



# VERDON COLLEGE

## Newsletter

23 March 2012

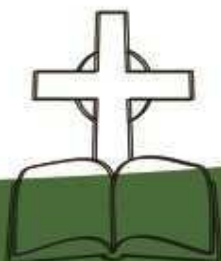


Tena Koutou Katoa

We have had a most successful last two weeks. The number of students receiving a certificate for fortnightly reports has increased markedly and we encourage you all to keep this up. This week we have had our year 7/8 student/teacher/parent interviews. These have been very well attended by parents of our students and from comments received from the teachers and the parents these have gone extremely well and been worthwhile. If for any reason you could not make it to these interviews please call the office and we will arrange for you to get in contact with your child's teacher. Next week is our year 9 – 13 parent teacher interviews. You should have received a letter outlining the process around booking online for these interviews. If you have not received this information please call the office. Parent teacher interviews are an important opportunity for the staff of the college to dialogue with parents and discuss the progress of your sons and daughters. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss how we can best support the success of your family.

Year 9 camps were very successful and provided positive opportunities for students to experience the outdoors. It is always disappointing to have to cut camps short due to adverse condition, however, that is part and parcel of being in the outdoors. I would like to thank the staff and parents that put so much time and effort into organising the year 9 camps. Hopefully we will be able to organise some replacement activities for the classes that missed some activities in the near future.

We still have a number of oyster raffle cards outstanding. Please get these back in to the office as soon as possible. This raffle is scheduled to be drawn on 28 March and all cards need to be returned whether they are sold or not. The money raised from this raffle will go towards further development of IT resources for our students.



God Bless

Jarlath Kelly

### PTA NEWS

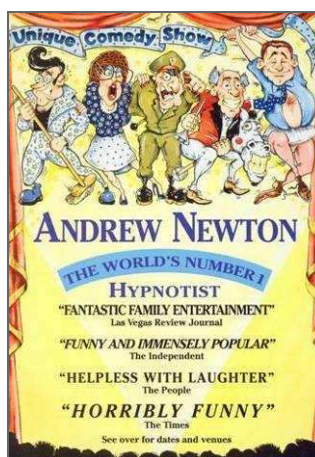
The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 March at 7.30pm in the Marist Pavillion with a guest speaker from Adventure Development Drug and Alcohol Agency.

We invite you all to join us and take the opportunity to meet other parents of the College. Supper will be served following our speaker.

### PTA Surf n Turf Raffle

What a tremendous response we have had! Thank you for getting behind the College and Supporting this raffle. The raffle is due to be drawn on Monday 26 Marcy but we are desperately chasing up the last 187 cards. Can you please ensure that your card is returned by Monday 26 March so we can draw the raffle, notify winners and publish winners and profit in our final newsletter for the term.

### Andrew Newton World Famous Hypnotist



Civic Theatre—Wednesday 6 June 2012 @ 7.30pm

Tickets to this family show are just \$20.00 and are available from the school office. We have been offered just 50 tickets so its first in first served.

The school benefits \$10.00 from every ticket sold!

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## South Island Adventure Secondary School Race Series

The 17th March proved to be a challenge for 20 Verdon College students. 5 teams entered in 2 categories, male and mixed teams. The race started at 6am and was expected to take between 7-12 hours. The day started for some at 4:30 for some and was not to finish until 10 hours and 24 minutes later. The students started at the Cromwell Sports Club and biked to Felton Road in Bannockburn, upon abandoning their bikes they commenced the climb up Mount Difficulty and on, 22 kilometres later they arrived back at their bikes to commence the next stage. The students refuelled and then set out on their way. This section was going to prove to be a challenge as teams went from first to mid field after getting lost and repeating the mistake. This was between 54 and 75 kilometres. Some teams managed to do the full course, but as the day wore on the decision was made to turn some groups down a shorter course as they had been out too long. At the next check point all that remained was a 10 kilometre cycle, an abseil and a 2 kilometre run back to the Sports Club.

This mission was not possible without the great support from the parents who made this a smooth operation whom assisted all the teams during the transitions stations.

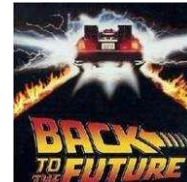
Congratulations to Thunderstruck (Terry Thurlow, Alasdair O'Reilly, Ben Adam and Harlam Heydon) Other competitors made a fantastic effort and I look forward to the next challenge. This is a new start for students looking to challenge themselves.

What's next?  
An extreme Mountain Bike Challenge. Training for these events are about to start.



## Back to the Future School Holiday Programme

Who's ready to jump into the time machine these school holidays and explore! Choices, destiny and so much more!



How do choices we make now affect us later? Can we ever fix or change the choices we make?

We are going to take the ride of our lives and get in touch with the one who knows it all- past present and future.

Early Bird Price:

To receive the Early Bird price- registration and deposit (\$20) must arrive on or before the 1st of April (unless payment by WINZ).

Fees:

Fees include food, activities, accommodation, adventures, a camp DVD and supervision.

Funding:

We are an OSCAR approved child care facility. Contact WINZ to see if you are eligible for subsidy on their website or call 0800 559009.

Parents Pack:

If you would like a "Parents Pack" you can find it on the website [http://www.campcolumba.org.nz/uploads/8/4/0/9/840929/parents\\_pack.pdf](http://www.campcolumba.org.nz/uploads/8/4/0/9/840929/parents_pack.pdf) or if you would like one sent to you by email or post please let me know.

Registration:

See the website for online registration <http://www.campcolumba.org.nz/back-to-the-future.html>.

Or let me know if you would like a paper registration sent to you in the mail.

## National Swimming Championships

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for, and attended the NZ National Age Group Swimming Championship in Wellington 6 – 10 March.

Best results were as follows: National ranking

Olivia Thornbury 50m Freestyle 14th

Liam Cullen 50m Breaststroke 4th

Thomas Kennelly 200m Butterfly 8th

## leslierugby junior coaching clinic

Southland Boys High School, 11<sup>th</sup> of April, 8.30am-3.00pm

Join Highlanders and Southland Stags star Josh Bekhuis, ex Highlanders captain John Leslie and our team of top coaches for a full day of challenging junior rugby skill and drill coaching.

Go to [leslierugby.co.nz](http://leslierugby.co.nz) and click on **coaching clinics** to register



## Oliver

Verdon's production this year is Oliver. Listed below are performance times. Diary these dates as this promises to be a fantastic show. Details regarding tickets will be available next term.



Wednesday 9 May: Performance at 7.30pm  
Thursday 10 May: Performance at 7.30pm  
Friday 11 May: Performance at 7.30pm  
Saturday 12 May: Performance at 4pm  
Sunday 13 May: Performance at 2pm

## The ILT HOLIDAY SPORTS PROGRAMME

Date: Monday 16 – Friday 20 April  
Description: Fun filled, sport specific holiday programme for children aged 5-12 years old.  
Venue: Stadium Southland  
Sports subject to availability include: Aerobics, Archery, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Cycling, Dodgeball, Football, Fun Skills, Get set go, Gym Sports, Hockey, Hip Hop, Karate, Mountain Biking, Netball, Orienteering, Rugby, Rugby League, Softball, Tee Ball, Tennis, Touch, Volleyball, Yoga  
Register at Sport Southland, 03 2112150, holiday.programme@sportsouthland.co.nz  
For more information: [www.sportsouthland.co.nz](http://www.sportsouthland.co.nz)



## AMP Kids Tryathlon

The AMP Kids Tryathlon was held recently, based around Splash Palace, the Otepunui walkway and Rugby Park. It's a participation-only event, but each entrant receives a tee-shirt and a medal and it is good encouragement for continuing to exercise and take part in future events. A number of our students entered, including Maria Sutherland, Jennifer Stone, Samantha Calvert, Taryn Perriam, Angus Wyatt and Cameron Crosswell. Congratulations to you all.

## Environment Southland Wai Tri

Staff and students were entrants in Environment Southland's Wai Tri events last Sunday. Although the weather was adverse, they bravely pushed themselves round the floodbanks, through the Waihopai river and Thompson's Bush. Rory Horn determinedly got to the finish line in the 10-12 year duathlon, while Patrick Horn and Cameron Crosswell competed strongly in the Men's Novice Duathlon in which Sam Thornbury came 3rd out of 19 entrants. Olivia Thornbury won the Women's Novice Duathlon event from 37 others and was very lucky to receive a mountain bike as her prize. In the Open Women's Duathlon, Mrs Tiplady came 3rd out of 13 entrants, and Mrs Marshall was 4th home out of 16 entrants in the 10k run. Well done to everyone who entered and tried their best.


## CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 1



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| 24 March     | Gold Rush Adventure Race                      |
| 26/30 March  | Summer Tournament Week                        |
| 27 March     | PTA AGM                                       |
| 29 March     | Y9-13 Parent Teacher Interviews               |
| 30 March     | Bishop's Shield weekend at St Kevin's, Oamaru |
| 3 April      | Inter-house Cross Country                     |
| 2 April      | Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition          |
| 4 April      | Colours Assembly                              |
| 5 April      | End of Term 1                                 |
| 23 April     | Start of Term 2                               |
| 25 April     | Anzac Day—school closed                       |
| 9 May—13 May | School Production—"Oliver"                    |
| 9 May        | Southland Cross Country Championships         |

## A & P Show

Congratulations to Abby Humm who got 2nd place for photography at the A & P Show.



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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!

# “Verdon College the right choice”

## Kids Lit

Congratulations to Keeghan Kelly, Thomas Lewis, Tilly van Eeden and Kaitlyn Calvert-Shandley who were placed 4th out of 19 teams at the Kids Literacy Quiz held recently in Gore.

Well done for this great effort. Thanks to ‘Numberworks n Words’ for sponsoring the team by paying their entry fee.



## Southland Secondary School Triathlon Champion- ships

Congratulations to the following students who competed in the Southland Secondary School Triathlon Championships :

Year 7 Individual Male: Sam Thornbury 4th place; Samuel Cullen 6th place.

Under 14: Individual Male: Liam Cullen 1st place



## Paddles UP

The annual Southland Secondary Schools Kayak Slalom Competition was held at Mavora in the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of March. Despite the torrential rain saturating our gear, our three teams remained courageous in their attempts to catch the lead teams in the comp, and once again, the Verdon ‘can do’ attitude was alive and splashing in all of the races. Miss Hinton, Mr Winders and Brenna O’Neill showed great spirit as team managers, mentors, cooks and gate judges for the weekend. The Verdon team camped at Hikuraki Lodge for the two nights alongside the teams from the other schools. We were stand outs in our new red kayaking shirts and enjoyed meeting up with students from other schools interested in the great outdoors. Next year Paddles Up is celebrating 25 years of competition and the Verdon team have put out the challenge to claim the cup for the top points! Go VC!

### Team Results:

Senior Boys team 3<sup>rd</sup> in the senior boys section.

( Josef Winders, Daniel Boyle, Gabriel Winders)

Junior Boys team 2<sup>nd</sup> in the junior boys section

( Daniel Hogan, Terry Thurlow, Justin Crosswell )

Senior girls team 4<sup>th</sup> in the senior girls section

(Kayla Duggan, Shanay Fannin, Ashlyn Gallagher)



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

“Superior  
educational  
outcomes”