



VERDON COLLEGE

Newsletter

4 July 2014



Kia ora koutou katoa

We have come to an end of another very busy and successful term. It is hard to believe that we are already over half way through the year and almost two thirds the way through the year for senior students. Reading through reports I have been pleased to see the progress and positive attitude towards learning of so many of the

students. I am always impressed that the students are achieving this success while at the same time contributing to the College community and achieving success through a multitude of cultural and sporting endeavours.

Reports will provide students with some feedback on next learning steps. Most students will have received comments relating to aspects of their work that they need to improve on as part of our ethos of continual improvement and striving for excellence. I would ask that all students consider and reflect on this feedback and take all feedback in a positive manner and act on any advice that is provided to assist them in their learning. We are looking forward to discussing your child's progress at parent teacher interviews next term.

We have had a number of families in our community dealing with the tragedy of loss of loved ones and illness in recent times. At assembly last week I spoke to the students about that it is at these times that our belief and faith are our rock and can provide support. We have also discussed that it is at times such as this that we can tangibly live our values by providing support to others in their time of difficulty. As Catholics we know that our family members will be in the presence of God and that through our prayers we can support each other and find support for ourselves at these times.

I ask that you keep all those recently departed in your prayers along with their families. May the Grace of God be with them at this time and provide them with strength and comfort. I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday with your families.

God Bless

Jarlath Kelly

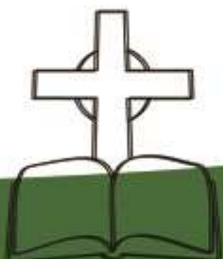
Health Expo

This week some Year 10 and 11 students took up the opportunity to go to a Health Expo put on by the SDHB. The students were able to talk to a variety of health providers about their career pathway. Subject choice is very important for Careers in health so students need to be fully aware of what they will need to study in Years 12 and 13. Most health careers require Level 2 and 3 Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Statistics.



Girls Football

A great effort last week with our girls football team having a narrow loss 3-2 to Gore High. The photos show the girls in their new uniform.



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From Father Martin

I write this on the Feast of St Thomas - 3 July.

He is often called 'Doubting Thomas' because he doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead. He wasn't present when Jesus first appeared to the disciples after he had risen from the dead.

He wanted proof..... "Unless I see the holes that the nails made, and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe". (John 20:25).

St Gregory the first, an influential Pope in the 6th Century wrote "The disbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples". He says this because we are all like Thomaswe haven't had the privilege of seeing the physical risen Lord.

Jesus affirms our faith in the same way as he affirmed the faith of Thomas.

"You believe because you can see me. Happy are these who have not seen and yet believe". (John 20:29).

Ex Pupils

This week ex pupils home on their break between semesters were invited back to talk to students about their tertiary experiences. It was wonderful for the Verdon College Year 13 students to hear first hand about university and polytechnic life and its demands. The ex pupils all commented on how important it was to start to develop good study skills while still at school. The jump from school to tertiary study was quite big, so study and time management skills were vital!



L- R—J King, S O'Brien, D Marshall, S Dale



L-R— B Millar, J Wright, A O'Brien, D Hughes, T Kilsby K Ridden

Year 7 Social Science

As part of a Social Sciences Inquiry topic students in year 7 have been working on presentations about Southlands History, Heritage, Culture and Sporting achievements.

A variety of topics were presented from whitebaiting, the water tower, the monorail and others.

The following students work was entered into the Social Sciences Fair held recently in Invercargill: Francis Bote, Alex Lindsay, Jan Janerol, Haley Thurlow, Joshua Meulenbroek, Megan de Goldi, Ella McCabe, Emily Calvert, Amy Mariu, Ella McCabe, Tarryn Jordan, Tigan Blakie, Laurent Edwards, Keisha Crooks, Ella Dow, Tiffany Wilson, Madajah Proctor, Emily Kelly, Makenzie Waddell, Dominic Sutherland, Alex Carlisle, Alexi Sutton-Thomas, Mya Peterson, Tarryn Black, Antonio Brinkley, Kaye Daleon, Charlotte Sherriff, Tanesha Tagomoa-Kaa, Piper Adams, Joel Baker, Jacob Baggott, Eli McIvoer, Charles Abalos, Jessica Mennell, Sophie Tilson, Lara Birch, Khashanii Ah-Kuoi, Ashante Taulofa-Crow, Shakaia Taylor, Jacob Craig, Caitlin Breen, Aimee Brookland, Lily Henderson.

Placegetters were:

Sports Section

Merit - Ella McCabe and Tarryn Jordan for "Pedalling for Victory"

Heritage Section

Merit - Kaye Daleon, Charlotte Sherriff, Tanesha Tagomoa-Kaa, Piper Adams for "Kate Sheppard"

Current Event Section

Merit - Emily Calvert and Amy Mariu for "One or None?"

Historic Section

2nd Place - Tiffany Wilson and Madajah Proctor for "Invercargill's Icon – The Water Tower"

Year 7/8 Section

2nd Place = - Joshua Meulenbroek for "Whitebaiting".



Madajah Proctor & Tiffany Wilson



Joshua Meulenbroek



Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to Samantha Nielsen on gaining her bronze certificate for the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Swimming Sports Results

Senior Boys-

1st- Thomas Kennelly: 28 and Liam Cullen: 28,
3rd- Alasdair O'Reilly: 12

Senior Girls-

1st- Olivia Thornbury: 32,
2nd- Grace Dowling: 22, 3rd- Kayla Duggan: 10

Intermediate Boys-

1st- Xavier Wright: 22,
2nd- Sam Thornbury: 18, 3rd- Hamish Kennelly: 16

Intermediate Girls-

1st- Sarah Hoffman: 24,
2nd- Abby Humm: 20 and Devon Marshall: 20

Junior Boys-

1st- Ben Everest: 30,
2nd- Jackson Whaanga: 22, 3rd- Matthew Rooney: 16

Junior Girls-

1st- Amy Crosswell: 30,
2nd- Claudia Baird: 24, 3rd- Tarryn Black: 14

House Points

1st Catherine: 236
2nd Marian: 197, 3rd Marcellin: 180, 4th Dominic: 175



Term 3

21 July	Term 3 starts
23 July	Year 9-13 Parent Teacher Interviews
27 July	Open Day
29 July	ICAS English Exam
29/30 July	Year 7/8 Parent Teacher Interviews
31 July	Careers Fest for Yr 10/11/12 students
31 July	Southland Indoor Bowls Championships
1 Aug	Japanese Speech Competition at SBHS
4 Aug	Otago Southland Ski Championships
4 Aug	Southland Table Tennis Championships
8/9/10 Aug	Bishop Shield Weekend
12 Aug	ICAS Mathematics Exam
15 Aug	Patronal Day
17/18	Girls Football Tournament at Wyndham
18/19/20/21 Aug	Senior Exams
22 Aug	Teacher Only Day—Students do not attend school.



“Verdon College the right choice”

Marist Rugby Support

Invercargill Marist Rugby Supporters Club/NZ Marist have generously donated rugby balls to the College to assist with the development of our teams. Verdon College has a proud traditional link with Marist Rugby Club being a Marist school but also because so many of our players come to us having played in Marist Juniors teams and many of our past pupils go on to be Marist Senior players.



L-R: H Fahey, H Tamariki, M Griffin (President, Marist Club)
S Eade, M Scobie

Year 12 PPE—High Ropes

On Thursday 26 June we went back to Adventure Southland and did the high rope section of the course - it was a great day and we all had fun and pushed ourselves out of our comfort zone



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

“Superior
educational
outcomes”