



Confirmed 2018 NCEA results again show our students having achieved above the National decile 7 average at all three levels of NCEA; including for Māori and Pasifika students, for both boys and girls. In University Entrance, our boys were 14.4% above the

pass rate for other schools of our decile and our girls 16.6% above. I am incredibly proud of our place and our people, but it is reassuring to have this confirmation that all the hard work and care from our staff, students and community is paying off.

Term 2 has taken off with a flying start! Our Prefects represented our school extremely well at the local ANZAC commemorations in Warkworth, laying wreaths at both services. Our Head Prefects spoke at the civic service, and our Deputies at the RSA afterwards. The Prefects spoke of their own family involvements in WW1 and WW2, of why it is important we do remember the sacrifices they made, and of the impact this should have on our lives today. Our Kapa haka group also represented our place with pride with their performances during ANZAC commemorations, and at the recently held Tai Tokerau Festival.

Our winter sports teams have now all started their season. I look forward to following their progress over the weeks ahead. Congratulations to our senior Mixed Touch team who finished their season winning the Auckland Regional Championship final against Orewa College at the end of last term. This qualifies them to compete at Nationals at the end of the year. Congratulations also to Tenaija Fletcher and Chrysanthe Hawken who have been selected for the North Harbour U18 Women's Rugby team. On Tuesday May 7 we held our annual cross country at the Warkworth Showgrounds. This year the number of students participating increased, due to it now being compulsory for all of our Year 7-10 students. The weather was stunning, and the course included the usual old fashioned cross country features with students crossing a muddy creek, traversing uneven paddocks

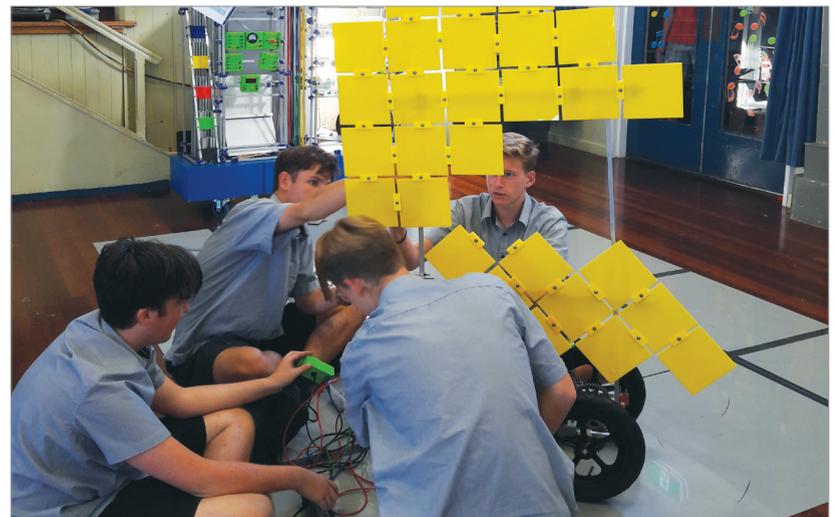
and climbing challenging hills before weaving back to the finish line. We were impressed to see our young people showing determination, sportsmanship and feeling a sense of achievement. Congratulations to our place winners and to those who have gone on to compete at the North Harbour Championships.

The team, known as the Big Boys' Lego Club, placed third equal (below). Congratulations to all involved. The Year 7-8 competition takes place in Term 4.

This year Mahurangi College established a Construction Academy to provide opportunity and a pathway for students who wish to enter the trades as their preferred career choice. We aim to partner with employers in the trade sector to provide students the opportunity to gain work experience, and to build connections with employers for future work prospects. Last Thursday we invited employers from within our community to an open evening to meet our students and see the quality of training and skills they are receiving. If you are interested in getting involved in this exciting project, or would like to know more, please let us know.

At the end of Term 1 students from Year 9-13 competed at the interschool Science and Technology competition E-Pro 8, held at Rosmini College. One of our Year 9-10 teams went on to compete in the semi final, placing in the top five but not making it through to finals. After placing second equal in the heats, one of our Year 11-13 teams went straight to the finals at Western Springs College, held during the first week this term. It was an exciting competition with the leader board constantly changing throughout the two-and-a-half hour competition.

David Macleod **PRINCIPAL**





PRIDE VALUES PUT INTO ACTION AT THE HUNUA RANGES

During the first week Term 2, our Year 8 students attended their annual camp. This year we headed for a brand new location; Camp Adair in the Hunua Ranges.

All 240 Year 8 students, as well as staff and parents, left on Wednesday morning for three days of adventure and fun. The focus of the camp was to provide new experiences and opportunities for us all to put into action our PRIDE values - and boy did we need to use them! There was sunshine, adventure, mud and freezing,

freezing cold water. Highlights included swinging from the high ropes, building rafts, stumbling around the Burma trail, visiting the glow worms and singing our hearts out at the roaring camp fire each night. Every day and night was full of challenging activities, both mentally and physically, which left both students

and staff feeling exhausted - but also exhilarated and very proud. It was a phenomenal camp with endless fun, laughter and learning opportunities. Many thanks to our staff and parent helpers, who went above and beyond to role model our values in action. See our Facebook page for more photos.

A PRACTICAL LESSON ON EFFECTS OF KAURI DIEBACK

Our Year 9 Sustainability class student's recently conducted a practical assessment, modeling the difficulty trees with Kauri dieback have in getting nutrients. Students used straws to simulate feeder roots Kauri use to get water and nutrients from the soil. They began with healthy "roots", timing how long it took them to suck up 60ml of water. Then they conducted the same experiment with infected roots (adding punched holes in the straw above the water line). The students timed how long it took to suck up the same amount of water with increased amounts of disease (adding more holes). Students realised that it became increasingly difficult to get water as a tree with Kauri dieback. Our students are working alongside Auckland Council to help reduce Kauri dieback in our area.



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