



7 July 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We finished our term with a wonderful assembly at which our Year 11 Dance group performed for us a fusion of dance genres which highlighted the versatility and strength of the dance students. We also had two Year 10 students read their Spoken Word Poetry which is personal and holds strong meaning to the speaker who with poetic devices, delivers a clear message to their audience. Their poems are printed below. It is wonder that students can stand in front of their peers and teachers and deliver from memory beautifully constructed writing.

Over the course of the past few weeks, a significant amount of time has been put into updating and reorganising the Student Futures section of the OLE. We are pleased to now make the new site live and accessible through the [College OLE page](#).

We are constantly adding and making changes and some sections are still under construction as we look to find the most appropriate and assistive information for you. The site now includes a calendar of confirmed Open Days and experiences. If you have any feedback or suggestions as to items that you think would be useful to have on the site, please contact the Director of Student Futures, Hannah Williams (Hannah.williams@saintkentigern.com), with your ideas and suggestions.

During the 3rd week of the school holidays, Mrs Williams will be running drop-in workshops for any learner who would like assistance to apply for a University Scholarship. In these workshops, learners can identify which of many scholarships they are eligible for and receive assistance to write their supporting letters of application. These sessions will be held in the Goodfellow Centre on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9.30am to 2.30pm. All students need is their laptop/device.

It is lovely to end the term with so much normality returning to school life, and especially, for school spirit to be strong and vibrant. Click for the [Term 3 College Term Card](#) outlining upcoming key events, which can also be found on the OLE.

Happy holidays.

Best,

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Spoken word – It's not fair.

By Austin Alcock – Year 10

Injustice, seething red mist fogging my site,
You took my phone
And that's not right.
It's not fair!
You took it away
It's my phone my life
It takes up my day.
And It's gone just like that
Cuz I don't do what u say?
The punishment doesn't fit the crime.
Do you even know why it takes up most of my time
ITS NOT FAIR.

You've taken away more than a just phone.
Friends insta, emails, texts,
games, snapchat, YouTube, Netflix,
Calls, music, dm's, tricks,
Photos, Twitter, video clips.
You've taken away everything,
You wonder why I rage?
You have left me nothing, WILD
Like a bear in a cage.
ITS NOT FAIR.

Snatch something else
Don't take my phone! taking it hurts like you've cut me to the bone
lying there bleeding, all alone,
can't talk to anyone, I'm on my own,
you say you're doing it for me, buying me time,
for what old man, all my friends are online.
You want me to spend more time playing my guitar,
old man, that is where the riffs I learn are.
It's not fair

On the face of it, you're doing the best by me but old man you're a hypocrite you spend
hours watching tv
You call me lazy!?
Look at you, bathing in blue light, stuck to the couch like some old parasite.
It's not fair

This is my generation you don't understand, it's my phone my life, it's not contrabanded.
You Neanderthals learnt from encyclopaedias and books
Technology's taken over, just look.
You lived your life in radio and black and white, we live our life in high def and gigabits.
It's not fair.
Games gone
Music gone
Friends gone
It's not fair

Spoken word – Who am I?

Rawiri Martin – Year 10

Kia ora ko Rawiri Martin ahau, so I oftenly get approached with the question... “Hey bro, you look pakeha who are you?” No bro! I am Maori and I do not need to look a certain way like or Kumara or something, to show that.

Before I waste your time, what i’m going to say, might make me feel some way, so stick with me, hey? Who am I? From what you see from the eye does not defy, who I, may be. Yeah i get it you see, I look like a palangi, I can assure you that I AM MAORI. From the colour of my skin to the colour of my eyes, I do not like to disguise, who I am set to be. I strive to be the best, I recieved a scholarship to Saint Kents, I am trying to let my people see, that we can succeed.

My parents pay the rent, while i’m working on me, I do this for my family, who are from the homeland of Mitimiti. This message is not only for the Maori, it is for the people we consider poly... it really is a struggle, and i’d hate to feel that pain, but by working together we can make a change. It really does pay, to change the way, society say the way we act is still the same. I say nay, but, yes the way of our people has been the same which ain’t the best, but its time to realise that we, our people are wise! We do not need to stay at home getting high, what we need is a job to get that pay rise.

Some say the way we are is fine, I can feel it down my spine that what they told me was something they misinterpret fine, because it is more along the line of a lie. What you told me was cap, we need to stop living the life of tap and gap. Think of the future, live in the present, For yesterday is history, yet tomorrow is mystery, and today is a gift! That is why they call it the present!

Believe that, believe that our people can be great, trust in our people, trust in god that he will help our people choose a better path, trust that we can go far, so that we stop living our cars, eating nothing but nut bars!

Now trust in the process, make that change.