



COLLEGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



WHAT A YEAR!

Each year invariably I find myself saying that 'it's been a fantastic year' or even "the best year ever." Well no surprises, 2018 has been exceptional too! Whether it's been the "best year ever" - who knows? Certainly though the achievements of our students have been nothing short of amazing both in the classroom and on the sports field.

Just to name a few of our achievements.

College Street Normal School:

Won the National Rippa Rugby competition in Wellington.

Won the National Vex IQ competition title (robotics and coding) against Intermediate and Secondary School students.

Won both the Year 5 and Year 6 Inter-school Mathex Maths competitions.

Was placed 2nd in the National Jump Jam competition in Tauranga.

Despite the uncertainties surrounding **Modern Learning Environments** student achievement right across the school has continued to soar. There is absolutely no evidence that these different teaching and learning environments have had a negative effect, indeed quite the opposite. Not only have literacy and numeracy standards continued to soar but there has been huge improvement in the competencies like 'thinking', 'collaboration', 'communication', 'student agency', 'creativity' and 'participation.' The competencies that are so essential for living and working in the 21st Century.

Whilst it has been a remarkable year none of this would have been achieved without serious 'input' from our staff. They all

literally go 'above and beyond'. On behalf of everybody a huge vote of thanks to our teachers and support staff. You are all absolutely magic!

A very sincere thank you too to all of **our parents and particularly the PTA and the Board of Trustees.** Your efforts although not always acknowledged are nonetheless very much appreciated. Thank you!

All that's left for me to say is for everybody to have a well earned rest and a great festive season!

AN AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT

Despite having to compete against Intermediate and Junior High School teams from throughout New Zealand, on Saturday our Robotics teams won the National Vex IQ competition. The teams made up of:

**Tommy Read
Ben Phillips
Campbell Bassett
Jacob Lean
Ben Irwin
Oliver Song
Simon Ton
Pari Rao**

They won the following:

1. Overall Teamwork Challenge
2. Robotic Skills/Autonomous Coding Elementary Grade
3. Overall Sportsmanship Award
4. Overall Energy Award

All eight students (two teams) have now qualified to compete in next year's

International Competition in Kentucky. What an achievement! Once again **Clive Robertson** has played a major hand in the team's success. Over the last few years he has been quietly tutoring our students in Robotics and Coding, all the time improving their understanding and ability.

As they say, big things often have very small beginnings. Clive's nurturing and persistence over time has, as with so many other activities around CSNS raised student achievement and skill levels to dizzy heights. Another huge thank you Clive from everybody at CSNS.

You are an absolute legend!

GANUGUPATI CUP

The Ganugapati Cup was donated to College Street in 2015. It is presented to a child in Year Six who excels academically and on the sports field.

On Tuesday at the Senior Awards assembly, we awarded the Ganugapati Cup for 2018 to **Cillian Carroll**. This is an outstanding achievement for a very deserving recipient. You have had an outstanding year at College Street Cillian, congratulations from us all!



Ross Kennedy and Corinne Rowe

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

THANKS!

Another huge thank you to those CSNS business people who donated \$100.00 each towards the **Staff's Xmas Social Event** last Saturday. We played social golf at the **Rangitikei Golf Club** and what a blast it turned out to be! The sponsorship meant that we had prizes for a range of different categories including:

- The Best Dressed Team
- The Noisiest & Most Difficult Team
- The Team Who Played the Most Golf
- The Best Team Photograph
- The Team With The Second Lowest Score

The meal in the Clubhouse was great too! Real value for money! I recommend the Rangitikei Golf Club to you all. It's a superb venue for a social event. So peaceful too (when the CSNS Staff are not there).

Our generous sponsors were:

- Lanceley Plumbing
- Mike Nixon Building
- Fitzherbert Rowe Lawyers
- Pho Nem Hanoi Home Cooking
- Screenvistas
- See Me Media
- Blair McDonald Building Ltd

NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENT

As there were no requests from parents to hold an election to fill the Board vacancy created by Steve Aburn's resignation, the Board of Trustees has seconded parent **David Sheppard**. David's background and experience as a lawyer will be potentially of great benefit to the Board.

FAREWELL TO BRYNN

A special thank you to **Brynn Cleaver** for the invaluable work he has been doing throughout the last two years with Special Needs students. His patient, calm approach has been much appreciated by students, teachers and parents.

Thanks Brynn!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and have a safe a happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

A reminder that school finishes at 12.30pm this Friday.

PTA NEWS

VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers who have taken the time to assist us this year with our events, a special mention to my team; **Gillian Lawn, Rachel Hall, Melissa Stott, Stefanie Steward, Helen Orr, Catherine Irwin and Emma Savioan**, your enthusiasm and is second to none it has been an absolute pleasure to work with you throughout the year. Happy and safe holiday break to all!

Jaclyn (Chairperson)

SCHOOL HATS

Please ensure your **child's school hat is named**. There is a box in the School hall for lost hats.

If you require a hat please contact the PTA, not the office, via email **csnspta@gmail.com** with your child's name, class and what style/size hat you require and we will deliver to the class for you.

We will be having a hat sale, **Wednesday 30th January** (first day of Term 1 2019) between 8:30am and 9:00am in the School Hall. EFTPOS will be available.

SCHOOL NEWS

WEDNESDAY NEWS ADVERTISING

We have a couple of spaces up for grabs for our **2019 school newsletter**. The cost to have your business on the back of our newsletter is **\$400+gst** for the 2019 school year. If you would like to take up this offer, please contact the school office by email **office@csn.school.nz** or phone **06 358 1092** for more details.



STUFF THE BUS

A huge thank you to our school community for supporting the **Stuff the Bus** initiative who are collecting and donating items to Bernardos and the Methodist Social Services. We raised close to 1700 items for such a worthy cause! What a way to model our school value of Kindness!

A huge thank you to **Ashley Durston and Tiffany Good** for their hard work in behind the scenes to coordinate and organise this initiative.

College Street Normal School - STUFF THE BUS

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUPERCAMP FOR KIDS

January School Holiday Programme
21-25th January 2019 - Register early! Don't miss out!

Five days of confidence building, teamwork, communication, resilience, fitness, tennis and golf.

Avoid disappointment - only 6 boys and 6 girls places left.

For further information and registration forms, email Catherine Gavigan: **centre@globaldial.com**

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St Albans' Primary and Intermediate School Holiday Programme



The BUZZ

December 2018, 17-21 Jan 2019, 14-18 & 22-25



COST:
8.30 – 3pm : \$27
8.30 – 4pm : \$30
8.30 – 5.30pm : \$35

Free Food Included! Games – Crafts
Challenges
Stories
Bouncy Castle
and more...

St Albans Church, 339 Albert Street, Hokowhitu, Palmerston North



thebuzz.org.nz
027 the buzz/021 843 2899
Facebook: The Buzz Holiday Programme



WINZ subsidies may apply

More info and easy online enrolment at thebuzz.org.nz

2019 Term Dates

- Term 1: Wed 30 Jan - Fri 12 April
- Term 2: Mon 29 April - Fri 5 July
- Term 3: Mon 22 July - Fri 27 Sep
- Term 4: Mon 14 Oct - Fri 14 Dec



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**POST SCHOOL
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We provide a safe and stimulating environment which
is available for all primary aged children in our school.

CSNS HALL | 3:00-5:30pm Monday to Friday | Casual or Regular Basis
Pick up an Enrolment Form from the office, complete it and drop it back to the office.

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