



VERDON COLLEGE

Newsletter

24 May 2013



Tena Koutou Katoa

It has been a very special fortnight for the students of the College with a number of key events being held, our noho marae visit, our Catholic Schools Day and of course our school production, Oklahoma!

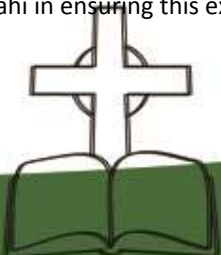
Verdon College was proud to have a role in the organisation of Catholic Schools celebrations. Our participation in the combined schools Mass was a great experience for our students. The Mass was a very special celebration of our Catholic character and I hope, a start to an ongoing tradition. I was also particularly proud of our students and their contribution to the day, from the student leaders role in the Mass to those students involved in running activities for pupils of the contributing Catholic primary schools our students really demonstrated what Catholic character is all about.

I would like to congratulate the cast and crew of Oklahoma! for delivering an outstanding production and such an entertaining performance for all those that attended. I am sure that all who went to Oklahoma! would agree that the talent on display was something to behold. The production has again been an outstanding opportunity for the students of the College and their development and growth from this opportunity has been a pleasure to witness. I would like to thank all those staff, parents and community members who have contributed so much to ensure the success of the show. I would particularly like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Catherine Fabre, Mr Alan Menzies and Mrs Fran Sutherland for their leadership of the production and the countless hours that they have put in to ensure its success.

I would also like to thank all those rangitahi, staff and whanau involved in the three day noho marae experience for our rangitahi at the Te Rau Aroha Marae. It was a pleasure to see the enthusiasm of the students from both Dunstan High School and Verdon College towards this cultural experience. Special thanks to Whaea Stephanie and Matua Dayle for your mahi in ensuring this experience was a success.

God Bless

Jarlath Kelly



Oklahoma

Congratulations to the cast of Oklahoma who have entertained audiences for the last few days. A big thank you to Catherine Fabre, Alan Menzies and Fran Sutherland for all their hard work.



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From Father Martin

We celebrated Catholic Schools Day on Wednesday 22 May. We brought together students from all our Catholic Schools to celebrate Mass at the Invercargill Working Mens Club. Later students from our College went on to the Primary Schools to help with some fun activities.

These two quotes firstly from the Vatican II Documents 1965 and Congregation for Catholic Education 1977 sum up the ultimate purpose and reason for our Schools existence.

“It is the special function of the Catholic school to develop in the school community an atmosphere animated by a spirit of liberty and charity based on the Gospel. It enables young people, while developing their own personalities, to grow at the same time in that new life which has been given to them in Baptism. Finally it so directs the whole of human culture to the message of salvation that the knowledge which the pupils acquire of the world, of life and of humanity is illumined by faith.”

“Christ is the foundation of the whole education enterprise in a Catholic school. His revelation gives new meaning to life and helps man to direct his thought, action and will according to the Gospel, making the beatitudes his norm of life. The fact that in their own individual ways all members of the school community share this Christian vision, makes the school “Catholic”; principals of the Gospel in this manner become the educational norms since the school then has them as its internal motivation and final goal.”

God Bless
Father Martin

Southland Cross Country

Well done to all students who represented Verdon College at the Southland Cross Country on 15 May in Te Anau. Congratulations to Liam Cullen who got 2nd in the U16 category.



Kelvin Hotel
INVERCARGILL NEW ZEALAND
Presents:
Pink Ribbon Breakfast Fundraiser
Friday 31st May Doors open 7am
Pink Ribbon Brunch Fundraiser
Saturday 1st June Doors open 10.30am
\$250 table of 10, or \$25 Ticket

Featuring:
Guest Speaker
Cancer Ambassador
Noalene Van Loggerenberg

This year over 1700+ pink ribbon breakfasts will take place throughout New Zealand, the money raised this year will go towards funding community outreach programmes. So please get pink and lucky to support a worthy cause.

For Booking or general enquiries contact the Kelvin Hotel; phone (03) 218 2829 or email bookings@kelvin.hlt.co.nz

PTA Annual Cheese Roll Fundraiser

This great fundraiser will be held on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th July. Order forms will be posted home at the end of May. Keep these dates free as again, this is a wonderful day for students and their families to get to know others in the school community,

Orienteering School Champs 2013

Congratulations to Liam van Eeden who recently competed at the Southland Orienteering School Championships. Liam came 2nd in the Junior Boys Novice Category.



Netball News

On Sunday the 19th May Verdon 10A and 9A attended the Southland Junior Netball Tournament in Gore. First up the year 10's played our arch rivals SGHS. Verdon dominated this game winning 32-24.

Verdon stunned Girls High in the first quarter leading 9-2. This was a fiercely contested game as Girls High beat Verdon that Wednesday by 1 goal. Verdon continued their winning streak beating Wakatipu 40-8 and taking out the final against CSC 31-16. This was an outstanding performance by the girls and I am very proud of the determination and patience they showed.

Verdon 9A finished 6th.



Fresh Horizons Art workshops, G3 SIT 29 April-1 May

Over 30 Students from Southland schools willingly gave up 3 days of their school holidays to take place in the 'Fresh Horizons' workshops which were run by the Tautai Contemporary Pacific Arts Trust and the Murihiku Maori and Pasifika Cultural Trust at the Southern Institute of Technology from 29 April- 1 May.

The students involved from Verdon College were-

- Taylor Lock
- O'Shea Kupenga

We were fortunate to have tutors of the highest calibre: Johnny Peninsula- Master Carver and 'God father' of New Zealand contemporary Pasifika Art. Chris Chateris- Contemporary Sculptor Lizzy Leckie- Weaver Lindah Lepou- Couture designer The tutors were inspirational and the students produced some outstanding work.

Meitaki ma'ata



Year 12 Geography field trip to Mt Cook

Over the weekend 12/13 May students from the year 12 Geography class along with Miss Charlotte Harrison and Mr Patrick Canny enjoyed a very worthwhile trip to Mount Cook. The students learnt heaps and had lots of fun.



Exchange Students

In June/July each year, students aged 14 – 19 years from over 20 countries will be arriving in New Zealand to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.



Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in New Zealand. This is a great way to practice your language skills, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family...and your relatives and friends...will grow and learn as you all get to know your new 'son' or 'daughter' from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 0800 440 079 or visit our website. <http://studentexchange.org.nz/host-a-student>

CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 2

31 May	He Kakano—Teacher Only Day. Students do not come to school.
3 June	Queens Birthday
12 June	Junior Combined Catholic Schools Sports Tournament
15 June	School Ball
18 June	Big Sing Regional Finals
20/21 June	Year 11 Retreat
9 July	Interhouse Music Festival
11 July	Interhouse Swimming Competition
12 July	Last Day of Term—Reports posted home.

Board of Trustees Elections

Reminder to get your votes in to the College by noon on Thursday 30 May 2013. Results will be announced on 5 June 2013 and the new Board of Trustees will take office on 6 June 2013.

Administration Reminders

For health and safety reasons all students must sign out at the office before leaving the College during the day for any reason. If signing out they must bring a note from parents/caregivers confirming they have permission to go. This is very important especially should we have a fire or a similar emergency situation.

If students are unwell they must report to the office first and office staff will contact the parents. Please do not allow your child to text you directly and then leave the school grounds without the College being aware this has happened.

Marist Rugby Sports Gear Donation

We would like to express our appreciation to Marist Rugby NZ for donating sports gear to our year 7 and 8 students. Our students will use this gear for recreational and competitive sports. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Regan Fahey for organising this with Marist Rugby.

“Verdon College the right choice”



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



“Superior
educational