

ASIAN DANCE GROUP

New opportunity in the Senior School

Perform alongside St Cuthbert's dance groups at Polyfest in 2009.

*Kapa Haka, Indian Dance Group,
Polynesian Dance Group*

To join the Asian Dance Group encourage your daughter to watch the Daily Notices in Term 1 and learn traditional Asian Dance.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT

NZ College Games

St Cuthbert's College enjoyed a very successful four days at the NZ College Games held in Hamilton in December 2008.

Gold: Larissa Eruera - open golf, Elise Salt - U14 triathlon; Paige Paterson - U14 multisport, Georgia Crosson - swimming, 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly; Rosalie Chang, Elise Salt, Helena Jackson, Anneka Herdson, Florence Rogers, Paige Paterson - Y9 road running (6 person team).

Silver

Rachael Kingstone - athletics, senior 3000m; Libby Crum - U19 duathlon.

Bronze

Jenni Scott - athletics, junior triple jump; Georgia Crosson - swimming, 100m freestyle and 50m backstroke; Jesse Hamilton - open golf.

2008 Athletics & Swimming Preliminaries

Over the first three days back at school we will run the preliminary heats for athletics and swimming. It is necessary for us to run these prelims on these days in order to get event programmes together and to identify students in time to advance to interschool competitions. By having the heats at this time, while adjustments are being made to programmes, we can meet the entry deadlines for external competitions and once full teaching programmes are under way there are fewer interruptions.

Students are reminded to check the schedule below so they have the appropriate equipment: swim suit, cap and towel; PE shorts, shirt and shoes for their preliminary events. Sunscreen and hats are essential for all outdoor activities. Swimming entries are due Friday 1 February.

Y3-8 Swimming Prelim Schedule

Y3	Swimming	During PE lessons in week two
Y4	Swimming	Wednesday 4 February
Y5	Swimming	Wednesday 4 February
Y6	Swimming	Wednesday 4 February
Y7	Swimming	Thursday 5 February
Y8	Swimming	Tuesday 3 February

Y9-13 Swimming and Athletics Prelim Schedule

Y13	Swimming	Tuesday 3 February
	Athletics	Wednesday 4 February
Y12	Swimming	Tuesday 3 February
	Athletics	Wednesday 4 February
Y11	Swimming	Tuesday 3 February
	Athletics	Wednesday 4 February
Y10	Swimming	Wednesday 4 February
	Athletics	Tuesday 3 February
Y9	Swimming	Thursday 5 February
	Athletics	Wednesday 4 February

Catch-up for Athletics Prelims: Monday 9 February at lunch time.

Catch-up for Swimming Prelims: Tuesday 10 February and Wednesday 11 February at lunch time.

A note for your diary

QUALIFICATIONS INFORMATION EVENING

Parents and students are cordially invited to the
Qualifications Information Evening

Wednesday 25 February 2009

7.00pm

Joan Holland Auditorium

Join us to be updated for 2008, information on NCEA internal assessment procedures and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme which will commence in the College in 2010.

Parking and Traffic Congestion

A reminder that St Cuthbert's College is located in the midst of peak traffic flow areas and congestion can often cause delays.

- The underground car park is available at all times for parking for all parents; please visit Reception to be issued with a car park card.
- There is no parking available within the College grounds and parents are reminded that the student drop off zones are: Market Road, Wapiti Avenue and Puriri Drive. Y1-6 students can be picked up in the afternoon via the Chapel gates.
- Cars parked on yellow lines within the College grounds restrict emergency vehicle access to the College and will be in danger of being towed.
- Dropping older daughters off on Manukau Rd, Great South Rd or in the neighbouring streets is a good strategy; it both eases congestion and provides some exercise! School commences sharp at 8.30am so please allow yourself ample time to manoeuvre through the traffic so that your daughter is punctual for the start of Period 1.
- Only Y13 students or those with special permission are permitted to drive to school. Students who do not have permission to drive will have disciplinary consequences if they do not observe this College rule.

College Dates for 2009

Monday	2 February	Full staff meeting
Tuesday	3 February	Students return, Day 0
Friday	6 February	Waitangi day
Thursday	9 April	Term 1 ends
Friday	10 April	Good Friday
Monday	27 April	Staff Only Day
Tuesday	28 April	Term 2 begins
Monday	1 June	Queen's Birthday
Tuesday	2 June	Staff Only Day
Wednesday	3 June	Students return
Friday	3 July	Term 2 ends
Monday	20 July	Term 3 begins
Monday	17 August	Staff Only Day
Friday	18 September	Term 3 ends
Monday	12 October	Term 4 begins
Monday	26 October	Labour day
Friday	11 December	Term 4 ends





Welcome from the Principal

Happy New Year everyone. All around the College academic and support staff are working hard in preparation for the beginning of the academic year 2009. This week we have had the pleasure of seeing a number of students new to the College as they have taken part in the ICT Summer School, as well as students picking up their new uniforms; it is lovely to meet them again and to hear how much they are looking forward to starting life at the College (as well as feeling a little nervous). It is evident that the great weather we have had over the holiday break has meant that our current students have enjoyed themselves, and that senior students are pleased with their examination results.

The first day of term for students will be Tuesday, February 3; families should have details of the programme for each level, but if yours has been mislaid, please contact Reception and they will ensure that you are sent a copy of the programme for your daughter's year level. The orientation programme for new students begins immediately and girls will find the many orientation activities planned for the first few weeks of Term 1 very useful in helping them settle happily into College life. We all work with the girls to ensure that the transition between schools, and year levels, is as positive as possible for all students. We encourage you as parents to contact teaching and guidance staff if there are any concerns or questions you or your daughters might have. Contact details for deans as follows:

2009 Deans

Deans

Y1-2 Mrs Glenys Waller, ext 7878 - Senior Dean Junior School
Y3-4 Mrs Angela Leotta, ext 7567
Y5-6 Miss Sue Armstrong, ext 7654
Y7 Miss Susannah Marshall, ext 7822
Y8 Mrs Sheridan Watts, ext 7823
Y9 Mrs Elizabeth Cullinane, ext 7428
Y10 Ms Therese Brownson, ext 7447
Y11 Mrs Karen Leuschke, ext 7639
Y12 Mrs Margaret Olsen, ext 7887
Y13 Mrs Nicky Burnett, ext 7875

Deputy Deans

Y9 Mrs Fiona Gillies, ext 7407
Y10 Mrs Carol Mogridge, ext 7871
Y11 Mrs Penny Daddy, ext 7414
Y12 tba
Y13 Mrs Roberta Batistich, ext 7478

The College calendar is online and parents can access it by going to the homepage of the College website www.stcuthberts.school.nz and clicking on **Calendar** on the explore toolbar. Click on **2009 Events Calendar** on the left hand side and then on the event required.

Over the holidays many students have been involved in a wide range of sporting and other events; we always look forward to hearing of their experiences and successes and the February newsletter will provide details as they come to hand.

The Parents and Friends' Association has a range of events planned for this term, as part of their mission to provide parents with ways to make contact, to establish friendships and enjoy the other dimensions of College life. Details of these events are in this newsletter and the College calendar.

Three significant events in the first few weeks are the cocktail evenings which follow the Junior School Meet the Teacher evening on Monday 23 February and the Qualifications Information Evening on Wednesday 25 February and the Fun Day Out on Sunday 8 March. These are great opportunities to meet new people and to renew old friendships.

Examination Results 2008

We have begun the process of analysing last year's examination results; these initial results are provisional only but it is evident that the girls did very well. Congratulations, girls!

	2008	2007
Level 1 NCEA	97.48%	96.70%
Level 1 with Excellence	43.39%	42.6%
Level 2 NCEA	99.39%	96.3%
Level 2 with Excellence	30.3%	33.5%
Level 3 NCEA	98.66%	96.9%
Level 3 with Excellence	26.17%	22.70%

Head Girl, Prefects and Boarding Leaders 2009

HEAD BOARDER Alice McRae

DEPUTY HEAD BOARDER Lanu Faletau

PREFECTS Chloe Drinkwater, Jessica Ellis, Kylene Jones, Roland Lafaele-Pereira, Lucy Macdonald, Alice McRae, Samantha Morton, Simone Nathan, Aria Newfield, Holly Rabone, Hyun-Sun Roh, Shanaya Sarkari, Ella Svensen, Ashley Wallace

DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS Alex Merry, Lucy Player Bishop, Charlotte Taylor

HEAD GIRL Anna Gray

Congratulations to these Y13 students, and to their peers for their thoughtful, considered exercise of their voting rights.

House Captains and deputies and Committee Leaders and deputies will be announced in the next fortnight.

I hope the year begins well for all students and that families enjoy time together on both Anniversary weekend and Waitangi weekend.

Warmest regards

Lynda Reid
Principal

College Uniform

We would appreciate parents' support in ensuring that students arrive at the College for the new term in immaculate uniform. A reminder that jerseys are not to be worn with the summer uniform, there should not be a gap between the summer skirt and top and that skirts should be knee length. Please ensure your daughter has both a sun hat and sun block; these will be essential in the next few weeks.

