



# VERDON COLLEGE

## Newsletter

31 March 2014



### Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

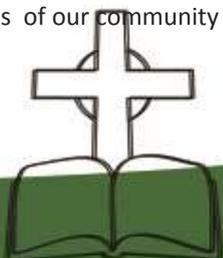
We have achieved some outstanding results in recent times but we are focused on ensuring that as a staff we are delivering for the students of the College in the best possible way. The teacher only days are an invaluable tool in assisting in this endeavour. We had a very positive staff professional development day at Murihiku Marae and the year 7 and 8 teachers travelling to Dunedin to be part of the diocesan religious education programmes. We are continuing to work on developing ourselves as a staff so that we develop our professional skills for the benefit of all students of the College. It was a great experience being welcomed onto the Marae by our students who had been at noho marae. I am very pleased with and congratulate the students that have achieved success in recent regional and national competition. We have achieved some positive results in Maadi Cup outstanding results in National triathlon. We congratulate the Shelia Winn team for their performance and in gaining a win. For the second year in a row they will be travelling to Wellington. It is great to see our students doing well in the cultural arena.

We are moving into the winter sports season and I would encourage all students to get involved in a team it is a great way to develop physical skills, and understanding of sports as well a great way to develop friendships and positive relationships with other students. While most sports will begin next term registration will be underway in the very near future. I would also encourage students that have not tried a sport before to give it a go. Our teams are very supportive and are always pleased to have new members. We are still very keen to hear from parents and friends of the school that would like to assist in the delivery of sport at the College as a coach or manager of a team.

We will be undertaking preparation for our senior Quadrangular Tournament at St Peters in Gore. The tournament is scheduled for the last weekend prior to the end of term. We will also be hosting Rockhampton Grammar for rugby and we will be requiring billets. It would be great if families could support these two upcoming events.

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God Bless  
Jarlath Kelly

### Year 9 Camp

Week seven of the school year dawned nice and sunny creating a good start to the year nine camp week. Once again we went to the Mavora Lakes for a true outdoor experience under canvass.

On arrival the priority was to set up camp, pitching the tents and creating a kitchen and shelter in case of rain. Mid-afternoon the programme started. The students worked in groups and rotated around the programme of six bases. The activities were Kayaking, River rafting, Cycling, Hiking and river crossing, Compass trail and geocaching. All students met all these challenges and made an earnest attempt to complete them.

A group of Year 12 students came with us as group leaders. They accompanied the year nine students on the activities helping to ensure they kept to the programme. The Year 12 students did a great job and I thank them for their efforts.

The weather stayed fine for most of the camp but it did rain on the Thursday. This had no impact on the activities but did cause camping gear and personal gear to get a bit damp.

Thanks must go to the Duggan family, the parents and the teaching staff that helped with the camp as without their support we could not run these activities for our students.



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### From Father Martin

The Gospel for last Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent was about Jesus curing the blind man. For years this person had waited for someone to help him. Jesus recognized this and immediately cured him. We may not be physically

blind but we can be blind to matters that we need to attend to or more importantly to people who may need our help.

It doesn't take much to brighten up someone else's day. It may be only a smile or a greeting. We do not have the healing powers of Jesus but we do have his spirit living in us and encouraging us to do our best to make a difference in our world.

God bless

Father Martin

### Sheliah Winn Competition

Last Thursday Verdon College hosted the annual Southland Secondary Schools Shakespeare Festival. There were twelve entries from eight schools. Verdon College had two entries - a fifteen minute piece from 'Much Ado About Nothing' directed by Miss Suzanne Whatley and a five minute student directed piece from 'MacBeth' directed by Kameron Corbin and Shaun Swan. This clever interpretation by Kameron and Shaun was placed first in the five minute section. They along with their troupe of actors (Shanay Fannin, Meg Kelly, Kathleen Adams and Travis Oudhoff) have won a chance to attend the Sheilah Winn Festival of Shakespeare in Wellington in Queens Birthday Weekend this year.



### Yacht Racing

Congratulations to Dominic Sutherland, Maria Sutherland, Tiaan Black and Nathaniel Topi who recently competed in the yacht racing at the recent Oyster Regatta. Dominic won the optimist event while Maria was the helmsman for the winning cutter crew. Tiaan Black and Nathaniel Topi placed first overall in the Sunburst section.

This racing experience is good preparation for the National Sea Scouts regatta which will be held in Devonport Auckland in December this year which they will be representing Bluff as part of the Te Ara O Kiwa sea scout crew.



### Southland/ Otago

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the South Island Athletics at the recent Otago/ Southland Athletics competition:



- Stu Baker U16 Boys 400m- 4th
- Liam Cullen U16 Boys 1500m- 1st, 2000m steeplechase- 1st, 3000m- 2nd
- Aliyah Dunn U15 Girls discus- 3rd
- Sam Hogan U14 boys long jump-1st, 80m hurdles 2nd, High jump 3rd
- Dorothy Samai U16 Girls high jump- 5th
- Olivia Thornbury U16 Girls 400m-2nd, 1500m- 3rd
- Sam Thornbury U14 Boys 1500m- 3rd

U16 Boys 4 x 100m relay- 4th  
Stu Baker, Andre Keen, Michael Walker, Daniel Hogan

### Southland Secondary Schools Golf Tournament

Congratulations to the Verdon golf team who attended the Southland Secondary Schools Golf Tournament on Tuesday 18th March. The team consisted of:

- Hannah Arnold
- Jack King
- Jack Lenihan
- Henry More.



The team were 3rd on the Team Nett Score with Henry More coming second equal on the Individual Boys Nett. Hanah Arnold came first in the Individual Girls Gross.

### Kayaking

During the weekend 22/23 March Gabriel and Eli Winders represented Verdon College at the NZ Secondary Schools Slalom Kayaking Champs held at Monowai.

The boys were part of the Southland team and competed against students from around NZ. The strongest contingent came from Tauranga complete with 85 kayaks onboard! It was a great weekend full of sun and water and top training sessions. All the competitors stayed at Borland Lodge which was an ideal location to get to meet kayakers from other schools. Gabriel was 6th in the men's team K1 event and was placed 20th in the senior mens K1 Slalom individual even; Eli was 7th in the junior Boys K1 individual event.



## The Sound of Music

Congratulations to the following students who make up our cast for this year's production—The Sound of Music. Rehearsals are now underway so keep the dates of Wednesday 21st May through to Sunday 25th May free to come and enjoy one of the performances.

### Cast List

Maria	Teresa Hardegger
Mother Abbess	Hannah Lieshout
Sister Berthe	Valu Maka
Sister Margaretta	Rihitoto Albert
Sister Sophia	Madison Brown
Capt von Trapp	Gabriel Winders
Franz	Travis Oudhoff
Frau Schmidt	Shanay Fannin
Liesl	Imelda Wilkes
Friedrich	Harry Townley
Louisa	Kathy Rolfe
Kurt	Eli Winders
Brigitta	Arachelli Taningco
Marta	Amber Niven
Gretl	Makensie Waddell
Rolf	Jack King
Baroness Elsa	Kameron Corbin
Max	Shaun Swain
Herr Zeller	Tomas Adams
Baron Elberfeld	Zac Heffernan
Admiral von Schreiber	Henry More
Baroness Elberfeld	Emma Morton
Ursula	Stacey Wilde

### Nun's Chorus

Rachel Pocklington	Teela Cavanagh	Jennifer Stone
Willow Gush	Maria Sutherland	Amee Hope-
Johnstone		
Hurihia Tawaroa	Charlotte Lee	Kathleen Adams
Briar Kilsby	Maggie Townley	Hannah Arnold
Te Rauhinga Pikia	Olivia Mathieson	Erica Forde

### General Chorus

Liam van Eeden	Mark Lieshout	Harrison Roderique
Thomas Kennelly	Thomas Lewis	Izaak Sanders
Sam Cullen	Cameron Longman	Tomas Adams
Tapani Maka	Henry More	Zac Heffernan
Jemma-Kate Holst	Aimee Brookland	Emma Morton
Jayne Turton	Stacey Wilde	Tanesha Tagomoa-Kaa

Photo from Year 9 Camp



## CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 1

3 April	Year 9—13 Parent Teacher Interviews
6/7/8 April	Year 12 Physical Education Rail Trail
10/11 April	Year 13 Geography Trip to Rakiura Island
13/14 April	Senior Quadrangular Tournament at St Peter's College Gore
16 April	Colours Assembly
17 April	Interhouse Cross Country
	Last Day of Term
5 May	First Day of Term 2

### Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to the following students who have passed their Duke of Edinburgh—Bronze Award:

Stephanie Kenney

Ainsley McDonald

Roisin Storm

Jennifer Stone

Kate Nally

### "YOU MAKE THE CALL" - RUGBY REFEREE COURSE

Another 'You Make the Call' Course is scheduled to be held during the School Holidays this year.

WHERE? - RUGBY PARK STADIUM, INVERCARGILL

WHEN? –Wednesday 30th April + Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014

Plus Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July (To sign off on the NCEA credits)

If you are interested in this course please see Sarah –Sports Co-ordinator

# “Verdon College the right choice”

## Southland Secondary Schools Triathlon

Congratulations to Olivia Thornbury who was first in the U16 Girls individual Triathlon at the recent Southland Secondary Schools Triathlon. Other results were:

U14  
Sam Thornbury- 2nd

U16 Mixed Team  
Andre Keen, Jacob Fitzgerald,  
Maggie Harrington- 1st

Yr 8 Boys  
Ben Everest- 9th

Yr8 Girls  
Amy Crosswell- 2nd

Yr8 female team  
Claudia Baird, Nellie  
Boyle, Aaria Nathan- 4th



## Otago/Southland Athletics

Congratulations to Liam Cullen who broke the Otago/Southland U16 boys 2000m steeplechase record at the recent Otago/Southland Athletics with a time of 6:39:55.



## Athletics

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 students who represented Verdon at the recent Southland Primary Athletics. It was a fantastic day with all students competing to the best of their ability. Congratulations to Jackson Whaanga who placed second in the Shot Put and third in the 100m dash in the 12 year old boy age group.



## NZ Track Cycling Champs 2014

Congratulations to Mitchell Morris who won a Silver Medal in the M17 Boys Team Sprint at the NZ Age Group Track Cycling Champs which were held 5th-9th March 2014.



## Otago Swimming Championships

Claudia Baird, Year 8, entered the Otago Swim championships at the weekend and gained four personal best times out of the six events she entered.



“Superior  
educational  
outcomes”

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