



VERDON COLLEGE

Newsletter



26 August 2011
Tena Koutou Katoa

As our winter season comes to a close we celebrate the successes that our sporting teams have achieved. We continue to represent ourselves well in all sports and for a school of our size we continue to punch above our weight. I have been particularly

proud of our teams that have traveled away to tournament this week. All of these teams have acquitted themselves well in their respective competitions. Our netball team continues to shine again this year. We are so proud of our girls and the work that they have put in this season along with the hard work of Robyn Broughton and Karen Telfer (manager). Our hockey team represented the College extremely well reaching the top 8 in the South Island tournament. Our U.15 rugby team competed well in their tournament. This team, made up of mostly the undefeated U14 side, has had a good season and we look forward to what they might achieve in the future.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of the students in the Pasifika Polyfest and Kapa Haka groups. The work that has been put in by both parents and students alike resulted in performances that the College can be proud of. These groups performed both at Assembly and at Polyfest. We are all very proud of them and the way they have showcased Maori and Pasifika culture in the College. I would like to thank all those parents and whanau that have supported these groups in their preparation for these events; we very much appreciate your hard work and expertise in assisting the development of our students.

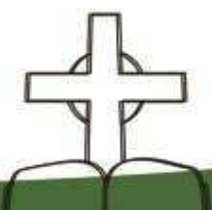
Our celebration of Patronal Day held on Friday 19 August was a special occasion for the College. We would like to thank those parents and friends of the College that attended our Mass. The afternoons inter-house competition was extremely pleasing with all students competing in a wide variety of events from soccer, basketball and netball to quizzes. This day was another special example of the family nature and spirit of the College. I congratulate all those involved in the organisation of the day.

Finally we are pleased to announce that the roof of Technology and part of the Science block roofs are to be replaced. The work will be completed over the next 8 weeks. This is another positive step in the development of the College and positive progress is being made in the redevelopment and upgrade of the College.

God Bless
Jarlath Kelly

Patronal Day Mass

Pictures taken at our Patronal Day Mass held on Friday 19 August in the St Theresa's Church.



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From Father Martin

In last weeks Gospel, Peter received the 'Keys of the Kingdom' from Jesus and it would be upon his faith the Church would be built "You are Peter..... Today however Peter is seen as an obstacle to Jesus,

because his thoughts are limited by his human nature and there was no openness to the possibilities that God provides.

We are left with the paradox that it is only in 'losing ourselves' that we actually 'find ourselves'. To lose ourselves is to take up our cross and follow Jesus.

Jesus reminds us "It is a narrow way and a hard road that leads to life".

God Bless

Father Martin

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).
3. 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.

There are still a large number of students who have not paid their NCEA reporting fee. Please pay this as soon as possible as the College does not cover this fee and all those unpaid as at 2 September will not receive their report for the year from NCEA.

Verdon College Snr A Netball Raffle

Doubtful Sound Wilderness Cruise Excursion

Winner Pip Ryan

Thanks to all those who supported this raffle.

Moto-X

Congratulations to Mitchell Morris who attended the South Island Secondary Schools Moto-X Champs on Saturday 20th August in Timaru. Mitchell was placed 8th out of 24 riders in the 11-13 year 85cc MX.



Quiz Invite – What do you know about broadcasting standards in New Zealand?

Dear Parent/Caregiver

If you would like to take part in a short quiz about broadcasting standards in New Zealand please visit www.bsaquiz.net.nz

The quiz is fun and informative. It will test your knowledge of, and also let you know more about, broadcasting standards in New Zealand.

The quiz is being run on behalf the Broadcasting Standards Authority.



Congratulations to Ashleigh MacDougall (Year 11) who was placed 1st in NZ in the weight lifting champs last week.

Ashleigh is a quiet but rising star with high goals for herself in this field. We wish her well for the future.

Verdon College Basketball

Has had some very successful individual results this year.

The following students have all represented Southland in age group teams.

Under 13 Boys Tim O'Neill

Girls Rose Kennelly

Under 15 Boys Michael Walker

Girls Alana Webster-Blair

Emily Grace

Tina Wright

Under 17 Boys Jordan Murphy

Congratulations to these students.



Religious Education Fair Results

1st Placegetters—Congratulations to you all.

Year 7 Written Research—Connor Hillis

Year 7 Poster—Chelsea Cosgrove

Year 7 3D Display—Connor Hillis

Year 7 Music—Sinaenae Tolai

Year 7 Drama—Shepherds and Angels—Tilly van Eeden, Maria Sutherland, Helene O'Neill and Jennifer Stone

Year 8 Poster—Isabella Collins

Year 8 3D Display Nola Cassidy and Sarayha McDonald

Year 8 Illustrated Bible Passage—Bronte Adams and Samantha Keene

Year 8 Drama Puppets—Shelley Mitchell and Madison Brown

Year 8 Drama Jesus Heals a Boy—Jean-Martin Fabre, Liam van Eeden and Jack Baird

Year 9 3D Display—Hannah Arnold and Shania Frewen

Year 9 Written Research—Toni Shierlaw and Toni Hanning

Year 9 Song Make a Change—Charlotte Lee, Nicole Morgan, Brodiee Hubbard, Katie Robertson, Jess Brown and Hannah McLean

Year 9 ICT—Tina Wright

Year 10 Written Research—Clarissa Koroiadi and Cellina Cabuyao

Year 10 Posters—Jack King

Year 10 3D Display- Natasha Frewen and Tori Batt

Year 10 Drama—Death of John the Baptist—Shaun Swain, Tomas Adams, Amber Watson, Kameron Corbin and Samuel Rillstone.



Students receiving their awards at the conclusion of Patronal Day Mass

CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 3

5 Sept	Teacher Only Day—The school is closed for all students
6—9 Sept	Senior Exam Week
15 Sept	Sing Out Performance Day
19—22 Sept	Year 7 Camp
22/23 Sept	Year 12 Retreat
28 Sept	Inter-house Drama Competition
28 Sept	Blues Assembly
30 Sept	Year 13 Retreat
5 Oct	SMAC Maths Competition
6 Oct	Inter-House Haka Competition
7 Oct	Senior Reports Posted End of Term 3.

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STOP BULLYING

NEED HELP?
TELL SOMEONE TEXT 0274 THE VERDON
FOR COMPLETE PRIVACY

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

The poster features a black and white photograph of a young woman sitting on the floor, covering her face with her arms in a distressed state. A mobile phone is visible next to her, displaying a picture of her. The background is dark and textured.

“Verdon College the right choice”

Congratulations to the Verdon A Netball Team -
the only Southland
Team to make the top eight in the
Southland Secondary Schools Tournament in Nelson this week.

Results and highlights in the next newsletter.

Students enjoying the activities during the afternoon of
Patronal Day



Congratulations and Well Done to JESSICA VAN ROSSUM

Last week Jessica van Rossum returned back home from London where she competed at the Junior World Chamiponships. She had been training in the Junior Women's Quad for 2 months earlier at Lake Karapiro New Zealand. Jessica reported she had a wonderful experience and in the end received a placing of 9th. The competition was very tough but Jessica learnt a lot from her adventures.



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

“Superior
educational