



VERDON COLLEGE

Newsletter



Kia ora koutou katoa

We have had a great few weeks in the College with some fantastic representation of the College by our teams at winter sports tournaments. I was very proud of our Senior Boys Badminton team achieving 7th place at the national tournament against teams such as Auckland Grammar and Palmerston North Boys. I was also very

pleased with the great performance of our young Senior A netball team at their tournament in Invercargill and the support they received from students of the College. It was a great display of school spirit and pride.

It has been a great couple of weeks for cultural performance with an outstanding display of talent on show in our house drama competitions. Congratulations to all students involved on their hard work and a very enjoyable evening. I would also like to acknowledge and commend our year 7 and 8 students and the work of the Sing Out Choir. It was a wonderful performance and really displayed the character and values of the College well.

Senior reports will be sent out to parents these reports are timed so that students receive information on where they are currently at in terms of their progress towards NCEA. I would encourage all students to strive for excellence and aim for the highest level of achievement. Many staff are running tutorials to assist students and I would advise all students to take advantage of these opportunities prior to external examinations

We are looking forward to an exciting end of the term with our Blues Assembly and Kapa Haka competition.

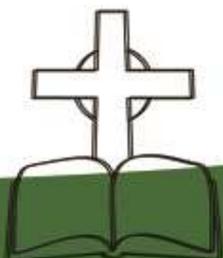
Finally I would ask that you continue to keep in your prayers members of our community that are struggling with serious illness at this time.

Rely on God

Jarlath

Football News

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!!! Congratulations to the boys for their win in the Reserve League Final over Wakatipu High School. In perfect conditions for the final, the boys came out very focused and determined to complete their unbeaten season with a trophy. There was an earlier scare when the young Wakatipu striker broke free onto goal, only to be denied by a last ditch tackle from Adam Vanner, who showed good pace off the mark to make up 10 yards on his younger opponent. Verdon then piled the pressure on their opponents and were rewarded 15 minutes before the break, when Patrick Turnhout found Michael Preddy from a corner kick, with the veteran striker dutifully nodding the opening goal past the keeper. The team entered the half time break brimming with confidence with the message being to maintain focus and push for a second goal. The second half also brought about the debut of talented youngster Laurent Edwards, who held his own against older and bigger opposition. After withstanding some early pressure from the Wakatipu side, the boys in green set up camp in the oppositions half. The second goal came from a loose ball bouncing towards Turnhout, who volleyed over the Wakatipu defensive line for a determined Preddy to race onto and calmly slot the ball into the back of the net to make it 2-0, delighting the large support crew on the sideline. The order for the rest of the game was to set up shop and play possession football. Some crunching tackles from a commanding Dylan van der Schuit kept the Wakatipu attack second guessing, while Kale Adamson and Jordan McKenzie cleared the ball effectively. Wakatipu did manage to sneak a goal past keeper Sean Bragg in the last minute, who was excellent when called upon, to make the score 2-1. Well done to the lads on an excellent result and a great send off for our Year 13 students.



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From Father Martin

The 14th of September is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. It is an important Feast Day for us because our faith is centred very much on the Cross. Most of the rooms in our College have a Crucifix on the wall to

remind us of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us by dying on the cross. Words such as sacrifice, courage and commitment become more significant for us because of what Jesus did for us. However, because this Feast is called the Exaltation or Triumph of the Cross was not the end. Three days after his death Jesus rose from the dead in what we know as the Resurrection. He also opened for us the way to Eternal Life.

‘For God loved the world so much that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but eternal life’. (John 3:16)

God Bless

Fr Martin

Otago/Southland Secondary Schools Duathlon

The Otago/Southland Secondary Schools Duathlon was held on Sunday 14 September. Congratulations to Olivia Thornbury who was 1st in the Under 16 Girls individual and Sam Thornbury who was 4th in the Under 14 Boys individual



Southland Secondary Schools' Rockclimbing Champs

Southland Rock Climbing Championships were held on Saturday 13th September at the YMCA in Invercargill. .



Individual Boys Results

Senior Boys Verdon Aidan O'Neill 2 230

Senior Mixed School Place Points

VC-SM1 Verdon 1 605

VC-SM2 Verdon 4 240

VERDON NETBALL CLUB PRIZEGIVING LIST 2014		
Team	Award 1	Award 2
<i>Senior A</i>	Most Outstanding Senior Netball Player Teresa Hardegger Captain's Award Sophie McLean Donna Loffhagen Award Tina Wright / Aliyah Dunn	Most Improved Senior Netball Player Lucy Brown / Maggie Harrington Bernice Mene Award Lucy Brown Adine Wilson Award Sophie McLean / Olivia Thornbury
<i>Senior B</i>	Most Consistent Contribution Laura Withers and Clarissa Korojadi	Most Improved Players Amber De Goldi and Charlotte Lee
<i>Senior C</i>	Most Valuable Player Kelsi Millar	Most Improved Player Briar Kilsby
<i>Special Awards</i>	Most Valuable Contribution to School Netball Award Clarissa Korojadi	St Mary's Best Team Spirit Award Amilya Korojadi
<i>13A</i>	Most Dedicated Player Flora Marshall	Most Improved Player Devon Marshall
<i>12A</i>	Most Dedicated Player Emma Morton	Most Valuable Player Olivia McDonald
<i>11A</i>	Most Valuable Player Hazel Daleon	Most Improved Player Tawhariri Day
<i>Blaze</i>	Most Consistent Player Sarah Swale	Most Improved Player Brennah Morton
<i>Junior A</i>	Most Outstanding Junior Player Tyra Dunn	Most Improved Junior Player Chelsea Cosgrove
<i>Junior B</i>	Most Valuable Player Jennifer Stone	Most Improved Player Sarah Hoffman
<i>10A</i>	Most Valuable Player Maria Sutherland	Most Improved Player Rhovie Calauan
<i>9 Emerald</i>	Most improved Player Angela Taylor-Templeton	Best team commitment Nicole Mariu
<i>9 Ruby</i>	Most Valuable Player Kayla Wiering	Most Improved Player Courtney De Groot
<i>8A</i>	Leadership Award Nia Maka Whanau Support Award Jane Milne	Excellence Award Emily Milne
<i>8B</i>	Most Valuable Player Clarice Lowe	Most Improved Player Breana Fahey
<i>8 Gold</i>	Most Improved Player Mae Peterson	Best Team Spirit Grace Prendergast
<i>8 White</i>	Most Valuable Player Danielle Connew	Most Improved Player Jemma-Kate Holst
<i>7A</i>	Most Valuable Player Emma Hurley	Most Improved Player Distance Takamori
<i>7B</i>	Most Valuable Player Charlotte Sheriff	Most Improved Player Te Wai Ora Te Patu and Brayden Orłowski
<i>7 Yellow</i>	Most Valuable Player Amy Mariu	Most Improved Player Keisha Crooks
<i>7 Green</i>	Most Valuable Player Tigan Blakie	Most Improved Player Amber Niven



PTA Cheese Rolls

The PTA wish to thank the Verdon Community for their support last weekend in their fundraising initiative for this term—cheese rolls.

We had a wonderful turn out of parents and students to help. At this point we are unable to tell you exactly how much was raised but it will be in the vicinity of \$10,000.00.

Here are some photos of students, parents and teachers hard at work.



- 24 Sept Blues Assembly
- 25 Sept Interhouse Kapa Haka
- 26 Sept End of Term 3
Senior reports posted home.
- 28 Oct—12 Nov Year 8's at Deep Cove Camps
- 5 Nov Senior Prizegiving
- 12/13/14 Nov Junior Exams
- 19/20/21 Life Education Bus
- 2—5 Dec Year 10 Borland Camp
- 3 Dec Year 13 Leavers Mass and Dinner
- 5 Dec Interhouse Lypsync
- 9 Dec Junior Prizegiving at 7pm.
- 10 Dec Teacher Only Day—Students do not come to School.
- 11 Dec Junior reports posted home.

Rotary Youth Merit Award

Kate Harrington was the recipient of the 2014 Rotary Youth Merit Award. This Award was presented at a ceremony at the Invercargill North Rotary Club on Thursday 18 September. This award goes to students who show resilience, perseverance, being a good friend, honest, trustworthy and showing integrity. We are very proud of Kate's achievement in receiving this award.



“Verdon College the right choice”

Badminton News

Congratulations to our Senior Boys Badminton Team that finished 7th in Division 1 at the National Secondary Schools Tournament held the first week in September.

The boys have competed amazingly well and have performed extremely well against some very tough opposition such as Auckland Grammar and Westlake Boys. The picture above is of the trophy the team won for being the top South Island Secondary team.



Brynn Murphy, Ryan LeBreton, Clarke
LeBreton absent: Jacob Gear

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

Tae Kwon Do

Congratulations to Brydon Duggan who received a gold medal at the TUNZ nationals the weekend of 13-14 September.



Venture Southland Inter-school Speech Competition – Overall Winner: Hurihia Tawaroa

Year 8 student, Hurihia Tawaroa, has been named as the top speaker in the Year 7 and 8 Venture Southland Inter-School Speech Competition in the recent Southland wide competition held over the past six weeks.

Her journey to the top:

- Class round – top speaker
- Year 7 and 8 school round – top speaker
- Cluster final – top speaker
- Invercargill Area round – top speaker
- Grand Final – awarded overall winner of the Southland speech competition.

Hurihia delivered her speech, which was entitled:

- 'Ko wai to ingoa?
- Ko wai to whakapapa?
- What's your name?
- What's your story?'

Hurihia has put hours of time and effort into creating and perfecting her speech which has captivated the audiences and judges over the past few weeks. The school is extremely proud of her and we look forward to hearing more from Hurihia in the future.



“Superior
educational
outcomes”