



From the Principal

Happy New Year everyone.

While the girls are enjoying the last few days of their holidays, staff at the College are working hard to ensure we are all ready for the start of the academic year 2010.

An army of painters, electricians, carpet layers, arborists, asphalters, carpenters, plumbers and tradespeople is taking advantage of the holiday break to do essential maintenance and development in all areas of the College; the academic and support staff are busy completing the reviews of 2009 and putting the 2010 programmes in place.

2010 marks the beginning of the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme in the College and the commencement of the construction of the Performing Arts Centre. Both these developments will be of real significance in the lives of our students.

Day One, Term One

We are really looking forward to welcoming students and their families back to the College. The first day of term for students will be Wednesday, February 3; families should have details of the programme for each level, but if yours has been mislaid, please check the website or contact Reception and they will ensure that you are sent a copy of the programme for your daughter's year level.

Welcome to new (and returning) parents

After you have dropped your daughter off on Wednesday, please join us for a coffee in the Atrium from 8.30 am onwards; this is a great chance to meet other parents in your daughter's year group, to meet some of the Parents and Friends' class co-ordinators, Asian friendship group representatives and College staff who are not busy with settling your daughters in.

Parents of students new to the College will find that the orientation programme for their daughters begins immediately and we know that 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. As parents please know that we encourage you to contact teaching and guidance staff if there are any concerns or questions you or your daughters might have. A list of contact details for deans is included in this newsletter.

The College calendar is online and details on how to access it are included in this newsletter.

If you are new to the College family, the Parents and Friends' Association is a wonderful group of people who are very keen to welcome you and to help you make contact with other parents. They organise and host a number of events in Term One to help parents 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 22 February, the Qualifications Information Evening on 24 February, and the Fun Day Out on Sunday 7 March. These are great opportunities to meet new people and to renew old friendships.

Examination Results 2009

Provisional results from the NCEA examinations indicate that the girls did very well. It is really satisfying for us to see so many girls achieving their personal best. Congratulations, girls!

	2009	2008	2007
Level 1 NCEA	98.4%	97.4%	96.7%
Level 1 with Excellence	44.7%	43.3%	42.6%
Level 2 NCEA	99.3%	99.3%	96.3%
Level 2 with Excellence	34.2%	30.3%	33.5%
Level 3 NCEA	95.4%	98.6%	96.9%
Level 3 with Excellence	26.5%	26.1%	22.7%

Head Girl, Prefects and Boarding Leaders 2010

DEPUTY HEAD BOARDER	Olivia Egan
HEAD BOARDER	Kelly Cameron
PREFECTS	Jane Canning, Amelia MacDiarmid Tessa Didsbury, Tupou Panuve, Ashleigh Hunt Madeline Walker, Abby Heath, Ana Reid Emily Ruygrok, Aarani Anandabaskaran, Sophie Speakman, Kate McGeachie, Annie Scott
DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS	Floyd Alexander-Hunt, Sulu Tone-Fitzpatrick Andrea Kapeteni
HEAD GIRL	Madison Forde

House Captains and deputies and Committee Leaders' elections will be held in the next fortnight.

I hope you all enjoy the last few days of the summer break and that Anniversary weekend gives you all a chance of some more family time.

Warmest regards and best wishes for 2010.

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.



Athletics and Swimming Preliminaries 2010

The College year begins with Athletics and Swimming prelims **starting on the first day back in Term 1.**

This year the Prelim Handbook will be posted on the home page of the College website www.stcuthberts.school.nz and on moodle. You will therefore not receive a copy of this in the post.

Included in the Prelim Handbook are:

- Dates of the prelims
- Dates of athletics and swimming sports
- Equipment needed
- A list of events with explanations on how to choose events
- Guidelines for swimmers who wish to contest the overall College championship titles
- Basic rules
- Guidelines for parents
- Entry forms for championship swimmers.

Key Information

If you would like to contest the College Championship titles in swimming, you must fill in and return the entry form to Mr Paul Monney by **Friday 29 January 2010**. Note, this is prior to the start of Term 1.

It is compulsory for all students from Y3-11 to swim a minimum of two events. All Y12 and Y13 students must come to prelims at the scheduled time. Y12-13 students must complete three prelim events overall, in swimming and athletics i.e. you may do three swimming prelims or three athletics prelims or a combination of three from swimming and athletics.

Equipment

Students are reminded to bring the appropriate equipment for their prelim events:

- Swimming Prelims - swimsuit, cap and towel
- Athletic Prelims - PE shorts, shirt and shoes
- Sunscreen and a hat will be required for both swimming and athletics.

Please note that a swimming short is available through Black Watch House. The optional swimming short is only for students in Y9-13 and must be worn over the swimsuit. It may also be worn by Y9-13 for physical education lessons.

Age Groups

Y3-6 compete in year groups.

All age groups are taken from 1 January 2010.

Y7-8 are split into two age groups in line with the Central Zone Age Groups. Junior - Under 12 years, Senior - 12 years and over.

Y9-13 are split into three age groups in line with Auckland Secondary School Age Groups. Junior - Under 14, Intermediate - Under 16, Senior - Under 18.

Sports Days for 2010

Y9-13	Athletics Sports Day	Mon 15 Feb	Mt Smart Stadium
Y9-13	Swimming Sports Day	Wed 17 Feb	St Cuthbert's College Margaret Beale Pool
Y3-6	Swimming Sports Day	Tues 23 Feb	St Cuthbert's College Margaret Beale Pool
Y7-8	Swimming Sports Day	Thurs 25 Feb	St Cuthbert's College Margaret Beale Pool

Junior School Athletics Sports Days are held in Term 4, prelims for these events are held in PE class time.

Prelim Programme

Y3-8 Swimming Prelim Schedule

Year 3	Swimming	During PE lessons in week two
Year 4	Swimming	Wednesday 3 February
Year 5	Swimming	Thursday 4 February
Year 6	Swimming	Thursday 4 February
Year 7	Swimming	Friday 5 February
Year 8	Swimming	Wednesday 3 February

Y9-13 Swimming and Athletics Prelim Schedule

Year 13	Swimming Athletics	Thursday 4 February Thursday 4 February
Year 12	Swimming Athletics	Thursday 4 February Thursday 4 February
Year 11	Swimming Athletics	Wednesday 3 February Thursday 4 February
Year 10	Athletics Swimming	Wednesday 3 February Thursday 4 February
Year 9	Athletics Swimming	Thursday 4 February Friday 5 February

- Catch-up for Athletics Prelims:
Monday 8 February at lunch time.
- Catch-up for Swimming Prelims:
Tuesday 9 February and Wednesday 10 February at lunch time.
- Y12-13 involved in both swimming and athletic prelims must complete their swimming prelims at the scheduled time and their athletic prelims at an alternative time e.g. Thursday morning (4 February) or Monday lunchtime (8 February).

Competitive swimmers are advised to avoid using catch-up dates as there is little to no recovery time between races.

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: the Kiss and drop zone within the College grounds, Market Road and Puriri Drive.
- 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.



How to Access the Calendars on the St Cuthbert's College Website

1. Go to www.stcuthberts.school.nz
2. Click on one of the calendar buttons as indicated below

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St Cuthbert's College is an independent Christian day and boarding school for 1,470 girls, from Year 1 to Year 13, in Auckland, New Zealand.

The College is located at 122 Market Road, Epsom, Auckland 1051, New Zealand.

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Welcome to our College

2010 Athletics and Swimming Prelims. start on the first day back at school!

Information Evening for Parents of Year 1 & New Entrant Students 2011

The 2009 ERO Report speaks of "Skilled, effective leadership, outstanding student"

Rotary Award for Service Goes to Y13 Student Rebecca Allen

Scholarships Awarded to St Cuthbert's Top Scholars

January 2010

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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3. You will be taken to the main College Calendar page as shown below

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College Calendar

Today Wednesday, February 3

Print Week Month Agenda

Week 1 Day 0

TERM 1 BEGINS

Athletics & Swimming Prelims

8:15am New Parents Morning Tea

8:30am Y13 Report to Auditorium

8:30am Y9 Report to Hall

8:30am Y1-6 Report to Classrooms

8:30am Y7-8 Report to Gymnasium

9:30am Y4 Swimming Heats

10:00am Y10 Report to Hall

4. Please scroll down to find College events throughout the year.
5. On the left hand side of the page there are specific calendars with details for sport, music, Kahunui etc.



Start of Year Timetable 2010

Wednesday 3 February - all students return to College

Y1-6 report to classrooms	8:30am
Y4 swimming heats	9:30am
Y7-8 report to Junior gymnasium	8:30am
Y8 swimming heats	11:15am
Y9 report to Clouston Hall	8:30am
Y10 report to Clouston Hall	10:00am
Y10 athletics heats	1:30pm
Y11 report to Clouston Hall	12 noon
Y11 swimming heats	1:30pm
Y12 report to Clouston Hall	11:15am
Y12 IB orientation in I13	1:45pm
Y12 NCEA students may go home	12 noon
Y13 report to Joan Holland Auditorium	8:30am
Y13 committee meetings	11:15am
Y13 peer support training	1:45pm
<i>- those not involved may go home when dismissed</i>	

Thursday 4 February - form and individual photos taken

Y1-9 report to form classes	8.30am
Y1-4 photos	8:45am
Y5-6 photos	8:30am
Y5-6 swimming heats	9:00am
Y7-8 form photos	11:15am
Y9 peer support by Y13	9:15am
Y9 form & individual photos start	11:15am
Y9 new students after photos go to IT for laptop collection	
Y9 athletics heats	1:45pm
Y10 report to form class	9:00am
Y10 photos start	9:45am
Y10 swimming heats	1:45pm
Y11 report to form class	8.30am
Y11 athletics heats	9.15am
Y11 form and ID photos taken	11.45am
Y11 may go home when dismissed	12:45pm
Y12 report to form classes	10:00am
Y12 ID card photos	10:15am
Y12 athletics/swimming heats	11:15am
Y12 IB orientation in I13	1:15pm
Y12 may go home when dismissed	12:45pm
Y13 peer support	8:45am
<i>- those not involved to be at school by 10am</i>	
Y13 photo on Robertson steps	10:30am
Y13 form and individual photos	10:45am
<i>- when photo complete go to athletics/swimming heats</i>	
Y13 may go home when dismissed	12:45pm

Term 1 2010 Habit of Mind "PERSISTING"

Albert Einstein once defined insanity as doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting a different outcome. His comment is a great place to begin thinking about what it means to be **persistent**.

For many students when teachers, parents or other adults encourage them to be **persistent** it feels as if they are being asked to be insane. After all, from the student's perspective, if the only strategy, theory, or tactic in her repertoire didn't work, it really doesn't make sense to just keep trying harder. For many, "just trying harder" can lead to repeated failure and frustration. So the question for those teaching Habits of Mind might be: "How can we help students, parents and teachers develop a more useful understanding of what it really means to be **persistent**?"

So what is Persistence?

A group of Y7 girls from Mrs Keil's class worked on a definition in Term 4 last year and they came up with several ideas: "Not giving up", "Try different things" and "Try from another perspective". If you are persisting they said you would be "panting", "grunting", saying "Have you tried this?" and "What can I do to fix this?" The girls said it would feel like "pain", "concentrating" and "convincing yourself".

Art Costa states that the behaviours of persistence include the ability to:

- Define, refine, clarify and analyse the problem
- Develop and use a system, structure or strategy of problem attack including knowledge of steps to be performed, what data need to be generated or collected, and what resources are available
- Identify appropriate resources, including knowing who and where to turn for assistance
- Collect evidence that the strategy is or isn't working
- Recognise when a theory/strategy must be rejected and another employed
- Apply alternative strategies/theories when it is appropriate to do so
- Keep working towards solving the problem.

So the students are thinking along the right track. They have designed a set of posters which are bright and thoughtful which will be displayed around the grounds of the College reminding us all to persevere – enjoy them.

Mrs Helen White, Director of Advanced Learning

DRAGON BOATING: Appeal for Coach

We have two new dragon boating teams at Y12 and a partly new one at Y13. We are in desperate need of someone to help with coaching these teams on **Monday and Thursday afternoons at 4-5 Viaduct Basin from 15 February to 11 March**, or even part of that time would be appreciated.

If you can help, please contact Mrs Karen Leuschke on 520 4159 ext 7639 or email karen.leuschke@stcuthberts.school.nz

2010 College Tennis Trials

Tuesday 2 February 2010

on the Harvey Alison courts.

Junior U14 (age at 1 Jan 2010)	9.00am - 12 noon
Intermediates U16 (age at 1 Jan 2010)	12 noon - 2.00pm
Senior U19 (age at 1 Jan 2010)	2.00pm - 4.00pm

All players wishing to play for the College in 2010
MUST ATTEND THESE TRIALS.

REMINDER

For those parents with younger daughters wishing to apply to the College, please be aware that the following selection deadlines are approaching:

- **Year 1, 2011 - Interviews are scheduled for February 2010**
- **Year 7, 2012 - Selection process scheduled for May 2010 (when girls are in Year 5).**

Please contact Julie Drew in the Admissions Office with any queries: julie.drew@stcuthberts.school.nz

