

# Rutherford House News

## 11.9.11

Dear all

With only 4 weeks of school to go until the Term 3 holidays, I thought it a good time to send a newsletter and update you on all our news.



Firstly thank you to all of you who took the time to come to Boarders Weekend. I am sure you will agree, Rutherford House certainly earned its first placing in the House Singing competition for the 9th year in a row. The boys felt very proud to be able to sing in front of their families and friends and to show what the Powerhouse is made of! A journalist was so impressed by our story, that there will be an article in the local paper next week! We are very, very proud of the way the boys went about their practises and showed their commitment, ably lead by Alex Farrell-Davey and Costa Simpson. The pyramids were pretty awesome too and 29 Rutherford boys were involved. Well done to Tim and Costa for participating in the Big Band and Concert Band and for Tim, Alex and Costa for their participation in the Collegians Choir.

Our Junior Basketball team played in the school's house basketball competition and they won their first game against Fell House before bowing out in the semis.



31 of us had a great day out at Rainbow Skifield recently, be it eventful and thanks must go out to Mr van der Velden who helped accompany me to supervise, and to the McEwen and Cech families for their assistance on the day.



## **Important Dates coming up:**

**20<sup>th</sup> September** – Rugby re-enactment day – the whole school is involved from 11am and the school haka will be performed at the church steps.

**21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September** – practise exams for seniors – if your doesn't have exams during this time or only one or two, he may travel home. Please communicate with me if this is to happen.

**10<sup>th</sup> November** – NCEA exams commence

**5<sup>th</sup> November** – Rutherford House Dinner – this formal evening is compulsory for all Rutherford students and will be held at the Monaco Resort from 6pm. We encourage parents and siblings to come along too. The cost of the dinner will be \$40.00 per head and drinks may be purchased at the bar throughout the evening. This is a formal event as we celebrate the year by awarding trophies and reviewing the year, together with saying goodbye to our Yr13's. As the term will be a short one in Term 4, please advise by return email how many of you will be attending the dinner to [sg@nelcollege.school.nz](mailto:sg@nelcollege.school.nz). This is always a fun night and is attended by all boys, staff and families.

Paintball and Hydroslide trips are planned for the end of term and your son will discuss this with you, should he wish to attend.

All in all and as I said during our latest parent meeting, Rutherford House is in good heart, we are a happy house, focussed and ready to get stuck in during exam time.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any questions or queries.

Kind Regards

**Sharon, Jade, Alex, Mark, David, Rowena, Wiki and Josh**

