



VERDON COLLEGE

Newsletter

15 July 2011



Tena Kotou Katoa

As another extremely positive term comes to an end, I reflect on the large number of great events and successes that have occurred. I continue to be very proud of the way the students contribute to the College community. Our sports teams have had an extremely busy term and have acquitted themselves well with some achieving notable success. Equally this term has been a showcase for our cultural activities with the Musical being such a great success. The Panache choir again competing to the highest level and with our Musical Interchange being such a success this making it a very fitting way to conclude the term.

The contribution of so many parents and supporters of the College has been a feature of this term. Too many to mention individually separately, I would like to thank all those teachers, parents and friends of the College that have contributed to the success of our students through their support of sporting and cultural activities. We continue to value your input into the development of the students of the College. Included in this mail out is your child's report which shows their learning achievement to date. It is important that students read through these reports with parents and that they discuss their progress to date. For senior students reports are an important milestone to examine their progress towards success in NCEA qualifications.

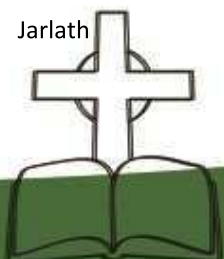
I would like to thank the PTA, all those that assisted in the preparation of cheese rolls and the community that supported the fundraising effort. As a College we really do appreciate your assistance.

I would like to farewell Mrs Aileen Moon who has given so much to the College. Mrs Moon we are so appreciative of your efforts and contribution to the College. We wish you all the best in the next stage of your journey in Te Anau.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and relaxing holiday period.

God Bless

Jarlath



House Music Festival

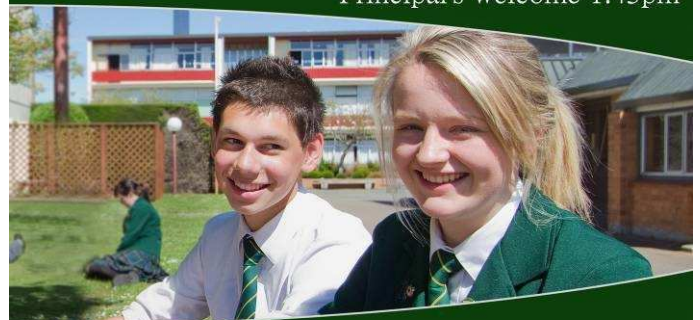
On Thursday evening the College held its annual music festival. We thank all students for their contributions to the evening and all parents for their support of this evening.

Left: Taura Paterson performs a haka as part of Marian House performance. Below: Dominic House Choir



Open Day

Sunday 7th August
1.30 - 3.30pm
Principal's welcome 1.45pm



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Our enrolment process is as follows:

7 August—Open Day

31 August—Enrolments close for all schools

9 September—Acceptance letters posted

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From Father Martin

I am sure both students and staff deserve a well earned break after what has been a long and busy term. Holidays provide us with the opportunity to recharge our batteries, reflect on the past term and perhaps reassess our goals for the rest of the year.

For these students with exams looming, this is an opportunity to ensure you are 'on track' for what lies ahead. Wherever we are in life and whatever we do, I believe we need all the help we can get.

The ideal recipe for academic success is

- 1) Diligent student
- 2) Competent teacher
- 3) Supportive Family
- 4) Trust/Rely on God—not necessarily in that order!

All are essential and there is no substitute for hard work and determination. No where has this been more evident than with our College 1st XV Rugby team. They have had a tough season with a relatively small and young team. Against stronger and bigger teams they have always given 100% effort. Credit must go to their coaches Mr Scobie and Mr Kelly and their loyal bank of supporters.

There is no substitute for hard work and this makes the eventual success taste even sweeter!

Take care God Bless

Father Martin

Dominican Ex-Pupils, Staff Members & Friends Annual Dinner

Thursday 4th August 2011

Where Club Southland, 115 Leet Street, Invercargill

Cost of Meal \$26.00

Mass will be celebrated 5.45pm followed by the meal, and GUEST SPEAKER: Sister Jacqui Ryan OP.

Jacqui will speak about her recent experience working as an intern at the United Nations Dominican NGO Office in New York.

PLEASE PHONE Judith OP 217 8987 by 27 July 2011

Send or pop in with your payment to J.M. O'Connell , Calvary, 215 Centre Street, Invercargill

NZQA FEES

Fees and Financial Assistance for NZQF qualifications in 2011.

Fees for 2011 reflect the change to the rate of GST that came into effect on 1 October 2010.

Fee Structure for 2011

**Entry for all NQF standards and up to 3 Scholarship subjects
\$76.70**

Financial Assistance is available to families who qualify.

To be eligible for financial assistance, the applicant must be the fee-payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit.
2. Have a joint family (1) income that would entitle the applicant to receive a Community Services Card (income-based applications).

Be a fee-payer with two or more children who are candidates (multiple candidate application (2), where the total fees to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum.

If you believe you may be eligible for financial assistance please contact the school office for a form.

The NCEA fee of \$76.70 must be paid to the school office by Wednesday 24 August 2011. All year 11, 12 and 13 students are required to pay this fee.

Outward Bound Scholarships

Congratulations to Rebecca Bulmer & Daniel O'Connor as they were both awarded ILT scholarships for Outward Bound.



HOLIDAY SPORTS PROGRAMMES:

Enrolments are now open for the ILT and BNZ Holiday Sports Programmes. Come along and get active while learning some new sports skills or developing your own. The sports include:

Adventure, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Biking, Cricket, Cycling, Dodge ball, Football, Fun Skills, Golf, Gym Sports, Hip Hop, Indoor Bowls, Marching, Netball, Rugby, Rugby League, Softball, Table Tennis, Tee Ball, Tennis, Touch, Trampoline, and Volleyball.

For the full schedule please visit: www.sportsouthland.co.nz or contact Tracy Simpson on 03 2112150 or tracy.simpson@sportsouthland.co.nz

Farewell to Mrs Moon

Aileen Moon has been employed at and associated with the College for the past 26 years. During this time she has, through her well known patience and persistent nature, assisted a large number of students achieve success in the Home Economics and Food Technology areas. Mrs Moon has been a mainstay of organisation of events requiring catering for College events including organising the catering of the Bishop's Shield Competition for many years. Aileen has also contributed to the College through her leadership of students in the social justice and Caritas group at the College. Through her work in these areas Aileen has contributed a great deal and raised much monies for charity. Not to mention her organisation of student socials. Mrs Moon you will be truly missed. All the best for your move to Te Anau.



House Swimming

On 1st July Verdon held our annual Swimming Championships. Congratulations to everyone who was involved. The results are as follows:



1st	Marian	190
2nd	Dominic	152
3rd	Marcellin	108
4th	Catherine	100



Individual Champions

Senior Girls	Brydon Harrington
Senior Boys	Kris Leatherby
Intermediate Girls	Grace Dowling
Intermediate Boys	Thomas Kennelly
Junior Boys	Liam Cullen
Junior Girls	Olivia Thornbury



CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 3

1 Aug	Start of Term 3
2 Aug	ICAS English Examination
3 Aug	Teacher Only Day for years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13
3 Aug	Catholic Schools Snr Quadrangular Tournament at Gore
4 Aug	Australian Maths Competition
7 Aug	Verdon College Open Day 1.30pm—3.30pm
10 Aug	Board of Trustees Meeting
12 Aug	Patronal Day Mass and Celebrations
16 Aug	ICAS Mathematics Examination
16/17 Aug	Parent Teacher Student Meetings
16/17 Aug	Yr 7-13 Parent Teacher Student Meetings
18/19 Aug	Polyfest 2011
22—26 Aug	Secondary Schools Winter Tournament Week
5 Sept	Teacher Only Day
6—9 Sept	Senior Exam Week

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FOR COMPLETE PRIVACY

IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED TELLING AN ADULT IS THE BEST WAY TO MAKE IT STOP!

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Panache Choir Success

The Panache Choir recently Achieved a Highly commended in **the recent big sing competitions**. The Choirs Success in this competition followed their very successful performance during the Dustan high school cultural exchange.



Senior A Netball

Congratulations to our Senior A Netball Team who recently won the Southland Secondary School Championships.



Environment Southland Green Screen Winners

Liam van Eeden and Jean-Martin Fabre were recently awarded first place in the Environment Southland Green Screen Awards. The boys created a short film called 'Twisted Smoke', which investigates the effects that air pollution can have on our environment. The short film took several weeks to plan, film and edit. Liam and Jean-Martin researched their topic thoroughly by interviewing specialists in this area. It is obvious that acting is something that these boys find interesting and are now going to be known around Southland and the wider community for this. 'Twisted Smoke' will be viewed at the Environment Southland Awards and it is being uploaded to You Tube via the Environment Southland website. We are very proud of Liam and Jean-Martin. They are enthusiastic about their learning and strive for excellence in what they do. Well done boys. We look forward to seeing more from you in the future!



I-SPACES

Our three new I-spaces are all up and running. Students have been enjoying using these new facilities situated in the Technology Block, Biology Laboratory and Physics Laboratory. Thank you to the PTA for funding the computers for these spaces. Also, a big thank you to Mr Peter Sims and Mr Colin Kidd for the many hours spent in refurbishing the areas.



- Checklist
- Catholic education
 - High expectations
 - Gifted & talented
 - Smaller classes
 - Family feel

“Superior
educational
outcomes”