

## Monrad newsletter

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### Greetings to all members of our school's community.

#### Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.

The shortest day of the year has passed and we can look forward to lengthening days although I am sure that many will still be cold and wet. Still have crossed the highest point and can enjoy the descent to spring.

#### Literacy quiz - national finals, Wellington

Held in Parliament Buildings on Sunday our team of Liam Bateman, Jake Godfrey, Sylvia Neild and Elizabeth Stannard did brilliantly. They finished two questions below the winning team and three questions away from going to the World Champs in Scotland. Well done team and assisting staff librarian Mary Kurvink and teachers Leonie Coenders and Jeff Gardner. Thanks also to accompanying parents and family.

#### Cross Country - Gold Again!

The Manawatu Interschools Cross Country was held Thursday 17 June at Ashhurst Domain. Outstanding efforts seen in:

Year 8 Girls 1<sup>st</sup> - Kara MacDermid  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Elizabeth Stannard

Year 7 Boys 1<sup>st</sup> - Robert Stannard

Year 7 Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jharna Melbourne

Teams - Our Year 8 team of Kara MacDermid, Elizabeth Stannard, Rebecca Bleackley, Charlotte Stock and Caitlyn Bartosh won the Year 8 Girls' team prize.

#### Walkathon - Great Fundraiser

What a good event this was. In terms of sponsorship we had thirteen people make the 100 Club, ie more than \$100 in sponsorship, five people made the 200 Club and the top three sponsor getters were:

3 <sup>rd</sup> Gabriel Hansen	\$255.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Isaiah McGoon	\$442.20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Te Teira McDonnell-Souter	\$654.00

The best performing class was Room 10 who brought in \$1841.70 at an average of \$66.72 per pupil.

#### World Champs

##### elite Cross Country Mountain biking

One of our parents Fiona MacDermid has been selected in the NZ team to participate in this gruelling event in Quebec, Canada from 1-5 September. We wish her all the best and know that she is training hard to be in peak condition.

I have asked Fiona to bring her gears and come and talk to the first Friday assembly in Term 3.

Congratulations and good luck.

#### Open Day

Although we had an Open Day on Thursday 17 June, every day at Monrad is an Open Day! I welcome families coming in to see what Monrad offers and I am happy to show people our school at any time, on any day. Please ring and ask for a tour and a chat.

#### Ex Pupils doing well

**Peter Ting** who is one of only four students selected to travel to London next month for the International Youth Science Forum.

**Kieran van Bunnik** - Having spent a year at the Brent Street Performing Arts School in Sydney, Kieran is now off to the USA to attend dance workshops in New York and LA. He has applied for a scholarship where there is a People's Choice Award where votes are placed on line at [www.doyourthing.co.nz](http://www.doyourthing.co.nz). Let's get behind Kieran and support him.

**Aric Shakur** - a member of the Central North Island debating team Aric is going head to head in debate with his rector Tim O'Connor. Good Luck Aric.

**Scott Burch** who continues to excel at athletics. Scott was the 2009 Secondary School Sportsperson of the Year and earlier this year he was par

of the NZ 4x400 relay team that competed in Japan. Next month he will compete in the World Junior Champs in Canada. Good luck Scott and we look forward to having you speak at one of our Friday assemblies next term.

#### **From Deputy Principal Jeanette Gibbs**

SELF DISCIPLINE is our current virtues focus. Self discipline is controlling your words and actions. Self discipline is being in control of your emotions and choosing a peaceful pathway. We encourage our students to have self discipline and do the right thing without being watched over.

#### **DARE PROGRAMME**

#### **STARLAB VISITS**

Visits to the STARLAB at Te Manawa have been successful and have tied in nicely with understanding about Matariki.

#### **Road Sense**

Did you know that child pedestrian injuries and fatalities peak 5-9 years and child cyclist injuries and fatalities peak 10-14 years?

#### **Coming Up**

##### **Wednesday 21 July**

Awatapu College Roadshow. 9.10am

##### **Tuesday 27 July**

Awatapu College Open Night, 5.30pm, auditorium

#### **Conclusion**

At school we encourage our pupils to be bold, to be adventurous, to take risks all in a controlled and positive manner. Here is a good quote to sum these ideas up and to end the newsletter with.

*"Don't be afraid to take big steps. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps"*

David Lloyd George

Thank you for an excellent term. Enjoy the break.

Best Wishes,

John Forsyth, PRINCIPAL