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Principal's Comment

The long dry summer has provided excellent weather for the beginning of the school year. Students have settled into classes, new timetables and the rhythm of school days. The serious business of the academic year is enhanced by many extra-curricular activities and experiences. Year 10 students are back from a fabulous camp on Motutapu Island; Year 13 students enjoyed their camp at Shakespear Park; Te Whanau o te Kakano students thrived at Otawhiwhi Marae, Bowentown; and Northcote College students performed with both pride and enthusiasm at Polyfest. While the athletic sports, swimming sports and summer team sports are now behind us, winter sports practices are underway and cultural opportunities including debating and Stage Challenge are up and running.

Student Achievement

This newsletter features student achievement from 2012 in NCEA and Scholarship.

We are very pleased with individual student achievement at all levels. Of particular interest are the extraordinarily high rates of students receiving Merit or Excellence endorsements. The names of students awarded NCEA with Merit and Excellence are printed within this newsletter.

This newsletter also highlights and celebrates the

success of Northcote College students in the New Zealand Scholarship Examinations. New Zealand Scholarship is highly demanding. Nationally it is designed so that only the top 3% of NCEA candidates succeed.

In 2012, 17 Northcote College students received 22 Scholarships. They are some of the 124 Northcote College students who have achieved 174 Scholarship passes including 21 Outstanding Scholarships in the last seven years.

I want to reinforce for you the absolute confidence you can have that NCEA and Scholarship are powerful qualifications that serve students well and take them to the highest achievement levels.

I want to take this chance to fight the common misconceptions that there are more desirable alternatives to NCEA and Scholarship; that the best students in New Zealand need IB or Cambridge to maximise their learning or their future opportunities; or that if you want to study overseas you need IB or Cambridge. To illustrate this point, I have some examples of how well Northcote College students do when they are pitched at the highest level against the best students from all schools in NZ. (Note: New Zealand Scholarship is so highly regarded and significant that schools offering IB and Cambridge enter their students too.)

I'll start with former Northcote College student **Richard Stebbing**. In Year 13 Richard entered the New

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Upcoming Events

11 & 16 Apr	Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-7pm (Note: classes finish 2.30pm)	Fri 17 May	School Cross Country
Mon 15 Apr	BOT Meeting 6pm (Note: changed from 8/4/13)	Wed 29 May	Teacher Only Day
Fri 19 Apr	Term 1 Ends	Thur 30 May	Board of Trustees Elections
Mon 6 May	Term 2 Begins	30 May - 7 June	Senior Exams
Mon 13 May	BOT Meeting 6pm	Mon 3 June	Queen's Birthday (school closed)

*** please refer school website for the year planner ***

Principal's comment continued

Zealand Scholarship examinations. He was awarded three Outstanding Scholarships (Chemistry, Calculus and Statistics) and one Scholarship (Physics). Richard then gained direct entry from school to the second year of Engineering at the University of Auckland. He is currently a Rhodes Scholar (one of only three selected in New Zealand in his year). Richard is currently studying at Oxford University in England. He achieved these successes with his NCEA and Scholarship results.

Something you might not know is that three times in the last seven years a Northcote College student has been awarded the top scholar award, first in New Zealand, in the Scholarship examination. They are:

Elliot Christensen-Yule - Scholarship Drama 2006

Bonnie Pyper - Scholarship English 2010

Esther Ige - Scholarship Photography 2012

These results confirm that Northcote College students can have confidence in themselves, in their teachers and in the combination of NCEA and Scholarship to provide powerful learning and achievement opportunities and the brightest of futures.

Northcote College provides outstanding opportunities for academic, social, sporting and cultural development. We also work hard to ensure students hold fast to decent values, enjoy life and accept responsibility.

Thank you for the support you provide to the school and for the interest you take in your child's/ children's school work. To reinforce the importance you place on your child's/children's education, I urge you to attend school events, check the school website and parent portal, ask to see notices and support us by making sure your child attends regularly, is punctual, has the right equipment, wears the uniform well, obeys school rules and meets all of their obligations.

We value your feedback and are currently particularly interested in feedback from parents and caregivers in relation to:

1. The sporting opportunities offered by the school.
2. The school website from a parents perspective.
3. The perception of the school in the community.

Please email me (principal@northcote.school.nz) at any time on any issue.

Vicki Barrie

Student Achievement

We are delighted to report on the 2012 academic success of Northcote College students.

Scholarship

Only 3% (approx) of Year 13 students studying each subject at Level 3 are awarded Scholarship. In total, 17 Northcote College students received 22 Scholarships across 12 subjects.

With a score of 24/24 **Esther Ige** won the 2012 NZ Scholarship Top Subject Scholarship Award for Photography.

Tanisha Chang	Media Studies
Ben Corlett	Painting
Jason Delaveau	Drama
Sid Dymond	Drama
	Classical Studies
Eddie Gee	Painting
Shelby Haarhoff	English
	Physical Education*
Ming Hahn Hong	Statistics
Esther Ige	Photography*
Sophea Ing	Music
Robbie Macdonald	Drama*
Michael McSweeney	Drama
Jovana Nedeljkov	Drama
	Painting
	History
Kevin Orense	Japanese
Holly Quinn	Statistics
	Classical Studies
Kendal Rainey	Technology (Fashion)
McKenzie Rayes	Physical Education
Elisa Small	English

*denotes Outstanding Award

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 11 April and Tuesday 16 April

4 - 7pm

Parents make bookings for parent/teacher interviews electronically through www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Log in using the School Event Code **93F46**.

Please note timetabled classes will finish at 2.30pm on 11/4/2013 and 16/4/2013. School buses will run at this earlier time.

Student Achievement Continued:

NCEA Endorsements

Congratulations to students achieving NCEA with Excellence or Merit Endorsements.

Level 1 Excellence:

Jarrold Baynes, Randell Buenafe, James Corlett, Tim De Wit, Matthew Dwyer, Keegan Farrelly, Tyla Goodsell-Matthews, Angus Grant, Liam Hughes, Nicky Ingram, Zac Kimpton, Cindy Lin, Shendi Mani, Freya Mann, Surita Manoa, Henry Merton, Richard Myburgh, Nadia Oh, Mikaela Rushton, Ashveer Singh, Ella Watson, Zoe White, Alice Yang, Lauren Yates

Level 2 Excellence:

Maeva de Graaf, Emma Hilton, Jasper Holt, Matthew Jackson, Rina Kenovic, Catherine Lee, Ji-Eun Lee, Ju-Eun Lee, Zosia Lis, Ruby Love, Emma Lovegrove, Melissa McFadzien, Kristen Pak, Casey Pilkington, Jess Power, Katherine Robbins, Freya Schaumkel, Rebecca Shepherd, Luke Thomas, Liam Thompson, Danielle Townsend, Amon Watanabe, Annie Wen, Michelle Yong

Level 3 Excellence:

Nicholas Ansley, Sid Dymond, Eddie Gee, Shelby Haarhoff, Sophea Ing, Michael McSweeney, Hazel Meikle-Downing, Alisha Moore, Jovana Nedeljkov, Kevin Orense, Holly Quinn

Level 1 Merit:

Zara Askew, Nick Baggen, Jo Bancroft, Holly Baty, Jessica Bland, Jackson Bliss-McCauley, John Blomfield, Mick Charoenphan, Axel Couldrey, Jess Crompton, Tammy Cutting, Louise Delaveau, Natalia Fanene, Brian Gashema, Elizabeth Gee, Mia Goodsell-Matthews, Michael Goodwin, Elsdon Greenough, Holly Haigh-McShane, Charlotte Hartley, Briana Helas, Grayson Hill, Tim Howarth, Gemma Hughes-Waldon, Scarlett James-Cull, Fatakiola Kaloni, Chris Kim, Eugene Kim, Tej Kumar, Sophie Maddox, Ella Manhire, Gen Matheson, Joseph Matias, Isaac Maunsell, Casey McAra, Hope McIntosh, Alexa McKellar-Basset, Max McMeiken, Bridie Mercer, Brenna Moore, Rachel Nielsen, Emilio Ocampo, Nicole Parker, Ryan Petersen, Daniel Pettersson-Fox, Harry Pirie, Billie Pounder, Chris Rainey, Ashlee Rayes, Lewis Rutledge, Aiden Saleh, Alexia Scheuber, Kelaan Schloffel-Armstrong, Nevena Sekulic, Vetya Shearer, Jiahua Shen, Brianna Simmons, Sam Skelton, Lauren Smith, Jack Spooner, Olivia Stapleton, James Stiffe, James Strother, Emma Supra-Sylvester, Sione Taliotu, Clark Tanumihardja, Ben Taylor, Finn Thomas, Mitchell Thurlow, Antony Trott, Josh Usher, Sona Valesyan, Shao Wang, Zac White, Chelsie Whitworth, Tayla Wright

Level 2 Merit

Matt Bailey, Connor Bear, Madeline Beckley, Duncan Bohling, Mirren Brockies, Cheyenne Cable, Jake Cannan, Jamie Chatsinchai, Joshua Clarke, Anna Condon, Rohini Contractor, Mike Corbett, Raphaela de Souza-Nunes, Atlanta Derbyshire, Frances Drinkwater, Janine Evaroa, Beth Farrelly, Julia Forde, Daisy Friis, Elnaz Gorbani, Ruby Haldane, Brittany Hill, Luke Hodgkinson, Kristi Illingworth, Oscar Jobberns, Jess Jones, Hannah Jukes, Mesalina Kaloni, Nathan Kelly, Francesca Kerr, Lindsay Klenner, Krishneel Kumar, Laura Kvigstad, Krystyn Lim, Grace Lloyd, Phoebe Lloyd, Nathan Lyon, Athena Macababbad, Jack Malpass, Izmir Mani, Vanessa Marriott, Timothy Matthews, Htet Maung, Milos Nedeljkov, Jess Neeve, Vittoria Nevin, Sophia Newth, James Nicholson, Grace Park, Kajal Patel, Kendal Rainey, Shivon Raj, Blair Ratu, Thania Rhoda, Sam Riddell, Ryan Sutton-Edwards, Jessica Szilagyi, Anna Thompson, John Turpin, Aram Valesyan, John Van Der Leden, Jackson Walker, Natasha Watson, Jacob Williams

Level 3 Merit:

Bronte Adshead, Jaimie Adshead, Jenna Alexander, Madison Bartlett, Adam Blake, Jackie Blok, Ruth Calderwood, Tanisha Chang, Stephen Chapman, Sophie Coombs, Sakima-Raine Cornwall, Nick De Wit, Aaron Delaveau, Jason Delaveau, Reuben Ferguson, Melissa Hardgrave, Tash Hinde, Jordyn Hughes, Esther Ige, Marina Jenkins, Theo Keith, Matthew Kempkers, Josie Keys, Rooben Kunnasegaran, Sophie Kwan Neads, Henry Law, Nikki Lydiard, Robbie Macdonald, Madeline MacDonnell, Ellen Mekkelholt, Ian Munro, Sophie Nevin, McKenzie Rayes, Yea Jin Ro, Andy Sawyer, Maike Schaumkel, Rachel Shardlow, Elisa Small, James Stebbing, Jesse Thomas, Michael-Dean Thurlow, Georgia Tong, Greta Treadwell, Brendon Vernall

Congratulations to:

Danielle Townsend (13BSH) and **Katherine Robbins** (13PT) who have been selected into the 2013 Chemistry Olympiad Training Squad. A final four will be selected to represent New Zealand in the international competition to be held in Moscow.

Matthew Jackson (13NA) selected as the representative for Hon. Dr Jonathan Coleman MP for Northcote, for the 2013 Youth Parliament.

Amanda Sadler (10FIR) embarking on a 12 week Rotary Exchange to Australia.

Student Activities

Motutapu Island - Year 10 Camp

Year 10 camp was once again held at Motutapu Island Outdoor Education Centre, from February 18th - 22nd.



One hundred and eighty students, along with staff, parents and student leaders, enjoyed the impressive weather and scenery that Motutapu Island had to offer, and rose to the challenge of the action-packed week of outdoor pursuits and team building exercises.

There were many activities on Motutapu Island including snorkelling, archery, frisbee golf, flying fox, climbing wall, waka, high ropes, confidence course, survivor challenge, raft building, burma trail, and out camp. My best part was probably getting to know people at out-camp. My favourite activities were the confidence course, out-camp and the survivor challenge. I learned from camp that if you want to succeed at a challenge in life, you need to work as a team, it makes life much easier.

[Lara Taylor]

Once we got to Motutapu Island we did a long walk to the camp. We did heaps of activities. Snorkelling was the best part for me. It was so cool seeing all the different fish and sea life. The most

challenging part for me was the waka, because it was a windy day and we were getting close to the rocks, so we had to show a lot of strength and team work. [Christine Ball]

The most challenging part for me was the survivor challenge, where we had to work in teams to complete a series of physical and mental obstacles. I enjoyed that immensely and would love to do it again! I feel that the survivor challenge especially helped me bond with peers at camp. At camp I learned the importance of trying your hardest at everything and of being supportive no matter what. Being a good team member, I feel, is the most important aspect of camp. [Lauren O'Connell]

A highlight of camp was the much anticipated Survivor Challenge between the team of ex-student leaders that included 2012 Deputy Head Girl, Melissa Farquhar and 2012 Deputy Head Boy, Jason Delaveau, and the 'A' team of Year 10 students; comprising **Nelson Cook, Patrick Elisaia-Hopa, Brooke Ellison, Hannah Lewis, Sophie Nicolas, Jason Panapa, Cody Peachey and Zak Vincent**. The Year 10 team put in a competitive

display, but were narrowly beaten by the ex-student team.

Students and staff returned exhausted but happy, with some students already asleep on the bus ride back to school! The camp could not have been the success it was without the support of staff, parents, youth leaders and the organisation of Susan Henshall, Camp Director.



N Manoa - Year 10 Dean

Student Council 2013

Congratulations to the students elected as representatives on the 2013 Student Council.

Year 9: Jacques Cantin, Vanessa Cocal-Smith, Dong-Hyun Kim, Nate Huse, Ken Liu, Max Lloyd-Bell, Victoria Parsonson, Denzil Whitcombe

Year 10: Elanor Grimwood, Aaria Holton, Abbey Laird, Malia Pepper, Laura Quinn

Year 11: Logan Battersby, Dominique Cantin, Frane Jackson, Ben Milligan, Alaina Weatherley, Charlotte Weatherley

Year 12: Nick Baggen, Tyson Belcher-Taurere, Tim Howarth, Zac Kimpton, Nicole Parker

Year 13: Raphaela de Souza, Milos Nedeljkov

The Student Council has significant input into decision making at Northcote College. At each meeting representatives raise any issues of student concern, provide feedback on initiatives and put forward new ideas and suggestions for discussion.

Tahitian Visit

On Thursday 7 March, Northcote College hosted *College de Taaone*, a French Polynesian School on tour in New Zealand with *Lessonz Abroad*. There were 25 students with three teachers here to learn about our fabulous environmental programmes, in the hope that they could start one themselves.

There were many fascinating things to show our visitors, including our solar panels, recycling system and gardens. We took them on a fantastic tour, showing them not only the 'green' work we do, but also what a tight knit family we are. Our brilliant whanau class welcomed them and chose a member to sing them a song. The Tahitians loved it, and showed us that although we live in different countries, our culture and personalities are not worlds apart, and they sang us a song in return. The Learning Support Centre also welcomed the group before we took them back to the food centre to eat lunch and chat with the

whole of the Cocoon group.

We both learned a lot, and they were so excited to share their new experience with the rest of their school. We hope that sometime soon they will have a Green Gold school like ours, and we thank the teachers for giving us the opportunity to be part of a school like this in the first place.

Emma Lockie 9KIM

Administration

Wireless in Classrooms

Wireless is now available in classrooms/learning areas across the school. Students will be invited to bring their own devices for learning purposes, however they may only use their personal devices in a classroom situation if expressly permitted to do so by the teacher.

Students and staff are currently reviewing the school rules relating to electronic devices in school. Students and parents will be advised of changes when they are finalised. Please be aware that the college is unable to take responsibility for personal devices at school.

Parent Portal

The portal provides access to a range of information including student attendance, timetables, reports, achievement information and more. We ask that all parents check the details held by the school and phone or e-mail the office if changes to contact details are needed. If you are unsure of your login or password please phone the school office.

NZQA Matters

In 2013 the first point of contact for students and parents with questions about NCEA will be Mrs Julie Pennell. She can be contacted by email on jpennell@northcote.school.nz or by phone on 481 0141 extension 813.

Parents of senior students will recently have received information regarding the timing of subject assessments for 2013. We ask that you please return the signed (yellow) verification form. These forms were issued to students on Wednesday 3 April. The school is required by NZQA to follow this procedure.

Accessing Official NCEA Results

All senior students should be aware of the need to go on to the NZQA website (www.nzqa.govt.nz/login) and use their Learner Login to access achievement information and request official certificates. To do this they need to

use their National Student Number (NSN) and register a password. It is important to keep these details in a safe place to make accessing the site easy.

There are two important documents that NZQA can provide: The School Results Summary (SRS) is intended for school leavers and lists all the standards for which a student has been assessed with the results, including Not Achieved results, grouped by year, subject and level. The Record of Achievement (ROA) is intended to be a lifelong record of achievement and will grow as students gain new standards through tertiary study and industry training.

The NCEA entry fee is currently \$76.70 for domestic students and \$383.30 for international students. The school collects this money early in Term 3 on behalf of NZQA. The amount due will appear on school invoices for those students who are entering a national qualification this year. Information about eligibility for financial assistance can be found at www.nzqa.govt.nz

Karen Russell, Deputy Principal

Health Centre

Lumino Dentists will visit Northcote College again this year, from 7 May to 17 May, to provide FREE dental care for students. The mobile dental unit will be set up at school, and by appointment will provide each student with a dental examination, dental health and care advice and if required, x-rays and treatment. This service is funded by the Ministry of Health.

Appointments will be available for junior and senior students. Information and enrolment forms will be mailed prior to the visit. If you would like your child to be part of the Dental Programme please tear off the completed enrolment form when you receive it and post it back to us in the pre-paid envelope provided, or drop it off to the School Nurse.

School Donation

The start of the school year is an expensive time for families and we take this opportunity to thank those who have paid the requested school donation or made arrangements with the Accounts Office to do this. The Board of Trustees urges all families to make this contribution to the school for the benefit of all students.

Sports Report

Welcome to the new Year 9 students and welcome back to all other students. We look forward to enjoying another successful year in sport.

Term One is extremely busy with lots of sports sign-ups, trials, games and school sports events. We endeavour to give all students a chance to compete and play sports at Northcote College. The sports office, located in the gym, is always open for any questions and queries by students and parents.

Athletics

The sporting year started off with the annual School Athletics Day held on 12th February at the Takapuna Athletics Grounds, Onewa Domain. There were more than 400 participants. We offer a big thank you to the senior helpers and teachers who enabled the day to run smoothly. The weather was perfect and students competed well and enjoyed themselves.

Congratulations to the following students as their efforts over the whole day led them to be crowned 2013 School Athletics Champions:

George Leask - Junior Boys Champion

Brooke Ellison - Junior Girls Champion

Lewis Rutledge - Intermediate Boys Champion

Tyla Goodsell-Matthews - Intermediate Girls Champion

Elijah Neblett - Senior Boys Champion

Hannah Jukes - Senior Girls Champion

Following on from the School Athletics Day a team of students competed at the North Harbour Secondary School Athletics Championships held at Sovereign Stadium in Mairangi Bay. Overall the team performed solidly with some outstanding results, including:

Blair Calvert - 1st Place in the Junior Boys 100m Final in a time of 12:69

Flataysha James - 1st Place in the Junior Girls Javelin with a distance of 20 metres

Hannah Jukes - 2nd Place in the Senior Girls Long Jump with a jump of 4.56 metres.

- 2nd in the Senior Girls High Jump with a jump of 1.40 metres

Ofa Vahe - 2nd Place in the Intermediate Boys Shot Put with a distance of 12.33 metres

Louise Delaveau - 3rd Place in the Senior Girls 400m Final in a time of 1min 9sec

Jomar Wilson - 3rd Place in the Intermediate Boys Discus with a distance of 39.62 metres

Elijah Neblett - 4th Place in the Senior Boys 100m Final in a time of 11.92 seconds

Sione Talilotu - 5th Place in the Senior Boys Shot Put with a distance of 11.98 metres

Jordi Cohen - 5th Place in the Senior Boys 400m Final in a time of 58.97 seconds

Mia Goodsell-Matthews - 5th Place in the Intermediate Girls Shot Put with a distance of 8.72 metres

Congratulations to Blair Calvert, Flataysha James, Hannah Jukes, Ofa Vahe and Elijah Neblett who qualified to compete at the Greater Auckland Athletics Championships.

Swimming

The annual School Swimming Sports day was held on Friday 8th March.

It was a wonderful day with participants all giving their best.

Congratulations to the 2013 School Swimming Champions:

Elanor Grimwood - Junior Girls Champion

Kiho Kato - Intermediate Girls Champion

Olivia Stapleton and **Hannah Jukes** - Senior Girls Champions

George Leask - Junior Boys Champion

Zac White - Intermediate Boys Champion

Sam Riddell - Senior Boys Champion

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Arie van der Zwan, Director of Sport - email: ariev@northcote.school.nz
Ruth Blackwood/Callum Finlay, Sport Coordinators - email: sports@northcote.school.nz
Shane Latch, Elite Sport Coordinator - email: shanel@northcote.school.nz

PCT Challenge

Three teams of Year 13 students competed against 16 other high school teams in the annual PCT Challenge held at the North Shore Events Centre.



For the second year in a row Northcote has won the trophy.

Congratulations to:

1st Place - Sophie Newth, Jackson Walker, Blake Thompson and **Emma Lovegrove** completing the challenge in 2 minutes 04 seconds.

3rd Place - Kristen Pak, Hannah Jukes, Jamie Chatsinchai, and **Jasper Holt** completing in 2 minutes 11 seconds

5th Place - Brittany Hill, Lindsay Klenner, Luke Hodgkinson and **Oscar Jobberns** completing in 2 minutes 14 seconds.

Volleyball

This year we have had two Girls' and two Boys' teams playing in the North Harbour Volleyball League. Boys' Team 2 and Girls' Teams 1 and 2 are going through to the play-offs in the top four of their grades.

Dragon Boating

The mixed Dragon Boating crew trained twice a week in the build-up to the Auckland Secondary Schools' Dragon Boating Festival at Lake Pupuke on the 24th March.

Thanks to Mrs Morath and Mr Finlay for organising the team and attending all the training sessions.

Ultimate Frisbee

There are two boys' and one girls' team entered in the Secondary Schools Ultimate Frisbee League. The Girls' team have won all their games so far putting them at the top of the table (against six teams). We thank Year 13 student Kendal Rainey for her organisation.

Water Polo

The Senior Boys' team have been competing in the Premier Division of the Auckland Water Polo League playing against Auckland's top school teams. With a lot of young players in the team it has been a huge step competing in this league.

The players put in a lot of training each week and have been working hard towards the North Island and National Championships.

The junior team have been training since the beginning of the term and have put in some solid games.

Congratulations to:

Josh Anderson - selected to represent New Zealand in the International Laser Tag Championships in Australia.

Brooke Ellison - selected to represent Takapuna Athletics Club in Inter-provincial competitions in Timaru.

Tristan Hutchinson - selected to the NZ U14 Softball team to compete in Australia. Most recently Tristan was involved in the World Softball Championships assisting with the team from Mexico.

Elanor Grimwood - selected as one of 24 high performance junior golfers to take part in the Outward Bound charity tournament.

Coaching Coordinator

This year through funding from Kiwisport we are fortunate to have a coaching coordinator, Liam Badger, who will be working on the recruitment, development and retention of coaches at the school. Liam has just completed a degree in Sport Coaching at AUT and will offer various coaching courses throughout the year to support both adult and student coaches.

If you would like to help coach any of our teams please contact Liam via email on coaching@northcote.school.nz



AFFAIR of the HEART

The 2013 committee for Affair of the Heart would like to warmly thank everyone who contributed to another successful event. The exhibition is now a firmly established annual event with the support of both the school and wider community.

There were more than 120 artists exhibiting with 176 pieces sold to a total value of \$80,000. We are still working on the tally to confirm the final surplus figure (estimated to be \$31,000) before we can begin looking into the purchase of a school minivan.

For the second year we ran a competition for visitors to vote for their favourite artwork. Once again artist Julie Freeman was the winner, with her pastel piece *Tin Shed Tekapo*. Her work entitled *Kea* was voted second equal with a work by artist Natalie Knight.

The gala night was a great success with the auction proving a highlight of the evening. We were fortunate to have former student, Michael Parekowhai, donate one of his prints (pictured here) which caused heated bidding before selling for \$2,450.



Doodle Art by Peter Urlich also proved popular, finally selling for \$420.

Musical performances by Mr Deece Guisinger with a back up band of four Year 13 students entertained at the Friday gala evening. The four students *Lenny and the Laidbacks* (Aram Valesyan, Luke Hodgkinson, Josh Clarke and Blair Ratu) also entertained for a couple of hours on both days of the weekend. Ruby Love, Emma Lovegrove and Mesalina Kaloni, aka *Ukelele Love*, sang and played on Sunday. Both these student groups are available to perform for you, please contact the school if you would like to get in touch with them.

We would especially like to thank the event sponsors for their wonderful generosity, as well as the volunteers and the Prefects who all worked so hard - particularly during the pack up.

We look forward to seeing you at next year's Affair of the Heart on the first weekend in March 2014.

Board of Trustee Elections

The School Board of Trustees triennial elections will be held on Thursday 30 May 2013.

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences; people who believe in making a positive difference to children's learning. A notice calling for nominations will shortly be posted to all eligible voters. Nominations close at noon 16/5/13.

Further information is available on:
www.nzsta.org.nz/trustee-elections/

Community Education

Education for Life

Gate 5, 6 Kauri Glen Road, Northcote
Monday to Thursday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Friday 10.00 am to 1.00 pm
(term time only)

Make good on those New Year's resolutions and learn something new! We have a wonderful range of courses available for Term 2, starting on Monday 20 May, including Arts, Crafts and Photography, Cooking, Health and Fitness, ESOL and Languages. Many classes are open to anyone aged 14 years and older.

We are always on the lookout for new tutors, so if you have a skill or interest which you'd like to share, please contact us to talk about becoming a tutor.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Website: www.learn4life.co.nz

Email: info@learn4life.co.nz

Phone: Annalie or Liz on 481-0144

Health Education at Northcote College

Have your say. Every year we review the Health curriculum to keep up with an ever changing environment. The Health Education programme covers drug education, sexuality education and well-being. Please have a look at the current goals and curriculum during the Parent/Teacher Interview evenings. This information will be in the foyer of the hall and there will be a box provided for your feedback and suggestions (any areas that you think we should address during our programme).

Mr S Chong, Health Coordinator