



# VERDON COLLEGE

## Newsletter



### From The Principal

Tena koutou katoa

The term continues at a busy but positive pace. We have celebrated a very successful production of Joseph. It was a marvelous display of talent and hard work. School productions are always a major endeavour and the standard of this year's production was outstanding. Some of the big lessons for students involved are how to work as a team and having the confidence to commit to a high risk venture. The team work and camaraderie demonstrated by students was so pleasing to see. There were some outstanding performances throughout the show, however, the leads in particular deserve congratulations for their outstanding contribution. There were also many students behind the scenes involved in lighting, music and staging assisting those "up front" to shine. I congratulate you all on your efforts.

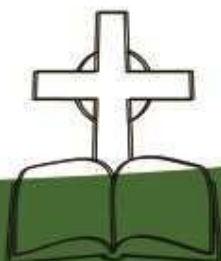
I would like to thank Alan Menzies and Jan Brown for their efforts in putting the Production together. We all appreciate the hard work and level of dedication required to make this event a success. Thank you also to those that sponsored the event. Your assistance in enabling us to put this Production on is greatly appreciated.

As a College we are focused on working in partnership with families to achieve the best results for the students of the College. A reminder to parents that if you have any questions or queries relating to your son's or daughter's progress or well-being we are always happy to hear from you. Year level deans and the College Counsellor, Mr James Mackay are available as your first port of call to assist with any queries that you might have and they are also only too happy to help you in any way.

The College is looking to set up a regular format for meetings with our Maori and Pasifika families so as a community we have a forum for the College to receive feedback on how we can best meet your needs. Families will receive information about these meetings in the near future. I am very much looking forward to working with whanau within this co-operative framework.

God Bless

Jarlath Kelly



### Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor



### New College Website

Our newly updated College website will go live from Wednesday next week. The new site will be easier to navigate and will have links to our on-line prospectus. Users will be able to download the latest newsletter along with past newsletters. The website will continue to feature the latest news updates. We thank you for your patience while these adjustment have been made.



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### From Father Martin

It is always uplifting to go to the School Assembly which is held every week. There are often awards given to students who have achieved to a high level in the various areas of College life.

There is always a challenge given to the students to continue doing their very best. It is not easy to maintain a high standard in the classroom, sporting arena or in cultural activities.

Maintaining a high standard requires consistency. Words such as discipline, practise, routine and perseverance are key to being consistent.

Out of this comes the honesty and integrity where are all striving for, if we are to be faithful to our Catholic values.

During this Easter sermon our faith in the resurrection of Jesus enables us to keep persevering in our endeavours and not to give up. Hope is our greatest virtue to keep us going, to tackle the challenges which continually confront us in our lives.

May our faith always be our strength.

God Bless

## School Canteen

### Under New Management

From Tuesday 7 June the College canteen will be under new management. The new management will be focusing on providing a wide range of food selections at the most cost effective price possible. The new management will also mean that the College will share in any profits made by the canteen.

**We look forward to your continued support**

#### Cooking Competition

Southland Secondary Schools Cooking Competitions was held at SBHS on 15th May. We congratulate the following students on their success:



#### Year 7 & 8 Cup Cake section

1st Rihitoto Albert

2nd Jayden O'Neil

#### Bishop Shield Catering

We still have some plates, bowls etc left in our Home Economics room from the Bishop Shield weekend. This can be picked up from the Home Economics room between the hours of 8.30am-3.30pm. Thank you.

#### FRESH HORIZONS

During the first 3 days of the April school holidays a number of students from Southland Secondary schools of Pasifika decent had the opportunity to participate in the "Fresh Horizons"



Workshops run in conjunction with the Tautai Contemporary Visual Arts Trust and the Murihiku Maori and Pasifika Cultural Trust.

Representing Verdon College were JOSHUA BORLAND, ANA NOTOA, LESA'E TAGOMOA and SAMMY SE'AU

Students were involved in 1 of 3 workshops, Sculpture, Print-making and Writing. All students fully embraced the opportunities offered and produced some outstanding pieces of work. Look out for some of them at the Murihiku Maori and Pasifika Cultural Trust's Polyfest Art Exhibition which opens on 5 August at the Southland Museum and Art Gallery.

Congratulations to all students involved who represented their families and schools superbly.

Lisa Tou- Mc Naughton and Pauline Smith

Coordinators Murihiku Maori and Pasifika Cultural Trust.

#### Rueben Wiki Visit

Last week Year 11 students were lucky enough to receive a visit from Rueben Wiki. Rueben talked about his life and all the lessons he had learnt along the way. His main message was about goal setting whether they were big or small and making sure you achieve them. He also showed some video clips of his rugby league career and a rather hilarious clip of the Kiwi Rugby league visit to Buckingham Palace.



#### Details of our 2011 Deans

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## Shave for Cure

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Verdon College took part in Shave for Cure. Sultans of Verdon, James Shirley, John Smith and Patrick Canny presented themselves on stage at lunch-time. In front of a large engaged audience students paid to shave the golden locks from the men. Daniel McIntosh managed to keep his head of hair with a donation large enough to stop the shave.

A big thank-you to students and staff who supported this initiative. A total of \$1,500 was raised for cancer.

The College would like to acknowledge the generous support of Ascot Snips who supplied us with all the necessary equipment to carry out this task.



Mr Smith and Mr Canny enjoy their new look "supported" by our senior students

## Cheese Rolls Fundraiser

The College PTA "world famous" annual cheese roll fundraiser will begin in the very near future. You will shortly be receiving information about how you can assist the College PTA with this fundraiser. Whether you can assist in the making of the cheese rolls or would just like to purchase and eat a lot of them we are keen to hear from you

If you can assist in any way or would like to know more please contact the College or Dee Heenan on 215 6227.

## Rugby Update

Our College rugby season now is in full swing. Year 7 and 8 students are involved in teams through the Marist club. Our U14 team is doing very well and is currently undefeated in their grade. Our U15/16 team has had a tough beginning to the season having had to play in the U17 grade for the first two games because of lack of teams at this level to sustain a competition. They have now been moved to the more appropriate under 15 /16 grade and are looking forward to making their mark in this competition.



Our 1st XV have had a difficult start to the season with a number of key senior players unavailable through injury and other commitments. Having faced the competitions two leading sides, and with almost all players now fit and available the boys are now keen to demonstrate their abilities in the next few games. The team will play Kavanagh College this weekend at Verdon and will play St Kevin's at Oamaru on the Friday of Queen's Birthday weekend.



31 May	Southland Inter-School Japanese Language Speech Competition
1 June	Junior Quadrangular Tournament
3 June	Teacher Only Day
10 June	Chamber Music Contest
14 June	Dunstan High School Choir exchange
15 June	Big Sing
20 June	Yr 13 Geo Trip to Curio Bay
22 June	BOT Meeting
25 June	Rockquest Contest
29 June	Junior Social Year 7/8
12 July	Interhouse Music Festival
13 July	St Peter's Cultural Exchange
15 July	Year 11 Retreat
15 July	End of Term 2

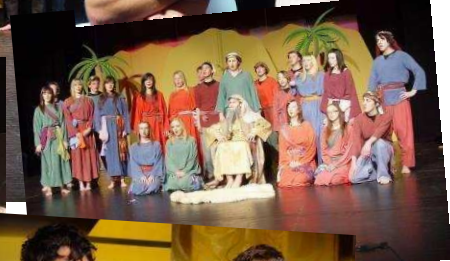
## Teacher Only Day

Just a reminder that next Friday 3rd June is a Teacher Only Day. Enjoy the long weekend.



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