies, Patrick Boyd, Laura Simpson, Aiden Pilkington, Caleb Curry and Toni Lin came in a respectable 8th. All of these students should be very proud of their efforts.

A big thank you goes out to Mr Rowan Donaldson for all his organization and expertise skills, to Gin Bowman for all the help and support, as well as to all the parents who provided their time and assistance. This is definitely a must do event for any junior student looking for a fun and exciting outdoor challenge.



OTHER NOTICES

VISIT BY BRETT MCGREGOR, FIRST NZ MASTERCHEF



The Food Technology, Home Economics and Hospitality & Catering students were lucky enough to experience a visit by Brett McGregor, winner of the very first season of NZ MasterChef, at the beginning of this term. Brett has teamed up with the Diabetes Project Trust and Countdown and has been travelling around schools in South Auckland and Franklin demonstrating a range of healthy meal options.

This was the first time he'd ever been to Waiuku and he was charmed by the beauty of the place as well as the enthusiasm of the students. The event was a great success with both students and staff gaining valuable knowledge on how to avoid type 2 diabetes by cooking quick, delicious and cost effective meals at home. The goodie bags went down a treat, too. And who knows, maybe the next MasterChef winner will be from Waiuku!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

It is with pleasure that we publish a list of our former students who have graduated from Victoria University between June 2014 and May 2015. We join with you in acknowledging and celebrating the students' wonderful success.

Almas Ahmad Zaki Bachelor of Design Innovation

Kerryn Frost Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Laws
Samuel Harris Graduate Diploma In Teaching (Secondary)

Hannah Lee Bachelor of Laws

Karla Martin Master of Information Studies

Jarrod McClay Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary)

Braeden Osborne Bachelor of Science

Findlay Sloane Bachelor of Architectural Studies

BOARD MEETING DATES (5pm—Boardroom)	
Tuesday 17 February	Tuesday 18 August
Tuesday 24 March	Tuesday 22 September
Tuesday 28 April	Tuesday 27 October
Tuesday 19 May	Tuesday 24 November
Tuesday 23 June	Tuesday 15 December
Tuesday 28 July	

WHAT'S YOUR FLAVOUR



Gemma Tobin and Reece Julian participated in the **What's Your Flavour** semi-finals recently at MIT.

Calling themselves **Waiuku Burger Legends**, Gemma and Reece made a Nacho Burger.

What a great day it was! Organisers were thoroughly impressed by all of the students – their team work, preparation and calmness under pressure.

Well done to everyone!

The judges had selected twelve teams to move forward to the Finals, (Waiuku Burger Legends being one of them) which were held on Friday 31 July at the Logan Campbell Centre.

At the Finals Gemma and Reece received a silver level commendation for their work. They kept their cool and finished making and presenting their Nacho Burger under time.

A credit to themselves and the college!

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OTHER NOTICES

YEAR 10 SERVICES ACADEMY GRADUATION



Waiuku College is still buzzing from the Year 10 Service Academy graduation which was held at the end of last term.

Approximately 40 students passed the first year 10 Service Academy Programme of 2015. The students received a reward and recognition bar from the Waiuku College Principal and the CEO of the High Wire Charitable Trust

Students demonstrated at the Waiuku College assembly, their drill and discipline and did so exceptionally well. It





Karl Nielsen

Rodney Jackson

was a powerful message to all the students, parents and teachers of Waiuku College. We now have over 100 year 9 students who have indicated that they would like to join the Year 10 programme in 2016 (limited to 20 students per half-year - selection will be by interview).

The students are all made well aware that the programme is a very challenging, experience-based learning programme that teaches students life skills necessary to enable them to give their absolute best at school life. It never ceases to amaze me that whenever I run a course validation, the highlight for most students is the discipline and routine that they are offered.

The programme includes practical and theory lessons in relation to; Goal setting; Learning to learn; Time management; Self-management and Hauora (wellbeing).

The programme is traditionally thought to be for students who want to get into the NZDF. This does not necessarily have to be the case.

On a personal note, when I was given the opportunity to work at Waiuku College I jumped at it. I had heard so many positive things about the college and definitely wanted to be part of the school. I wanted to be a part of a school that is having such a positive impact, not just on the students in their care, but the community as a whole. I came with the attitude that I would add as much value as I could for the sake of my students, the school and the community as a whole. I believe that I have achieved that to a high standard. So when I was offered the opportunity to move into a management role, I took it with excitement. Although, I was a little concerned and I hoped somebody would be employed whose work ethic and professional approach would continue to add value to the programme. All my concerns dissipated when I learnt that a highly trained new teacher (Rodney Jackson) got the job.

Rodney Jackson is an ex-Navy instructor with almost 8 year's Military experience. He is a qualified teacher who has been at Waiuku College for the past year and has already made a real impact. It is exciting to welcome Rodney to the High Wire Charitable Trust team as of the end of this month, and I look forward to working with him and the students.

The School Service Academy is run and governed by the High Wire Charitable Trust. If you would like any further information you can contact the school directly or email info@highwire.co.nz.

By Karl Nielsen, Service Academy Director

OTHER NOTICES

MATHS IS X-CITING!

Update from Mrs Everitt in the Maths department:

As a department we remain busy with assessments this term and it would be good to have family support.

All Year 10 students will be sitting an internal assessment worth 3 credits in Week 6 when senior exams are on. It is a Statistics standard about bivariate data. An example of a bivariate relationship is "as height increases, arm span increases." Data is collected and measured, a graph is drawn and the information analysed. Please encourage your student to have a ruler, maths exercise book and calculator for each lesson.

All **Year 11Masa** students will be sitting the Algebra external assessment on Tuesday September 15th. As it is an external, this is the <u>only</u> opportunity to gain these credits. This standard is done without a calculator. Please encourage your student to practise at home as well as doing the work at school, as the only way to master Algebra is by practising.

Information for both of the above assessments will be on Moodle and will be updated as the term progresses. Maths staff will also be available Thursday lunchtimes in D3. Students will need to bring the work with them that they need help with.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. The easiest method is probably e-mail, otherwise leave a message at the office and I will get in touch.

My e-mail is ev@waiuku-college.school.nz

YEAR 10 NEWS - TERM 3

Check out the new **Facebook page for Year 10** students – search for it by entering 'Waiuku College Year 10, 2015". Facebook is an easy and convenient way to keep parents and students up to date with happenings that are relevant to Year 10. Hopefully you will find it useful.

Great to see so many Year 10 students and parents at the **Option Information Evening** on 4th August. It is very important to think carefully about subject choices in the senior school as these will be required for future job opportunities or tertiary study. All subjects are year -long options and credits gained from them accumulate towards NCEA Level 1.

Academic Counselling Interviews will be complete by the time you read this newsletter. This is a chance to discuss subject choices for next year with your student's form teacher. Mr Ditchburn will brief the students on how to complete their subject choices on line through a new system called MUSAC Edge. If you have internet access this can be done through the Edge portal at home, otherwise students can do this using the i-Hub computers at school. Online selections need to complete by Friday 21st August.

Class representatives have been selected for the second half of the year. Well done to the following students for stepping up and taking on this responsibility:

10JN - Summer Sweeney and Aaron Lennard, 10TH - Cody Ohms and Lily Jameson, 10HN - Courtney Grace and Ethin Dunne, 10BX - Megan Leeson and Roy Furmage-Mathieson, 10CP - Alliyah Taylor and Tane O'Neill, 10NA - Charlotte McGrath and Josevata Vulawalu, 10GB - Sharna-Lee Williams and James Sixsmith, 10CO - Britney Cunningham-Lee and James Hedley. Students will be presented with their badges at a year 10 admin assembly.

Maori Language week was enjoyed by all at college this year, with the highlights being the Kapa Haka competition and Wednesday's assembly. The Taniwha entertained us with both Maori language and sign language. Well done to all the students who took part and made the most of the opportunities in this week. (Plus a special thanks to Niko Manning, Lyzann Cecil Tara and Devin Gregory who surprised us at the end revealing they were 3 of the 4 Taniwha.)

Camps - More information will be going home soon regarding details of the Great Barrier Island trip which is coming up in the second week of the September school holidays. Thank you for your deposits last term confirming a place on this trip.

Year 10 end of year camp will also be here before we know it. Mr LaTrobe has given students a preliminary notice to take home asking if your student would like to go on the camp. This form was due back at school on 7th August. Forms are to be returned to the form teacher of your student's class. Dates of the camp are 23rd to 27th November. A deposit of \$50 is required by the 28st August, with the remaining \$190 due by 16th October. All money is to be taken to the school office for a receipt. Mr LaTrobe is also needing parental help on the camp, so please let him know if you would be available via the camp form which went home in week 3, or by emailing him on la@waiuku-college.school.nz.

The week of 17th to 21st of August is our House Group Academic Quiz week. This is lots of fun, so ask your student what they are doing to contribute to this to gain points for their house.

Lastly, as the seniors go into practise exams in week six, all of the Year 10's have the opportunity to do an NCEA Level 1 maths paper on Bivariate data. This is worth Level 1 credits which count toward both Literacy and Numeracy. Achieving this standard is a big help going into Year 11 next year. Please discuss this with your son/daughter and check they are revising for this at home. Maths teachers will be preparing them in class and Mr Nelson has put some information up on the Year 10 Facebook page.

Don't forget to check out the Facebook page. If you have any relevant academic information you feel would be useful to others please let me know and I can add this to the page.

Ka kete ano Mrs Hamilton (Year 10 Dean)