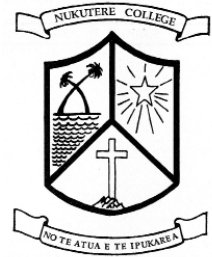


# NUKUTERE NEWS

## A YEAR 10 PUBLICATION



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### The Phoenix has Risen

Construction work on the brand new classroom at Nukutere College finally started on February 11th 2015. Despite the unforgiving weather, of major downfalls for many days, this did not deter the builders. The small two-man building team has worked at an amazing speed to get the classroom ready, and has created a lot of excitement.

On October 23rd 2013, Nukutere College classrooms and resource buildings were burnt down in an arson attack. This was unfortunate. The teachers and students have faced

many challenges; It has been tough. It has been stressful. However, everyone was determined to do their best and it just goes to show how passionate and resilient the teachers and students are. The new classroom will help lessen the current strain on everyone at school.

“The purpose of the new building is to create a better learning and teaching environment and ensure the safety of the students and to make sure they are learning properly,” said Nukutere College Principal, Mr George Rasmussen. Currently, it is still unknown if there will be



more new buildings. “It will all depend on the land negotiations” said Mr Rasmussen. “The future for more new buildings is unsure at this stage as the land issue is still not fully settled. The outcome of the land issue will determine whether there will be more new buildings.”

There is much to celebrate with this new building. The year 11 students will be using this new building, so they will also be taking good care of it.

The school should be very thankful to the PTA and everyone involved in the

new building. Students and teachers are looking forward to more new buildings to complete our school. “If the land negotiation goes well, there will be four classrooms, 2 resource rooms, 1 storeroom, a science lab and resource room, toilets and new offices for the principal, deputy principal and secretary,” says Mr Rasmussen.

So the future of Nukutere College students is already looking brighter

By Jaedon B



# HUMAN INTEREST

## Mamas of the month

This page was suppose to be for the person of the term, but because of all the hard work that the mamas of our school have put into to making our costumes (look at culture page) we the newspaper team have decided to award “the people of the month” to them. Thank you so much for assisting in the construction of our schools cultural teams dance costumes, “The students were all non-dancers before, now they are champions of dancing, they made themselves look stunning on the 1st of April” says Ms Mitchell Senior and Auntie Ake Utanga

The mamas worked during the night growing the kids and trying not to sleep to complete the costumes.

Thank you to all the Mamas who helped with the costume making. You have no idea how much gratitude we have for the sacrifices. Thank you for staying up late at night and for giving up



your time to help. On behalf of the Cultural dance team we would like to say “Meitaki maata”.

## Opinion Poll

What do you think of the new classrooms? Do you think they should build more?



Mrs Paitai

Teachers: I reckon it should have two doors and more ventilation. The new rooms would be good because all the kids won't be separated from each other and teachers could keep an eye on them



Anita Henry

Yr 11: Yeah they should definitely build more classrooms. The classroom is good but they need power and it gets hot at times



Puapii Nicholas

Yr 9: No, because we are having a good time in our own classrooms and because we don't need to waste the schools money building another classroom



Mele Poaru

Yr 8: Yes they should build more classrooms because it's better for the kids and teachers alike. We need rooms for the teachers themselves too so they don't need to walk around too much in the sun.



Francis Terepo

Yr 7: It's so hot and it's got enough space but they need more windows for air. And yes they should build more classrooms especially for the year 7s, we are using a lot of fans and air-cons which is wasting power

# GENERAL NEWS



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## PAPAL NUNCIO visits Nukutere College

Friday, 20th of March 2015 was a special day at Nukutere College. On this day we welcomed our guest: His Excellency Archbishop Martin Krebs.

Yr 10TM was in charge of a special assembly to welcome His Excellency. We showed him our true nation's colours when we sang the national anthem and held up the Cook Islands flag. Students and teachers had the opportunity to ask him questions about his life and religious background. It was a shock to learn that His Excellency originally didn't want to become a Nuncio. He was actually asked by the bishop of his diocese to become one. He had to think about this long and hard before he agreed.

Archbishop Martin Krebs was born in Germany. He was ordained priest in 1983. He was ordained Archbishop in November 2008.



He has been based in Wellington, New Zealand. He is the Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand, the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Palau, and Federated States of Micronesia in the Pacific. He travels to many countries to work as a diplomat. After the exciting assembly His Excellency enjoyed a delicious feast

and a few students asked him for an autograph. Thank you to Ms Tatari Mitchell and Yr 10TM students for a splendid job representing our school for this special event.

It was a privilege and an honour to have His Excellency visit us.

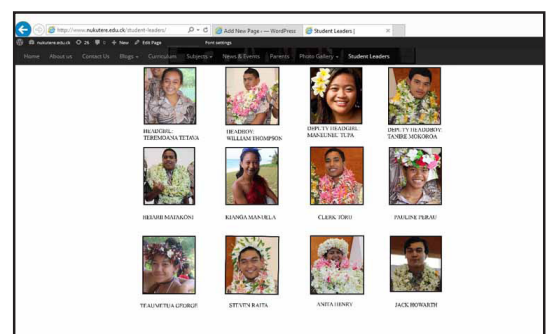
By Jaedon B

## WWW.NUKUTERE.EDU.CK - Guest Writer

This year the I.C.T group from year 10 were given a special mission to set up and update the school website. The website has been coming along great! Although we mourn the loss of a member who has betrayed us and gone to another school to start a new! Despite our loss we have set up new pages and also added new photos to the photo gallery.

Over the year we intend to finish the website and make it interactive for both students and parents. This may include things like blogs, photo gallery, news and events, and so fourth.

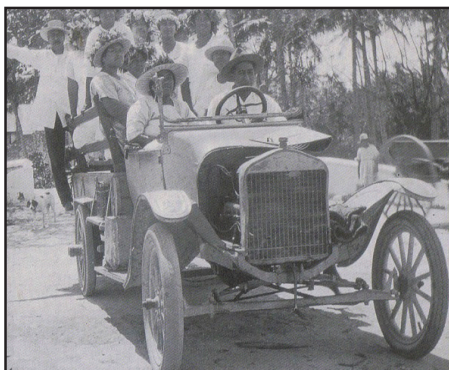
The website has brought us knowledge on setting up blogs and extended our thinking to a whole new level.



Check out [www.nukutere.edu.ck](http://www.nukutere.edu.ck) for updates over the year.

# COOK ISLANDS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY

## Cook Islands' Transport Then & Now



### Then

Our vehicles have changed over the past 50 years. The days of riding around on horses and carts, using them to cart everything everywhere is now over. During this time period a lot of Cook Islanders walked everywhere, only wealthy families had enough money to afford a car.

### Now

The island now relies on motor vehicles. We use vehicles for everything in everyday life, from driving to work to moving containers from place to place. But the problem with this new age is, that we have grown lazy and rely too much on vehicles.

## Cook Islands 50th Anniversary

Here in the Cook Islands we are celebrating our 50th Anniversary of self-governance, when our first Premier (Sir Albert Henry) was elected, in 1965, our nation signed a treaty with New Zealand, allowing us to officially become an independent self-governing country with the rights to make our own laws and to have our own Government. From the start of the year, the whole island is in some way preparing for the potentially amazing celebration that will happen some time this year. The annual cultural festival that happened on April 1st was another mark for our nation's 50 years anniversary. It shows our culture

is still going strong. This is a grand celebration where we should honor those who have made a difference to help our country stand out today.



Hon. Henry Puna, Our Current Prime Minister



Our first premier of the Cook Islands, Albert Henry.

# RELIGION PAGE

During the Easter Season Nukutere college celebrated the Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. They have followed Jesus in his time of sorrow and death by celebrating the station of the cross. Nukutere College does the station of the cross every Easter Season to Remember the Suffering Jesus went through. Easter is a time to reflect on a new life and a new world. It is a time of rejoicing and glorifying the risen lord. as Bishop Paul once said “ Easter is not all about Easter eggs or hot cross buns, it is all about thinking of what he has done for us and what he had to sacrifice for the wellbeing of our world”. Easter is also having to reflect on our families, the moments treasured and the times forgotten. it is also about forgiving those who had once trespassed against you. It is to prepare all for the beginning, it is also to prepare us for the new kingdom God has promised us. We must in our own way think about the values and qualities Easter season holds for us.



This event is one of the biggest events in our catholic diocese and also in our catholic liturgical calender. Easter Season begins on the 5th of April which is after lent, and ends on Pentecost Sunday 24 of May.

“GO OUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD,PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS.”



## Season of Lent Review

Lenten season is about fasting on the negative attitude and feasting on the positive attitude, which means giving up the things you value in life. Lent is a time to renew our covenant with god and a time of our renewal of baptism for all the rest of us. Lent season start on Ash Wednesday which is on the 18th of February and ends

on holy Saturday Easter vigil on the 4th of April.

“Well it is customary in our catholic religion that every Friday during lent we are not allowed to eat red meat. All of the catholic community in the Cook Islands participate”says Helena Williams.

“I was fasting and helping out with the catholic church”said Tutai Herman



# MOTIVATION PAGE

## What is the main duty of a Head Prefect?

To me being Head boy is a big responsibility that I am willing to take on, you have to be able to organise activities and take matters into your own hands. Being Head boy isn't just being the big boss, you must be a good role model so others can look up to you to honour the schools wishes and expectations of the school, to work on your weaknesses but to keep your strengths. It's like they say "a strong team is only as weak as its weakest link". Luckily I took part in a youth leadership course, I learnt that, you must have knowledge and have the resources to show, who you are, where you come from. As long as I am Head boy, I will try to equalise troubles the students have and help them to keep moving forward.

## Lest we forget

War never changes. There is no good guy or bad guy. Only those who would fight for what is right. April 25<sup>th</sup> is a very important holiday known as 'Anzac day'. But this year's Anzac day is a very special holiday as it is the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. In the Cook Islands during World War 1, 500 Cook Islands soldiers enlisted in the New Zealand Army to fight for our Nation. On April 25<sup>th</sup> 1915, The Anzacs launched an invasion in Gallipoli, Turkey to send supplies and support the Russian soldiers on the Eastern



-Head Boy William Thompson

## Message to the school:

There are light and dark times. There will be times when teachers decide to punish students through detention, weeding grass or even standing in the middle of the field with one leg up and hands on your head. Students I know that it's hard for you, "trust me I've been through it and it's not a good feeling". Whatever it is, or even if you struggle NEVER give up, never give in. I sometimes need help from my fellow prefects and they also support me even when I fall. Even when my cup was empty, they fill me up and when I was sad they would give me

joy. They are my brothers and sisters.

## Values the head boy must have:



Leadership  
Courage  
Faith  
Equality  
Love

Front, but due to mismanagement in the plans for the invasion, what seemed like an easy victory turned into a destructive, horrible bloodshed that led to the loss of countless of soldiers. Never the less, The Anzacs and our Cook Island soldiers fought bravely and held the Turkish Army off as long as they could until later on, they were given the order to withdraw from the country. Out of the 500 Cook Island soldiers, only 39 made it out. This day has being designed to honour the

great sacrifice that these men have made, not just our Cook Islanders but also our friends from New Zealand, Australia and the UK. The spirits and memory shall be forever in our hearts because if these men hadn't gone to fight in World War 1, Our Nations wouldn't be standing here today. Lest we forget 'brave soldiers'. We will continue honouring you for generations. And we will watch the oceans and the horizon for your return.

By Jaedon B

# CULTURE PAGE



## Culture Festival 2015-Nukutere College

Practicing for the Cultural Festival was a fantastic experience for both the students and the teachers. After school everyday for the last remaining week the students spent an hour of practicing. "I was glad that a lot of people had given up their time to help us". Says Teremona from year 11. Lesley who helped coordinate the formations and create their actions, the mamas who helped make the costumes and the fathers and uncles of the students who helped with the drumming. Meitaki maata to you all.

The time had come for them to shine! "We were all very nervous and scared but energetic at the same time." Says Tiani from year 10. The costumes were fabulous and very stunning." I reckon if this was a competition



we would have won bar none" says Winton from year 10. Everyone loved it and it was a really good night for everyone. "We all worked together and did very well, and again i would like to thank all who did the

costumes Auntie Ana, Ms Mitchelle Snr etc" says Maneuneu from year 11. It was an awesome experience and for most of us, we wish to do it again. No te Atua e te Ipukarea.



From left: Ms Bishop, Lesley, Ms Mitchelle, Ms Paitai and Ms Marsters



From left: Danica, Angeline, Anita, Metua, Tatiana

# SPORTS PAGE

## YEAR 7 & 8 SCHOOL SOCCER TOURNAMENT



Tshan Hagai & Taumaru Hunter - Year 8



Anna-Marie Henry & Christian Holford - Year 7

Every year in Rarotonga we have a school soccer tournament. The year 7 & 8's of Nukutere College have two teams representing the school. There are two teams, one boys team and one girls and it is a round-robin tournament.

We asked a number of players some questions about their first couple of games; The Year 8's had a "not too good" start to the tournament, losing both the girls & boys team. Tshan Hagai (Year 8) said "We might have a chance of winning if we play as a team and encourage each other". On the other hand, Taumaru Hunter (Year 8)

said "Our coach has been helping us by training us every possible time". Anna-Marie Henry & Christian Holford (Year 7) both agreed to the fact that their team has been playing good, but need to start working as a team

Since the interview, Nukutere was defeated but made our school proud for their contribution and representation of our wonderful high school. Congratulations to the girls of Nikao and the boys of Avarua who won in each division

By M.N



## Vaka Iti at Vaiana

The 17th of April was the most heart-pumping day for all local schools and schools from the outer islands. That day was the inter-school Oe vaka competition. The competition was fierce and there had been a lot of fire in the eyes of all the members of all the Oe Vaka teams. And it was clearly shown because everybody that day was doing everything they could to fight their way to the top. Overall, our College managed to score 2nd place. We would like to thank Ms

Paitai for organizing our training for this competition and thank our coaches Sam and Jacob for giving up their time to teach us this great sport. Without you three, we wouldn't even be able to do our school proud and keep on going until the end during that challenging day.  
BY J.W

