

KURANUI COLLEGE COMMISSIONER

I was appointed Commissioner at Kuranui College on March 24 by the Ministry of Education. I have found this to be a interesting challenge. It has been very busy for me and also for all the College staff and students. Much of my time at Kuranui has been very satisfying, but along with that there have been some frustrating times as well, but I must say those times are getting less.

I would like to thank the students and staff for accepting me and respecting my position at the College. There have been a lot of very positive things happening within the College. I guess the high for me was seeing Kuranui College beat Burnside in the winter. The performances of the students in the various sports was great, but what impressed me more was the standard of behaviour of the student supporters, they were great.

I have enjoyed my involvement with the students and intend having more discussions in the future, so that we have a very fair and democratic system within the College to elect a Student Rep onto the Board of Trustee in the future.

Another highlight was the Production in August. Congratulations to those staff and students who made it such a great team function, enjoyed by all. I have been impressed by the amount of activities going on within the College e.g. Japanese students visiting, pupil concerts, etc.

After the resignation of the Administration Officer we did an evaluation of the College office and worked with Allen Newman, an accountant from Masterton and the existing staff. We spent the middle term upgrading the office and using the personnel more efficiently. I thank the staff there for their tolerance and help. It was much appreciated. The third term will see an overhaul of the H.O.D.'s accounting system, so that too will work more independently and efficiently.

I have attended some P.T.A. meetings and have been impressed with the number of parents who have put in untold hours into making the College a better place to be in.

Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. We have had quite a lot of painting done around the College. This has brightened up the surroundings. I believe the College is generally much tidier than when I arrived.

The low spot has been the delay to the building of the new Tech Block. It has been frustrating because it has been out of our control.

What must be exciting is the prospect of the new student centre. After years of fundraising and lack of support from the Ministry of Education, we decided to use some of our reserve funds to give the financial assistance to get it started, as we see it in terms of the wellbeing of the College, as being important.

Finally, my thanks to Miss Halford and all the Staff, both teaching and support staff, for your effort and support in making Kuranui a place to be proud of.

Brian Lochore.

PTA NEWS

The PTA held a very successful film premiere on Friday 9th September. We premiered the marvellous movie "Four Weddings and a Funeral."

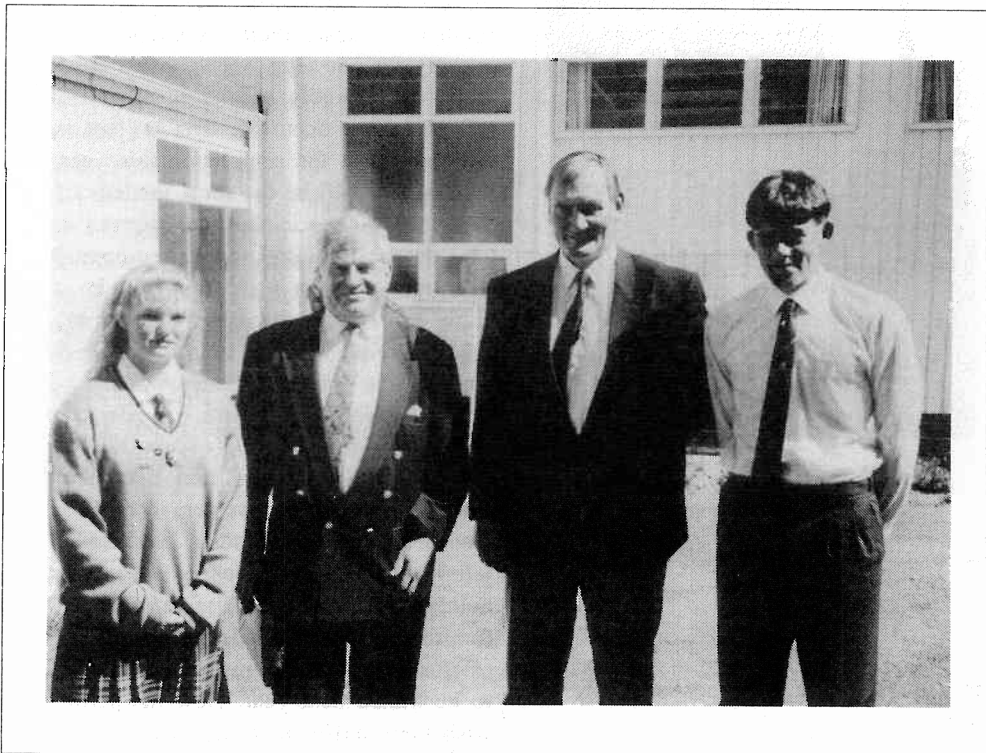
For our 256 guests the evening started off with nibbles and a chat. We then made our way into the Regent and the reels ran. An excellent movie! If you haven't seen it do so, as it's laugh after laugh.

This is the first time we had tried a movie premiere as a fund raiser and it was a huge success, due in no small part to the help of the Regent Theatre. Thank you to them. Thank you to all those who attended. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. See you at the next one!

PTA has also run two successful pizza-making sessions this year. Kuranui pizzas are really quite famous in the South Wairarapa now.

In term three an enjoyable evening of fashion was attended by about 300 people. Fashions from Warehouse Clothing Company, Anne Lovelock Bridal Wear and Pain and Kershaw were modelled by parents, staff and students. PTA has also contributed to the college in other ways too. The raffles at the Martinborough Fair began the year off, but apart from money-raising events there have been speakers on educational topics and visits made to several departments.

M. Armstrong.



Commissioner Brian Lohore with Earl Kirton and Kuranui Sports Girl and Boy of the Year