



VERDON COLLEGE

Newsletter

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Tena koutou katoa

It was my pleasure to attend the Catholic school convention in Wellington this past week.

It was a great experience to be part of the around 800 delegates from Catholic schools around the country. One thing that is very clear is that Catholic education is in very

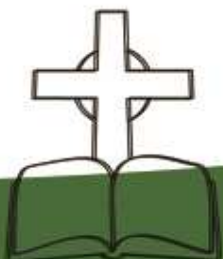
good heart and that across the country we are delivering very good outcomes for all of our students. The point was made that the Catholic system continues to "punch well above its weight" in terms of educational outcomes for students while still focused on delivering a faith based education.

Catholic schools is over represented at the top end of schools around in terms of achievement, Verdon College being a good example of this. Catholic school's holistic education, including the development of student's spirituality, means that Catholic schools are unique place to care for and support students towards reaching their full potential in all areas of their education.

I was also taken with the message that our schools' gospel values are not something that is becoming less relevant in modern society, the opposite is in fact true. In our increasing secular society students are struggling to form a sense of belonging. In Catholic schools we are a community and our sense of belonging and support of each other, through living our values, is key to the success of everyone in our community.

I would like to congratulate students travelling to Manu Korero Speech Competitions in Dunedin. To have two students represent their whanau and the College so well makes us very proud. We will be acknowledging this success and welcoming the taonga to the College with a powhiri at an upcoming Assembly.

We are rapidly approaching our enrolment season with our Open Day scheduled for early next term. We are likely again to have a limited enrolment so it is important that all friends and family members are encouraged to be as early as possible with their application to the College.



God Bless
Jarlath Kelly

Manu Korero Speech Competition

On Friday 12 June students and supporters travelled to Dunedin for the Nga Manu Korero Speech competition. This was held at Logan Park Hill School in Dunedin. Congratulations to Nola Cassidy who was placed 1st in the senior impromptu speech section. and Destiny Naunau who also came 1st in the Junior English Section.



Destiny Naunau



Nola Cassidy

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From Father Martin

The Gospel for the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time is Mark 4:35-41. This is the story of Jesus in the boat with his disciples on the Sea of Galilee. Suddenly the wind gets stronger and the waves get higher. The disciples begin to panic and wake Jesus who is asleep with his head on a cushion. He very quickly rebukes the wind and the sea is calm again. He then asks them why they are so frightened...? and then the key question "How is it that you have no faith?" I think today many of us underestimate the importance of faith. The only time we take our faith seriously may only be, at Christmas or Easter time or when a family members falls sick. We often have a lot of ground to make up with God and the Church. The Church has good reason for us to pray and particularly to attend Mass regularly. It is to assure us that Jesus is with us at every moment of our lives. With this knowledge we then have the faith to believe that there is a reason and a purpose for everything that happens to us and ultimately everything works out for the good for those who put their trust in God. Which of course in our College motto—to rely on God. This is the lesson Jesus wants to teach us from this Sundays Gospel.

Administration Matters

Students need to sign in at the office when they are late in the morning. All students are expected to be at school by the first bell which is 8.50am.

If students are unwell they must report to the office and the office staff will ring home to have them collected. Please do not collect your children from school without informing the office. We have had some incidences of students being collected by parents and taken home without informing the school. This then becomes a health and safety issue.

Thank you for your co-operation.

William Pike Challenge

The Year 8 William Pike Challenge group went caving at the Clifden caves 2 weeks ago. This was only made possible with the leadership of Mark Scobie and the support of our parents and student Alex Thurlow. A great day finished with a polar plunge at Colac Bay.



Sports

Registrations are now open online for the following sports in Term Three

Table Tennis Yrs 9-13, Start date 28/07/15, Cost \$35 per student

Volleyball Yrs 7-10, Start date Wed 9/09/15, Cost \$35 per student

Squash Whack n Run Yrs 7-8, Start date Wed 29/07/15, Cost \$25 per student

Registrations are also open for the

Southland Secondary Schools Squash Championships

Monday 31/08/15, 1.00-4.00pm, nil cost

Southland Secondary Schools Indoor Bowls Championships

Thursday 30/07/15, 9.30-2.00pm, nil cost

Netball Club

Hi everyone it has been a busy year for netball!

4 July Secondary School Grades, Yr 7 & 8 will play a double round, No open grade games

11 July Open Grade only (mid Week holidays). No SSG or Yr 7 & 8

18 July Open Grade only (last weekend of holidays). No SSG or Yr 7 & 8

20-24 July Open Grade Semi Finals (Wednesday Night Games)

25 July Open Grade Finals—Secondary School Grades & Yr 7 & 8 Semi Finals

1 August Secondary School Grades & Yr 7 & 8 Grades Final.

Finally Netball, Rugby and Basketball subs are all now due.

Basketball News

Congratulations to Aliyah Dunn who has made the NZ Under 17 Girls training squad for Basketball.



21 June	Rockquest
25/26 June	Year 11 Retreat
29 June	ICAS English
30 June	Career Fest
1 July	Interhouse Swimming Competition
2 July	Interhouse Music Festival
3 July	End of Term
	Mid Year Reports Posted
20 July	Start of Term 3
22 July	Year 9—13 Parent Teacher Interviews
28/29 July	Year 7 & 8 Parent Teacher Interviews
30/31 July	Career Expo
2 August	Open Day
7/8/9 August	Bishop's Shield Competition at Verdon
11 August	ICAS Mathematics
17—20 Aug	Senior Examinations
21 August	TEACHER ONLY DAY
26—29 Aug	Polyfest
31 Aug/4	
Sep	Winter Tournament Week
3 Sept	Interhouse Drama
7—11 Sept	Year 7 Camp to Waiora
11 Sept	Year 13 Retreat
17/18 Sept	Year 12 Retreat
21 Sept	Year 7 & 8 Science Roadshow
23 Sept	Blues Assembly
23 Sept	SMAC Maths
24 Sept	Interhouse Kapahaka Competition
25 Sept	End of Term 3

INC Netball

Congratulations to the following Verdon players who have been selected in the 2015 INC Rep teams/squads

Yr 8A:

Emma Hurley



T Dunn, A Brooking, E Hurley

Year 8 Non travelling reserve:

Ashleigh Brooking

U15B

Tyra Dunn

“Verdon College the right choice”

Badminton

Congratulations to the following students who competed and won their division at the Southland Secondary School Badminton Championships on Wednesday 17th June.

Boys Results:

DIVISION 1

SKELT TROPHY

1st Place: Verdon College A - Ryan Le Breton, Clarke Le Breton, Byrnn Murphy, Jacob Gear



Girls Results:

DIVISION 2

1st Place: Verdon College A, Anna Hika, Rhovie, Ca-launan, Arachelli Taningco, Samantha Calvert



Junior sports Tournament

Our annual Junior Winter Sports Tournament was held on Wednesday 3rd June which was hosted by Kavanagh College in Dunedin. Unfortunately the rugby boys bus broke down and they didn't make it to Dunedin. This may have been a good thing in the end as the terrible weather in Dunedin caused the outside sports to be called off. The results are as follows:

Netball

Year 10	2nd
Year 9	3rd
Year 8	3rd
Year 7	4th



Basketball

Y 9/10 Boys	2nd
Y 9/10 Girls	1st
Y 7/8 Boys	1st
Y 7/8 Girls	2nd

The Football Boys only managed to play one game before it was cancelled and they lost.



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

“Superior
educational
outcomes”