



VERDON COLLEGE

Newsletter



From the Principal

Tena koutou katoa

I had the pleasure of watching the Verdon Drama team competing in the Sheillah Winn Shakespeare competition on March . While our students were outstanding they were unlucky not to win the competition which is of an extremely high standard. I was impressed not only with the nature of the performance but also the make up of the team. Three of the team are members of first sports teams, three are student leaders and all students involved are also academically talented. These students exemplified the well rounded and confident nature of the students at Verdon College. I congratulate these students on their outstanding representation of the College.

The Bishop's Shield Competition will be hosted by the College on the weekend 8/10 April. We are very proud to be hosting this event and very much looking forward to the competition. I would like to thank all those involved for their support of this event. We are still finalising some of our arrangements and would still appreciate hearing from those that can assist with catering or the billeting of students. I wish the students and staff well in their preparation for this competition. We would love to see strong local support for our teams and I am sure that they will all do us proud.

The College Ball is tonight. The leadership demonstrated in the preparation of the Ball has been impressive. Thank you to all the students' (especially the Ball Committee) parents and staff (especially Mrs Kathryn Mason, Year 13 Dean) for all of their hard work. I wish all those attending the evening a very enjoyable night.

Finally I would like us all to remember those in our community that are coping with recent tragic loss of family members. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

God Bless

Jarlath Kelly



Adventure Race

2011

Verdon entered 3 teams in the Adventure Race in Cromwell on Saturday. The race is a gruelling endurance adventure Race which can take 12 hours. Teams of



4 together bike, navigate, abseil, run, kayak and orienteer.

Verdon 1; Kieran Thurlow, Padriac O'Neill, Reece Dunn and Jon Rodenburg had bike trouble and were last after the

1st leg. They decided not to give up and ended up 10th overall and 5th in the boy's team event. Time 8:49. Amazing effort.

Verdon 2; Michael O'Reilly, Peter Thurlow, Ben Boyle and Dylan Coombs also had bike trouble and even got a bit lost and had swim on the Kayaking leg. They got 17th overall. Time 10:00.



Verdon 3; Aidan O'Neill, Terry Thurlow, Brenna O'Neill and Kayne Duggan a young team, dealt with blisters, cramp and punctures and did extremely well having to compete against older students after a gutsy effort they got 16th overall and 6th in the mixed team. Time; 9:42. The students did themselves proud and never gave up and are already talking about how they can do better next year.

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From Father Martin

The theme of this weeks School Assembly was Participation. Our development as human beings is dependant upon how well we participate in the opportunities set before us. I am grateful for the opportunities I have

had over the years to participate particularly in sport. Some of my best friends have been people I have played sport with or against.

As winter draws near there are many sports which our students can be involved in. They need plenty of support and encouragement to be involved and play to the best of their ability.

I commend all those who coach the various sporting teams as they endeavour to bring the gifts and talents of our young people to the fore.

God Bless

Father Martin

Swimming

Congratulations to Liam Cullen who recently won a gold medal in the 12 year old boys 50m breaststroke race at the NZ Junior Championships. He also two silver medals in the 100m & 200m breaststroke races.



Olivia Thornbury also achieved excellent results, being placed 14th in NZ in the 12 year old girls 50m free-style & butterfly races. She was also placed 15th in the 100m butterfly race.

Thomas Kennelly competed at the National Age Group championship last week and narrowly missed a medal in the 13 year old boys 200m Butterfly race, being placed 4th. Thomas achieved some excellent results taking seconds off his previous best times. Thomas has also been selected for a South Island development camp. He will attending a camp in June in

Secondary School Bowls Competition

Early last month Jack King competed in the Southland Secondary Schools Bowls Competition in Gore. To qualify Jack had to win 4 out of the 5 games which he managed qualifying him for the silver medal. After this he travelled to Timaru for another competition. At the end of the day although he did not qualify for the nationals Jack still had a great time. Jack has also been named in the Southland Year 1-10 bowls. team.

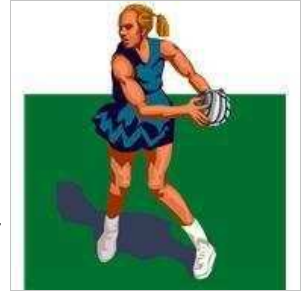


Sports Coaches

If you are able to help as a coach/manger—part time or full time please contact the College Office.

Netball News

Open Grade netball starts on Saturday 2 April, with the Senior A and B teams competing in this section. Life will be slightly different this year, with most teams having to play their games on the outside courts at Surrey Park.



On Wednesday 13 April a touring team from **Rockhampton Grammar School** in Australia will be playing netball against the two senior Verdon College teams as part of their New Zealand tour. We are pleased to be able to welcome them. Their games are scheduled for 2.30pm and 3.45pm at the Velodrome court, after which they will be taken home by their billets.

On Wednesday 20 April we are pleased to be able to host a group from **Saint Margaret Mary's College** in Townsville, Australia. They will be here to play our teams at the end of their New Zealand tour. They will be playing our Year 10A netball team at 2.00pm at the Velodrome court. Following that, at 3.00pm, there will be basketball. A touch team will play at Turnbull Thompson Park at 2.00pm. Following these games will be afternoon tea in the Sarah Ulmer Lounge in the Velodrome. Spectators are welcome. Local players will be asked to bring a plate of afternoon tea. Billets are not required for this school.

These tours have become a traditional event now after having been long established in the school. The contacts were first made as a result of initiatives from the Senior A team, and the Australian teams look forward to their visits to Invercargill. We certainly would like to encourage their continuation, as it provides good experience for the players to compete against different teams from their usual opponents.

Secondary school and Year 7/8 netball will start after the school holidays. Trials are currently being held and teams will soon be named. Please ensure you are committed to practices and games, and wear the uniform correctly. Subscriptions will be notified shortly and it would be appreciated if they could be paid promptly after the start of the season, as the Netball Centre sends our account early in the season.

Students' Sporting Involvement

As we move into the winter sport season we are aiming to have over eighty percent of our students involved in sport through the College. If your son or daughter has not signed up for a winter sport we would encourage them to do so. If there is any barrier to your son or daughter's involvement in sport, such as cost or transport, please let us know and we can see what we can do to assist. We would also like to encourage parents to be involved with the College through assisting with our sport teams. Whether you can support as a coach or manager your involvement is most welcome, even if you are only able to contribute in a part time manner.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Keep these dates free to come along to the Verdon College Production. More details and cast list in the next newsletter.

Wednesday 18 May– Sunday 22 May 2010

Bishop's Shield – Verdon College Invercargill

Friday 8 April to Sunday 10 April

Next weekend Verdon College are hosting the Bishop's Shield. This is an important event held every year among the Catholic Secondary Schools in the Dunedin Diocese.

We wish to invite you all to any or all of the events below. Come along and help support Verdon College students in their performances.

- Friday 8 April** – Opening Ceremony in the Verdon College Hall followed by the Prepared Speech Competition
- Saturday 9 April** - 9am Junior Debate held in the Verdon College Hall
- 1pm Senior Debate held in the Verdon College Hall
- 6pm Mass at St Patrick's Church, 33 Rimu Street- 7.45pm Junior Drama held in the Verdon College Hall
- Sunday 10 April** - 9am Impromptu Speeches held in the Verdon College Hall
- 10.15am Junior Scripture held in the Verdon College Hall
- 11am Senior Scripture held in the Verdon College Hall
- 1pm Closing Ceremony held in the Verdon College Hall



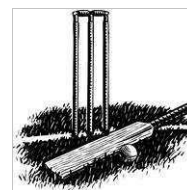
1 April	School Ball—held at Ascot Park
8/10 April	Bishop Shield Weekend held at Verdon College
11/13 April	901 and 903 at Camp Columba
13/15 April	902 and 904 at Camp Columba
15 April	Easter Liturgy—period 6.
15 April	End of Term 1
18/19/20/21 April	Office Open from 11am-4.30pm
2 May	First Day of Term 2

Australian Maths Competition

The Australian Maths Competition is to be held on Thursday 4 August. If you are wanting to enter this needs to be done by the end of term 1. Please see Ms Priestley if you require any details. (Extension maths students are automatically entered and don't need to pay).

Southland Cricket

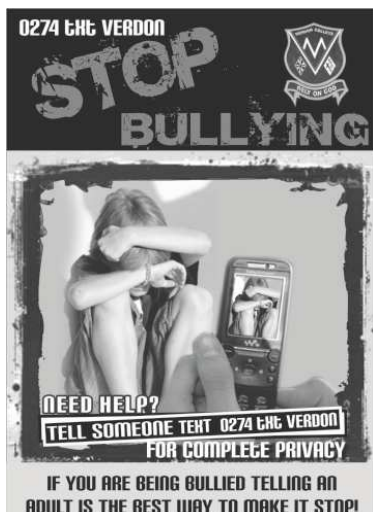
Congratulations to Kaitlyn Wheeler-Cross and Emma Prinsloo who have been selected for the Southland under 15 Girls' Cricket team.



Ball Photograph Fundraiser

This year the purchase of Ball photo will be run as a fund raiser for the college. Prices for photos will be similar to last years prices, however, proceeds from the purchase of the photos will be donated to the College. We would like to thank Rachael Kelly Photography for their generous contribution.

Ball photos can be viewed on the Rachael Kelly Photography website and orders made through the College



SURF N TURF RAFFLE

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Reminder to sell your raffle ticket over the weekend and return to the office. We need all tickets returned even if they are not sold.

“Verdon College the right choice”

Triathlon Success

On the 28th March the Southland Secondary Schools Triathlon was held in Winton. There was a great turnout with 110 competitors competing as individuals or as a team. It was a great course with distances ranging from 150 metre swim to 300 metres, 7-21 km cycle and 2.5-5km run. The Verdon competitors and placings were:

1st Under 13 boys-Liam Cullen

7th Under 13 boys- Cameron Crosswell

3rd Under 13 girls- Maggie Harrington

2nd U15 boys team—Thomas Kennelly, Lachlin O’Driscoll and Terry Thurlow



Congratulations again to Liam Cullen who competed in the South Island Triathlon & Duathlon Championships 2011 recently held in Oamaru. Liam gained 2nd place in the Junior Boys.

Southland Secondary Schools Athletics



Congratulations to the following students who gained places at the recently held Southland Secondary Schools Athletic Championships recently held in Invercargill

Katie Telfer	3rd in Girls 400m Run Senior
Jessy lee	4th in boys Shot Put Senior
Josh Nielsen	2nd Boys 1500m Run Under 16
Harlam Heydon	3rd in Boys Long Jump Under 14
Harlam Heydon	4th in Boys Discus Throw Under 14
Daniel Karsten	Boys 200m Dash Under 15
Daniel Karsten	Boys 100m Dash Under 15

SHAKESPEARE SUCCESS



Congratulations to Patrick Collins who has been selected as the Southland National Shakespeare Schools Production direct entry selected student. Patrick will attend the National Shakespeare

Schools Production in Wellington from 16-24 October this year. There were around 47 students for this workshop. From this week of drama 24 students will be selected to be members of the SGCNZ Young Shakespeare company to travel to the UK in 2012. In the past Verdon College has had two students (Stephanie Kelly and Baz Macdonald) travel to the UK for amazing theatrical experience.

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