

Gibb ENews: Term 1 (Week 2)

Another great week.

I continue to be impressed by the boys' positive and committed attitude to their school work, their enthusiasm for ex curricular activities and the positive way in which they interact with each other. The boys are currently setting goals for me and I will interview each boy to work through the process by which the goals can best be achieved.

Student Affairs

The Gibb House prefects were presented with their prefect badge on Thursday. All of these Year 13 boys are excited about being given the opportunity to lead the boarding house in 2010.

Hostel Council members for term 1 of 2010 are:

Year 9 - Justin Pang and William Mansell

Year 10 - Mario Cooper and Emmanuel Nagoor

Year 11 - William Bridewell-Roberts and George Clifford

Year 12 - Jimmy Desborough and Christen Kurger

Year 13 - Chris May (who will also chair the council)

The student body gives the boys an opportunity to voice concerns and make suggestions that will benefit the boarding house.

Prep has started and monitoring of the boys occurs each night. If you have any concerns about how the boys are getting on or want to know what extra assistance can be given in specific subject areas please contact me.

Weekend activities

Cricket started for a number of the boys on Saturday. The international students had a weekend at El Rancho Camp in Waikanae. The Sunday excursion was to watch Avatar which is obviously very popular as they had to venture all the way out to Porirua to watch it.

Upcoming hostel events

Exeat 1: Friday 26 February to Sunday 28 February

Hostel family BBQ: Sunday 28 February

Exeat 2: Friday 19 March to Sunday 21 March

Gibb House Mt Taranaki climb: late February or early March

And a final thought.....

The aim of the hostel is to try and instil Olympic values in all Gibb House boarders:

- Excellence - striving for your best possible result.
- Endurance - pushing yourself all of the time to achieve personal excellence.
- Honesty - being able to look yourself in the mirror each day and say that you have given it your best shot. Playing the game within the rules.
- Challenge - challenging yourself, taking yourself out of your comfort zone and making no excuses.

- Respect - respect for others, respect for time honoured traditions.
- Loyalty & pride - being proud of what you are doing and who you are representing.
- Sacrifice - making short term sacrifices for long term rewards.
- Enjoyment - having fun.
- Spirit - coming together as one group, forgetting about differences and encouraging each other.
- Friendship - meeting new people.