

RONCALLI COLLEGENEWSLETTER

' TO SEEK TRUTH AND PEACE '

KIMIHIA TE PONO ME TE
RANGIMARIE

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As many of you are aware, last week one of our Samoan International Students, FeliseKolio-Sio, went into cardiac arrest while undergoing routine knee surgery. Fortunately, Felise was revived by hospital staff but remained in a critical condition for several days. I am happy to report that Felise continues to improve by the day and is expected to be transferred out of the Intensive Care Unit very soon. We are also optimistic that he will make a complete and full recovery. I am told on good authority that his appetite has returned with a vengeance.

I have been very impressed by the response of our students, teachers, parents, coaches and the Samoan community to this incident. Felise has had tremendous support around the clock and offers of help and prayers continue to flow in. It is this care and support that makes Roncalli such a special community and I thank you all. I would like to offer particular thanks to Rachael Simpson, Rebecca & ArunaNoa, MaturoSiaso, Sally Mulvena and the First XV Rugby Team.

This week Felise's parents arrive from Samoa so that they can be with him as he recovers. As you read further ahead in this newsletter the school is attempting to raise a bit of money to assist them with their travel and accommodation and we welcome any donations.

Another matter I would like to raise in this newsletter is my concern about the number of underage students drinking alcohol during the weekend. I have had reports from many concerned parents and members of the community about Roncalli students as young as 13 and 14 drinking on the weekends. I have even had reports of parents supplying the alcohol. Not only is this illegal but it is poor parenting. Young people need clear boundaries and parents must not be afraid to say 'no' when it comes to underage drinking. In many cases I don't think that the parents are even aware of what their children are up to. So I urge you to communicate with other parents so that we can support each other collectively around this issue.

Until Next Time,

Chris Comeau
Principal

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UPDATES

Girls' Hockey

Results of the Gourmet Grocery Hamper Raffle were: 1st prize Kerry Priest, 2nd prize Yvonne Lee. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle, and also our sheep manure fundraiser to help reduce costs for the Jenny Hair Tournament in Blenheim. Our thanks to the following businesses who are supporters and sponsors of girls representing the school and attending this tournament:



9E Social Studies Class

As a project, Ben Todd, Cameron Tapper, Tama Manning, and Ethan Pierce recently ran a raffle to support the renovation of sports grounds damaged in the Christchurch earthquakes. First prize was won by C Nevin #89 who was very happy with his win. A total of \$100 profit was raised and sent onto the Canterbury Rugby Union Earthquake Relief Trust. Well done boys!

Term Dates

August

- 26 Studylink Session P2 – students
Studylink Parents Session – 6.30-8pm - School Library- Please note change of date
- 30 Last day for Financial Assistance Applications for NCEA
- 31 School Uniform Shop open 3.30-4.30pm

September

- 5 Last day for payment of NCEA fees
- 7-8 Charles Shaw from Catholic Education Office at Roncalli College
- 8-9 NCRS RE Diploma Papers course
- 9 Interhouse Singing Cup – School Gym 2.15pm
Year 13 – Otago University Course Planning
- 14 Peer Support – Service Challenge
Senior Student Parent Night – 6.30-8pm
School Uniform Shop open 3.30-4.30pm
- 19-22 Year 9 Retreats
- 19-23 Senior Exam Week
- 26 SC Anniversary Day – Public Holiday

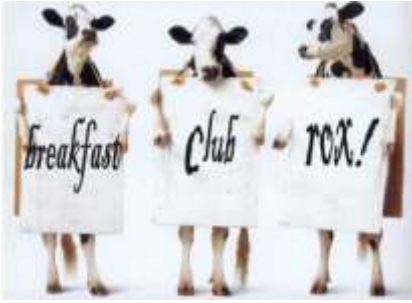
Coming Up

In Week 10, look forward to our Roncalli College Arts Festival – music – visual arts – drama. Keep Tuesday 4 and Thursday 6 October free for a great night out!.

Roncalli Rowing would like to invite all interested students/parents/support crew/coaches to the following:

- **Have a Go** - For anyone interested in rowing as a sport, we will be holding an open day at The Creek (Timaru Rowing Club - Rothwell St) Sunday 18 September 2011 @ 1:30pm. Prospective rowers/coxswains can have a go in a boat and see what it's like.
- **Information night** for all new rowers/coxswains/parents to hear what is involved on Wednesday 21 September 2011 @ 7:30pm in the Roncalli College Staff Room





School Breakfast Club

- Open Monday to Friday 8.00a.m. onwards.
- Room 26
- Everyone Welcome!
- Donations (cereals, bread, milk, drinks) are appreciated to help keep us going.

We are fundraising; if you can help please ring Ms Adrienne Quartier on 03 688-6003 x811. Thank you ☺

Public Health Nurse – did you know?

Jane Pierce, a Public Health Nurse, runs a clinic at the College every second Wednesday in our Sick Bay from 1.30-2pm. The next date is Wednesday 31 August. Jane can discuss a whole range of health concerns and issues, and can also run vision checks. If a referral to an optometrist is required, this is heavily subsidised by the public health system.

Support for FeliseKolioSio and Family

Most of our school community will know **Felise**, one of our Samoan students, who has been in ICU at Timaru hospital.

Felise’s parents are coming over from Samoa to help with his recovery. Any donations to help support the family and host parents during this time would be very much appreciated, and can be left at the College office. Please continue to keep Felise and his family in your prayers.



Quiz Invite – What do you know about broadcasting standards in New Zealand?

Dear parent / caregiver:

If you would like to take part in a short quiz about broadcasting standards in New Zealand please visit www.bsaquiz.net.nz. The quiz is fun and informative. It will test your knowledge of, and also let you know more about, broadcasting standards in New Zealand.

The quiz is being run on behalf the Broadcasting Standards Authority. We hope that you get lots of answers right, and also learn more about broadcasting standards in New Zealand.

Kind regards, the BSA quiz team

Le Coin Français

Salut!

I have good news - three of our senior French students participated recently in the annual *Alliance Française* French Speaking Competition held at Craighead Diocesan School. Students were required to give a prepared speech of 1 to 2 minutes (Year 11) or 3 to 4 minutes (Years 12 and 13), followed by a brief conversation. I am delighted to announce that all our entrants gained places in the “Top Three”, as follows:

Year 11:	Reani Ferrer	Second Place
	Therese Styles	Third Place (equal)
Year 12:	Genevieve Cockburn	Third Place
Year 13:	Marie-Christin Kuepper	Second Place

In each case, our students were only one mark off the First or Second Place!

My thanks and congratulations go to the willing participants – *Félicitationset bonne continuation!*

Mme S Thomas ☺

French Corner





Tutorials and Further Learning Opportunities

One of the features of Roncalli College is the willingness of staff to provide extra support so that students are able reach their academic potential. One way this occurs is through teachers providing lunchtime, afterschool and weekend tutorials. This term a number of staff are again volunteering their time to support students as they prepare for NCEA examinations. All senior students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities. Tutorial times will be published in classrooms, newsletters, and on our College website.

Students are also reminded that there are a number of online supports available. The free government-funded website www.studyit.org.nz is a highly recommended site. This web site provides excellent advice on achieving success in all NCEA subjects. Online subject teachers are also available to answer questions and support students. As well as links to pastexam papers the site also contains a range of forums that provide support and encouragement. If you have not visited studyit.org.nz ,I would strongly encourage you to do so.

K Cockroft Academic Dean



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Kia ora, welcome to Studyit.

Latest updates and news

Your one-stop site for achieving in NCEA maths, science, and English. Find what you need to know, contact subject teachers, and get encouragement from other students.

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF STUDENTS IN YEAR 11 MATHEMATICS

Students in this course will be sitting the **first** of their **external** NCEA Level 1 Mathematics papers in **Week 8 of this term**. The date for this examination is Tuesday 20 September.

The paper is on Algebra, Achievement Standard 1.2 (91027). Please note that the examination of this standard is a departure from the normal October/November period in which students have sat all their external NCEA examinations in the past.Up to this point in time students have been examined on two parallel formative assessments and in Week 6 of this term students will be given another opportunity to assess their readiness by sitting another parallel paper in this standard.

If students are unable to sit this external paper in Week 8, they may be eligible for a derived grade. However, all evidence for a derived grade must be determined by the examination date of September 20.Evidence for a derived grade will come from results attained in the three parallel assessments already sat.As with all examinations, students are being encouraged to revise thoroughly and seek tutorial assistance when required.

Maths Tutorials will be available as follows for the remainder of this term:

TBL	Mr Blackstock	Monday	3.30	Room 4	
		Thursday	lunch	Room 4	
BEL	Mrs Ellena	Tuesday	3.30	Room 3	13 Statistics
		Thursday	3.30	Room 3	Scholarship Statistics
CFO	Miss Foran	Wednesday	lunch	Room 5	
MWA	Mrs Ward	Wednesday	lunch	Room 5	
		Thursday	3.30	Room 5	12 MTA

A Blackstock HOD Mathematics

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

2011 College Fair Date SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER– 10.30AM

The countdown is on – only 5 weeks to go

MAKE SURE THE FAIR DATE IS MARKED ON YOUR CALENDAR AND IN YOUR DIARY

Please remember to return your sold raffle books and any forms indicating offers of help for the Fair to the office.

Can you help out with any of the following items:

- Too busy to bake for the Fair? Please consider donating us baking goods such as sugar, flour, condensed milk and butter instead. Goods may be may be dropped to the school office.
- We are looking for any members of our school community who are interested in placing an advertisement in our full page Fair feature in the Tlmaru Herald. For more details please contact Sally McCoid 688 8139.
- Plants Stall – we are looking for any green fingered, knowledgeable volunteers to help us revamp the Garden stall this year. Contact Anne Bruce 686 1535 if you can help out on Fair day.
- While you are working in your garden over the next six weeks please remember to pot up any extra plants or seedlings. The plant stall is always popular.
- Any queries or further information regarding the Fair please ring Bridget Duff 686 2652 or Geoff Fuller 684 5962

PTA Committee Meetingsare usually held the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the School Library. We warmly welcome anyone who would like to come along and have a look, and join the PTA family. Our next meeting date is Tuesday 6 September 2011.

Past Pupils Graduate from Massey University

Recent graduands from Massey University have been advised to the College:

Katrina O'Neill	class of 1981	Bachelor of Construction
Deborah Brosnahan,	class of 1981	Graduate Diploma in Business Studies
Anthony Griffin	class of 1989	Master of Business Administration
Renee Dennison	class of 2004	Bachelor of Performance Design

New Shelter Constructed

During the term break a number of projects were completed around the school grounds. Pictured right is the new extension outside the gymnasium, which provides a sheltered area in sun, rain, or even snow (as we saw last week). Students are enjoying using this area at break and lunchtime.



Sacramental Programme to Commence

A sacramental programme for First Eucharist/First Reconciliation will begin shortly at Roncalli College. Please contact the school office if you wish your son or daughter to be involved.

Feedback Received About U15 Boys' Rugby Tournament Team

The following email was received by the school office today:

I have to say the boys done themselves proud as far as their rooms were concerned, they were one of the best young sports teams we have had stay here in the last 5 years. Very easy to host. Thank you for staying with us.

Kind regards Dene Shea

Almond Court Motel

53 Killarney Street, Alexandra www.almondcourtmotel.co.nz

Well done to the team for their results and conduct on and off the field.

Year 13 Senior Student Support

ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BE COMPLETING THESE NOW:

Scholarships

All students who supplied email addresses were emailed a scholarship booklet in February and have been encouraged to work through this along with searching their institution's website.

An updated scholarship list is posted weekly in the Common Room.

Halls of Residence

All students have been given a draft copy to complete before they attempt the online application. They also need to download/print the Confidential School Reference form, complete their part and hand to me to write their school reference (all subject teachers, HG teachers and Mentors have input) which I then send away.

Student Loan/Allowance

Studylink are visiting Friday 26 August from 6.30 – 8pm in the Library to address parents' queries. The students have the opportunity on Friday in prep to complete their applications online with Studylink direction.

Tertiary Applications

Course confirmation visits have begun with Otago Polytechnic last week and Otago University on the 9 September. Other dates will be advised.

ALL students have had the above information throughout the year in prep periods, and have had the opportunity over the last three weeks to book an appointment with me to answer questions and talk about next year (appointments are ongoing), all dates and scholarships are posted on the whiteboard in the Common Room weekly. Mentors are also reminding students of what is required.

Could you please talk with your young person and make sure they are on top of their paperwork requirements for next year.

Ms Adrienne Quartier
Guidance Counsellor/ Careers Adviser
688-6003 x811



CAREERS DATES AND PREP PERIODS - TERM 3

Friday 26 August Prep	Studylink/Student Allowance applications Period 2 - Room 31 Parent and Students Studylink Session At Roncalli College Library 6.30-8.00pm
Saturday 27 August	University of Auckland Courses & Careers Day Find information on www.coursesandcareers.auckland.ac.nz
Wednesday 7 Sept Prep	Lincoln University Course Planning 9am
Friday 9 Sept Between 9 & 1	Otago University Course Planning All students will be given a time throughout the morning
Wednesday 14 Sept 6.30pm	Senior student parent night – returning to school for Year 13 versus first year vocational training?– pros and cons.
Thursday 15 Sept Prep	
Friday 23 Sept Prep	
Thursday 29 Sept Prep	University of Canterbury Course Planning 10-11.20am
Friday 30 Sept	Victoria University Course Planning 1-3pm at TGHS
Friday 7 October Prep	



SPECIAL CHARACTER

SCHOOL MASS 19 AUGUST 2011

As a school community, we celebrated our Term 3 School Mass at the Basilica last week. It was pleasing to see a number of parishioners, parents, caregivers, grandparents, friends and supporters of the School present for this celebration.

The focus for this Mass was “Faithful Women” and Fr Peter Costello linked the faithfulness of particularly Mary and Ruth to our lives, and challenged those present to live with the same courage, spirit and faith. The RoncalliAngelo Singers sang beautifully, and two verses from Mo Maria and the song during Recessional “Stand Up and Be Counted” were a stirring and beautiful way to end this Mass. “Stand Up” has been chosen as the compulsory song/hymn for this years’ Interhouse Singing Cup later this term, so we look forward to hearing different versions of this as performed by our four College House Groups!





REPORT FROM CULTURAL LEADERS

"Culture is the widening of the mind and of the spirit" Jahawarlal Nehru, Indian Prime Minister 1947-1964.

The scripts have been learnt, the set designed and the costumes made as our senior students approach showtime, the NCEA exams. Best of luck to all students, in particular the year 13's, as they reach the first stepping stone to the rest of their lives.

What an exciting year we've had so far, and fear now, there is plenty more to come! Two of the cultural highlights in the school thus far have been the highly-competitive Interhouse Lipsync competition, and the annual Concert 'n' Candles evening. This was the second year the Lipsync competition has been run, and there was certainly no shortage of quality dance moves, amazing costumes, and of course, plenty of cross-dressing. This year the well-deserving McAuley house battled through the fierce competition and emerged victorious. Concert 'n' Candles was a fun and successful night of entertainment put on by the Colleges' Music Department as an annual fundraiser.

The culture around the College is still very much alive as students prepare for the Interhouse Singing Competition, to be held in the School Gym on Friday 9 September at 2.15pm. All are welcome to attend! Also coming up is the Arts Festival, two nights of quality music and drama. These are always great nights, so make sure you keep the evenings of 4 and 6 October free.

That's all for now, and until next time, stay classy Roncalli!

Cody Trillo-Feely



Hello, my name is Eleanor Rarity and I am the organised half of the Cultural Committee team! My other half is the comedic, fun-loving guy you all know as Cody Trillo-Feely. What our committee does is focus on the Arts side of the school. We help with the numerous House activities like Stage Challenge and Singing, which is going awesomely at the moment. We also do extra things like music nights, and the arts festival - which covers drama, music, film, dance, art - and we generally try to promote all arts activities, both in and outside of the school, that you can join.

We are a creative duo who man a unique committee that support and action lots of activities throughout the school year. If you have any ideas or want to know about what is going on at any time, feel free to see either of us. Cody is normally in the Common room, and I am either in there or the library. Have a great time for the rest of the year!

Eleanor Rarity

REPORT FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

As you all know, I have been your student representative on the Board of Trustees for over a year now. This means that I regularly attend school council meetings to hear the ideas and issues that student representatives from each year level bring to the table, and then I attend the Board of Trustees meetings once a month where I deliver a report based on your views of the important issues and happenings of our school.



I love being your voice and gaining an insight into the inner workings of our school. It's good that so many of you have opinions on issues and I enjoy voicing your concerns to the Board. If you haven't come and seen me yet and you have a burning issue, you can find me in the year thirteen common room.

Later on in the year, there will be an opportunity for someone to take my place. If you are interested, feel free to come and ask me about what I do and how I do it.

From your student representative,

Rebekah Rooney.