



VERDON COLLEGE

Newsletter

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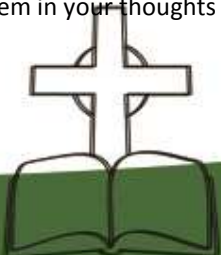
I would like to welcome all students back to the College for term two of the year. It is always great to see the students of the College come back after a restful holiday break, keen to catch up with friends and get on with the business of learning and

achieving. Term two is the term where much of the important learning and work occurs for senior students, with much of the internal assessment for NCEA being completed over this term. It is important that students are planning their approach to assessment work and balancing their time to ensure that they are achieving in all subject areas. Most senior students, depending on their level of study and subjects, will have between one and a half to three hours of homework or assignment work to complete each night over this term. If parents have any queries relating to their son's or daughter's progress feel free to contact the year level deans at the College for assistance.

This year we are continuing to focus on lifting the already positive levels of student achievement with our message of **14**. Our expectation of students is that they will achieve, **as a minimum**, 14 credits in each of their subjects. We are also expecting students to be aiming for subject, and NCEA certificate endorsement, by achieving a minimum of **14** credits at Merit or Excellence level in all subject areas where possible. We are also encouraging students to focus on external examinations, even at this stage of the year, as early preparation is the key to success in these examinations.

I would like to thank the community for their support of the PTA oyster raffle. I would also like to thank all those on the PTA that have done so much to make this fundraiser a success.

There are a number of families and community members that are struggling with illness at this time. We ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



God Bless

Jarlath Kelly

Southland Secondary Schools Cooking Competitions



Verdon College was well represented at these recent competitions held on April 14th at Southland Boys High School. In total there were 120 entries from participating schools. The competitions offered students the opportunity to submit entries in any of 8 different categories. All of these were judged by chefs from the SIT Catering School.

Verdon students performed exceptionally well across all categories entered. Results as follows:

Samantha Colvin, Year 12: 1st in the 'live kitchen' event with her Antipasto Platter
Tori Batt, Year 12: 2nd in the 'live kitchen' event with her Brunch dish
Hannah McDonald, Year 12: 1st in the Fruit Flan
Charlotte Janse van Rensburg, Year 12: 2nd in the Fruit Flan
Madison Brown, Year 10: 1st in Decorated Cupcakes
Keiren Perkins, Year 9: 1st in Muffins
Emily Henderson, Year 8: 2nd in Uncooked Slices
All 1st placegetters received professional chef's knives valued at \$150.00.
Students in 2nd place were awarded high quality cookbooks.
Well done to all prizewinners and to all other students who put forward entries. It was great to see Verdon students featuring so prominently at the Awards ceremony.



Decorated Cup Cakes



Fruit Flan
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Colours Assembly—Academic Awards

On 17 April 2013 Verdon College held a special Assembly to acknowledge the achievement of our students' success in NCEA 2012 along with other sporting and cultural success.

The following students were acknowledged. We congratulate them on all of their success.

Tomas Adams	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
Beatrix Borrie	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
Cellina Cabuyao	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
Shanay Fannin	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
Natasha Frewen	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
Ashlyn Gallagher	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
Charlotte Janse van Rensburg	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
Clarissa Koroiadi	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
Hamish Lindsay	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
Halaevalu Maka	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
Olivia Mathieson	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
Amber McLean-Kidd	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
David Moffatt	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
Henry More	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
Michael Preddy	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
Adam Vanner	Achieving NCEA Level 1 with Merit
George Borrie	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Nicole Anderson	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Taylor LeBreton	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Bayley Millar	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Josef Winders	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Jessica Wright	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Peter Thurlow	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Thomas Robertson	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Anna-Marie Baker	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Andrew Murray	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Danielle Shierlaw	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Christine Lieshout	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Sarah Hughes	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Brydon Harrington	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Dermot Hughes	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Georgia McDonald	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Jessica McLean-Kidd	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Candice Dyer	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Mecaela Fraser	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Stephen O'Brien	Achieving NCEA Level 2 with Merit
Alexandra Kitson	Achieving NCEA Level 3 with Merit
Padriac O'Neill	Achieving NCEA Level 3 with Merit
Lucy Heenan	Achieving NCEA Level 3 with Merit
Thomas Rillstone	Achieving NCEA Level 3 with Merit
Michael Kelly	Achieving NCEA Level 3 with Merit
Lara Colyer	Achieving NCEA Level 3 with Merit
Ashleigh Frewen	Achieving NCEA Level 3 with Merit
Gabriel Winders	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 1
Sean Bragg	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 1
Jack King	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 1
Taylor Swan	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 1
Brenna O'Neill	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 1
Zac Jackson-Barnes	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 1
Kameron Corbin	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 1
Samuel Rillstone	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 1
Shaun Swain	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 1
James Humm	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 1
Daniel Boyle	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 1
Jordan McKenzie	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 1
Ella Prendergast	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 2
Kelsi Ridden	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 2
Sammy Seau	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 2
Hannah Grindlay	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 2
Benjamin Williams	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 3
Greta Melvin	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 3
Liam Cosgrove	Academic Excellence—NCEA Level 3

Colours Assembly—Sport and Cultural Awards

Olivia Thornbury Year 10	Athletics
Sam Hogan Year 9	Athletics
Harlam Heydon Year 11	BMX
James Humm Year 11	Basketball
Tina Wright Year 11	Basketball
Daniel Karsten Year 12	Softball
Julian Rowe Year 12	Softball
Brydon Duggan Year 11	Softball
Kayne Duggan Year 13	Softball
Terry Thurlow Year 11	Softball
Cameron Haynes Year 12	Rugby
Olivia Thornbury Year 10	Triathlon
Stuart Baker Year 10	Athletics
Melissa Webb Year 13	St John Youth
Mecaela Fraser Year 13	Soccer
Alex Thurlow Year 9	Basketball
Alex Thurlow Year 9	Softball
Jacob Kirby Year 13	Multisport
Peter Thurlow Year 13	Multisport
Michael O'Reilly Year 13	Multisport
Robert Lindsay	NZ Secondary School's Choir

Scholarship

Congratulations to Sammy Seau who has been awarded a Pacific on Campus Experience Scholarship.



Cricket

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Wheeler-Cross who this year was chosen to represent the Otago U15 Womens Cricket team.

School Production— Oklahoma!

22—26 May

We would ask that as many families as possible support our school production Oklahoma!. We would love to see as many of you attending the production as possible and encouraging your extended family and friends to attend. Tickets are on sale from the College office with family passes available.

PTA Wine and Cheese Evening and AGM

7.30 Thursday June 6 in the Marist Pavilion

Come along and enjoy a great night out with other parents from the community. Parents new to the Verdon Community are particularly welcome.

The Art of Learning

Recently Year 10 students took part in 'The Art of Learning' conducted by two tutors from the Lance King 'The Art of Learning' Ltd. The purpose of the programme was to help out Year 10 students start to understand how they learn.



Year 12 PPE Rail Trail

As a part of the Year 12 PPE programme this year, the students recently completed the Rail Trail as well as biking on the expert grade mountain bike tracks in Naseby.

Day one on the Rail Trail was a total of 73kms from Alexandra to Wedderburn. The tunnels were a highlight after the long slog uphill for Mr Scobie's group while the long downhill made the trip downhill a thrill for Miss Harrison and the boys. Everyone was happy to get to the warm and comfy accommodation at the Wedderburn Rail Stay that night for a hot shower and a nice warm dinner.

Day two the group set off for Naseby – Biking through farmland and along the water race was seen to be a lot more entertaining than on the Rail Trail. The students jumped at the opportunity to bike through a small 100m long tunnel filled with water. The rest of Monday consisted of great challenges of the new steep single track terrain. This is where we all got to know each other really well, nicknames such as 'Borat', 'Lady Bars' and 'Fuddy bike' were commonly invented which kept our spirits high. The quote of the day was that "if you don't fall off, you're not trying hard enough" – which saw almost everyone off their bikes at least once. That night we tried our hands at Curling at the International Curling Centre in Naseby. This was a great laugh and competition for all.

Day three we were back to Naseby, the group improved significantly today. Kila - our guide was so impressed with our skill set that he took the group on an expert level track. This was the great test of the day, but everyone took up that challenge and had a blast!!

We are looking forward to the rest of the year when we will complete units on Adventure based learning, high and low ropes, kayaking, caving, rock climbing, tramping and snow caving.



PTA Oyster Raffle

Our sincere thanks to all those families and students who put so much effort into making this raffle an outstanding success. Profits from this raffle are in excess of \$10,000.00 Special mention to all those families who sold multiple cards. Congratulations to Izaak Sanders on selling 8 cards and to the O'Connor and Wright families who sold 7 cards each. These winners along with Kaitlyn Calvert-Shandley, winner of the random draw, picked up for themselves a \$100.00 voucher from Noel Leeming. Marcellin House won the Pizza lunch for the fourth year running.

Football

A big thank you to Southend United Football Club for donating goal nets to the school. Along with this fantastic contribution to Verdon College Football, the talented coaching crew of Iain Walker and Paul Russell will also be coming into school to run coaching clinics and develop our promising players. Anyone interested in playing club football this year can contact Iain Walker on 03 215-6665 (H) or 021 613-674 (M).



CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 2

22/26 May	School Production—Oklahoma!
31 May	He Kakano - Teacher Only Day
3 June	Queens Birthday
6 June	Year 13 Geography Trip to Curio Bay
12 June	Junior Combined Catholic Schools Sports Tournament
15 June	School Ball
18 June	Big Sing Regional Finals
20/21 June	Year 11 Retreat
11 July	Interhouse Swimming Competition
12 July	Interhouse Music Festival
13 July	Last Day of Term—Reports Posted home.

Singing Success

Congratulations to Beth Walker, Maggie Townley and Harry Townley who competed in the Southern Alps Country Music Awards in Timaru over Easter. They all sang and performed superbly showing that practice really is worth it! Results are as follows:

Junior novice solo section - trophy plus \$60 – Winner - Beth Walker
 Junior duo section –trophy plus \$60 - Winner – Maggie Townley and Beth Walker
 Junior solo section – Highly Commended – Beth Walker
 Intermediate duo section – Highly Commended – Harry and Maggie Townley
 Intermediate novice solo section – Highly Commended – Harry Townley

Secondary Schools Basketball

The 2013 season starts on Friday 30st May and continues for approximately 12 weeks. Verdon College still have several teams who need a coach or manager. If you are interested or know of someone who would be ,please contact the school.

Southland Primary School Swimming Championships

On Sunday 14th April the Southland Primary School Swimming Championships were held at Splash Palace. Congratulations to all the swimmers for taking part in this event. The results are as follows:



Xavier Wright	Finalist in Backstroke, Butterfly and Freestyle
Claudia Baird	Finalist in Backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle and Breaststroke
Ben Everest	Finalist in Backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle and Breaststroke
Mark Lieshout	Finalist in Backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle and Breaststroke
Amy Crosswell	2nd Backstroke, Finalist in Breaststroke, Freestyle and Breaststroke
Sam Cullen	3rd Freestyle, Finalist in Backstroke and Butterfly
Oliver Horne	2nd Freestyle, 3rd Butterfly, 3rd Breaststroke and 3rd Backstroke

“Verdon College the right choice”

Colours Assembly



Checklist

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



Verdon College
proudly presents

Rodgers & Hammerstein's **OKLAHOMA!**

Music by Richard Rodgers
Book & Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II
Based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs
Original Dances by Anged de Mille
"Oklahoma!" is presented by permission of ORIGIN™ Theatrical
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Centrestage
Wed 22 May at 7.30pm
Thur 23 May at 7.30pm
Fri 24 May at 7.30pm
Sat 25 May at 4.00pm
Sun 26 May at 2.00pm



Tickets available from
Verdon College

Adults \$20
Child \$10
Family Pass \$50

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CHOREOGRAPHER - Fran Sutherland
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