



VERDON COLLEGE

Newsletter

15 May 2015



Kia ora koutou katoa

The term is well underway with students thoroughly involved in their studies with a very positive start to the term. This focused attitude and culture across the College is reflected in the ever increasing numbers of students gaining top scholar awards in fortnightly reports. These reports and certificates are an important piece of feedback

for students and parents and a great opportunity to discuss the positive progress of our students. Over the years we have found that it is the positive discussions around the awarding of the certificates and the regular positive feedback that students receive about their efforts that has been a very positive motivator. Equally I would continue to encourage students that are a little behind of where they would like to be, to discuss their grades with their teachers towards working to constantly improve their academic performance.

Students in the senior school are well underway on their journey in terms of NCEA assessment. All students will have received a course outline with dates for assessment in each subject. If your son or daughter is unclear about assessments they should talk to their teacher about assessment requirements on an ongoing basis. We also encourage parents to discuss these assessment timelines with your son or daughter. Additionally we encourage parents to make contact with their child's Dean or classroom teacher if you have any queries relating to assessment.

We are all very proud of the work that the students are putting into the arts Showcase there is a real focus of students sharing their skills, with many students demonstrating leadership skills at all levels of the College. In educating the young people of our College we are focused on preparing them in the best possible way for their futures. It is important that we are creating the space for students to try new things, take risks, and to learn by their mistakes. Throughout the College, in examples such as the Showcase, we can see the wonderful gains that our students are making in these situations and we can be very proud of the way they are sharing their skills and supporting each other towards success.

We wish all those involved in the Showcase all the best for their performances over the next week and encourage as many families as possible to attend this art extravaganza.



God Bless
Jarlath Kelly

Stage Challenge

Congratulations to our Stage Challenge Crew!!!!

For their outstanding performance and awesome representation of the College at the regional competition in Invercargill on Friday.

- Award of Excellence for Soundtrack.
- Award of Excellence for School Community.
- Award of Excellence for Drama.
- Award of Excellence for Concept.
- Award of Excellence for Choreography.
- Award of Excellence for Performance Skill.
- Stage Challenge 2015 Spirit Award.
- Stage Challenge - Open Division - 2nd Place.

We are looking forward to seeing the crew perform at the Verdon College Showcase.



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From Father Martin

The next two Sundays see us celebrate two important Feast days in our Church. They are the Ascension and Pentecost. They follow the six weeks of Easter in which Jesus returns in his risen body. His main priority now, is to send us his Spirit..... Hence the Ascension.

“And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it” (Mark 16:20).

Even though Jesus was to leave his disciples they still sensed his presence helping them. This presence would become more stronger for us the following Sunday when the Holy Spirit becomes a reality. We often call Pentecost Sunday ‘the Birthday of the Church’ because the Spirit of Jesus is the force behind all our endeavours over the past two thousand years.

We are the people living in that same Spirit today. May we harness the gifts and fruits the Spirit offer each of us. We are living in trying and testing times, so even more reason to seek and find the heart and mind of Jesus through his Spirit.

God Bless

Fr Martin

Southland Netball

Congratulations to Hannah McLean who has been selected for the U19 Southland Netball Team. Well done as well to Aliyah Dunn who has been selected as a non-travelling reserve for the U17 Southland Netball Team.



Oceania Area Championships

Congratulations to Liam Cullen who won a bronze medal in the boys’ youth 300m in a time of 9min 39.03sec. He also won a silver medal in the boys’ youth 2000m steeplechase.



Kepler Track 26-29 April 2015

On Sunday the 26th of April in wet weather gear 12PPE set off from the Kepler car park. We walked in the bush for most of the day to Luxmore Hut. Climbing to an altitude of 1085m. Unfortunately, due to weather we did not get the spectacular views of the Te Anau Basin, Takitimu Mountains and the Snowdon and Earl Mountains. The second day was spent in the mist and cloud walking across the ridge line and descending down steep zigzags to the Iris Burn Hut. The third day the weather cleared and we even had sunshine finishing at Motorau Hut. The brave finished with a swim in Lake Manapouri. The last day was a short walk out to Rainbow Reach car park. Over the 4 days a total of 50km was covered. A big thank-you to Mrs Marshall and Marten Rozeboom for the support on this trip.



CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 2



- 18/22 May Production Week
- 23 May School Ball
- 26 May Southland Orienteering
- 29 May TEACHER ONLY DAY—Students are not required at school
- 1 June Queens Birthday
- 3 June ICAS Science
- 4 June Chamber Music Contest
- 10 June Big Sing
- 12 June Manu Korero Speech Competition
- 15 June ICAS Writing
- 16 June ICAS Spelling
- 17 June Southland Badminton Championships
- 21 June Rockquest
- 25/26 June Year 11 Retreat
- 29 June ICAS English
- 30 June/ 1 July Career Fest
- 2 July Interhouse Music Festival
- 3 July End of Term
Mid Year Report Posted



Verdon Showcase

The Verdon Show Case is a magnificent entertainment package to show case the marvellous talents of the students at Verdon College through story, song, dance and ensemble work. This show endeavours to capture some of the finer moments of Verdon College stage performances, Kapa Haka, Pacifica, Panache, instrumental and stage productions over the last 30 years.

This is our Taonga to all- enjoy- sing along and join in the fun. Kia manawanui.

19-21 May 2015

7.30pm Centrestage



Pacificica



Stage Challenge



PANACHE



Kapa Haka



Oliver!



Les Misérables

Tickets available from
Ticketdirect
www.ticketdirect.co.nz
Adults \$20, Child \$10
Family Pass \$55 (2 Adults & 3 students)

Mothers Day Hamper—Stage Challenge

Congratulations to the winners of the Mothers Day hampers. 1st price was Gina Cosgrove and 2nd place was Kyle Johnson.

Orienteering

In the Southland Schools Orienteering Championships held recently Lachlan Baird was 2nd in the Intermediate Boys 3100k Course 4 event .



Netball

Congratulations to Tyra Dunn who has been selected for Netball South's Performance Programme.



NORTHERN TAVERN ST MARY'S NETBALL CLUB

AND

VERDON COLLEGE NETBALL CLUB

FAMILY FUN DAY

sunday 7 June 2015

from 9.30 am – 2.30 pm

At Verdon College,
Rockdale Road

HOME BAKING	RAFFLES	Sausage Sizzle
Car Boot Sale	Devonshire Tea	GAMES & ACTIVITIES
BBQ' s	Face painting	MUCH MUCH MORE

CAR BOOT SALE

Got something to sell? Buy a spot at our Car Boot Sale \$15 if you pre-register/pre-pay – email stmarysnetball@hotmail.com or \$20 on the day

CREAM PIE AUCTION – 1.00pm

Ever wanted to cream pie someone in the Face???

Get them along then you can nominate someone and bid on the right to cream pie them
Reserve is \$10.00 and bids will increase by \$1.00 from there.

DON'T WANT TO GET CREAMED – you can buy Cream Pie Insurance for \$20.00!

“Verdon College the right choice”

Basketball

Nine teams were entered by Verdon College in the Junior High Basketball competition, seven of which were coached by senior students. All acquitted themselves very well with huge gains in their skills and teamwork.

Results:

Year 7 Boys Pool A:

Verdon Blue 1st place
Robin Robin Winners

Year 8 Boys Pool A:

Verdon Green 3rd Place
Verdon White 4th Place

Year 8 Boys Pool B:

Verdon Yellow 4th Place

Year 7 Girls:

Verdon Stars 3rd Place

Year 8 Girls:

Verdon Diamond 4th Place

A big thank you to the coaches as well as the many supporters. It was great to be back in the Stadium.



Year 7 Blue

Southland Secondary Schools Cooking Competition

The Southland Secondary Schools Cooking competition was held on May 3rd. It is a great chance for students to showcase their cooking ability. Congratulations to the following students who placed at this competition:

Trophy for top junior students overall: Bethany Hughes Y9

1st in Decorated Cakes	Rachel Pocklington Y12
1st in Fruit Flan	Madison Brown Y12
1st in Quiche	Izaak Sanders Y10
1st in Muffins	Bethany Hughes Y9
1st in Slices	Thomas McCabe Y8
2nd Fruit Flan & Quiche	Charlotte Janse van Rensburg Y14
2nd in Slices	Jack Kollat
Merit Award in Decorated Cakes	Charlotte Jan van Rensburg



Thomas McCabe, Rachel Pocklington, Izaak Sanders, Madison Brown, Jack Kollat, Bethany Hughes

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



“Superior
educational
outcomes”