



VERDON COLLEGE

Newsletter

23 September 2011



Principal's comment

Tena koutou katoa

This week I had the pleasure of attending Year 7 Camp. I have always considered school camps as an important part of a New Zealand education and an important experience for our students to learn about themselves and others. The camps were an outstanding success. The way in which students participated so fully in all activities enabled them to have an extremely positive and valuable experience. I would like to thank all those parents and staff that attended this camp, your assistance and participation is greatly appreciated.

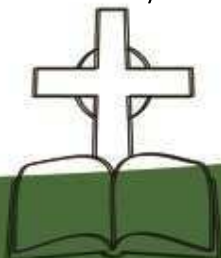
As we approach the end of another year we begin our planning for 2012. Course selection for students will be occurring in the next few weeks and I would encourage all parents to take the time to involve themselves in this process.

Senior students will have received feedback about their current progress in recent examinations. This feedback will provide students with information regarding which areas of their learning that require further development. Senior students should use this feedback to develop study programmes to ensure their success. It is extremely important that while seniors take some time in these up-coming holidays to recharge the batteries, they must also have one eye on upcoming external examinations and be working on their revision.

We have had an extremely positive year in terms of the academic progress of students at all levels of the College. It is now up to senior students to finish the year in the best possible fashion.

God Bless

Jarlath Kelly



Marist Legacy Scholarships

Marist Legacy Scholarships are available to students from year 9 to Year 11. Up to 10 scholarships are available at each year level in Years 9 –11 within any single year.

Students awarded scholarships in Year 9 will receive a sum of \$500 each year that they attend the College until the end of year 11. Students awarded scholarships in Year 10 will receive a sum of \$500 each year that they attend the College until the end of year 11. Students awarded scholarships in Year 11 will receive a one-off sum of \$500 to support their Year 11 studies.

Criteria for Awarding Scholarships

All students in years 9—11 at the College are eligible to apply for the Marist Legacy Scholarships. The criteria below will guide allocation of scholarships each year.

Students must meet the first criteria and at least one of the other four criteria with priority given to students that meet the second and third criteria.

- The student is enrolled at Verdon College in year's 9-11.
- The student is a member of a family with three or more children enrolled in Catholic schools in Invercargill.
- The student has a need for financial support in order to effectively access educational opportunities at Verdon College.
- The scholarship would assist in supporting the development of a recipient's academic, cultural or sporting potential.
- The student lives a significant distance from the College.
- The closing date for applications is 1 October 2011.

Information and application forms are available from the Verdon College Office.

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From Father Martin

Although we are a little ‘rugbyed-out’ at the moment it has been a great honour for our country to host the Rugby World Cup. There are not as many countries involved as in other international events, but every continent is represented.

Teams and their supporters have come not only to compete against the best, but also to visit one of the best and most beautiful countries in the world. I'm sure our hospitality has reflected the beauty of our country.

Whenever international tournaments are held the hope that Jesus prayed for humanity is being fulfilled:

‘I ask that they may all be one. As you Father are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me’ (John 17:21). We are always striving for greater unity.

I'm sure the presence of our many overseas visitors has helped us to appreciate who we are, but also how enriched we are by the culture and customs of other.

For us to win the World Cup would be the icing on the cake, but the cake still tastes good regardless of the icing.

God Bless

Father Martin.

Basketball Results

The Basketball season has now finished. Congratulations to the following teams who were placed in this years competition:

Junior B Boys—Runner Up

Junior A Girls—Runner Up

Congratulations as well to:

Jordan Murphy who was named Secondary School Senior Boys Most Improved Player.



Southland Secondary Schools Debating Competition

On Sunday 11th of September Verdon College hosted the annual Southland Schools Debating Competition. Students from Verdon College, SGHS, SBHS, JHHC and Aparima College made up the 81 competitors. Six members of the Otago University debating team headed the adjudicating team. This year the competition was sponsored by the ILT who helped with the accommodation of the visiting adjudicating team. As well as some local legal firms—Scholefield Cockcroft Lloyd, AWS, Cruickshank Pryde and Hewat Galt sponsored prizes for the winning teams.

Verdon College had four teams competing in the Southland Secondary Schools Debating Competition. All teams won at least one debate, the Year 10 team (Jack King, Henry More and Gabe Winders) made the semi-finals. The Year 11 Team of Ella Prendergast, Josef Winders and Sarah Hughes won the year 11 section with Sarah Hughes being named Best Speaker.

A special thank you to the PTA who provided a wonderful morning tea and lunch for the adjudicators and teachers. The school was widely complimented on the wonderful facilities and hospitality.



Josef Winders, Ella Prendergast, Sarah Hughes

Course Selection 2012

Students in years 8 to 12 will soon be asked to complete course selection for 2012. Our process for course selection has been modified slightly to ensure that students are making appropriate choices that will assist them in their chosen educational and career pathways. There have also been some modifications to the way in which options are offered at years 9 and 10. We would encourage all parents to take the time to read through the information provided in course selection material and discuss course selection with your child. If you have any queries in relation to the course selection process or the changes to option structures please feel free to contact the College. The contact details of Deans and course counsellors has been included in course selection material for your convenience.

Netball News

Another year of Netball has finished. Well done to the following teams who were placed in this years competition:

Club Competition

Round Robin Winners 2nd Grade Verdon Senior B

Co-Captains – Rebecca Bulmer
Sara Jewell
Coach – Mrs K Simpson

Secondary School Competition

Winners Grade 3 - Verdon 11A

Captain – Melissa Webb
Coach – Sarah Johnston

Winners Grade 6 - Verdon 9B

Captains – Hannah Arnold
Chelsea Grindlay
Coach – Bailey McCulloch

Winners Intermediate- Grade 3 – Year 7A

Captain – Alex Thurlow
Coach – Mrs Thurlow

Winners Grade 7 - Verdon 9C

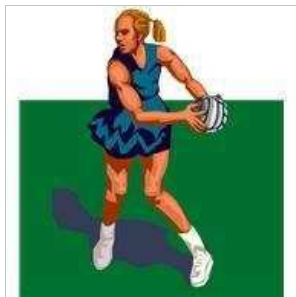
Captain – Imelda Wilkes
Coaches – Kelsi Ridden
Brooke Mead

Runners-Up Grade 2 - Verdon 8A

Captain – Olivia Thornbury
Coach – Mrs S Harrington

Runners-Up Grade 7 - Verdon 10C

Captains – Flora Marshall
Monique Ligtenberg
Coaches – Sara Jewell
Shannon Haynes



ICAS Spelling Competition

Congratulations to the following students who recently entered the ICAS Spelling Competition. The results are as follows:

Juanita Bielecki-Knox – Credit

Keeghan Kelly – Credit

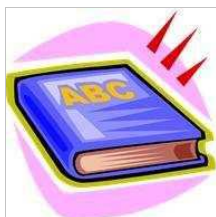
Erina Cribb – Participation

Mecini Fowler – Participation

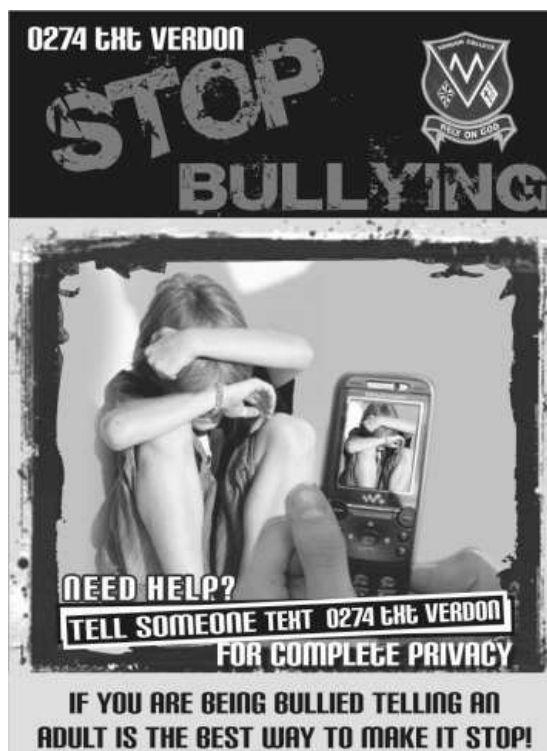
Bradley Sims – Participation

Andrew Reid – Participation

Arachelli Taningco – Participation



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.
24 Oct	Labour Day
25 Oct	Start of Term 4 (Tuesday)
4 Nov	Year 8 Camps begin
8 Nov	Senior Prize-giving
10 Nov	NCEA Examinations begin
21 Nov	Junior Assessment Week
28 Nov	Year 10 Camps begin
8 Dec	Junior Prize-giving End of Term 4 Junior Reports posted



“Verdon College the right choice”

Rugby

Congratulations to Padriac O’Neill who received the Don Bennett Memorial Cup for the most improved player in the Verdon College 1st XV.



Invercargill North Rotary Club Youth Merit Award

Congratulations to Shelley Mitchell who received the above award on Thursday 22 September 2011. We are all very proud of Shelley’s achievements.



Hockey News

Congratulations to Daniel O’Connor who was recently selected as Most Valuable Player at the Coaches Cup at the Secondary Schools Tournament held in Ashburton recently.

Also congratulations to Luke Adamson who was named 2011 Top Goal Scorer for this year’s Secondary School Boys Competition.

The Secondary School Mixed B team were also named 2011 Runners-Up . The team consists of Henry More, Dylan Coombs, Thomas Glew, Tomas Adams, Kayla Duggan, Louis Earl, Kade Morris, Shanay Fannin, Peter Thurlow, Hannah McLean, Jack Lenihan, Patrick Pasco, Liam Cairns



Weightlifting

Congratulations to Shaun Larsen who received a bronze medal at the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament. He lifted 65kg in the clean and jerk and lifted 47kg in the snatch which gave him a total of 112. Shaun was placed 3rd overall nationally.

Congratulations to Ashleigh McDougall who received a gold medal at the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament. She lifted 64kg in the clean and jerk and lifted 53kg in the snatch which gave her a total of 117. Ashleigh was placed 1st overall nationally.



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